

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, March 26th, 2012
Work Session/Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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**

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Anthony Gangemi - P

David Repchick - P

John Musewicz - P

Neil Furiosi - A

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The April mid-month work session/meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m.

* The April monthly work session /meeting will be held Monday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: Welcomed Michelle Newberry, Community Relations Coordinator, to Throop. Discussed a item brought up in work session regarding the landfill and subsidence’s there and found disturbing how would the borough act without the money because of the landfill what would you do if there were a subsidence at Marjol battery. That’s a hazardous wasteland. How is the Borough set for that?

Lukasewicz: Marjol has to monitor that facility and I would hope if there is a subsidence there that it would be addressed according to standards of how it is has to be addressed.

Barnick added that there was a warranty by the EPA.

Lombardo: I don’t want to scare anyone but I see something happening there.

Lukasewicz: I know you have been very proactive in watching that and I applaud you for doing that. I ask that if you see something that you have a concern with I am requesting that you let us know so we can follow up with it. Everything that goes on there is an issue that we need to know about and address quick.

Lombardo: Everything was mounded there but now it is a divet. I don’t want to alarm anyone but I see something that I don’t think is normal. They laughed at me when there was the earthquake when I asked if someone would check it. I have some concerns there.

Lukasewicz: If there is something going on there let us know. We will work with you and any citizen that has concerns there. It has been cleaned up to their standards. Subsidence’s at the landfill I have a concern with because of the mines and if there is a subsidence there (and there as been) and it escalates and the landfill closes for even a day we stand to lose a lot of money per day. The money we get from there we need. Just want to be prepared ahead of time not read about it. Anything you have about Marjol bring forward to us.

Repchick added it is about the health and safety.

1. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the February 27th, March 12th and March 22nd, 2012 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **February 29, 2012** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account (Fidelity)	\$53,678.51
General Fund Performance Money Market (Fidelity)	\$507,378.39
Civic Center Account (Fidelity)	\$302.00
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account (Fidelity)	\$48,211.21
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct (Fidelity Bank)	\$2,277,490.62
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$3,046,615.12
Liquid Fuels Account (Fidelity)	\$2,596.78
Turnback Program (Fidelity)	\$75,368.43
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$6,011,941.06

LOANS (final payment due May 2012)	Balance
Sunny Day Fund (Fidelity Bank 1.20%)	\$51,165.27

On the Question:

Gangemi questioned the interest rates on the CD's.

Robin Galli replied sat with First National Bank and the rates are not good. Nothing they could do.

Barnick added better to keep it in the money market checking account.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Repchick

To ratify the transfer of \$75,000.00 on March 13th, 2012 and \$75,000.00 on March 23, 2012 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking at Fidelity.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Repchick

To donate a \$150.00 full page ad to Mid Valley for the 2012 Yearbook.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Repchick 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).

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Repchick

To purchase 2 cameras for the Police Cars through the state piggy back program plus the cost of installation for approximately \$11,000.00 and to authorize Attorney Cimini to do a Resolution that the cameras must be operational in the vehicles.

On the question:

Lukasewicz suggested with this motion that these cameras must be operable before the vehicles leave the building. There has to be a strict policy. Barnick suggested that Attorney Cimini come up with a Resolution to go with it saying the vehicles must be operational, fixed in a timely manner. Failure to do so will result in suspension, termination. There is a police policy but the cameras not included. Lukasewicz added he does not want to jeopardize the borough by not having these, liability of the borough or safety of the officers.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Barnick

To send a letter to the county requesting the reimbursement of Borough funds that was allocated to the DEMOLITION and up keep of the Haverly Street property prior to the judicial sale.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To accept the proposal from TR Associates for a new computer and hard drive back system totaling \$850.00 plus labor and travel time charges at \$95.00/hour.

On the question:

A discussion took place regarding the type of computer and who will have it.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

Request to Lackawanna County to act positively on Marcellus Shale Impact Fee in a timely fashion before the Act 13 April 16 deadline and to act on behalf of the citizens of Throop and the other citizens of Lackawanna County.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments:

Mayor Lukowski:

Met with Chief Jones concerning some issues with the School District

He, Attorney Cimini and the Chief had a meeting

Had a meeting with an officer that we had an issue with

He, Chief Jones and Tom Lukasewicz attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Reserve Center and it was very impressive to say the least.

Lukasewicz added the Reserve Center is amazing.

Barnick requested a 10 - 15 minute executive session prior to the next meeting.

Lukasewicz: Thanked Michelle for coming and asked her to forward the information to the Commissioners and looks forward to working with her.

Mary Ruth Tanner thanked Council on behalf of her husband for their generosity during his hard time.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary