

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, December 30, 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, **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 - Robin Galli - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - P

Announcements:

An Executive Session was held on Tuesday, December 9th after the council meeting at approx. 7:30 p.m. to discuss legal & personnel matters.

Throop Borough Officials and Employees would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year

2009 Meeting Schedule:

Throop Borough Council Schedule of Meetings and Work Sessions for 2009. The Council Work Sessions and Meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday and last Monday of the month. 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.

January Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

Monday, January 12th and Monday, January 26th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.

9. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Repchick

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 13 of 2008, a resolution adopting the "Notification and Resource Manual" as prepared by Ronald Green Sr., EMA Coordinator.

On the question:

Barnick: Does the EMA Coordinator have to be sworn in?

Cimini: Don't think so. Do you recall?

Barnick: I think the Fire Marshals, don't know if the EMA Coordinator was.

Elaine: The Fire Marshals do.

Gangemi: Is it his responsibility to make sure that the manual is updated.

Barnick and Elaine: Yes.

Gangemi: All the things in the manual are around this state?

Cimini: Yes.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Gangemi

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 4 of 2008, an ordinance amending Throop Borough's Open Records Policy. The purpose of the policy is to assure compliance with Act 3 of 2008, The Pennsylvania Right to Know Law, as amended. Throop Borough Photo Copy Fee will be \$.25 per page of a single sided copy or one side of a double-sided black and white copy of a standard 8.5" x 11" page. See Section 1307 of the Right -To-Know Law for additional information on fees. (A complete copy is posted and is also available for review in the borough secretary's office.)

On the question:

Elaine: Right-to-Know law pertains to someone coming in and asking us for a copy. If someone comes in with something and asks for a copy, are the fees going to apply to all copies?

Everyone: All copies.

Elaine: Just wanted to make clear that it was all copies.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Barone

To adopt the Throop Borough Ordinance # 5 of 2008 amending Throop Borough Ordinance # 2 of 2008 appointing a Borough Fire Chief and First and Second Assistants. Amendment states they will be appointed for a period of two (2) years unless the appointee fails to meet the provisions of this ordinance. This ordinance will be effective ninety (90) days after enactment. (A complete copy is posted and is also available for review in the borough secretary's office.)

On the question:

Barnick: Shouldn't that be 30 days not 90 days?

Repchick: No, 90 days. It takes them 90 days to change their by-laws.

Barnick: For any ordinance its 30 days, isn't it?

Cimini: Yes.

Repchick: You're right the 90 days is in the ordinance itself.

A discussion took place on the amendments to the ordinance.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Jarosh

To adopt Throop Borough **Ordinance # 1 of 2009**, the tax rate on assessed valuation of the Borough of Throop for the year 2009, shall be as follows, for general purposes, the sum of five (5) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

On the question:

A brief discussion took place, Motion is correct.

Barnick: Did we ever get anything from the tax office, are we owed any money from \$12,000 or whatever that they found?

Lukasewicz: They still don't know what the number actually is and where it is going to come from and even if it exists.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Barnick

To amend the Proposed Budget in the amount of \$4,387,798.95 by adding \$100,000.00 to the balance carried forward and increasing Miscellaneous Expense by \$25,000.00 and increasing Capital Projects by \$75,000.00. therefore to adopt the 2009 Budget in the amount of \$4,487,798.95 and the Liquid Fuels Budget in the amount of \$83,279.96.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Repchick**

To ratify the transfers in the amounts of \$85,000.00 on December 16, 2008 and \$300,000.00 on December 23, 2008 from the (FNCR) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCR) General Fund checking.

All in favor Motion carried

15. Motion by Jarosh **Seconded by Gangemi**

To ratify the purchase of a Sunny Day Fund CD in the amount of \$200,000.00 at FNCR for 1 year at 2% yield. This represents 10% of the host municipal landfill fees for 2008 with a maximum of \$200,000.00.

All in favor Motion carried

16. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Repchick**

To approve Custom Concrete's Change Order #1 in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 for the Salt Storage Facility Foundation Wall Project.

On the Question:

Lukasewicz: Has there been a recommendation by anybody?

Elaine: Robert.

Repchick: Once he gets the bond.

Elaine: I have the maintenance bond.

Barnick: This is the offset from the concrete.

Gangemi: Right.

Lukasewicz: Pending Robert Kalinoski's review and recommendations.

All in favor Motion carried

17. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Jarosh**

To authorize final payment, whatever the difference is between the final payment and the change order is what is to be paid either \$ 2,500.00 or \$3,000.00, to Custom Concrete for the Salt Storage Facility Foundation Wall Project.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Everyone is on the same page with that?

Councilmen Yes.

All in favor Motion carried

Official Comments:

Barone: That is a good motion, I think, from now on, the whole street should be done.

Barnick: We are going to have Curves down at the Village Market.

Elaine: Does Council want to make any changes to the investments on the pension?

Barnick: No, everyone knows where I stand.

Elaine: No changes. Ok.

Audience comments:

Jerry Barone/Throop Hose Co. # 1: Company voted not to change by laws. So after ninety days, if the Borough is going to shut us off, we'll be out of business. *A discussion took place with Council on the Fire Chief position, Recommended Job Description for the Fire Chief, and not being able to apply for grants with one Borough Chief.*

Barnick: Asked Louie to check to see if having a Chief position will affect applying for grants.

A discussion took place on the Borough Christmas party. Council President Lukasewicz commented on how wonderful the party turned out.

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Robin Galli,
Borough Secretary