

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting for General Purposes
Monday, December 14, 2009 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 - P

John Musewicz - P

Joseph Barone - A

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P (excused after bid opening)

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - A

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Robin Galli - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - P

Announcements:

Throop Borough Officials and Employees would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The Dec. monthly work session and meeting will be held Monday, Dec.. 28th at 6:30 p.m.

* The Re-organization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

*** Holiday Garbage & Recycling Collection Schedule:**

CHRISTMAS EVE (Thursday, December 24, 2009) **GARBAGE COLLECTION:** *Normal Thursday collection is changed to the preceding Tuesday, December 22, 2009.*

CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday, December 25, 2009) **GARBAGE COLLECTION:** *The normal Friday collection is changed to Monday, December 28, 2009.*

NEW YEARS EVE (Thursday, December 31, 2009) **GARBAGE COLLECTION:** *Normal Thursday collection is changed to the preceding Tuesday, December 29, 2009.*

NEW YEARS DAY (Friday, January 1, 2010) **GARBAGE COLLECTION:** *The normal Friday collection is changed to Monday, January 4, 2010.*

* Christmas Tree pick up will be on Mondays, January 4th , January 11th and January 18th

* 2010 New schedule: Recycled Junk Mail and Shredded Paper will be picked up on the 2nd and 4th Mondays borough wide. All other recycling remains on the same schedule.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Domnick Rocco: Questioned \$100.00 Throop Police Department fines on the budget.

Elaine: That is the \$5.00 parking ticket. Other fines go through the magistrate. Not citations.

Domnick Rocco: Asked where that money goes?

Elaine: It goes through the magistrate and then comes back here through the magistrate.

Repchick: It costs us more than what we get.

Bid Opening: George Street Sidewalk/Curbing Restoration Project

Bidder: Name & Address	Bid	Bid Bond
Wayco, Inc Waymart PA	\$980,146.20	X
James T. O'Hara, Inc Moscow PA	\$883,320.00	X
Scartelli Construction Svc Taylor PA	\$865,440.00	X
Linde Wilkes Barre PA	\$993,126.80	X
Eastern Industries Clifford PA	\$983,228.63	X
Leeward Construction Honesdale PA	\$960,532.50	X
Kruger Construction Dickson City PA	\$1,166,350.00	X
S & K Construction Tobyhanna PA	\$841,150.00	X
TSE Inc. Dunmore, PA	\$886,014.00	X

4. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Repchick**

To ratify the donations in the amount of \$200.00 each to the Over 55 Club and the Senior Citizens Elite Club toward their Christmas parties.

All in favor Motion carried

5. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Repchick**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 3 of 2009, an ordinance enacting a tax rate on assessed valuation of the Borough of Throop for the year 2010. The tax rate shall be as follows, for general purposes, the sum of five (5) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

On the question:

Barnick: Asked if we got our share of the excess \$12,000,000.00.

Jarosh: I don't think anybody got it.

Barnick: It is sitting in the county.

Lukasewicz: They didn't come up with a conclusion where it is or if they even have it.

Barnick: How long is it going to take.

Jarosh: Auditors said they couldn't audit the books they don't make sense.

Barnick: Asked what happened to the money, do we have to request it?

Lukasewicz: Have to make a request on the status of it. Asked Elaine to get a letter out requesting the status. *A brief discussion took place.*

All in favor Motion carried

6. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Repchick**

To adopt the 2010 Budget in the amount of \$5,058,374.23, the 2010 Liquid Fuels Budget in the amount of \$78,500.00 and the 2010 Turnback Program budget in the amount of \$130,300.00.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Asked Elaine if the budget 16 years ago was about \$2,000,000.00.

Elaine: I think so.

Lukasewicz: Asked how did we get to this?

Elaine: We had one building and hardly any equipment.

Lukasewicz: In 16 years we doubled our budget. We provided a lot of services for the people of Throop.

Lukasewicz: Thanked Councilman Barnick for getting a lot of money over the years. With the landfill agreement you got the people of Throop a lot.

Elaine: There was a lot of work done that people don't realize. We try to do everything we could for the residents. *A brief discussion took place.*

All in favor Motion carried

10. Motion by Jarosh **Seconded by Repchick**

To allow the Teamsters Bargaining Unit 229 Employees to have the whole day off for contractual holidays ½ day Christmas Eve and ½ day New Years Eve as was granted in the past. The employees would only be paid for half day holiday. Those employees who have paid time coming will use it for those two (½) days. Those employees who do not have paid time coming would be excused. However, if an emergency should occur the Bargaining Unit employees will report to work for straight time pay.

All in favor Motion carried

11. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Jarosh**

To ratify the transfer in the amount of \$150,000.00 on December 14th from the (FNCB) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCB) General Fund checking.

All in favor Motion carried

12. Motion by Jarosh **Seconded by Repchick**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$69,667.76 to Scottsdale Insurance Company. This represents deductible amounts due.

On the question:

Jarosh: Can't believe that we can't recoup that money for the lawsuit that the judge said this is no lawsuit. *A brief discussion took place on the lawsuit.*

All in favor Motion carried

13. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Repchick**

To direct Ron Yanoski, Merrill Lynch, to invest the current cash available from the Borough contributions to the Non Uniform Pension Fund and Police Pension Fund in order to keep with the minimum investment policy guidelines of 40% stock and 60% Bonds/Cash. The police fund can be invested in CD's and/or Government bonds while the Non Uniform plan is out of compliance of the minimum stock allocation by just 2 %.

On the question:

Jarosh: Transferring money from bonds and cash into stock on the non-uniform fund because we are currently under.

Lukasewicz: Yes, have to try to make whatever you can. We listened to him right along. This is his suggestion. *A brief discussion took place.*

All in favor Motion carried

