

**Minutes**  
**Throop Borough Council**  
**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Monthly Work Session/Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members of Council:**

Anthony Gangemi - P

Matthew Chorba - P

Richard Kucharski – **President - P**

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Vince Tanana - P

Wayne Williams - P

Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - P**

**Solicitor/Borough Manager** - Louis A. Cimini - P

**Mayor** - Joe Tropiak - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

**Announcements:**

\* An executive session was held this evening at 6:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

\*A CDBG Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

\* The March monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

\* The April monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.**

**1. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the January 2023 Zoning Reports and the minutes of the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 council meeting.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:**

**2. Motion by Gangemi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the treasurers' monthly reports as posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	<b>\$53,015.48</b>
Paid bills:	<b>\$115,098.98</b>
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	<b>\$620,859.32</b>
Civic Center Revenue Report	<b>\$40,384.12</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**3. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor except  
Tomasovitch abstained on husband  
And Kucharski on granddaughter**

**Motion carried**

**4. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**5. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Gangemi**

To accept the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement as of Jan. 31, 2023 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$88,888.51
Throop Zoning Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$211.29
Seniors Activities Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$30.00
Seniors Contracted Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$20,716.56
General Fund Performance Money Market - <b>FNCB</b>	\$1,155,530.56
Civic Center Account- <b>FNCB</b>	\$22,366.89
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- <b>FNCB</b>	\$45,130.22
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- <b>FNCB</b>	\$8,108,435.00
Liquid Fuels Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$121,784.44
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,563,393.44</b>

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To approve payment in the amount of \$1,328.00 to Maiocco Excavating, Inc. for the 10% retainage withheld on the Sewer Lateral Repair at 605 Dunmore Street. (The repair was done in May of 2021.)

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To adopt Resolution # 1 of 2023, a resolution to enter into a Cooperation Agreement and authorize Council President to execute any documents with Lackawanna County for the FFY 2022 CDBG Program Administration.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$407.92 to Officer Lahey for training traveling expenses.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned if Chief Kerecman is ok with this.

Chief Kerecman responded yes.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To adopt Ordinance #1 of 2023, and ordinance recommending that Edgar Street traffic pattern be revised to one-way in an eastbound direction from George Street to Coppernick Street.

On the question:

Magliocchi: I know there is an issue with the motor home; how about the fire trucks and school buses.

Hegedus replied no issues.

Chorba added that it is trial and error. We wouldn't get speed humps for about a year anyway.

Gangemi added a 6-month trial.

**5 in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Tanana and Kucharski against**

**10. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize Council President to sign a Land Lease Agreement with Mid Valley Little League for use of the Throop Little League Complex for 2023.

On the question:

Tanana asked if good with agreement with them.

Kalinoski replied that this is just the Resolution- no agreement in place yet.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**11. Motion by Gangemi**

**Seconded by Chorba**

To adopt Resolution #2 of 2023, a resolution authorizing Council President to sign the Agility Agreement Renewal Notification on behalf of Throop Borough. The renewal period will be effective 5/19/2023 and terminate 5/19/2026.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the proposal received from Tru Green for 2023 Lawn Service at a cost of \$7,330.97.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**13. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

To hire William Shevchik for Washington Street Park Ballfield maintenance beginning March 11, 2023, weather permitting.

On the question:

Tomasovitch: His salary went up right?

Kucharski: Yes.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Official comments:

Tomasovitch questioned Chorba if need to amend the agenda for a motion for the zoning. Chorba replied next meeting.

Audience comments:

A resident spoke of having chickens and handed out other borough ordinances that allow chickens.

Chorba replied that the Ordinance was reviewed, and pets are only allowed. We will continue to look at it and may make some changes to this Ordinance. Also states no more than 6 household pets and noise issues.

Hegedus added that he spoke to the Department of Agriculture, and they will not recommend one

way or another but to do research predominately on the avian bird flu. They referenced the recent avian bird flu in Lancaster County as recent as February 2, 2020 and the research indicates that there are risks to public health with the keeping of chickens on private property.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary**