Minutes Throop Borough Council Special Monthly Meeting Monday, April 12, 2010 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 - A
Thomas Lukasewicz, President - P
Anthony Gangemi - P
David Repchick - P
John Musewicz - P
Neil Furiosi - P
Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - A
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. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

- * The April monthly work session and meeting will be held Monday, April 26th, 2010 at 6:30p.m.
- * The May monthly work session and meeting will be held Monday, May 10th, 2010 at 6:30p.m.
- * The May monthly work session and meeting will be held Tuesday, May 24th, 2010 at 6:30p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Domnick Rocco: Motion # 5, asked reason for taking ladder truck out of service.

Lukasewicz: A situation occurred at the last fire, procedures weren't followed, want a review so liability to borough and safety concerns to firemen will be handled accordingly.

Andy Hegedus: When is it effective?

Lukasewicz: As soon as Eric Notifies Hose Co # 1 and notifies Com Center to have another ladder in place.

1. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize payments to Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc. for preparation and submission of the AG-385 (\$400.00) and preparation of exhibits for the estimated 2011 MMO (\$750) from each pension plan. A total of \$1,150.00 from the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and \$1,150.00 from the Police Pension Plan.

All in favor Motion carried

2. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To re-appoint David F. Garvey, P.E. as Sewage Enforcement Officer for the next twelve months, (4/1/10 - 3/31/11). The annual retainer is \$550.00.

All in favor Motion carried

3. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Barnick

To request within seven days the three volunteer hose companies to submit an updated list of members including certifications, training and expiration dates of certifications.

On the question:

Barnick: The kind of training

Andy Hegedus: Asked what they are trying to find out?

Lukasewicz: To have official record of firemen and what they are trained to do.

Andy Hegedus: There are no mandates in Pennsylvania.

Repchick: We were just discussing that. **Andy Hegedus:** What is the need for this?

Lukasewicz: We have done it in the past and got away from it.

Barnick: What ever certificates you accredit to yourself, your training.

A discussion took place on what is and is not needed.

All in favor Motion carried

4. **Motion by** Barnick

Seconded by Gangemi

To request from Hose Company # 1 a report of the incident and a summary of their response to the fire at 606 Cypress Street as related to deployment of the ladder truck. Also a list of members who responded.

All in favor Motion carried

5. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To notify Throop Hose Company # 1 that the Borough is requesting that their ladder truck be taken out of service for a thirty day period (May 13, 2010) while incident is under review. They will be called and certified letter will be sent.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: The response letter will be reviewed by Attorney Cimini and Eric Hartshorn/Borough Fire Chief.

All in favor Motion carried

6. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To notify Eric Hartshorn/Borough Fire Chief to make arrangements to have a ladder truck available to respond to fires in the borough of Throop for the thirty day period that Hose Co # 1's truck will be out of service.

All in favor Motion carried

7. **Motion by** Barnick

Seconded by Gangemi

To Eric Hartshorn/Borough Fire chief review the letter received form Hose Co # 1, "Safe Emergency Vehicle Operations" and for Eric Hartshorn to make a written report to the borough about the fire at 606 Cypress Street.

All in favor Motion carried

8. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To donate \$25.00 to Blessed Sacrament Parish to be a hole sponsor for their golf tournament.

All in favor Motion carried

Audience comments:

Repchick: Asked about helping Hose Company # 3 financially.

Barnick: Spoke about cost of the George Street Project.

Andy Hegedus: Will speak for all hose companies, can not survive on the annual allotment.

Funding cut in half and there is more demands.

Barnick: Suggested what other boroughs are doing, an ordinance for accidents or insurance claims, the insurance is going to pay them no matter what the equipment you use, you get reimbursed.

Andy Hegedus: Have to pay billing company to do that.

Lukasewicz: Aware of your concern, we know how important the fire service is.

Andy Hegedus: Asked if the ladder is going to be out of service?

Lukasewicz: As soon as Eric contacts the county and makes arrangements with someone else.

Eric Hartshorn: Suggested a certified letter be sent out. A brief discussion took place.

Charles Davey: Asked if they received Hose Co # 1's SOP (Standard Operating Procedures). As of Sunday that is the operating procedures.

Barnick: As of Sunday?

Lukasewicz: Did you have anything official prior to that?

Charles Davey: No.

Repchick: So someone addressed the problem.

Charles Davey: Yes.

Repchick: So somebody else was concerned and addressed it.

Charles Davey: Don't understand what this is about. A brief discussion took place.

Andy Hegedus: Talked about the financial situation.

Domnick Rocco: Mentioned that there is a tree down in the river and they are having a canoe race the first Saturday in May.

Lukasaewicz: Asked Elaine to check with Robert, to see if they can do anything with it.

Andy Hegedus: Complimented Eric Hartshorn on a good job with the fire at 606 Cypress Street.

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Robin Galli, Borough Secretary