Minutes

Throop Borough Council Special Monthly Meeting Monday, January 11, 2010

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

Neil Furiosi - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Robin Galli - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - A

Announcements:

An Executive Session was held Monday. January 4, 2010 after the Re-Organization Meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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Dog Licenses:

Ed Karpovich, Lacka. County Treasurer assigned a representative to sell Dog Licenses at the Throop Municipal Building, 436 Sanderson Street, Throop on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m

CDBG Public Hearing:

Ernie Cicilioni will hold the CDBG Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

2010 Meeting Schedule:

Throop Borough Council Schedule of Meetings and Work Sessions for 2010. The Council Work Sessions and Meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday and last Monday of the month. The work sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meetings will follow. Any re-scheduling will be advertised. Cancellations will be posted.

January Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

Monthly Meeting - Monday, January 25th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonights agenda.

1. **Motion by** Jarosh

Seconded by Repchick

To accept medical leave from Dave Morrell as zoning officer.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official comments:

Lukasewicz: Don't ever remember doing anything with a medical leave for anybody before,

does it bind our hands in regards to anything? **Repchick**: Just says leave, doesn't say paid leave.

Attorney Cimini: No.

Lukasewicz: Not specific, that's why I'm asking the question. First time that I remember a

medical leave to anybody in the borough of Throop **Lukasewicz:** Asked Attorney Cimini to look into it.

Barnick: Goes under FMLA.

Eric Hartshorn: Covers your insurance, but not your pay, for a certain period of time.

Barnick: Is it based on a Doctor's decision on how much time?

Repchick: Think it is 3 months. **Lukasewicz:** Question the motion.

Gangemi: Better look into it. Have to release him from the zoning while he is on medical leave. **Lukasewicz:** Can you release him of the zoning duties, without medical leave. Believe we have to make a motion to have Attorney Cimini look into granting a medical leave to Dave Morrell.

Attorney Cimini: Interested in other ratifications.

Lukasewicz: Don't believe there is any, have to be careful.

In Addition to Motion #1

Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Repchick

To allow Attorney Cimini to review and make a recommendation.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To appoint Bob Lokuta as Zoning /Code Enforcement Officer and to increase his hours as needed.

All in favor

Motion carried

Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Repchick

To appoint Robert Kalinoski to act as Assistant Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer at the request of the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Lokuta.

On	the	question	:
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Lukasewicz: When does it come into play to act as assistant, when Bob says he needs it?

At request of the Zoning Officer. **Repchick:** That is my opinion. **Lukasewicz:** Add to motion.

All in favor Motion carried

Lukasewicz: Asked audience if there were any comments on the change to the motion. *No audience comments.*

To Table Motion #4

4.	Motion by Barnick	Seconded by Repchick

To table Motion # 4.

To appoint _____ as a member of the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Frank Galli.

All in favor except

Jarosh abstain Motion tabled

5. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Barnick

To reject Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau offer to purchase real estate Map # 12517-050-042.

All in favor Motion carried

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

To appoint Bill Shevchick as alternate member to Throop Borough Zoning Board.

On the question:

Jarosh: Is there a term on the alternates? **Barnick:** This is a replacement on a alternate.

Jarosh: A position that was vacated.

All in favor Motion carried

Official comments:

Gangemi: Do we need a motion to review Scartelli

Barnick: Don't think you need anything specific for that.

Lukasewicz: They basically have the approval or disapproval, depending on authorization.

Audience comments:

Charlene Tomasovitch: How long is the Civil Service Commission going to be pushed off until?

Lukasewicz: In the process of getting some names together so we can find a responsible individual to be on the Civil Service Commission. In light of litigations that happened with Civil Service in Dickson City and what happened in Dunmore recently, we're going to be professional in how we handle this. Waited several years to get to this point, want to make sure we have the best people available to the borough to be on that board. When you deal with Civil Service, you are dealing with federal guidelines. Want to make sure I vote for the best person I can vote for.

Charlene Tomasovitch: Questioned the Civil Service Training.

Lukasewicz: Any one that is on the board can go.

Barnick: Asked the date.

Charlene Tomasovitch: Luzerne County is May 4. **Lukasewicz:** Probably prudent that you do attend.

Barnick: Should we do it by motion and authorize it now? Authorize it for the civil service

members.

Lukasewicz: Asked Attorney Cimini if it has to be done by motion?

Attorney Cimini: Yes.

Lukasewicz: Asked audience if there were any comments on sending the Civil Service members to attend the PSAB training.

7. **Motion by** Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To authorize Civil Service member to attend PSAB Training Update.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: In light of what is going on with litigations, it is prudent that the borough and council act in this manner to make sure that who ever we put there is qualified and has the proper training to be at the best interest of the borough.

Six in favor, Jarosh abstain member of committee

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Robin Galli Borough Secretary