

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, February 26, 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 - **P**

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**

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

**Announcements:**

- An Executive Session was held January 29 after the monthly meeting to discuss personnel matters.
- An Executive Session was held February 19 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel & legal matters.
- An Executive Session was held this evening February 26 at 6:15 to discuss personnel matters.

March:           Special mid-month work session/meeting - Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
                  Monthly work session/meeting - Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

**There were no audience comments on the agenda.**

**1. Motion by Musewicz**

**Seconded by Jarosh**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the January 15 and January 29 council meetings & CDBG Public Hearing.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports**

**2. Motion by Repchick**

**Seconded by Barone**

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"	<b>\$39,399.72</b>
Paid bills:	<b>\$59,505.51</b>
General Fund Revenue Report	<b>\$68,669.15</b>
Civic Center Revenue	<b>\$16,764.85</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Barone**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

Motion carried

**4. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Repchick**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Gangemi**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **January 31, 2008** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund Checking Account	<b>\$50,023.99</b>
Invest - General Fund Borough-0002	<b>\$469,963.34</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account	<b>19,086.45</b>
Tax Escrow Account	<b>2,964.59</b>
Invest Program GF-0001	<b>85,829.44</b>
Civic Center Account	<b>516.46</b>
Civic Center Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>3,608,563.92</b>
Capital Projects Account	<b>187.50</b>
Liquid Fuels Account	<b>83,696.36</b>
Turnback Program	<b>123,478.80</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$4,444,910.85</b>

<b>LOANS</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>FNCB - LOAN</b>	<b>\$1,089,193.36</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To appoint Keith Jones as Chief of Police with civil service status, as per the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission, at a salary of \$56,616.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

*Mayor Lukowski administered the Oath of Office to Keith Jones.*

**7. Motion by Jarosh** **Seconded by Gangemi**

To ratify the transfer in the amount of \$86,121.06 (\$85,829.44 + 291.62 interest posted on 2/1/08) from INVEST General Fund #0001 to FNCB General Fund checking account on February 6, 2008.

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Repchick** **Seconded by Jarosh**

To ratify the payments in the amount of \$8,400.00 and \$742.62 to Richard Mellow Corp. for the Bellman Street Pump Station.

On the question:

Barone: Is that complete now, Robbie (Kalinowski)?

Lukasewicz: What would you say; it's about 80% complete? Try to get it done as quickly as you can. *A short discussion took place.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**9. Motion by Gangemi** **Seconded by Repchick**

To ratify the rollover of Sunny Day CD # 43-300787-9 in the amount of \$68,187.68 that matured on February 8, 2008 at FNCB for 84 months at a rate of 4.19%.

All in favor

Motion carried

**10. Motion by Barone** **Seconded by Musewicz**

To grant permission to the Mid Valley Junior Legion Baseball Team to use the Washington Street Park Ball Field as their home field for the 2008 season. Also, to grant permission to the Dickson City Senior Legion Baseball Team to use the Washington Street Park Ball Field in the event that the Mid Valley High School Field is not available. Both teams are comprised of students from Throop, Olyphant and Dickson City. Mr. Jim Caria will coordinate the use of the field.

All in favor

Motion carried

**11. Motion by Jarosh** **Seconded by Repchick**

To donate \$200.00 to the Mid Valley Junior Legion Baseball Team.

All in favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Barone**

To donate \$200.00 to Cub Scout Pack 73 and \$200.00 to Boy Scout Troop 73.

All in favor Motion carried

**13. Motion by Barone** **Seconded by Barnick**

To ratify the members of the Marjol Committee: Ray Jarosh, Tony Gangemi and Dave Repchick effective February 15, 2008.

All in favor Motion carried

**14. Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Barone**

To ratify our updated "Panel of Physicians" for work related injuries including pre-employment testing and physical exams.

**Panel of Physicians:**

Northeastern Occupational Medicine & Rehabilitation Center, P.C., 769 Keystone Ind Park  
Patrick J. Fricchione, M.D.; Kenneth W. Gentilezza, M.D.; Robert T. O'Leary, D.O.; Thaddeus A. Piotrowski, M.D. and Samuel Valenti, M.D.

Scranton Orthopedics: 334 Main St., Dickson City  
Hands: John Rich, M.D.  
General Surgery: Joseph Del Serra, M.D.: Robert Farrell M.D.  
Ophthalmology: Northeastern Eye  
Neurology: Kevin Madden, M.D.  
Plastics: George Speace, M.D.; Ira Krafchin, M.D.  
Pulmonary: Gregory Cali, M.D.  
Dermatology: Dr. Zenker's Group  
ENT: Anthony Brutico, M.D.  
Urology: Delta Medix  
Neurosurgery: Philip Hlavac, M.D.  
Chiropractor: Anthony DePietro, D.C.  
Hospitals: Moses Taylor, CMC, Mercy or Mid Valley

All in favor Motion carried

**15. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Jarosh**

To rescind Resolution # 2 of 2008, a resolution authorizing a 2008 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. The Tax Anticipation Note will be put on hold at this time.

On the question:

Barnick: It wouldn't have made sense.

Lukasewicz: Because of the interest rates.

All in favor

Motion carried

**16. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Jarosh**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 4 of 2008, a resolution re-appointing Jonathan Musewicz to the Throop Borough Planning Agency for a four (4) year term. The term will expire on March 5, 2012.

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

One abstain - Musewicz

Motion carried

**17. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 5 of 2008, a resolution to apply to the DCED, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of carrying out the "Ash Street Park Development" a.k.a. 48 acres.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: This money is there. This is just a formality.

Barnick: I really think we should think about changing this because this roof is bad, really bad, everybody knows it. See if we could change the issue from Ash Street to the roof. It's got to be done. How many leaks do we have, three, four? *A brief discussion took place.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**18. Motion by Gangemi**

**Seconded by Repchick**

To authorize Thomas J. Lukasewicz, President of Council to sign the required form to participate in the Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan. As part of the Bi-County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan update, Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties are developing a Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan. (HMP).

All in favor

Motion carried

**19. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To enter into a contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield effective March 1. It will be a PPO Plan with a deductible for the majority of the employees and also for three employees that are now on the traditional plan, they will be allowed to be stay on the traditional plan or able to go into the PPO Plan and we will have an approximate savings of \$11,000.00 for the borough.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Jimmy pushed Elaine to contact Blue Cross and Blue Shield to see if they would reduce the costs so Jimmy, thank you for pushing Elaine and Elaine, thank you for your part in it.

All in favor

Motion carried

**20. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Barnick**

To authorize Mr. Kalinoski to assess the borough building roof and make a recommendation to council.

On the question:

Barnick: We should see if you could put a pitched roof on. The ducts into the roof just like at the DPW.

Lukasewicz: We could see what it would cost to elevate it. It would be something to look at because it would be a lot better to have a pitched roof and avoid all the problems in the future and probably could get it done for about the same price. We'll have Robbie look to look at it and come up with a game plan before anything is put for out for bid.

Barnick: It doesn't have to be the engineer, as long as he gets solid recommendations that we know if the pitched roof could work.

There were no audience comments on Motion #20.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Officials Comments / Discussions:**

**Vice President Barnick** discussed runoff and debris on Murray Street (complaints received), a street paving list and Liquid Fuels money (available). **Councilman Repchick** discussed police vehicles.

**Chief Jones:** Thanked Mayor Lukowski, council, and borough officials for their confidence and support, including for his men. **Council President Lukasewicz** requested a plan be implemented to let the community know of robberies / incidents so residents could be more cautious.

**Audience Comments:**

**Pam Testa, 104 Eddy St.** - Thanked council for the installation of a streetlight (because of previous robberies) and suggested the possibility of implementation of a neighborhood watch.

**Robert Kokinda, Boy Scout Troop 73** - Thanked council for their donation to the scouts. *The audience offered a round of applause to the scouts, in attendance at this meeting.*

**Dave Morrell, Civic Center Committee** - Ceiling tiles replaced in the game room at the civic center saved \$1200 - \$1500 by being done on a voluntary basis by county people.

**Joe Wargo, 436 Cypress St.** - On behalf of cub and boy scouts, also thanked council for the donation(s).

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan  
Secretary  
Throop Borough