

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 7, 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 - A

Secretary - Robin Galli - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - P

Announcements:

An Executive Session was held June 3, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

* Monday, June 14th, 2010 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Council will hold a Public Hearing to vacate streets, a work session and meeting will follow for General Purposes.

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

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

Barnick: Commented the DPW did an outstanding job on the memorial.

Domnick Rocco: Agreed with hiring Robin for Elaines’ job.

1. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution #6 of 2010, a resolution recognizing the benefit and necessity of providing adequate sewage and waste treatment and disposal services for the residents of its Municipality in order to avoid serious public health and water pollution problems, hereby agrees to amend Section 3.04 of the Service Agreement to extend the termination date of the Agreement to December 31, 2040.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Musewicz

To send a Letter of Commendation to Boy Scout Troop 21 for Dominick Joseph Rocco III, who passed the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council's Eagle Scout Board of Review. Dominick is a member of Boy Scout Troop 21 sponsored by St. Mary's Visitation Church Dickson City.

His Eagle Project: "Refurbished and Refinished St. Anthony's Cemetery Chapel, Dickson City. His Court of Honor and Presentation of his Eagle Award will take place on July 18, 2010.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To authorize Disability Pension Benefits for Eric Viola based on Ordinance # 8 of 2003, Section 13, Total and Permanent Disability at 75% of the monthly salary at time of disability and to continue \$100,000.00 life insurance policy. The monthly benefit amount is \$3,229.76 beginning June 1, 2010 as per the calculations prepared by Joseph Duda Actuarial Consulting. (This assumes that Mr. Viola is not receiving any Social Security benefits.) The monthly benefit will be paid from the assets of the Police Pension Fund.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Furiosi

To donate \$100.00 to the Mid Valley Spartans Touchdown Club for their annual Golf Tournament.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Furiosi

Seconded by Repchick

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 7 of 2010 authorizing retroactive overtime premium pay. Based on an internal payroll audit, the Borough of Throop has determined to pay additional compensation in the nature of overtime premiums to any part-time police officer who worked in excess of 40 hours in any work week within the two (2) year period commencing June 8, 2008, and ending the effective date this Resolution, June 7, 2010 (referred throughout the remainder of this resolution as “The Two Year Period”), as follows: an overtime premium payment calculated as one-half (½) the employee’s regular hourly pay rate multiplied by each and every hour worked by any affected part-time officer in excess of 40 hours in any work week within the Two Year Period, excluding any hours of work exceeding 40 hours for which the officer has already received the applicable overtime premium.

The additional overtime premium payments to be paid to those affected, eligible part-time police officers pursuant to this Resolution, as described above, will resolve a payroll error that resulted in the affected officers inadvertently not receiving the applicable overtime premium payments through regular payroll for the work weeks at issue.

The additional overtime premium payments will be issued to all affected, eligible part-time police officers at the time of the Borough’s next regularly scheduled payroll immediately following the effective date of this Resolution, if reasonably possible, but in any event no later than the Borough’s second regularly scheduled payroll date following the effective date of this Resolution. Because the payments are in the nature of retroactive wage payments, all applicable and customary taxes, deductions and withholdings will be applied.

This Resolution shall not be construed as conferring upon any eligible affected part-time police officer and contractual or other right, including that this Resolution shall not operate to create or confer any right or entitlement to wages, compensation or benefits exceeding those which would otherwise be due to any affected, eligible part-time police officer by applicable law.

This Resolution also confirms that the Borough has taken steps necessary to ensure that applicable overtime premiums will be included in all future payrolls.

On the question:

Elaine: Asked if officers can be put on weekly payroll instead of monthly?

Lukasewicz: Most definitely.

Barnick: Asked if they get overtime for going to the hearings?

Chief Jones: There are sometimes it is unscheduled, hearings, classes or things that aren’t normal work hours.

Barnick: Can you set a schedule date with Pesota’s office for Throop?

Chief Jones: We can try.

Lukasewicz: Send an official certified letter and let him respond to it.

All in favor

Motion carried

8.A. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Jarosh

To pay all employees on a weekly basis.

On the question:

Chief Jones: Asked about collecting time cards monthly?

Elaine: Will need weekly, if anything has to be checked it will be together.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Furiosi

Seconded by Gangemi

To appoint Robin Galli as chief Clerk/Treasurer at a rate of \$19.00 hr., 3% after 90 days, 6 months from the 90 days .50 cents, one year from that date .87 cents. As of March 24, 2012 per contract rate. Start date July 19, 2010. This is a salary exempt position.

Five in favor, Barnick against,
Jarosh abstain

Motion carried

10. Motion by Furiosi

Seconded by Repchick

To advertise for the Secretary position at a rate of \$13.91 an hour.

Six in favor,
Jarosh abstain

Motion carried

A brief discussion took place on having two people in the same position.

11. Motion by Furiosi

Seconded by Musewicz

To allow Corey Shevchick to assist with park maintenance as he did last year working with Dave Dozack (not to exceed 32 hours).

On the question:

Jarosh: Why aren't we advertising? We are advertising for a Secretary.

Barnick: He is an employee, we are not hiring him.

Elaine: We are just allowing him to work with Dave.

Lukasewicz: He helped Dave in the past.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience comments:

Eric Hartshorn: Put two knox boxes in, one at Gertrude Hawks and the other at New Story.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Robin Galli
Borough Secretary