

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, Oct. 25th, 2022
Public Hearing 5:30 p.m.
MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan Amendment
Monthly Work Session/Meeting 6:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Anthony Gangemi - A
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

Mayor Tropiak spoke of speed bumps in Cambria Ct (between Phillips St. & Copernick St.)

Tomasovitch suggested children at play signs.

Traffic study for speed bumps.

Kucharski suggested talking to Robert to see what next steps are.

Announcement:

*A Public Hearing was held at 5:30 p.m. this evening for MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan Amendment.

* Throop Civic Center will have a "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Meetings:

* The Nov. Mid-Month work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Nov. 8th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

*The Nov, Monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Nov. 29th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

4. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement as of September 30, 2022, as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account – FNCB	\$109,253.37
American Rescue Plan Funds – FNCB	\$205,049.73
Throop Zoning - FNCB	\$161.29
Seniors Activities Account – FNCB	\$30.00
Seniors Contracted Account – FNCB	\$20,699.51
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$589,916.98
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$3,176.05
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$5,150.19
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$7,964,308.31
Liquid Fuels Account – FNCB	\$121,571.78
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$9,019,617.21

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Williams

To authorize payment in the amount of \$600.00 to Duda Actuarial Consulting for the 2022 State Aid Pension Allocation (payment will be paid from the assets of the funds, \$300.00 for the Police Pension Fund and \$300.00 from the Non-Uniform Pension Fund).

**All in favor except
Tomasovitch abstained
on Non-Uniform**

Motion carried

7. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To release the 10% escrow payment in the amount of \$4,340.00 to Joseph and Renee Munley for the fire damage to 1116-1118 South Valley Street.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned what this is.

Williams added that we keep it in escrow.

Kucharski stated it's a standard procedure.

Cimini added that we have an Ordinance for that.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize Throop Borough Civil Service Commission to establish an eligibility list for the ranked promotional position of Sergeant subject to the following requirements:

*Each applicant must not have a formal written reprimand within one year prior to the deadline for submission of their name of interested applicants and must not have been suspended within three years prior to the deadline; and,

*Each applicant must have a minimum of five continuous years of service within the Throop Police Department.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize the Throop Borough Civil Service Commission to establish an eligibility list for the ranked promotional position of Lieutenant subject to the following requirements:

*Each applicant must not have a formal written reprimand within one year prior to the deadline for submission of their name of interested applicants and must not have been suspended within three years prior to the deadline; and

*Each applicant must have a minimum of seven continuous years of service with the Throop Police Department.

On the question:

Williams questioned the hourly rates associated an if need to be included.

Cimini replied can do it later. It's like \$1800 for one and \$2200 for the other.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To approve Maiocco's change order #6 for a \$65,922.01 increase in cost and 50 day increase in contract time for the sidewalk extension from Murray Street to George Street and additional work required when Verizon relocated utility poles.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize Borough Engineer to provide necessary info required for submission on the following projects with associated grant:

1. DCNR Grant – the Civic Center Park Development
2. FEMA/PEMA Non-Disaster Hazardous Mitigation Assistance for Collins Court Storm Sewer Reconstruction
3. Cypress Street Streetscape Project and PennDot Multi Modal Transportation Fund
4. Covid 19 ARPA Small Water & Sewer Grant for South Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, George and Center Storm Extension Project

5. Covid 19 ARPA H2O PA Grant for South Valley Avenue Sanitary Replacement Project and Center/Cypress St Storm Sewer Extension
6. Washington Street Park Track Permeable Pavement Replacement through Lackawanna County Conservation District.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Magliocchi

To adopt Resolution #13 of 2022, authorizing President of Council to execute the document for submission to DCNR for grant funding for the Throop Civic Center Park Development.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To amend the agenda.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To approve the proposal by GPI for the design of the DPW accessory building.

**All in favor except
Chorba abstained**

Motion carried

15. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To advertise an Ordinance to amend the 2011 Ordinance increasing the Tax Certification Fee to \$15.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Williams

To no longer participate in the Police Regionalization study.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official comments:

Mayor Tropiak questioned if Robert is taking over the Welcome to Throop signs so he can tell the people we are not going to use them.

Magliocchi added yes.

Kucharski added yes.

Audience comments:

John Cassidy, 107 Steinecke: Questioned consideration of amending Ordinance #8 of 2014, the keeping of animals within the Borough specifically chickens. Thinks that with the state of the world would like the borough to allow the residents a controlled number of chickens. Has a large garden and would like some personal security.

Kucharski added that will have to take under consideration.

Gangemi questioned other boroughs and the numbers they allow.

Cassidy can find out.

Chorba added that's it almost an agricultural use. Some gray area that needs to be discussed in Ordinance. Difference between livestock and agricultural.

Cassidy added that chickens are listed as domestic fowl and not allowed. He thanked everyone for their time.

The meeting was adjourned.

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