

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday May 29th, 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:

Mark Mazak - P

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Anthony Gangemi, **Vice President - P**

David Repchick - P

John Musewicz - P

Neil Furiosi - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - A

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The June mid-month work session/meeting will be held Monday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

* The June monthly work session /meeting will be held Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

Lukasewicz asked the audience if there were any questions on the additional motions which will be added (Motion rescinding the purchase of the Emergency Services Equipment, Motion to hire 2 for the DPW as needed, Motion to Have Officer Kerecman get a price on a new motorcycle - to buy or lease)

No comments on the additional motions.

1. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the April 30th, May 14th and May 21st, 2012 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. Motion by Mazak Seconded by Repchick

To accept the treasurers' monthly reports as posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough as posted and/or printed on the agenda..

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	\$44,558.37
Paid bills:	\$96,707.50
General Fund Revenue Report	\$95,615.91
Civic Center Revenue Report	April - \$12,892.67

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Furiosi Seconded by Repchick

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Gangemi abstained on son and daughter, Repchick and Musewicz abstain on daughters **Motion carried**

4. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **April 30th, 2012** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account (Fidelity)	\$72,485.54
General Fund Performance Money Market (Fidelity)	\$601,095.63
Civic Center Account (Fidelity)	\$397.99
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account (Fidelity)	\$25,164.74
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct (Fidelity Bank)	\$5,280,898.56
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$80,559.17
Liquid Fuels Account (Fidelity)	\$162,643.29
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$6,223,544.92

LOANS (final payment paid on 5/8/12)	Balance
Sunny Day Fund (Fidelity Bank 1.20%)	\$0.00

On the question:

Robin Galli: Sunnyday loan is paid off.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To reimburse Matthew Tanner, Joshua Tanner and Todd Williams \$20.00 each for cost of clearances for Civic Center employment.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Repchick

Seconded Tomasovitch

To rescind the motion that was voted on and approved at the May 21, 2012 meeting for the Emergency Services equipment allotments.

On the question:

Mazak: Is there going to be another motion?

Lukasewicz: Yes.

A discussion took place regarding what was agreed on last meeting.

Musewicz stated that he would be more comfortable making this adjustment talking to the companies. Since they are not here I can't vote to change the numbers.

Gangemi agrees with Musewicz and feels it should be a simple number. They came to us and gave us a number of what they need and we agreed to it. I'm not going to vote for this.

Lukasewicz: We made it clear we were going to allocate money to buy the pagers and the time to ask questions was at that meeting. I was clear on what I voted on and I have a hard time rescinding it.

Repchick: When 1 member of # 3 was here and it was not the same member that requested what was needed and the number didn't match not by much but it was different. Taking into account everything my feeling is fairness. If they need more justify it, talk to me and we will discuss it next meeting.

Mazak: I agree with Repchick. I feel these numbers can be adjusted.

Gangemi: It came to having to ask the individual companies what they needed. We don't know any better than what they said they needed.

Furiosi feels Eric is not getting the cooperation from the other 2 fire companies.

A discussion took place regarding the number of pagers needed and the cooperation.

**4 in favor, Gangemi, Musewicz
and Lukasewicz against**

Motion carried

8. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To purchase 35 pagers (10 pagers per company and 5 pagers for the Ambulance), 1 radio for the Brush Truck (No. 2), 2 radios for No. 3, 2 portable radios for the Fire Police, 1 portable radio for the Chief and programming at \$1350.00 plus a 10% contingency. If they (the Fire Companies) need more than they need to prove that they need more.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Let it be known that we had a full room of volunteer firemen and let it be known what they needed and it was voted on then it was rescinded after no questions were brought up at that meeting and now council is going to dictate a number irregardless of what the firemen wanted. I will be voting against it.

Repchick: That's fine. Also let it be known that I was not under the impression that, that was a

total conversation completely done and I thought this was coming up again tonight to be discussed again. That was my impression.

Lukasewicz: No one said it would be brought up again.

A discussion took place regarding the amount of pagers to purchase.

Mazak: I am going to vote for this motion but if this needs to be revisited then we will revisit it. If they can justify 22 pagers I don't have a problem. I believe the bigger issue is trying to get them on the same page.

Musewicz: We are short of time. I don't agree with the particular process we are going through with now but unfortunately because we are short of time I am not going to cut off my nose to spite my face.

Furiosi again stated that the fire companies don't cooperate with Eric. We have to support Eric. They are coming to us. They may be a separate entity but we finance them. If Council really wanted to push the issue, talking about consolidation, council can squeeze that in and consolidate or there is no funding.

Lukasewicz added that we have a judiciary responsibility to provide a fire and emergency service to the residents of Throop for the taxes they pay to us. If we don't have a service to provide to this town it will lead us to establishing a paid fire company.

Furiosi: Every council since I'm here has backed down from the fire companies.

Lukasewicz stated that he has worked with the fire companies in the best interest of the fire service for the people of Throop.

**5 in favor, Gangemi against,
Musewicz is for but as noted
and Lukasewicz against**

Motion carried

9. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Repchick

To hire Joshua Feola for the DPW on an as needed part time basis at \$8.00/hour for summer help unless working on the pack master or recycling truck than \$13.00/hour.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To hire Frank Feola for the DPW on an as needed part time basis at \$8.00/hour for summer help unless working on the pack master or recycling truck than \$13.00/hour.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Furiosi

Seconded by Repchick

To have Officer Andy Kerecman who is currently the motorcycle operator for the Police Department check into a price on a new or lease Harley Davidson motorcycle for the Police Department and find out what the trade in value would be and what's the maintenance history on the bike, is it costing us money, how many hours does it go out so we know how often it is used and what are the problems with it.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: This is totally unneeded. We have a motorcycle that is used periodically during the year. The need for another one just because it's a Harley is completely absurd.

Repchick: Well I am going to let Neil do that since he is the Harley guy. I am not looking for 2 bikes if I go to buy it. I haven't even decided that.

Furiosi: I'm not looking for 2 bikes either. Andy Kerecman has been having a hard time keeping a charge and having problems with our bike. It isn't even a police bike. It was donated. All police departments that utilize a motorcycle utilize use a Harley.

Lukasewicz: Do you need a new bike or do you want a new bike.

Furiosi: It has been expressed to Keith.

Gangemi: If we go with this motion now we still will be faced with the next motion of purchasing/leasing a new bike. What's the maintenance history on the bike, is it costing us money, how many hours does it go out so we know how often it is used and what are the problems with it. So we see some facts.

Repchick added it should be ridden more because of the price of gas.

Mazak asked Furiosi what he thought the numbers would be.

Furiosi: About \$17,000.00 that includes everything lights, sirens, radio.

Tomasovitch: Plus the trade on this one right?

Furiosi: Yes.

Discussions were taking place. Inaudible.

**6 in favor
Lukasewicz against**

Motion carried

Lukasewicz asked Robin Galli to find out status of sale of Machine guns.

Audience Comments:

Chris Poplawski, 2 Mruck St.: Asked about new bleachers for the little league field.

Lukasewicz: Added there is a master plan in the works for the little league field.

Mazak added that the height of the bleachers require a backing on them. And added they are a liability.

Repchick asked if anyone knows of anyone getting rid of reliable bleachers.

Mazak asked if the bleachers could wait until budget time and be a budgeted item.

Chris Poplawski, 2 Mruck St.: added they are unsafe and it should not wait.

Lukasewicz requested Robin to get an official status of the proposed cell phone tower in writing for the Little League field from the Booster Club.

Musewicz gave the official status of where the progress is at. They are coming back with financial figures but they are not decided upon as of yet. Once approve the financial numbers they (Verizon) would submit an application in to Zoning for a variance, special exception. He's not sure if it would then come down to Council's decision for the special exception. He then discussed the location of the tower being behind the scoreboard of the girls field. It would be designed as a tree.

Lukasewicz would like Attorney Cimini to find out if the Borough needs to be a part of this because the property reverts back to the Borough.

A discussion took place regarding the tower, the revenue it would bring and the other towers placed in the area.

Lukasewicz added that he is against this and would rather the Borough allocate the Booster Club \$15,000.00 a year.

Musewicz: We don't need it we want it.

Michelle Newberry, Lackawanna County Community Coordinator: Spoke of some events taking place in the near future and also said will let us know when the Commissioners meeting is.

Joe Tomasovitch, 650 Sanderson St.: Stated that he doesn't feel we should be purchasing 5 pagers for the Dickson City Ambulance.

Repchick added that they had most of their pagers and we are providing the equivalent of the service they provide.

William Shevchik, 141 Harriet St.: talked about the 109th and having them in the Cow Flop parade.

Lukasewicz added that he will go with him and will set something up with Allen.

Motion to adjourn.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary