Minutes Throop Borough Council Monday, November 24th, 2014 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:

Mark Mazak - P
Charlene Tomasovitch - P
Thomas Lukasewicz, President - P
Anthony Gangemi, Vice President - P
David Repchick - P
John Musewicz - P
Neil Furiosi - A
Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - A
Mayor - Wayne Williams - P
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P
Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

- * An executive session was held this evening at 6:15 pm to discuss legal and personnel issues.
- * The Municipal Building will be closed on Thursday, November 27th, 2014 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- * Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27, 2014 Garbage/Recycling Collection: Normal Thursday garbage collection is changed to the preceding Tuesday, November 25, 2014. Recycling in 2nd and 4th wards will be collected on the preceding Monday, November 24, 2014.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

- * The Dec. mid-month work session/meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 8th, at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Dec. monthly work session /meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 29th, at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

1. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Mazak

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the Oct. 27th and Nov 10th, 2014 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. Motion by Musewicz

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"	\$81,715.68
Paid bills:	\$346,259.12
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$1,094,803.79
Civic Center Revenue Report	

Lenore Dolan: Civic Center is blank because waiting on Lackawanna County Check

All in favor Motion carried

3. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Repchick

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Tomasovitch Gangemi & Musewicz abstain on family Motion carried

4. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of <u>Oct. 31st</u>, <u>2014</u> as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account	\$51,737.88
General Fund Performance Money Market	\$1,795,330.42
Civic Center Account	\$292.02
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account	\$21,989.52
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct	\$4,358,920.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$2,091,899.49
Liquid Fuels Account	\$91,009.82
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$8,411,479.15

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Mazak

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc. In the amount of \$5,950.00 for the 2015 retainer for the Borough of Throop Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. (Payments will be paid from the assets of the funds \$2,900.00 from each fund, Police and Non-Uniform).

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by

Seconded by

To adopt Ordinance # 10 of 2014, an ordinance of the Borough of Throop, requiring all visitors to Throop Borough Buildings to sign in and penalties for failure to comply.

Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Repchick

Motion to table Motion # 7.

All in favor

Motion tabled

8. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To adopt Resolution # 10 of 2014, a resolution of the Borough of Throop authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for federal year 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program Funds in the amount of \$82,511.00 on behalf of Borough of Throop.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by

Seconded by

To authorize council president to execute the Eddy Creek Sewer Relocation Grant Agreement, with approval from attorney Cimini, Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner and Jack Scheuer/Borough Engineer.

Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Mazak

Motion to table Motion # 9.

All in favor

Motion tabled

10. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize payment # 4 in the amount of \$145,423.59 to Quandel Construction Group for Throop Little League Project, with approval from Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner, Jack Scheuer/Borough Engineer and Attorney Cimini.

On the Question:

Mazak: if that change order is on that I am against it.

Lukasewicz: Total retainage is \$43,466.46. Pay this but have in there that if the payments in here that were discussed that they rectified by the appropriate responsible parties.

A discussion took place.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize payment # 2 in the amount of \$19,143.00 to A.R. Popple Construction for the Detention Basin Modifications, with approval from Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner, Jack Scheuer/Borough Engineer and Attorney Cimini.

On the question:

Tomasovitch: To pay this and they didn't finish on time & won't be done until end of month.

Lukasewicz questioned how much retained there yet.

Robin: Balance to finish of \$62,000.00 Lukasewicz: we should be fine then.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Tomasovitch

Send a letter to the Scranton Times requesting that the Police Blotter be brought back.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To invest \$2,000,000.00 with Fidelity Bank at the same cd rates.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Mazak

To advertise the proposed 2015 budget.

On the question;

Gangemi added that have some cleaning up to do.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Trudy Delawder, Memorial Dr.: Happy Thanksgiving

Jim Barnick, Adams Ct.: Has been following the landfill expansion. Questioned if anyone really sat down and realized how high it will be. 2 stories.

Lukasewicz and Repchick added that they don't want it to go that high. Nothing is granted and nobody's exact words were yes we approve the expansion.

Barnick: 22 stories higher. The school is right there. Could you imagine what that is going to do to those kids and schoolside estates at 22 stories high. It will affect the green area at the 48 acres you want. You are going to tie the hands of every council for 50 years at \$2/ton. It shouldn't be for 50 years or 22 stories high. Home values are gone. Our homes are finished here. Spoke of leachate leak since 2006 in the groundwater.

Lukasewicz added you would see that in the groundwater reports.

Barnick added that they hid it. You guys have to fight! You need the income but you can fight for the gas, air space tax. Demand that the county reassess him for the expansion. We have to pay it. It's ridiculous. Questioned if the expansion application has gone into our planning and zoning to see if it meets the codes. Has anyone looked at that yet. 50 years and it will destroy everyone's life.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley Borough Secretary