

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, January 31st, 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

Richard Kucharski – **President - P**

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Vince Tanana - P

Wayne Williams - A

Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - P**

Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - A

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

*An executive session is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal & personnel matters.

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

Work Session/Meetings:

* The Feb. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

1. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the December 2022 Zoning Reports and the minutes of the December 27th, 2022 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. Motion by Tanana

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"	\$122,272.23
Paid bills:	\$117,807.73
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$1,412,446.98
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$27,929.11

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Gangemi

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 Gangemi **Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Chorba**

To accept the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement as of Dec. 31st, 2022 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$99,033.46
Throop Zoning Account - FNCB	\$211.29
Seniors Activities Account - FNCB	\$30.00
Seniors Contracted Account - FNCB	\$20,709.02
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$299,221.13
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$708.77
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$5,209.00
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$8,085,196.15
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	\$121,695.19
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$8,632,314.01

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Chorba**

To ratify the 2023 pay increases as per the 2023 budget.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chorba Seconded by Tanana

To allow Robert Kalinoski, Corey Shevchik and Andrew Hegedus to carry over unused sick time not to exceed 480 hours.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Tomasovitch Seconded by Tanana

To grant permission to the Mid Valley Teener League the use of Washington Street Park Baseball Field for the 2023 spring, summer, and fall seasons (William Shevchik will do scheduling of the field).

Kucharski – The president is new and the games will not start until end of May. The field won't be available in the Spring because of High School and it is not needed until end of May. Snooky will schedule.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Tomasovitch

To grant permission to Mid Valley Little League the use of Throop Little League Baseball Field for the 2023 spring, summer and fall seasons.

Cimini: added that it is unsure of there is going to be softball.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Chorba

To authorize council president to execute a Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Gangemi

To approve Pioneer Construction Co. Application for Payment #1 in the amount of \$57,095.30 for work performed on the 2022 Paving Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To approve Pioneer Construction Co. Application for Payment #2 in the amount of \$212,715.57 for work performed on the 2022 Paving Project, per approval from Borough Engineer and Street Commissioner.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To approve Pioneer Construction Co. Application for Payment #3 in the amount of \$14,200.57 for work performed on the 2022 Paving Project, per approval from Borough Engineer and Street Commissioner.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To approve Pioneer Construction Company Inc. Change Order #1 in the amount of \$5,045.59 for additional base repair and leveling work performed on the 2022 Paving Project, per approval from Street Commissioner and Borough Engineer.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Chorba**

To accept the proposal received from Rainey & Rainey, Certified Public Accountants for the 2022 audit not to exceed \$7,625.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Chorba**

To approve Maiocco Excavating Inc. Application for Payment #15 in the amount of \$64,786.07 for work performed under the Dunmore Street Streetscape Project, per approval from Robert Kalinoski and Borough Engineer.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by **Seconded by**

To release to Act 98 holdback funds in the amount of \$12,600 for 148 Boulevard Ave to R & A, LLC 40 Poplar Street, Scranton, PA 18509.

Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Gangemi

To Table Motion # 17.

All in favor

Motion tabled

18. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payroll payments for eligible Civic Center employees for the Workforce 2.0 Grant received, per Corey Shevchik's application.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize Borough Engineer to advertise for bids for the 2023 Paving Project.

Magliocchi added that it should have been out earlier.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To amend the agenda.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Gangemi

To adopt Ordinance #8 of 2022 and Ordinance recommending that Edgar Street traffic pattern be revised to one-way in an East bound direction from George Street to Coppernick Street.

All in favor

Motion carried

22. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To authorize Robert Kalinoski to put the 1996 International Recycling Truck out for bid.

All in favor

Motion carried

23. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To advertise an Ordinance making Edgar Street a one-way from Charles Street to George Street.

5 in favor, Kucharski against **Motion carried**

24. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize a 3% salary increase for the 2 Maintenance Staff at the Civic Center effective January 1, 2023.

All in favor **Motion carried**

25. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize a 2% salary increase for the Civic Center Staff effective January 1, 2023.

All in favor **Motion carried**

26. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To increase the Washington Street Park Ballfield Maintenance fee by \$25.00 weekly.

All in favor **Motion carried**

**Tomasovitch questioned the Christmas decorations quote in packet.
Tanana added that you're in the bid requirement now. As long as you have 3 proposals.
Cimini added to get proposals for next meeting.**

27. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To accept the proposal received from Progressive Energy Consultants for a rate of .084 for 36 months.

All in favor

Motion carried

Kucharski received a letter from residents in lower Throop regarding Holiday garbage collection. Cimini will take care of it.

Audience Comments:

Paulette Schank, Edgar Street : I ran into Marty Flynn and he asked why Throop isn't writing any grants – requesting any grant money.

Tanana replied that we've requested over \$4 million in Grant money. Ask hm why he's not pushing for us to get multimodal money.

Schank replied – he told me - why isn't Throop requesting any grants. They're not requesting any grants. I'm not getting any calls from the up valley.

Tanana replied – we've always submitted – we've submitted for Dunmore Streetscape project and was rejected. We paid out of pocket.

Cimini added – Paulette, call me tomorrow. I'll have the grant writer we're working with call him directly.

Gentleman spoke regarding having chickens in the Borough and possibly amending our Ordinance.

Will look at other town ordinances.

Unidentified Man - Going down Pancoast before you get to the stop sign the ---- bed is deteriorating.

Have Robert look at it.

The meeting was adjourned.

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