

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, July 28, 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 - A  
John Musewicz - P  
Joseph Barone - P  
**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini - A  
**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski - P  
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P  
Secretary - Robin Galli - P  
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - A

**Announcements:**

\* 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.

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

Throop Borough Annual Night Out will be held Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Washington Street Park. The parade begins at 7:00 p.m.

**Work Session/Meeting Schedule:**

\* The August mid-month work session and meeting will be held Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

\* The August monthly work session and meeting will be held Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.**

1. **Motion by** Barone **Seconded by** Musewicz

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

### **Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports**

2. **Motion by** Barone **Seconded by** Jarosh

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"	<b>\$84,996.79</b>
Paid bills: (Checks issued)	<b>\$138,904.26</b>
General Fund Revenue Report	<b>\$709,986.47</b>
Civic Center Revenue	<b>\$14,483.34</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

3. **Motion by** Musewicz **Seconded by** Barone

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Gangemi and  
Musewicz abstain on Daughters

Motion carried

4. **Motion by** Barone **Seconded by** Jarosh

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion Carried

**5. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

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

<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund Checking Account	<b>\$28,848.77</b>
Invest - General Fund Borough-0002	<b>3,267.66</b>
GF Performance Money Market	<b>625,326.11</b>
Parks & Recreation Grant	<b>40,226.78</b>
Civic Center Account	<b>282.51</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Civic Center Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account	<b>30,823.77</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>3,974,639.01</b>
Liquid Fuels Account	<b>83,314.82</b>
Turnback Program	<b>127,472.99</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$4,914,802.42</b>

<b>LOANS</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>FNCB - LOAN</b>	<b>\$860,533.00</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Jarosh**

To ratify the transfers in the amount of \$70,000.00 on July 1<sup>st</sup>, \$125,000.00 on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and \$120,000.00 on July 27<sup>th</sup> from the (FNCB) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCB) General Fund checking.

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Barone**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 12 of 2009, a resolution authorizing Elaine Morrell, Chief Clerk to submit claims to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Treasury Department to claim funds being held by the Treasury Department's Bureau of Unclaimed Property.

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Barone Seconded by Musewicz**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 13 of 2009, a resolution designating Thomas J. Lukasewicz, Council President as the authorized signature for execution of Borough contracts with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its designated agencies.

All in favor

Motion carried

**9. Motion by Musewicz Seconded by Jarosh**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 14 of 2009, a resolution authorizing the re-appointment of Frank Galli as a member of the Throop Borough Civil Service Commission for a six (6) year term. The new term will expire July 28, 2015.

All in favor

Motion carried

**10. Motion by Barone Seconded by Gangemi**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 15 of 2009, a resolution authorizing the re-appointment of Walter Rakosky as a member of the Throop Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a period of three (3) years. The new term will expire July 28, 2012.

All in favor

Motion carried



**16. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Jarosh**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner, along with Jack Scheuer/Borough Engineer and Chief Jones to investigate a plan for a weight limit on Charles Street and George Street if needed.

Council also agreed to include Pancoast Street.

**On the question:**

Lukasewicz: We don't want to deter the development, we just want to protect the safety of the individuals in the Borough of Throop.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Official comment:**

**Musewicz:** Our 9 and 10 year old Little League All Star Team, won the District 32 Championship. It is quite an achievement. Throop Booster Club got the opportunity to host a Sectional Tournament, which included Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. Throop came in seconded out of four. There are a lot of positive things going on in the borough, lot of good volunteers and commitment to the youth which is extremely important. Tony is organizing a web site that will be a plus. Lot of people go on the internet. The information we need to get to the community will be posted on the web site.

We have a nice monument across the street from 2003 that was on the girls field, now we have some achievement on the boys field.

**Lukasewicz:** Booster Club has to be congratulated on doing what they do, That is a beautiful field. Just knowing that someone from Regionals is coming to Throop, that is an accomplishment for the Booster Club.

**Musewicz:** There is a lot of good people and volunteers in the community.

**Lukasewicz:** One of our employees has health issues, keep Mr. Morrell and his wife Elaine in your prayers.

**Audience comments:**

**Rich Lombardo:** Asked for an update on the last meeting for the Mattioli family.

**Lukasewicz:** Our consultant were here, prepared paper work to request additional testing for a risk assessment. Not sure if it was started earlier or if it was hindered because we don't know if the Mattioli's signed the papers to perform the risk assessment. If you can find out and have a copies sent to the borough. The Risk assessment can't be done unless they grant approval. At the same point Cocciardi Associates through Rocco Valvano are pressing the government agencies to have a risk assessment performed. The risk assessment that Cocciardi is proposing will be very thorough and will analyze everything in the house to determine if there is a problem and where it is coming from. *A lengthy discussion took place on the Marjol Site.*

Dominick Rocco: Something has to be done with Sulphur Creek, it's a mess.

Lukasewicz: Have Robert look at it and give us an opinion. Address in spring time and do a thorough cleanup.

Cathy Jones: Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, National Night Out. Hope to see everyone come out. Will have sign up sheets for Crime Watch.

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Robin Galli  
Borough Secretary