

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, April 8, 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 - **A**

John Musewicz - **P**

Joseph Barone - **P**

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

**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 on March 25 after the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.
- Executive sessions were held April 1 and April 7 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.
- An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:10 p.m. at the Police Department to discuss personnel and legal matters.
- Election Day - Tues., April 22 - All four (4) wards vote at the Throop Civic Center.
- PA DEP will hold a Public Hearing on Wed., April 16 at the Throop Civic Center regarding Marjol's NPDES Permit Application.
- April Monthly Work Session/Meeting - Tues., April 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- May Special Mid-Month Work Session/Meeting - Tues., May 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- May Monthly Work Session/Meeting - Tues., May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

**There were no audience comments on the printed agenda or motions added to the agenda.**

**1. Motion by Jarosh**

**Second by Gangemi**

To authorize Christina Sullivan to attend the "Open Records Act" workshop on April 23 in Luzerne County at a cost of \$35.00. The workshop is sponsored by PSATS.

All in favor

Motion carried

**2. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Barnick**

To donate \$100.00 to the Mid Valley Touchdown Club.

On the question:

Barnick: Isn't this the first for this one?

Morrell: No, we did that last year.

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To pay Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Inc. \$2,964.59 from the Tax Escrow Account as per the court order dated January 4, 2008.

All in favor

Motion carried

**The following motion failed:**

**Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To grant permission to the Collegiate Summer Baseball League of Northeast Pennsylvania (CSBL) to use the Washington Street Park Ball field for the 2008 season including Memorial Day Weekend for their Tournament. A certificate of insurance is to be submitted to the borough. (Jim Caria will schedule the field as he has done in the past.)

On the question:

Barnick: I just hope it's not overloaded up there.

Musewicz: I talked to Jimmy, I talked to Blackie, I spoke to Chrissy, they have the tournament every year so the tournament's not a problem. But, the other day, he may have a problem with home games if they're just, if they're considered a home field for those teams. He didn't have a problem with availability as per field. If they needed a make up game. *Few speaking at once.*

Barnick: We're over burdened in that field and then we're paying for somebody that....

Lukasewicz: I'd rather see kids from Throop practice or even, I'll tell you, I used to love to see kids just have a pick-up game there in the evening. They can't do it anymore.

Barnick: It's too much. *A discussion took place.*

Six against - Barnick, Jarosh, Gangemi (except has no problem with Memorial Day weekend), Musewicz (except has no problem with Memorial Day weekend, will vote with colleagues), Barone, Lukasewicz

Motion failed

**4. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Jarosh**

To disband the Adult Basketball League at the civic center and to refund the registration fees.

On the question:

Musewicz: I know we had discussion on it and you know, obviously, I got a phone call from a friend of mine. You know, I indicated to and I'll indicate it to anybody, I don't know, I think maybe that the adult league maybe wore out its welcome already.

Barnick: They really wore out their welcome, some of the mouths I heard coming in and out through them hallways and stuff like that and the way the place is looking.

Gangemi: We're not getting any financial benefit; we are losing. *Few speaking at once.*

Musewicz: I think the last thing that we want, anybody wants in the town, is to have a tag put on that building - that's not why it was built. *A discussion took place.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Jarosh**

**Second by Gangemi**

To continue Officer Doe's suspension, with pay, pending investigation.

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Gangemi**

To accept the Teamsters Local 229 DPW Contract counter-proposal dated April 4, 2008 (excluding Article 4, Wages, the Working Foreman hourly and cell phone) and to also accept the April 8, 2008 revised union counter-proposal reducing Article 4, Schedule A, Wages, from \$.60 to \$.50 per hour each year of the four-year agreement.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: I believe it's a fair contract for everybody. The guys and girls are getting a fair shake plus the Borough finally has the employees contributing to [the] health costs of the Borough, which is very important.

Barnick: It took a lot of time.

Lukasewicz: It worked out well. So it's been in negotiation and everyone - so I mean, it's a good contract for everybody.

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To appoint Eugene James Ruddy as a part-time police officer, as recommended by Chief Jones and Mayor Lukowski.

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Jarosh**

To advertise for a hazardous waste inspection team for the Marjol Site.

All in favor

Motion carried

**There were no audience comments.**

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan  
Secretary  
Throop Borough