

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2008
following the 6:30 p.m. Special Monthly Work Session**

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**

Tony Gangemi - **P**

David Repchick - **P**

John Musewicz - **P**

Joseph Barone - **P**

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - **P**

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - **P**

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **A**

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - **P**

Announcements:

- An Executive Session was held January 7th following the re-organization meeting to discuss personnel matters.
- The DPW will pick up Christmas trees on Monday, January 21st
- Throop Borough Council Schedule of Meetings and Work Sessions January through May 2008: The Council Work Sessions and Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday and last Tuesday of the month beginning January 29 through May 27. The work sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meetings will follow. Any re-scheduling will be advertised. Cancellations will be posted.
- Ernie Cicilioni, Lacka County Compliance Manager will hold a Public Hearing for the FFY 2008 Community Development Block Grant Program Application (CDBG) will be held Tues., January 29 at 6:15 p.m. Our monthly work session/ meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on the agenda.

1. Motion by Barone

Second by Jarosh

To accept Ralph Savitski's resignation as a maintenance employee at the civic center.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: I'd like to thank him for all of his years of service. He's been there a long time but he has some health issues and, hopefully, they will be rectified. So we wish him the best.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Repchick

Second by Barnick

To accept the medical report from Dr. Alan P. Gillick on Neil Furiosi. Dr. Gillick states that Chief Furiosi is permanently disabled from being able to return to work as a police officer and to confirm Chief Furiosi's eligibility for a monthly disability pension pursuant to the applicable police pension fund ordinance as it relates to total and permanent disability. Also to contact Joe Duda, pension administrator, and Ron Yanoski of Merrill Lynch regarding the Police Pension Fund.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Again, you know, he's been here an awful long time, I believe since 1980.

Barnick: Before that.

Repchick: Actually, '74 or '75.

Barnick: Yeah, somewhere in there.

Lukasewicz: Anyway, it was on that paper, it said 1980 on the paper that we had.

Elaine: 1980 was the full-time (year).

Lukasewicz: We wish him well, that's all I could say.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Barnick

Second by Jarosh

To authorize monthly pension benefits to Chief Neil Furiosi based on Ordinance # 8 of 2003, Section 13, Total and Permanent Disability at 75% of the monthly salary at time of disability and to continue \$100,000.00 life insurance policy.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: A question: Seventy-five percent of the monthly salary at time of disability. Does that mean that when he goes on disability or when the disability incurred?

Repchick: No, it actually goes by the date you've been permanently and totally disabled, which would be tonight since you voted on it. So as of today.

Lukasewicz: As of 2008.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Repchick

Second by Gangemi

To authorize payment to Neil Furiosi for his unused sick time- 408.25 hrs., vacation time- 440 hrs., personal time-80 hrs. and 10 holidays- 80 hrs. Total \$27,444.57 (Sick time is 1/2 of the maximum 816.5 hours as per the contract.)

On the question:

Barone: Does this go on with all the police officers? Are they allowed to carry all this stuff over?

Repchick: No, no, only if you're on heart and lung. If it's a regular retirement, no, but since he's on heart and lung, any unused time you can't take away. It still carries over until he's either able to return or the borough would have to opt to buy the time back. This is actual and by law because we went through this two years ago. *A short discussion continued.*

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Barone

Second by Barnick

To nominate Keith Jones for the Chief of Police position to the civil service commission as per the Borough Code Section 1184 - c. It shall thereupon become the duty of the commission to subject Mr. Jones to a non-competitive examination, and if he shall be certified by the commission as qualified, he may be appointed as the Chief of Police. The Civil Service Commission Reorganization will be held the first Monday of February, 2008 and will include a non-competitive examination.

On the question:

Barone: I think we're getting a good man to replace Neil.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Barone

Second by Barnick

To reappoint Lenore Dolan as Assistant Treasurer.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barone

Second by Repchick

To reappoint Robert P. Kalinoski as Street Commissioner.

On the question:

Barnick: On all of these, just so everybody understands, it's all by the budget. Salary in the budget. *Lukasewicz reiterated the same, budget and current salary.*

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Barone Second by Gangemi

To reappoint David Morrell as Zoning Code Enforcement Officer.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Barone Second by Repchick

To reappoint Louis A. Cimini as Borough Solicitor.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barnick Second by Gangemi

To appoint John P. Scheurer, , BCM Engineers, as Borough Engineer, as per his proposal.

On the question:

Barnick: We need to get him on the sidewalks and Mary Street (projects) right away and then whatever else is outstanding. Plus, start designing and advertising too.

Lukasewicz: Sidewalks and Mary Street for now.

A discussion continued concerning (the) grant funding, an estimated cost proposal and placing the project out for bid. At the direction of council, the street commissioner will coordinate the projects with BCM Engineers and advise/update council as soon as possible.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Jarosh Second by Barnick

To appoint Peters Design Group as Engineer for the Marjol Project.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: They are currently in the process of evaluating that and they have made some recommendations and evaluations and we don't want to hold anything up. Keep the process going. It's scheduled, so we don't jeopardize the borough's say in what could be done and not done.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barone Second by Repchick

To reappoint Edward Krowiak as Zoning Board Solicitor.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Barone **Second by Gangemi**

To reappoint Mary Ruth Tanner as Civic Center Director.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Barone **Second by Jarosh**

To reappoint Ann Marie Stoffey, Lauren Leombruni and Diane Abda as Assistant Civic Center Directors.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Barone **Second by Jarosh**

To reappoint Larry Armbruster, Kim Barnick, Frank Capoocia, Justin Cardamone, Amber Ferranti, Steve Galli, Aubrey Gangemi, Robyn Green, Sue Hughes, Carol Kaushas, Kyle Lukowski, Megan Neri, Kim Rybnick, Corey Shevchik, Maria Shevchik, Ann Marie Wildman as Civic Center Monitors/Child Care Workers/Support Staff.

All in favor except Barnick, abstain on daughter and
Gangemi, abstain on daughter

Motion carried

16. Motion by Repchick **Second by Jarosh**

To reappoint Richard Fuhr as Civic Center Maintenance.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Barone **Second by Jarosh**

To appoint Kyle Lukowski and Frank Capoocia as Civic Center Maintenance at the same rate for maintenance men.

On the question:

Jarosh: The guys have done a great job. I've seen them doing so much around here. It's time that they were paid as maintenance when they're doing that type of work. They did boys bathroom, I'm impressed the young guys took that over...

Elaine Morrell commended Kyle Lukowski and Frank Capoocia for their performance.

All in favor

Motion carried

17b. Motion by Barone

Second by Repchick

To re-advertise for civic center maintenance as possible part-time/full time position, salary depending upon experience.

Repchick: Is there criteria that goes with that?

A short discussion took place.

There were no audience comments on Motion 17b.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Musewicz

Second by Repchick

To reappoint Cathy Reilly as Planning/Zoning Secretary.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Musewicz

Second by Gangemi

To reappoint Dave Garvey as Sewage Enforcement Officer.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Barone

Second by Jarosh

To reappoint Phylis Mikulski as Coordinator of Events in the Borough of Throop.

On the question:

Barone: When things are going on, do we have to send her what's happening so she could schedule, is that the way it goes?

Lukasewicz: She should be notified to see if there are any conflicts.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Jarosh

Second by Barone

To reappoint James Caria as Coordinator of the Washington Street Park Ball field.

All in favor

Motion carried

22. Motion by Barone Second by Gangemi

To appoint Ed Bocan as Fire Marshal.

All in favor

Motion carried

23. Motion by Jarosh Second by Gangemi

To appoint Jerry Barone as Assistant Fire Marshal.

All in favor

Motion carried

24. Motion by Jarosh Second by Musewicz

To appoint Eric Hartshorn, Hose Co. #2 representative, as Assistant Fire Marshal.

All in favor

Motion carried

25. Motion by Gangemi Second by Repchick

To reappoint (BIU) Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania, Inc. for the Administration and Enforcement of the PA Uniform Construction Code for the Borough of Throop.

Six in favor - Barnick, Jarosh, Gangemi, Repchick, Musewicz, Lukasewicz

One against - Barone

Motion carried

26. Motion by Barone Second by Gangemi

To grant permission to the Throop Little League Teener Program to use the Washington Street Park Ball Field for the 2008 season. (Jim Caria will schedule the field as he has done in the past.)

All in favor

Motion carried

27. Motion by Barone Second by Gangemi

To grant permission to the Throop Little League to use the Washington Street Park for the Annual Cow Flop on Saturday, June 28th and Sunday, June 29th.

All in favor

Motion carried

28. Motion by Barone

Second by Jarosh

To sponsor the annual fireworks display at the Cow Flop at a cost of \$5,000.00. To schedule the fireworks display with Skip Markacs, Sales Manager, Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc.

All in favor

Motion carried

29. Motion by Musewicz

Second by Repchick

To combine the 2008 Santa Parade with the Annual Children’s Christmas Party at the civic center.

All in favor

Motion carried

30. Motion by Repchick

Second by Barnick

To accept the proposal from Keystone Insurers Group regarding Act 30 coverage. Act 30 states that the municipality must pay 100% of the fallen officer’s salary to the legal beneficiary. (Full Time Police Officers). (It is permissible to use monies from the police pension fund.) The Plan is the 50 (age) and 25 years.

All in favor

Motion carried

31. Motion by Jarosh

Second by Repchick

To allocate \$17, 500.00, the second half of the 2007 allowance, for Hose Company No. 2.

On the question:

Repchick: Do we want to add to this, Tom, or is that for 2008?

Lukasewicz: There’s an understanding of how they have to already supply the information to us. So all the companies would have to do that for 2007 as they have done in the past. This would be for 2008.

Five in favor - Jarosh, Gangemi, Repchick, Musewicz, Lukasewicz

Two against - Barnick, Barone

Motion carried

31b. Motion by Repchick

Second by Jarosh

The 2008 annual fire department allocation of \$17,500.00 for each hose company is contingent upon the following stipulations:

- a. A detailed record will be kept and show, by check number or other electronic means, how and where the allotment was expended.

- b. One month prior to each bi-annual allotment, the detailed record will be submitted to the borough for review.
- c. No fees will be charged for any fire department services within the Borough of Throop.
- d. A current membership list including certified active members, officers and fire police (name and address) must be submitted to the borough annually.

There were no audience comments on Motion #31b.

All in favor

Motion carried

32. Motion by Barone

Second by Jarosh

To accept the draft easement from Joseph Burratti and refer the easement to the solicitor and the street commissioner for final review and acceptance.

All in favor

Motion carried

33. Motion by Jarosh

Second by Repchick

To have the authorized representative of the Borough of Throop sign the Property Access Form to allow representatives or contractors of Gould Electronics, Inc. to perform activity work involving the Marjol cleanup. (Consent to entry through the Catherino Street Right-of-Way.)

On the question:

Barnick: That's only a temporary easement, right?

Lukasewicz: Yes, and it's not even an easement, it's just permission to go on.

A lengthy discussion took place on the type of equipment to be used and clarification of areas of site involved.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments / New Business:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: Briefly discussed flood protection and requested contacting the Army Corps of Engineers for re-evaluation of the area.

Officials Comments / Discussions: Council President Lukasewicz and Vice President Barnick: Status of the Bellman Street Pump Station; coordinate with PennDOT to get excavator within a week, weather permitting (120' of pipe left to put in) to be operational as soon as possible. Salt Shed at DPW Building: To be placed out for bid. Nothing extravagant, just basic and functional.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary, Throop Borough