

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 24, 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 -P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President** - P

Anthony 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 -P

Announcements:

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

The Municipal Building will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building and 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on Boulevard Ave. Refreshments will follow at the VFW Post 7251. This is the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7251 61st Anniversary.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* A work session/meeting will be held Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:30p.m.

* The June mid-month work session and meeting will be held Monday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m.

* The June monthly work session and meeting will be held Tuesday, June 28th, 2010 at 6:30p.m.

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

To ratify the transfer in the amount of \$200,000.00 on May 24, 2010 from the GF Performance Money Market Acct to the General Fund Checking Acct.

On the question:

Barnick: Are we going to have to take from the Sunny Day soon?

Elaine: Not yet.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To approve Change Order # 1 for the Goodman Street Sanitary Sewer project in the amount of \$275.90 and to approve payment # 2 in the amount of \$75,312.95 to RLE Enterprises for the Goodman Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project as per the recommendation of Jack Scheuer, Borough Engineer and Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Furiosi

To donate \$200.00 to VFW Post # 7251 and \$200.00 to the American Legion Post 180 towards Memorial Day Services.

On the question:

Barnick: Though it was \$250.00.

Elaine: Request said \$250.00, we give them \$200.00 expenses are \$500.00 a year we pay for the wreaths for Veterans and Memorial day.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To accept Elaine Morrell's letter of retirement and to approve pension benefits effective July 16, 2010. According to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan, Ordinance # 19 of 2000, Section 3., she has reached the age of 60 and has been employed by the Borough in excess of 10 years therefore eligible to receive her pension.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Don't know how Throop is going to do without you. It will be difficult for all of us to appreciate everything that you have done for us.

Elaine: Thank you. *Audience applauded.*

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Barnick

To approve Eric Viola's request dated May 18, 2010, to receive disability pension benefits as per Act 600 and the Police Pension Ordinance, Ordinance # 8 of 2003. (Permanent disability as per Dr. Gillick's opinion.) As per recommendation of Joe Duda.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To pay Eric Viola for his unused time: sick, personal, vacation including holidays. (Personal time -160 hours, Sick time - 496 hours, Vacation time - 480 hours) Total hours 1136 at an hourly rate of \$24.84; \$28,218.24. The holidays to be determined as per the contract. Verified by Joe Duda.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To have Attorney Cimini contact the Teamsters Union to have Chief Clerk position that was occupied by Elaine Morrell eliminated from the bargaining unit.

Six in favor,
Furiosi against

Motion carried

Audience comments:

Jack Wall: Talked about incident that happened at Tobacco Road where his daughter works. Feels daughter was let go because of the incident.

Attorney Cimini: Asked if it was addressed with Chief Jones.

Jack Wall: Stated it was addressed with Chief Jones.

Repchick: Asked if it was being investigated by the department?

Jack Wall: Had experience before where nothing has happened. Just want it to be on record what happened that night.

Repchick: Suggested that it is put in writing and a copy given to Chief Jones and council. Have it signed that it was received.

Attorney Cimini: Agreed.

Domnick Rocco: Asked about cleaning the creek.

Andy Hegedus: Asked Councilman Jarosh to explain what he meant about all three Hose Companies being under one roof. Wasn't about purchasing equipment?

Jarosh: No it wasn't about purchasing equipment. To have all three companies in one building, the building can be divided in three sections. It will lower utilities, the utility bills will be sent to borough, change allocation take off what we need to cover the utilities and balance will still go to the company. No longer paying utilities, still get same amount of excess cash and splitting the \$19,000.00 from each company that we are saving by not paying the utilities on the two buildings.

Eric Hartshorn: Asked if ever did a study on that?

Jarosh: No

Eric Hartshorn: It will be the same if we were under one roof or as individuals.

Andy Hegedus: Volunteered to be on any committee to do a feasibility study.

Jarosh: Don't know if we need a feasibility, would like someone to look into grants for it.

Andy Hegedus: It is a perfect idea.

Mary Ruth Tanner/Civic Center Director: Stated it has been an honor and a joy to work with Elaine. She is a wonderful person.

Nick Ganz: At Chiefs meeting discussed white helmets. Borough Chief is in agreement with the department chiefs wear white helmets.

Eric Hartshorn: Stated as long as council is in agreement. *A brief discussion took place.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Robin Galli

Borough Secretary