

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, January 26, 2009  
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:**

**February Work Session/Meeting Schedule:**

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 23<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:**

Eric Hartshorn: Asked about purchasing pagers for each of the Fire Departments. Pagers they have are out dated and don’t have enough to go around.

Barnick: Check with Motorola if they give credit for returning the old ones.

Lukasewicz: Find out from each hose company what they have and what is needed prior to the next meeting and we’ll discuss it at the next meeting.

Robert Hegedus: On behalf of the Relief Association, would like to know if 14 and 15 year olds are covered under the borough workers compensation policy? The junior members who respond to calls are covered under the relief associations accident and health policy.

Elaine: They have to follow the child labor laws. Will check and see if they are covered under the workers compensation.



**5. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Repchick**

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

<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund Checking Account	<b>\$60,818.53</b>
Invest - General Fund Borough-0002	<b>3,252.82</b>
GF Performance Money Market	<b>428,131.77</b>
Parks & Recreation Grant	<b>40,127.19</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account	<b>12,424.05</b>
Civic Center Account	<b>816.69</b>
Civic Center Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>3,940,459.61</b>
Liquid Fuels Account	<b>14,472.60</b>
Turnback Program	<b>124,629.12</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>4,625,732.38</b>

<b>LOANS</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>FNCB - LOAN</b>	<b>\$954,588.68</b>

Barnick: Landfill check is low again.

Elaine: It is \$91,000.00 from last January. Down about \$152,000.00 from two years ago.

Lukasewicz: We had a comparison done with other landfills throughout the state, it fell in with the other landfills.

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Jarosh**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To re-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. Amendments are as follows: The fire chief and assistants will be appointed for a period of two (2) years unless the appointee fails to meet the provisions of this ordinance. Effective ninety (90) days after enactment of this ordinance, each fire company in the Borough of Throop will vacate their chief and assistant chief positions. A complete copy of this ordinance is posted and available for review in the borough secretary’s office. Any fire company failing to comply with this ordinance will no longer be recognized by the Borough of Throop. The amendments of this ordinance were re-advertised in January 2009 the December legal ad did not state “Effective ninety (90) days after enactment of this ordinance, each fire company in the Borough of Throop will vacate their chief and assistant chief positions.”

On the question:

Lukasewicz: That was just to clarify the way it was advertised.

Elaine: That is correct, there was no change.

All in favor

Motion Carried

**7. Motion by Repchick**

**Seconded by Barone**

To ratify the transfer in the amounts of \$100,000.00 on January 20, 2009 from the (FNCB) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCB) General Fund checking and also to ratify the transfer in the amounts of \$450,000.00 on January 23, 2009 from the (FNCB) General Fund checking to the (FNCB) Performance Money Market Account.

On the question:

Elaine: We needed money in the General Fund before we the landfill check was deposited and cleared. The landfill check went in General Fund and back over to Performance Money Market because it has a better interest rate.

Lukasewicz: So no money was lost.

Elaine: No, just had to get money in the General Fund.

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Repchick**

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

All in favor

Motion carried

**9. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Barone**

To grant permission to the Throop Little League to use the Washington Street Park for the Annual Cow Flop on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

All in favor

Motion carried

**10. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Repchick**

To sponsor the annual fireworks display at the Cow Flop at a cost of \$5,000.00. To schedule the fireworks display with Skip Markacs, Sales Manager, Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc.

On the question:

Barnick: Is this the company we originally had or the one from last year.

Elaine: He is the same guy from last year that was with the original company.

Jarosh: Get a smaller truck. With the bigger truck couldn't get back so had to transfer it and drive it back.

Musewicz: We'll have to make calls.

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To accept the proposal from Bonita & Rainey, Certified Public Accountants for the 2008 Annual Audit not exceed \$5,100.00 plus an additional \$800.00 to include the audit of the pension plans.

All in favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Barone**

To grant permission to the Throop Little League Teener Program (Jr. & Sr., Mid Valley, Throop, Olyphant & Dickson City youths) to use the Washington Street Park Ballfield for the 2009 season. (Jim Caria will schedule the field as he has done in the past.)

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Repchick**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize the current Fire Marshal (Ed Bocan) and Assistant Fire Marshals (Jerry Barone & Eric Hartshorn) to continue until the Borough Fire Chief and Assistants are appointed.

On the question:

Barnick: We the training records are in, we'll have an executive and vote.

Lukasewicz: Elaine to schedule something for an executive prior to the next meeting.

Jarosh: Jerry Barone withdrew his application, does he still want to be an assistant fire marshal?

Ron Green: I'll can call him and find out.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Audience comments:**

Dominick Rocco: Would like Council to go for grants for Sulphur Creek and raising the dyke. *A brief discussion took place.*

Lukasewicz: We are thinking about Sulphur Creek Storm and Sanitary.

Dave Morrell: Talked with Louie on the Illegal Dump Cleanup Grant. *A brief discussion took place.*

Barnick: Have a comparison done with the other towns on Zoning and Planning fees, check Commercial and Industrial Planning fees with the other towns too.

Robert Hegedus (610 Center Street): Is Motion # 6 ninety days from tonight?

Louie and Lukasewicz: It will be ninety days from tonight. Also questioned salary for Fire Marshal and Fire Chief.

Ed Bocan: About changing lights on the traffic signals, they have signals on the lights now where if the fire apparatus is coming it switches every light to red. *A discussion took place.*

Lukasewicz: We'll look into it, it is a good thing to have.

The meeting was adjourned

Robin Galli  
Borough Secretary