

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, January 29, 2008
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

James Barnick - **P**

Ray Jarosh - **P**

Thomas Lukasewicz - **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 - **P**

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**

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

Announcements:

- Special Mid-Month Council work Session/Meeting - Tues., February 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Monthly Work Session/Meeting - Tues., February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on the agenda or items/motions added to the agenda.

1. Motion by Barnick

Second by Musewicz

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the December 27, 2007 and January 7, 2008 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. Motion by Barone

Second by Repchick

To accept the treasurers' 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"	\$37,933.13
Paid bills:	\$165,609.90
General Fund Revenue Report	\$684,798.11
Civic Center Revenue	\$16,781.46

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Barone

Second by Jarosh

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

Motion carried

A discussion took place regarding the Census.

4. Motion by Barnick

Second by Gangemi

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion By Barone

Second by Repchick

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **December 31, 2007** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$57,053.98
Invest - General Fund Borough	\$118,926.13
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00

Payroll Checking Account	12,569.75
Tax Escrow Account	2,964.59
Invest Program	79,063.31
Civic Center Account	465.61
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's as of 11/30/07	3,607,942.30
Capital Projects Account	187.50
Liquid Fuels Account	83,588.04
Turnback Program	123,266.86
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$4,086,628.07

LOANS	Balance
FNCB - LOAN	\$1,133,092.09
FNCB - TAN (12/31/07)	-0-

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Repchick

Second by Barnick

To transfer \$400,000.00 from FNCB General Fund checking account to INVEST General Fund-Borough #0002 at a higher interest rate.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Elaine, thank you for bringing this forward. It's good that we have somebody watching out for us and thinking about where we get every little penny. I appreciate your concerns.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barnick

Second by Gangemi

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 1 of 2008, a resolution appointing Raymond Jarosh to the Civil Service Commission for a 6 year term to fill the expired term of Eugene DePasquale.

All in favor

Motion carried

Mayor Lukowski swore in Ray Jarosh as a member of the civil service commission.

8. Motion by Jarosh Second by Repchick

To allocate the annual allotment in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Throop PAL.

All in favor Motion carried

Council President thanked Elaine and Chrissy for being involved for a long time and going above and beyond.

9. Motion by Barone Second by Gangemi

To ratify the scheduling of the \$5,000.00 fireworks display with Skip Markacs, Sales Manager, Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc. for the National Night Out on August 5, 2008 at the Washington Street Park.

On the question:

Morrell: Billy Hazelton and Chief Jones will be taking care of the Night Out again.

All in favor Motion carried

10. Motion by Repchick Second by Musewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 2 of 2008, a resolution authorizing a 2008 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and to obtain best rates available.

All in favor Motion carried

11. Motion by Gangemi Second by Musewicz

To advertise to amend Throop Borough Ordinance # 16 of 1994, an ordinance prohibiting smoking and tobacco use in the Throop Municipal Building. To amend the ordinance to include the civic center, the civic center property, and borough building. The penalty of ten (10) day prison imprisonment will be deleted from the Ordinance and will include a designated area (away from doorways/entrances to buildings).

On the question:

Barnick: You're amending an Ordinance and it has to be advertised all over again. You have to start from scratch. It's a major amendment so thirty-day advertising. *A discussion took place.*

Jarosh: I have no problem banning smoking from this building, I have never smoked in this building. I do have a problem with extending it out to the parking lot. You definitely need somewhere for your employees that do smoke to go. Right now you're telling your employees that smoke they have to cross the street, go into the church parking lot or across the street and go to the

borough building, I think that's a little draconian.

Barnick: I have to agree, especially after this morning. You couldn't walk a few steps and you're on your rear-end. Just to bank on this ordinance, advertisement, I hope you go over this with a fine tooth comb because there's been debate about this in Scranton. Doing it the right way. I mean, you're just taking an ordinance and just throwing a couple of extra words in here and there.

Lukasewicz: Louie, do what you have to do to make it proper and then, I have no problem with anybody smoking. That's your right. You want to smoke, you know, believe me, it's not aimed at anyone directly, it's just there are so many small children that come into this building and what good is it if they have to walk past several people out there smoking.

Barnick: Well, I don't think they should be in their pathway.

A long discussion continued.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Jarosh

Second by Repchick

To authorize Tom Rainey, Bonita & Rainey to perform the Annual Audit at the same rate as in the past.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: They did give us a rate or will that be at the same rate?

Elaine: The same rate as in the past.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Barnick

Second by Repchick

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution No. 3 of 2008, to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regarding the warning devices on S.R. 347 as per their correspondence.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Barone

Second by Jarosh

To authorize an independent inspection for the property located at 663 Sanderson Street for structural review.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Robert, as soon as possible.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Lukasewicz

Second by Repchick

That a salt shed be constructed at the DPW facility by the end of September, 2008.

There were no audience comments on Motion #15.

All in favor

Motion carried

There were no audience comments or new business.

Official Comments / Discussions:

The Civil Service will meet next Mon. at 7:30 p.m.

An Executive Session will be held after the meeting regarding personnel/Teamsters.

Dave Morrell discussed tiles for the game room and the control box for heat at the Civic Center.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary
Throop Borough