Minutes Throop Borough Council Special Monthly Meeting Monday, February 8, 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 - A
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 - A
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A
Secretary - Robin Galli - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - P

Announcements:

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

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

- * The Feb. monthly work session and meeting will be held Monday, Feb 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
- * The March mid-month work session and meeting will be held Monday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.
- * The March monthly work session and meeting will be held Monday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonights agenda.

1. **Motion by** Jarosh

Seconded by Repchick

To ratify the following transfers in the amount of \$48,000.00 on January 25th, \$30,000.00 on February 1st and \$75,000.00 on February 3, 2010 from the (FNCB) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCB) General Fund checking.

All in favor Motion carried

2. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Jarosh

To donate \$200.00 to Boy Scout Troop 73 and \$200.00 to Cub Scout Pack 73.

On the question:

Jarosh: Asked where they are meeting now. **Robert Kokinda**: St. Anthony's Church.

All in favor Motion carried

3. **Motion by** Jarosh

Seconded by Repchick

To ratify the temporary transfer of Sunny Day CD # 41-304509-3 in the amount of \$70,335.23 that matured at FNCB on February 1, 2010 to the General Fund checking account and then transferred from the GF checking account to the Sunny Day Fund checking account at Fidelity Bank.

All in favor Motion carried

4. **Motion by** Jarosh

Seconded by Furiosi

To grant Elaine Morrell's request to receive full salary when her sick time is used up. Attorney Lou Cimini will follow-up with a letter to Elaine and copied to the union.

On the question:

Gangemi: Did the Union have any stipulations on that?

Attorney Cimini: No, just to be copied on it.

Lukasewicz: Will address as an individual situation.

Repchick: Case by case.

All in favor Motion carried

5. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To award the (Throop Streetscape Project) George Street Sidewalk/Curbing Restoration Project to Scartelli Construction Services, Inc., the low bidder with a total bid of \$865,440.00 as per Penn Dot's guidelines, pending review by Louis A. Cimini, Borough Solicitor and Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner.

Five in favor Jarosh against

Motion carried

On the question:

Lukasewicz: It is a lot of money, but certain things benefit the town. It's nice anything we can do to make the town a little better, it's a lot of money but its worth while.

6. Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial in the amount of \$750.00 from the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and \$750.00 from the Police Pension Plan for the preparation of the 2011 MMOs.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. **Motion by** Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To grant permission to the Mid Valley District 32 Teener League Jr. & Sr. Leagues. to use the Washington Street Park Ballfield for the 2010 season. The teams are made up of players from Throop, Olyphant & Dickson City. (Jim Caria will schedule the field as he has done in the past.)

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Repchick

To authorize Throop Hose Co. # 3 (Volunteer Hose Company) to close Meade Street from Green Street to Dunmore Street from July 16th, 17th and 18th for their Pierogie Palooza Fund Raiser. Pending Robert Kalinoski's review.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To accept the proposal from John J. Gregory Co. cost of \$6,200.00 pending recommendation of Attorney Kevin Quinn.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Gangemi

To recognize Danielle Dunmire with a proclamation. Danielle was selected as the Grand Worthy Advisor for the state of Pennsylvania at a convention in Altoona, for the International Order of the Rainbow Girls.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Repchick

To pay the Lackawanna County the allocation in the amount of \$156.39 for the Act 32.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Eric Hartshorn: Thanked Robert Kalinoski and Bob Lokuta for the help with the fire, had to take off two days and Attorney Cimini helped out a lot.

Lukasewicz: Asked the status of the building.

Eric Hartshorn: Talked with Attorney Cimini, there is a code that you can pass that gives the Fire Chief, Robert Kalinoski or Bob Lokuta the right to condemn. Might be a good idea if Throop has something. *A brief discussion took place on the property owner*.

Eric Hartshorn: Appointed a safety officer. He has Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, and is a State Instructor.

Lukasewicz: Safety Officer for who?

Eric Hartshorn: Incident command system. You need to fill so many positions.

Lukasewicz: This is something you as chief and the other assistant chiefs decided this is

something that should be done?

Eric Hartshorn: It is in the incident command system, you have to appoint people into those postions.

Lukasewicz: Asked who is the Safety Officer? **Eric Hartshorn:** Tommy Tratthen from Olyphant.

Elaine: Tommy is well trained, is he not? Wasn't he a firefighter in New York City for awhile?

He has a lot of experience.

Eric Hartshorn: He has firefighter 1, firefighter 2 and is a state instructor. **Lukasewicz**: Get responses if they agree to it. *A brief discussion took place*.

Musewicz: Asked Eric if he suggested a meeting **Eric Hartshorn:** We had one three weeks ago.

Musewicz: Suggested meeting here.

Eric Hartshorn: Thats fine, suggested a committee with two councilmen to sit in at a meeting so you don't have here say. Don't have blowing out at a meeting. *A brief discussion took place on meetings*.

Robert Kokinda: Thanked council for their generosity for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Mentioned that Joe Wargo is about to receive his 73 years of service from the Boy Scouts. **Lukasewicz:** When we get the 48 acres going want the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to get involved with the walking trails and the scenic areas.

Robert Kokinda: Recommended at the meeting earlier that the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be available for their Eagle projects and trail maintenance. Have a group of boys that will be willing to help with anything. Also have other contacts, everybody is looking to get involved.

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Robin Galli Borough Secretary