

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, July 26, 2022
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 - A**

Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcement:

Work Session/Meetings:

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

* The Sept. Mid-Month work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Sept. 13th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

*The Sept. Monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Sept. 27th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

There was no audience.

1. Motion by: Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the June Zoning Reports and the minutes of the June 21st, 2022, council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

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"	\$53,678.40
Paid bills:	\$100,778.11
General Fund Revenue Report (Includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$1,540,430.84
Civic Center Revenue	June - \$25,213.80 July - \$27,100.31

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 Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

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

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account – FNCB	\$44,745.72
American Rescue Plan Funds – FNCB	\$487.96
Throop Zoning - FNCB	\$35.00
Seniors Activities Account – FNCB	\$30.00
Seniors Contracted Account – FNCB	\$20,694.29
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$515,761.88
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$3,983.36
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$5,634.15
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$7,959,291.80
Liquid Fuels Account – FNCB	\$121,495.20
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$8,672,459.36

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To accept probationary full time police officer Shawn Lahey as a regular full time police officer with the recommendations of Mayor Tropiak and Chief Andrew Kerecman. One-year probationary period ended June 28th, 2022.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by

Seconded by

To stop the process of participating in the Police Regionalization Study.

Kucharski questioned where came from?

Gangemi questioned who put on.

Williams questioned if it is costing money? Robin, the Chief, hourly wages pulling stuff?

Galli replied yes.

Kucharski questioned where it came from.

Galli replied Bobby wanted it on.

Kucharski asked if anyone knew the reason.

Gangemi stated were not obligated to do anything. If we're in it we'll get the details. We have these conversations and then they get thrown on the agendas. It's the same with the next one.

FAILED due to lack of motion.

8. Motion by Williams

Seconded by

To authorize the purchase of a notification system.

A discussion took place.

Williams agrees with it.

Hegedus added that at some point we're going to have to do something.

Kucharski feels should be looking at cost of it.

FAILED due to lack of Second.

9. Motion by Chorba

Seconded by Tanana

To approve the Barry Callebaut Stormwater Management Plan Project and Operation and Maintenance Agreement as submitted by Borton-Lawson as per the Planning Commission's recommendation.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To enter into the second part of the contract with Law Enforcement Accreditation Services for the accreditation process and training of officers for a total amount of \$15,000 broken into four scheduled payments \$3,500, \$3,500, \$4,000, and \$4,000.

On the question:

Kucharski stated that this was already discussed and budgeted.

All in favor

Motion carried

Gangemi added that he would like to talk to Andy to see where it's at; where it's going.

11. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To approve James T. O'Hara's Application for Payment #3 in the amount of \$95,027.55 for work performed on the Sulphur Creek Streambank Stabilization Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chorba

Seconded by Tanana

To approve Maiocco Excavating, Inc.'s Application for Payment #12 for the Dunmore Street Streetscape Project, in the amount of \$100,298.95.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To authorize the relocation of PPL guy pole #58562/N47494, located on the Westerly side of Dunmore Street and North of Murray Street, in conjunction with the proposed extension of the Dunmore Street Streetscape Project at a cost of \$3,754.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To authorize Reilly Engineering to modify the Borough's Chesapeake Bay Pollution Stabilization Plan and incorporate the sediment reduction credits realized from the Sulphur Creek Streambank Stabilization Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Williams

To authorize the execution of a stipulation for tax assessment appeal, PIN # 13601-020-00805.

Cimini stated that a resident filed a tax appeal, and it is already settled and signed.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To approve an additional payment in the amount of \$814.64 to Higher Information Group for the document scanning project.

On the question:

Gangemi questioned Hegedus.

Hegedus replied that this was everything that was in the hallway – everything we had. It's all on one drive and there is a back up stored at the Police Station. Dropped \$200.00 delivery charge.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To advertise Ordinance #3 of 2022, an ordinance regulating nuisance and abandoned vehicles within the borough and providing for penalties for violations thereof.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Tomasovitch **Seconded by Williams**

To hire William Strausser as a full time Police Officer with a 12 month probation period, pending clearances. As per the Civil Service Commission's eligibility list.

On the question:

Kucharski questioned Gangemi if he received the information he requested.
Gangemi replied that he received it.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Williams**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$121.16 to Jenna Haefle for Civic Center supplies.

On the question:

A discussion took place regarding this payment and the following motions for payment.

Tomasovitch: Employees shouldn't be paying this.

Gangemi stated that this cannot be allowed.

Kucharski wants Corey here every meeting. Even if its virtual.

Gangemi added that Lou has to stop this.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Williams **Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$47.38 to Erica Nemitz for Senior Meal purchase.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize payment in the amount of \$13.74 to Corey Shevchik for arts & craft supplies for the Civic Center.

All in favor

Motion carried

22. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To authorize payment in the amount of \$21.66 to Lenore Dolan for office supplies.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned what she bought.

Galli replied, pens, post its, highlighters.

Tomasovitch asked if Galli has those supplies?

Galli replied Yes. I told her to come to me for the supplies.

All in favor

Motion carried

23. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the Workers Compensation proposal received from Amtrust North America in the amount of \$154,696.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

24. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To advertise an ordinance for parking restrictions on the northerly side of Meade Street in between the firehouse driveway and Dunmore Street for volunteer firefighters and to restrict parking entirely on the southerly side of Meade Street between Green Street and Dunmore Street.

A discussion took place regarding not posting the no parking signs until the Ordinance is advertised and adopted.

All in favor

Motion carried

25. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Tanana**

To amend the Agenda.

All in favor

Motion carried

26. Motion by Tomasovitch **Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize the Borough Engineer, Reilly Associates, to conduct a traffic study on Adams Ct. and Cumberland Ct. for one way traffic.

All in favor

Motion carried

27. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Chorba**

To award the 614 Cypress Street sewer lateral repair project to James T. O'Hara in the amount of \$15,700.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

28. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Chorba**

To award the 921 Dunmore Street sewer lateral repair project to NC Outdoors in the amount of \$10,820.00.

**All in favor, except Tomasovitch
Abstained due to son working for
NC Outdoors**

Motion carried

29. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To develop and advertise an Ordinance restricting trucks over 40 feet in length on Edgar Street consistent with Reilly Associates revised traffic assessment dated September 8, 2021.

All in favor

Motion carried

30. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize Reilly Associates to design a section of the retaining wall on the Easterly side of the Civic Center lot.

All in favor

Motion carried

31. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Chorba

To grant permission to the Sandlot 10U team the use of the Little League fields for the 2022 season. Must be coordinated with the Throop Little League President.

On the question:

Kucharski questioned if the players pay a fee and if the coaches get paid and how much.

Tanana: Yes.

Kucharski stated he has a problem with that. We pay for the fields and it's a money making thing for these guys.

All in favor

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned.

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