

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, February 25th, 2013
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 - A

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:

* An executive session will be held this evening at 6:15p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

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

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

There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.

1. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the January 28th, 2013 and February 11th, 2013 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"	\$57,944.19
Paid bills:	\$141,145.72
General Fund Revenue Report	\$86,495.12
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$12,547.44

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Musewicz

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor except Tomasovitch,
Gangemi & Musewicz abstain
on family members**

Motion carried

4. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Mazak Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of **January 31st, 2013** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account (FNCB)	\$8,065.03
General Fund Performance Money Market (FNCB)	\$1,037,976.49
Civic Center Account (FNCB)	\$1,142.92
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account (FNCB)	\$30,868.07
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct (Fidelity Bank)	\$5,550,301.40
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$83,112.64
Liquid Fuels Account (FNCB)	\$995.76
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$6,712,762.31

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Gangemi

To adopt Throop Borough Family and Medical Leave Act Policy.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Is this the same one we have been working on?

Repchick: Just needs a signature

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Mazak

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution #3 of 2013, a resolution for the designation of an agent to execute on behalf of the Borough all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for the Hazard Mitigation grant Program.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To grant permission to the Mid Valley Teener Teams to use the Washington Street Park for the 2013 baseball season (from mid-May through late July). The Junior Team is comprised of children ages 13 - 14, the Senior Team is ages 15 - 16. Children are from Throop, Dickson City and Olyphant (Mr. Jim Caria will schedule the field).

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Mazak

To accept the proposal from ITVN, Iron Tree Voice Networks, to replace the Borough Building's phone system at a cost of \$5,298.78 and to accept the proposal for the line and extension surge and voltage protection units between the Borough Building and the Civic Center at a cost of \$498.20.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the proposal from Tru Green for \$1500.00 to provide lawn service to the Washington Street playground and ball field.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Mazak

To hire Erika Hartshorn as a monitor at the Civic Center at the prevailing rate.

On the question:

Conversation took place regarding the hiring of Civic Center employees without the director saying she needed any help. Also Gangemi added that if we need people at the civic center they should fill out applications and have interviews. Gangemi stated he will be voting against it, only because the director didn't say she needed any help.

5 in favor, Gangemi against

Motion carried

16. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To form a Borough Emergency Services Committee. It will consist of Tony Gangemi, Chairman; Dave Repchick and Mark Mazak, Representatives.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Gangemi

To reaffirm the hiring of Duda Consulting to work in conjunction with Morgan Stanley for the pension plans per the specifications that were given earlier in the year.

**All in favor except Repchick
abstained b/c part of pension**

Motion carried

Official Comments:

Lukasewicz : With the problems associated with the Scranton Sewage Treatment Plant. The multi million dollar facelift that is going to have to be done there over the next several years and the possibility of the Scranton Sewer Authority being purchased by an outside entity and prices of sewage fees escalating. Wants to go the record to state that he personally is opposed to any leachate whatsoever coming from where ever to any of the sewer lines in Throop because I can only propose what I think is going to happen. The rates for the sewage disposal in the city of Scranton are quite a bit higher than they are in the facility in Throop. The facility in Throop will be completely renovated within the next several months. They have the capacity to accept 35% more waste than they have in the past. Again I am only speaking for myself. I just don't want to see leachate coming through the borough. I am just putting it out there as my opinion at this time.

Lukasewicz: One other thing I would like to ask and I don't know if anyone will answer, but it came to my attention the day after the last meeting that there was copies of the lawsuit from maid rite that were put in the hallway with the agenda to be distributed to the public. And the day after the meeting I was made aware that a councilman had given a copy of the lawsuit to the borough secretary and asked her to have copies of it made. And I am just wondering if the individual that asked the secretary to make copies of it would say at a public meeting that he was the one who did that. And I guess if he doesn't want to say it then the secretary is a liar. Just for the record, noone is responding.

Audience Comments:

Wayne Williams, Emerald Dr: 2 things: 1- we will be scheduling our year end (inaudible) you will see a letter in the next packet (inaudible) and 2 - we had our engine back on Friday so the Scranton truck will be going back this week.

Lukasewicz added it looks beautiful.

Conversation took place regarding what was done to it.

Dave Kar, 640 Meade St.: At Tony - you made a good point about the employees.
Gangemi thanked him.

Michelle Newberry, County coordinator: Spoke about some parks and recreation clinics, the update on them and the arts and culture \$500.00 grant. Armed forces day parade, May 18. Still didn't name the Grand Marshall yet but someone from the Gino Merli center.

Robin Galli: we use it for the night out.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary