

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2008
following the 6:30 p.m. Special Monthly Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence observed for our military and all the victims, emergency and rescue personnel, volunteers, and all the families affected by the tragedy on September 11, 2001 caused by terrorists.

God Bless America and 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 - **A**
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **P**
Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **A**
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - **P**

Announcements:

- An Executive Session was held this evening at 5:45 p.m. for legal and personnel matters.

Meeting Schedule:

- Monthly Work Session/Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

The following motions are added to the printed agenda:

Motion #8: To reinstate Officer Doe, Badge No. 17, as per Officer Doe's affidavit and the recommendations forwarded to Throop Borough Council on September 9, 2008, pending receipt of requested correspondence from Attorney Craig Kalinoski.

Motion #9: To advertise for the position of secretary - a competitive salary with benefit package; applications must be received by 12 noon on September 16.

Motion #10: To request an immediate investigation by DEP and the Soil and Conservation District at School Side Estates.

Audience comments on the agenda or added to the printed agenda:

Charles Schillinger, Scranton Times: Protest to reinstating Officer Doe without naming the officer; you absolutely have to name the officer if you're going to make the motion. Make sure this is on the record and council is aware that did not think it could be done that way.

Domnick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: Motion #8: Is there a reason a name not being used. If there is a rehire, should know who it is.

Bob Bolus, Sanderson St. Motion #3: Is the motion still on the agenda or continued, and are they paid positions.

Bid Opening Results: New Salt Storage Facility Foundation Wall Project

Cost Estimate, Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner: \$57,113.83 (broken down into labor, materials, and 10% overhead and profit).

Bidder	Address	Bid Amount
T. Brennan	Carbondale	\$ 93,190.00
Critelli Electric Construction	Carbondale	\$ 71,633.00
Custom Concrete, Inc.	P.O. Box Dunmore	\$ 59,600.00
James W. Gerard, Inc.	Scranton	\$ 65,986.00
Mastriani Construction	Dunmore	\$ 91,000.00
Scranton Craftsmen Excavating,	Throop	\$ 76,000.00
Unique Building Systems, Inc.	Springville	\$107,600.00

1. Motion by Repchick

Second by Gangemi

To accept the bids for the New Salt Storage Facility Foundation Wall Project and refer the bids to the street commissioner and solicitor for review and recommendation and also to award the project bid to the lowest, responsible bidder pending review and recommendation.

On the question:

Barnick: You realize now with the lowest bidder, you're going to be [at] about eighty something thousand dollars for this bid - and with a budget of \$60,000.

Lukasewicz: It's got to be done. This is something we talked about forever, it's been going on forever.

Barone: A \$34,000 difference - are we going to check these guys to see how they work and what they're reputation is, because we got screwed a couple times before on something similar to this.

Barnick: There's a big difference up and down.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Jarosh

Second by Barnick

To appoint the Borough Engineer, BCM Engineers, as the Engineer for the Throop Borough Planning Agency including the School Side Estates Development, Phase I and Phase II.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Repchick

Second by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 2 of 2008, an ordinance appointing a Throop Borough Fire Chief, First Assistant Chief and Second Assistant Chief. A complete copy of the ordinance is posted and is available for review in the secretary's office.

Repchick: I'll make the motion, however, I want it stated that prior to the appointment of the Chief, I would like to meet with, as Mr. Barbolish stated, I'll vote for the ordinance but I still would like to meet with them.

On the question:

Barnick: We're going to have a meeting next week, right?

Lukasewicz: We'll meet as quick as we can. Elaine, if you could set up with the appropriate fire department personnel to aid the borough in making the proper decision, as efficiently and in the

quickest time frame. Just to get the process going and, I can only speak for myself, I truly need the input of everyone that knows the fire department because I hate to say it, but I'm not a complete novice.

All in favor

Motion carried

Gangemi: I think it's important that everybody's on board as well. We definitely don't want to start any wars here. *Inaudible*. I'm going to vote for this with the hope that if it needs to be amended, it will, and I look forward to the meeting.

4. Motion by Barnick

Second by Repchick

To ratify the transfers in the amount of \$150,000.00 on 9/4/08 from the (FNCR) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCR) General Fund checking.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Barnick

Second by Repchick

To authorize payment to A to Z Coatings, Inc. in the amount of \$19,200.00 for the protective roof coating on the municipal building, upon warranty and approval.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Did we, have we, received an actual warranty? I'd like to include that we actually have a warranty and see if...warranty and approval. *Few speaking at once*.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Barnick

Second by Jarosh

To accept Christina Sullivan's resignation as Borough Secretary, effective Sept. 19, 2008.

On the question:

Barnick: We lose, the county wins. She's going down the county to work for Commissioner Washo.

Jarosh: I'd just want to add a part that to see send her a letter or something thanking her for her service, I know I'm personally going to miss her in that office.

Lukasewicz: Yes.

Repchick: Same here.

Morrell: I have to say, it's a very big loss to this borough, very big. We're going to miss her.

All in favor

Motion carried

Gangemi: I wish her well in her new position.

Repchick: Regrettably, for.

7. Motion by Repchick

Second by Gangemi

To authorize [Thomas Lukasewicz], Council President, to sign a release regarding the borough's trailer at the Marjol Site pending Louis Cimini, Borough Solicitor's review.

On the question:

Jarosh: The one set of straps is definitely not tied [right] on that trailer

Lukasewicz: We're going to wait to have Dave....

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Barnick

Second by Jarosh

To reinstate Officer Charles Reed, Badge No. 17, as per Officer Reed's Affidavit and the recommendation forwarded to Throop Borough Council on September 9, 2008, pending receipt of requested correspondence from Attorney Craig Kalinoski.

Lukasewicz: And this will be an immediate return to work, provided correspondence is received.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Barone

Second by Repchick

To advertise for the position of Secretary for the Borough of Throop, listing it as a competitive salary with benefit package. Applications must be received by September 16 at 12 noon.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Jarosh

Second by Gangemi

[To request] an immediate investigation by DEP and Soil & Conservation District at the School Side Estates.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Dominick Rinaldi (Throop Hose Co. No. 3): Motion #8: Speaking for himself, keep an open mind. A lot of speculation, rumors flying, people getting nervous, and need the feeling of the whole department. A personal pat on the back to council for taking the initiative, needed to be done.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary
Throop Borough