

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, December 28th , 2010
Work Session/Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

James Barnick, **Vice President - P**

Ray Jarosh - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Anthony Gangemi - P

David Repchick - P

John Musewicz - P

Neil Furiosi - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - A

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

* An executive meeting was held this evening at 6:30 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

* Happy New Year

* The Municipal Building will be closed Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 3rd, in observance of New Years.

Holiday Garbage & Recycling Collection Schedule:

Garbage Collection: **News Year Eve** (Friday, December 31, 2010) Normal Friday
Collection is changed to the following Tuesday, January 4, 2011. All other
collection days remain the same.

CDBG Public Hearing:

Ernie Cicilioni will hold the CDBG Public Hearing on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

- * The January mid-month work session/meeting will be held Monday January 10th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The January monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, January 31, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.

1. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Repchick

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the November 22nd and December 13th council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Furiosi

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”	\$33,066.41
Paid bills:	\$55,128.76
General Fund Revenue Report	\$80,813.96
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$9,398.72

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Repchick

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor, Except Barnick, Repchick
and Musewicz abstain on their daughters** **Motion carried**

4. Motion by Jarosh Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor **Motion carried**

5. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Repchick

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **November 30, 2010** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account (FNCB)	53,353.88
General Fund Performance Money Market (FNCB)	687,114.49
Parks & Recreation Grant (FNCB)	40,426.34
Civic Center Account (FNCB)	179.96
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account (FNCB)	35,495.25
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct - (Fidelity Bank)	1,918,069.77
Sunny Day Fund CD's	2,869,542.56
Liquid Fuels Account (FNCB)	78,609.90
Turnback Program (FNCB)	130,968.61
Fund Statement Grand Total:	5,814,360.76

LOANS	Balance
FNCB - LOAN - Paid in Full 12/17/10 (Borrowed from Sunny Day Account)	\$423,416.93
Sunny Day Account Loan (Fidelity Bank)	\$423,416.93

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Jarosh

To ratify the transfer of \$75,000.00 on December 14, 2010 from the GF Performance Money Market (FNCB) to the General Fund Checking Account (FNCB).

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: Any progress on the banks?

Robin: I am going to make the appointments. Are there any ones you want me to call? I was going to call Fidelity, Penn Star

Lenore Dolan: Advised not to change all the accounts at the present time. Just the big ones for now. Leave the little ones where they are. It will take a while to move these accounts. We have to get checks, checking into interest rates, sweep accounts vs. regular accounts.

Barnick: If you showed the bank the money they are dealing with they will want us.

Lenore Dolan: We have switched alot of banks. It is not an easy task.

Lukasewicz: Let's see what the banks have to offer.

Attorney Cimini: I got a call from M & T bank last week. They said they heard

Gangemi: We are not questioning the banks service we are worried about the financial stability of the bank.

Lenore Dolan: Worst scenario the bank gets purchased by another bank.

Lukasewicz: Shop around. Get a complete proposal from them in writing and we'll see what they have to offer.

7. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial in the amount of \$2,750.00 from the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and \$2,750.00 from the Police Pension Plan for the 2011 Actuarial Services Retainer.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To authorize the 2011 pay increases in the amount of 2.50% as per the budget for the non-union employees: Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner, Bob Lokuta/Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, Cathy Reilly/Secretary of Planning & Zoning, Lenore Dolan/Assistant Treasurer, Mary Ruth Tanner/Civic Center Director, civic center employees and part time police officers. (Union Employees increase, as per contracts.)

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To authorize Robert Kalinoski and Mary Ruth Tanner to carry over unused sick pay through the following years as the non-uniform employees.

On the Question:

Discussion took place regarding how much time they can carry over and for how long.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To accept the bid for the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, as submitted to Muncibid.com in the amount of \$2,051.00 (reserve met).

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Furiosi

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the bid for the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, as submitted to Muncibid.com in the amount of \$3,600.00 (reserve not met).

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Jarosh**

To accept the bid for the 1999 John Deere 310SE backhoe, as submitted to Municibid.com in the amount of \$10,700.00 (reserve not met).

On the Question:

Barnick: To include in there if the \$10,700.00 bid is backed out he is allowed to go with the \$10,800.00 bid that came in at a later date.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Repchick**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$500.00 for criminal and driving investigation to James F. Seidel/Seidel Investigations & Consulting Inc. for top five police applicants.

On the Question:

Gangemi: Are we still waiting for those results?

Lukasewicz: We got them.

**All in favor, except Jarosh
abstained (Member of Commission)**

Motion carried

14. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Barnick**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance #6 of 2010, the tax rate on assessed valuation of the Borough of Throop for the year 2011, shall be as follows, for general purposes, the sum of five (5) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Jarosh **Seconded by Repchick**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$156.39 to Lackawanna County Tax Collection Committee for costs of expenses of the Tax Collection Committee.

On the Question:

Barnick: Did they do anything for us? Did they find any money for us out of that 12 million or whatever.

Furiosi: I think everything is basically the same.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To hire Andrew Kerecman as a Full Time Police Officer per review of the Civil Service Commission’s Attorney and the Solicitor and also make sure that it is stipulated that residency is required in the time it was required with previous hired Full Time Officers. The prevailing salary is at the contracted rate of pay.

**All in favor except Jarosh
abstained (Member of Commission)**

Motion carried

17. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To hire Christopher Mazzucca as a Full Time Police Officer per review of the Civil Service Commission’s Attorney and the Solicitor and also make sure that it is stipulated that residency is required in the time it was required with previous hired Full Time Officers. The prevailing salary is at the contracted rate of pay.

**All in favor except Jarosh
abstained (Member of Commission)**

Motion carried

18. Motion by Furiosi

Seconded by Musewicz

To hire William Hazleton as a Full Time Police Officer per review of the Civil Service Commission’s Attorney and the Solicitor and also make sure that it is stipulated that residency is required in the time it was required with previous hired Full Time Officers. The prevailing salary is at the contracted rate of pay.

**All in favor except Jarosh
abstained (Member of Commission)**

Motion carried

19. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To accept the original certified list from the Civil Service Commission, that was reviewed by the Solicitor and the Civil Service Attorney, provided to us prior to those motions.

All in favor except Jarosh

Motion carried

abstained (Member of Commission)

Repchick: Would like to have a Part Time with a Full Time at all times even on the weekend however it needs to be done unless there is no choice.

Lukasewicz: Talk to the Chief and let him know.

Jarosh: I would like to thank the other two members of the Civil Service Commission for their hard work on this. Thank you.

There were no audience comments.

Motion to adjourn.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary