

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 30, 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** -A

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 March 25th at 6:00 p.m. for personnel matters.

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

The Annual Children’s Easter Party will be held Saturday, April 4th at 1:00 p.m. at the Washington Street Park.

Borough Building will be closed Good Friday, April 10th and Easter Monday, April 13th and Memorial Day, May 25th.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

The April mid-month work session and meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The April monthly work session & meeting will be held Monday, April 27th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The May mid-month work session and meeting will be held Monday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m.

The May monthly work session and meeting will be held Wednesday, May 27th beginning at 6:30 p.m

6. Motion by Barone Seconded by Gangemi

To ratify the transfer in the amounts of \$40,000.00 on March 16th and \$55,000.00 on March 30th 2009 from the (FNCB) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCB) General Fund checking.

All in favor Motion carried

7. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Jarosh

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 2 of 2009, an ordinance amending Ordinance # 5 of 2008, amending Ordinance # 2 of 2008, appointing a Borough Fire Chief and First and Second Assistants. Amendment is as follows: Each fire company in the Borough of Throop will have the option of vacating their chief and assistant chief positions. All other paragraphs will remain in full force and in effect. A complete copy of this ordinance is posted and available for review in the borough secretary's office.

All in favor Motion carried

8. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment in the amount of \$12,712.69 to Penn Dot from the Liquid Fuels Account for the installation of flashing devices on State Route 0347, South Valley Ave.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: When I go down that road, it is nice to see the sign and lights there. It makes people aware that the zoning is coming. A brief discussion took place.

Lukasewicz: Commend the citizens that pushed for it.

Cathy Jones: Commented that it is slowing traffic.

Lukasewicz: It jumps out at you. Hopefully it will stop any chance of an accident.

All in favor Motion Carried

9. Motion by Barone Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize payments to Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc. for preparation and submission of the AG-385: \$400.00 from the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and \$400.00 from the Police Pension Plan.

All in favor Motion Carried

10. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Jarosh

To authorize Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner to prepare the street paving list and contact the Borough Engineer to prepare specs for the 2009 Paving Project and put out for bid.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Audience Comments:

Dominick Rocco: Questioned if anything can be done with the building across from Turkey Hill.

Lukasewicz: It has been addressed. Attorney Cimini is working on it.

Attorney Cimini: There are relatives in four different states we are trying to get consent from.

A brief discussion took place.

Ed Bocan: Questioned Motion # 7 (Ordinance appointing a Borough Fire Chief) wanted to know what was going on.

Lukasewicz: It is exactly what was talked about and everybody agreed with it. Motion had to be ratified so we can move forward to appoint someone.

Ed Bocan: When do you plan on appointing someone?

Lukasewicz: There is going to be a discussion and more information is needed from some of the candidates. *A discussion took place on the Borough Fire Chief Ordinance.*

Andy Hegedus: About ten months ago Dominick Rinaldi addressed council about roof repairs that were done at the Dunmore Street Fire Station for \$9600.00 information was presented to council on two different occasions. Also asked about the \$9000.00 in repairs for vehicle told to bring information to council and we did. We would like to know where those projects stand today?

Lukasewicz: We expedited the payment towards the end of the year as quick as we could so you could have money. Glad you brought it back to our attention. We will sit down and try to look at it and see if there are some funds that we can come up with. Understand you need the money.

Andy Hegedus: We've done a lot of things to control those expenses. Talked about applying for grants. Two years ago paid Bob Davis \$2,000.00 to write grants and got nothing. It is not that we haven't tried. Stated that in 1997 council approved the motion to take down the siren and they would take the responsibility of the notification devices. Questioned siren being for sale, is it true?

Lukasewicz: Saw something in the paper. It is not the one on the building.

Andy Hegedus: Asked where that money would be going.

Repchick: Asked if it was the one on the old school?

Elaine: Didn't know that anything was for sale.

Lukasewicz: Speaking for myself, probably for our next meeting get some numbers on the pagers and we will probably purchase something. Don't know how much.

Andy Hegedus: We are all applying for that thousand.

Lukasewicz: Anything you can do to help.

Andy Hegedus: There are also issues that our vehicle can use an 35 foot extension ladder for \$1500.00. That is what we are trying to use with the grant money we are looking to get. We have not been fortunate like the other two companies over the last five years.

Ed Bocan: On grants there is 5 % or 10 % matching funds. We have to come up with that amount. *A discussion took place on grants and on the American Water Company grant.*

Eric Hartshorn: Portable pump that borough bought is not working.

Andy Hedegus: Have an extra one that he is willing to give.

Lukasewicz: Find out what is wrong and get fixed so we have it.

Andy Hedegus: We have two, we can give them one.

Elaine: Read an email received from Joyce Hatala regarding grants for pagers. Asked if the three companies ever apply for grants together.

Andy Hedegus: No

Elaine: Asked council if they wanted Joyce Hatala to check into that.

Lukasewicz: What ever she could get for us.

Eric Hartshorn: When we go for the Homeland Security we go for something big.

Elaine: If you apply for something like this, does it take away from you applying for a bigger item?

Eric Hartshorn: Yes.

Andy Hedegus: Yes.

Ed Bocan: We won't know what Joyce is talking about till next year.

Andy Hedegus: Told Tom Lukasewicz he appreciates everybody trying.

Lukasewicz: Everybody wants to stay on the same page. Stated that the whole economy is bad.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Robin Galli,
Borough Secretary