

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Meeting  
Monday, September 20, 2010  
7:00 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 - A

Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

**Announcements:**

- \* An executive session was held this evening at 6:30 p.m. to discuss legal matters.
- \* The September monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- \* The October mid-month work session/meeting will be held Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm
- \* The October monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, October 27, at 6:30pm

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

**1. Motion by Repchick**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize payment to Scartelli Construction in the amount of \$52,342.85, payment # 3, and \$60,365.59, payment # 4 for the George Street Sidewalk and Curbing Project. (Payment #4 total \$63,065.59, less \$2,700.00 Federal Enhancement Transportation Fund). Payments approved by Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner and Jack Scheuer/Borough Engineer.

**All in Favor**

**Motion Carried**

**2. Motion by Musewicz**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To approve a settlement with Ganz on the DPW building for the amount of \$300,000 (Total to cover all of the totals).

**On the Question:**

Barnick: I am totally against this. The building is not warrantied and won't be. There are many other issues. The roof needs to be repaired. \$130,000 overage. Arbitrator decided in his favor. Arbitration Association should have been sued. The building is worthless.

Musewicz: I agree with a lot of those points except the Arbitrator. I think it is in the best interest to turn the page and put this behind us.

Repchick: I hope the legal system will see some merit. We'll have to wait for the decision from the Arbitrator.

Gangemi: It was a bad decision on the Arbitrator. There is no warranty on the building. It will cost us \$300,000 now as opposed to a possible extra \$100,000 later. I think we need to settle and move on.

**3 in Favor  
Barnick, Jarosh, Repchick  
and Furiosi Against**

**Motion Failed**

**Audience Comments:**

A discussion took place regarding the Knox Boxes.

Eric Hartshorn: Hose Co # 1 didn't show up twice. I sat down with all the volunteers and they came up with numbers. #1's was \$25,000 but I don't know how they came up with it. The Rescue is at \$35,000, the Engine (#2) ultimately wants \$29,000 but will settle with \$25,000 plus the fund raising. I am asking if one person from each fire department can come to the meeting next week because the budget is so big I don't want to mess up on something that they may need that you may ask me.

Gangemi: Absolutely.

Repchick: That's fine.

Eric Hartshorn: I don't want to be in the position that you ask me and something gets taken off of them and they think I did it purposely. We just sent out a letter to the 3 Fire Companies requesting their financial statements for this year. I gave them until October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have ours and the Volunteers has theirs.

Lukasewicz: I know that we have asked for the department heads to have something for us by October 1<sup>st</sup> so we can start the budget process.

Gangemi: If you want to get together whatever you can get together that's fine.

Eric Hartshorn: #1 isn't going to correspond to me.

Lukasewicz: They gave us the letter wanting \$25,000 so evidently that is

Repchick: Did they break it down?

Lukasewicz: No they didn't.

Gangemi: If they want an increase they need to show us what they need.

Lukasewicz: Can you look into what we paid in addition to the \$17,500.

Robin Galli: I'll check.

Repchick: We were giving to whoever needed it at the time.

Barnick: I don't think # 1 got it.

Repchick: No #1 didn't get it. #2 and #3 did.

Barnick: That traffic light to me is a waste. You may think it is going to save lives but for all these years they have been jumping off that truck and stopping traffic. But we're going to spend \$12,000 on one light. Now we have three Companies. What are you going to do with the other two? And theirs is right on the Main St., the Boulevard. It's worse than Dunmore St. That light isn't going to do anything. No one is going to see that yellow light on the pole flashing.

Charles Davey, R 210 Division St.: I thought that discussion took place at one of the meetings. It's just like the one around the bend right below Ash St. that is on all the time. It doesn't go on and off when it isn't being used.

Lukasewicz: That is a constant problem area. That's why that one is on constantly. This one is just for when calls are coming in or out. It is a manual trigger.

Charles Davey, R 210 Division St.: I think it was Robby who said that it would have to be on constantly.

Everyone talking at once.

Lukasewicz: We will have to check into that for Monday.

Eric Hartshorn: The two letters underneath those. It is from the Fire Police. It is a list of everything that they have, who has it, it is accounted for.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: I would like to explain that if I could. The one for the rain gear is the smaller one and the bigger one is for the radios. And this is the accountability of the Boroughs, this is your equipment. Now I have to explain the accountability of the material that we have. We all belong to the Fire Police Association so the companies pay for the association dues. They pay that yearly so if the association comes out (speaking for himself and Bill Tarby) this year and wants to know how many people he has and then he will receive the amount of items that there are Fire Police. So then this is issued to each company. For the accountability this is paid by the company, they pay for the dues. So what we do is put that accountability (because that is now going to become the companies property) so the company is now in charge of that stuff. Now the one that has to have accountability of their stuff in their building is their trustees. That list is only what we have of the Boroughs, that the Borough bought for us, is the rain gear and the radios.

Barnick: We set aside money in the budget. Who is in charge of the money and allocates where it goes?

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: We had an account before, a checking account - it is the commissioners right to sign the checks for whatever we need but if I buy anything it is the agreement that it has to go between the three companies. Last time we needed batteries for the radios for the Cow Flop parade I got money out of the bank bought new batteries.

Barnick: What I am saying is there one person in charge of all of the Fire Police?

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: Yes. Bill Tarby is the Commissioner and I am the Vice Commissioner.

Barnick: You should come here for a PO if you need something because then we are covered for that money and the accounting stays here.

Eric Hartshorn: I think what Ron is getting at is he is doing 99% of the work. There are times that they probably lost the \$500.00 because they didn't come up and use it. That bothers Ron because they could use that stuff and now with the new Fire Police out there we have nothing.

Repchick: Are you looking to be able to roll the money over from one year and add it to the next if you don't use it?

Barnick: My point Dave is we are just issuing a check for \$500.00. There has to be accountability to the Borough that it was spent or we can give you the credit card and go get what you need.

Repchick: I agree with you.

Lukasewicz: They should get purchase orders amounting up to the \$500.00.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: The only reason I went with the \$500.00 is because they told us if we didn't put any money into the account we would either have to close it or start paying a penalty on it because you are not adding to it.

All talking at once.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: What happens if we don't use the \$500.00 this year?

Lukasewicz: Ron, you should use the \$500.00. If you have Fire Police you should spend the money.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: There are people that are responding and I do have equipment that I am going to need.

Barnick: Just so when the auditors come in we can account for it. It makes it easier. If you have a PO we can track it, they track it, and it is all in the computer. Just if you are carrying it over from year to year keep a note of it so you can ask for it in the next years budget.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: I don't have a problem with that.

Lukasewicz: Eric, anything else?

Eric Hartshorn: Yes, I was wondering if Renee could send a letter to Bill Tarby. I was just on the Volunteers website and they have a meeting scheduled for Fire Police. But it is only on their website and not all Fire Police have computers. I think you should give the opportunity for everybody to voice their opinion now that there are so many more Fire Police.

Barnick: Why how many is there?

Jarosh: Six new ones. Probably 13 total.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: We already had a treasurer set up should we still keep it that way?

Lukasewicz: The treasurer can still keep a financial accounting of the \$500.00 but everything comes through the Purchase Orders at the Borough. You might want to do a fund raiser so you would need the treasurer.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: So you are telling me now that you want me to close this account and work it through here?

Barnick: You are better off.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: The money I have left here I know I can use up with the new people getting them the equipment they need to be put on the street safely.

A brief discussion took place regarding the accountability and spending of the Fire Departments and Fire Police allotments. Decision was made to keep the Fire Police Account.

Jarosh: Ron, I think that you should write a letter to all three Fire Companies Presidents asking for a little donation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Secretary