

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, February 23, 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

Anthony 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 - Robin Galli - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - P

**Announcements:**

An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal & personnel matters.

**March Work Session/Meeting Schedule:**

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

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

Ron Green (Division Street): Commended Council for a good job on Fire Chief Ordinance.

Hoping when it goes through we all work together.

Barnick: That is what I’m hoping for.

Lukasewicz: It is going to benefit everybody involved.



**5. Motion by Repchick**

**Seconded by Musewicz**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **January 31, 2009** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund Checking Account	<b>\$107,254.95</b>
Invest - General Fund Borough-0002	<b>3,256.71</b>
GF Performance Money Market	<b>778,573.47</b>
Parks & Recreation Grant	<b>40,144.23</b>
Civic Center Account	<b>610.31</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Civic Center Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account	<b>12,428.56</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>3,940,459.61</b>
Liquid Fuels Account	<b>14,476.04</b>
Turnback Program	<b>124,685.22</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$5,022,489.10</b>

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

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To ratify the transfer in the amounts of \$80,000.00 on February 10, 2009 from the (FNCB) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCB) General Fund checking.

All in favor

Motion carried



**11. Motion by Jarosh**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To contact Ron Yanoski/Merrill Lynch and ask him not to rebalance the accounts for both pension funds, the Non-Uniform Pension Fund and Police Pension Fund. Also to request him to attend the next council meeting.

On the question:

Barnick: Not really what I wanted, but it is a step forward.

All in favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Jarosh**

**Seconded by Musewicz**

To accept a floor buffer from the Mid Valley School District in exchange for \$2,500.00 in engineering fees and damaged caused to the Washington Street Park.

On the question:

Barnick: It is against my better judgement.

Gangemi: Asked Louie if there is an issue with seeking outstanding invoices.

Barnick: How long has it been? It has to be about six or seven years.

Cimini: Yes, it has been a while.

Jarosh: If this motion passes will we get in touch with their solicitor?

Cimini: They have a meeting on Wednesday.

Musewicz: There will be some type of written agreement?

Cimini: Yes.

Six in favor,  
Lukasewicz against

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Repchick**

To amend Resolution # 8 of 1990 which established the fee schedule for the sub-division land development ordinance for the Borough of Throop. We will be adopting a new fee schedule as per letter from Louie Cimini dated January 26, 2009. The letter lists a summary of deposits and fees which are identified and compared between Throop, Dickson City and Jessup. We will go by Jessup's fees, (unless ours is higher).

All in favor

Motion carried

**14. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Jarosh**

To amend Ordinance # 5 of 2008 appointing Fire Chief, First Assistant Fire Chief and Second Assistant Fire Chief for the Borough of Throop. In fifth paragraph whereas effective ninety days after the enactment of this ordinance each company will have the option of changing their rank to chief or an assistant chief positions. The fire companies may use one captain along with a first and second lieutenant for a maximum of three ranking positions.

On the question:

Barnick: It took a long time to get here, hope this is it.

Elaine: Does this have to be readvertised?

Barnick and Louie: Yes

Barnick: So there is another thirty days in between, in the mean time everyone will get a letter who applied for the position and get interviewed.

Elaine: Asked Louie for the proper wording to advertise it right.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Audience comments:**

**Chief Jones:** Handed Council Monthly Report. Talked about a meeting for PAL (Police Athletic/Activities League) on March 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Borough Building. Also talked about Traffic Enforcing, Aggressive Driving Campaign.

Draw up an agreement to loan the EMA director the light in the basement of the building for his safety while he is out at the scene directing traffic. To be returned on the completion of his term.

**Lukasewicz:** Just keep a record of it.

**Dominick Rocco:** If Elaine can write a letter to the Army Corp. of Engineering to see if they could raise the dykes.

**Lukasewicz:** Elaine get something going.

**Elaine:** Ok.

**Ron Green:** Since I took over the EMA, people are asking me if the siren is unhooked.

**Barnick:** No, it is hooked.

**Ron Green:** It is in working condition?

**Barnick:** Yes, we use it for parades.

**Ron Green:** Mary Ruth had me do an inspection of the Civic Center, that is usually done by the Fire Marshal. Helped her out as much as I could. They told her what she had to have done, was wondering if she passed the inspection?

**Council:** Yes.

**Ron Green:** Asked Lisa Ayers for keys for the gate for the fire departments.

**Lisa Ayers:** I will get copies to all of you.

**Ron Green:** Do we have to decontaminate if we take a truck out of Marjol?

**Lisa Ayers:** There are still areas that are contaminated.

**Lukasewicz:** Asked Lisa to schedule a tour for the firemen.

*A brief discussion took place on keys for the gate. Councilman Barnick suggested to use bolt cutters.*

**Eric Hartshorn:** Asked about a Knox box at the Civic Center. If sprinkler system goes off and no one is there the gym floor is done.

**Lukasewicz:** Asked Dave Morrell to go to the committee and make arrangements to get one.

**Dave Morrell:** When the Civic Center was built it wasn't required.

**Lukasewicz:** No, they passed an ordinance.

**Ron Green:** Questioned chemicals in the Civic Center. Need MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) the only time they will be needed is if someone is using something and it gets in their eyes.

**Lukasewicz:** Try to help her with it.

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Robin Galli  
Borough Secretary