

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 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 - A

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:

On Memorial Day Mr. Barone was presented with a plaque from Herbert-Clark American Legion Post 180 for a Certificate of Flag Presentation to the Borough of Throop along with the United States Flag that was flown on the USS Arizona.

Rep Kevin Murphy will have a staff member at our municipal building on the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Department of Health: Free Blood Lead Screening-June 23, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Throop Municipal Building. This blood lead screening is being conducted in cooperation with Pinnacle Health’s Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and USEPA.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

Executive Session was held prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The June mid-month work session and meeting will be held Monday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m.

The June monthly work session and meeting will be held Monday, June 29th at 6:30 p.m.

The municipal building will be closed Monday, July 6th in observance of Independence Day.

There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.

Bid Opening: 2009 Paving Project - Bituminous Pave Project

Name of Bidder	Bid	BB
Slusser Brothers Pittston PA	111,247.25 base bid 121,689.50 alternate bid 232,936.75 total	Yes
American Asphalt Paving Co. Shavertown PA	98,877.00 base bid 126,073.50 alternate bid 224,950.50 total	Yes
ER Linde Construction Corp Honesdale PA	109,471.17 base bid 136,966.45 alternate bid 246,437.62 total	Yes
Wayco, Inc. Waymart PA	133,911.95 base bid 136,339.55 alternate bid 270,251.50 total	Yes
Pikes Creek Site Contractors Div. Of Reading Materials, Inc. Sweet Valley PA	164,682.00 base bid 186,770.00 alternate bid 351,452.00 total	Yes

BCM Engineers anticipated cost of project: 96,680.00 base
142,455.00 add alternate
239,135.00 total amount

1. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Gangemi**

To refer the 2009 Street Paving Project bids to Jack Scheuer, BCM, Borough Engineer, Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner and Louis Cimini, Solicitor, for their review and recommendation. To award the base bid to the lowest, most responsible bidder with favorable recommendations by the Engineer, Solicitor and Street Commissioner.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: What can we afford? If we can only afford the initial bid we go with that.

Barnick: How much set aside?

Elaine: Enough for the base.

Lukasewicz: What was the lowest?

Barnick: \$99,000.00

Lukasewicz: Go with initial bid no alternate, that is what we can afford.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. **Motion by Barone** **Seconded by Musewicz**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the April 27th and May 11th council meetings.

All in favor Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

3. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Barone**

To accept the treasurers' reports as posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough as posted and/or printed on the agenda..

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	\$34,891.93
Paid bills: (Checks issued)	\$69,087.85
General Fund Revenue Report	\$101,674.07
Civic Center Revenue	\$16,359.68

All in favor Motion carried

4. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Barone**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Barnick, Gangemi
and Musewicz abstain on daughters Motion carried

5. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Jarosh**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor Motion carried

6. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of April 30, 2009 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$81,356.36
Invest - General Fund Borough-0002	3,264.34
GF Performance Money Market	906,047.18
Parks & Recreation Grant	40,193.19
Civic Center Account	363.54
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	17,164.60
Sunny Day Fund CD's	3,974,639.01
Liquid Fuels Account	83,268.27
Turnback Program	127,348.57
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$5,234,245.06

LOANS	Balance
FNCB - LOAN	\$860,533.00

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Barone

To ratify the transfers in the amount of \$60,000.00 on May 18, 2009 and \$72,000.00 on May 27, 2009 from the (FNCB) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCB) General Fund checking.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Barone

To appoint Maurice Menichetti III as Second Assistant Fire Chief for a two year term according to Ordinance # 2 of 2009 amending Ordinance # 5 of 2008 amending Ordinance # 2 of 2008.

On the question:

Barnick: Have to get sworn in.

Lukasewicz: Asked about monetary numbers.

Barnick: Asked what is in the budget.

Elaine: Not specified in the budget.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Jarosh

To pay annual allotment of \$1,500.00 to Borough Fire Chief and \$750.00 for each Assistant . To be paid semi-annually.

On the question:

Elaine: Are we paying through the payroll, so payroll taxes will come out of it. Over \$600.00 has to pay payroll taxes. Its probably the best way to do it.

Lukasewicz: Whatever is the best way.

Elaine: How often?

Barnick: Go with an allotment

Jarosh: Asked if they wanted to get paid twice a year or every month.

Hartshorn and Davey: Twice a year.

Lukasewicz: Would like to be kept informed about what is going on.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Jarosh

To authorize Corey Shevchik to work with Dave Dozack for the summer an additional twenty hours but not to exceed a total of thirty-two hours.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Jarosh

To direct Louie Cimini to contact the Scranton Diocese regarding St. Johns Church and Rectory.

On the question:

Barnick: What it will be used for.

Lukasewicz: Get involved in the process early on. You have the parking lot, can use the basement, kitchen. The Booster Club can use it, Civic Center. Can control what happens.

Barone: Will give Civic Center more room.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience comments:

Ron Green (Division Street): Everyone has done a good job, tonight I think you made a good choice. Put guys in that will work together and pull together. Working at polls, you have a strong ticket, supporting you 100%. We need you back. There are people out there that know you do a good job. Also asked about fires on 48 acres?

Lukasewicz: Investigating might have been set.

Ron Green: Called police twice, Ash Street gate always open. Caught people going up there. Gate should be closed at all times.

Lukasewicz: Told Lisa Ayers to make sure that who ever is working there, when they leave the gate is closed.

Jarosh: Asked if it was the security guard.

Ron Green: Seen old cars parked and people walk through there.

Lukasewicz: Someone does testing there late in the evening.

Ron Green: Lot of people headed walking up in that area. Called police.

Lukasewicz: Starting to shape up and people are getting curious. Visualize a family park there. Asked Cecilia (Scranton Times Reporter) if she and a photographer can do a story on Marjol progress.

Barnick: Asked about getting the pad down for the Howitzer.

Barone: Mr. Tomasovitch down the Boulevard wants the Howitzer down there.

Lukasewicz: Other town put up monuments for Memorial Day for the Veterans, should think about another monument some place. There is ways we can do something down there.

Ron Green: Fire Police Commissioner doesn't come around that much. If you need Fire Police for anything he is the Vice Commissioner send to him.

Lukasewicz: Asked Elaine to send to both houses.

Elaine: Never sent anything, but will send correspondence to both if there is any correspondence to be sent.

Lukasewicz: Asked to reschedule the meeting that is on the June 29th. Do it Thursday before the Cow Flop.

Elaine: Thursday, June 25th.

Ron Green: Asked how often the siren is tested.

Barnick: Day of the parade.

Ron Green: When siren blows would like to know why.

Dave Morrell: As of yesterday when I was down there(Marjol). In front of gate, it is one of the best views.

Lukasewicz: Would like to see an ice skating rink this winter if possible.

Elaine: Kids would like to see a skateboard park *.A brief discussion took place.*

Eric Hartshorn: Thanked council for the appointment of Borough Fire chief. Will do the best he could. *A brief discussion took place.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Robin Galli
Borough Secretary