

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 8th, 2014
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:

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 (Had to leave early)
Mayor - Wayne Williams - P
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A
Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

* An executive session was held immediately following the scheduled month end meeting on Monday, August 28th, 2014.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

- * The Sept monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Sept 29th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Oct mid month work session/meeting will be held Monday, Oct 13th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Oct monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Oct 27th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments.

BID OPENING: CHARLES STREET STORM SEWER AND SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

NAME OF BIDDER	BID	CERTIFIED CHECK BID BOND
AR Popple Construction, Inc 190 Mundy Street Wilkes Barre, PA 18702	\$170,234.00	Yes
Maiocco Excavating, Inc. 371 Stock Farm Road Lake Ariel, PA 18436	\$263,770.00	Yes
Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc. 110 Nevel Hollow Road Hunlock Creek, PA 18621	\$194,992.00	Yes
Pioneer Construction Co., Inc. 116 West 11th Street Honesdale, PA 18431	\$350,610.30	Yes

1. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Repchick

To accept the bids for the Charles Street Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Project and refer the bids to the street commissioner, borough engineer and solicitor for review and recommendation and also to award the project to the lowest, most responsible bidder pending review and recommendation.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Repchick

To grant permission for Mid Valley School District to use Washington Street Baseball Field for voluntary baseball workouts for the fall (Mr. Jim Caria will schedule the field).

Lukasewicz questioned what voluntary baseball workouts are.
Mazak replied that they can't make them mandatory because out of season.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize Jack Scheuer, Borough Engineer, to evaluate and formulate a plan for rectifying the Bert Collins storm system. Before it goes out to bid have Engineer come in to address Council of what is going on.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Trudy Delawder, Memorial Dr: Thanked the Police Department and Council for the \$200.00 donation to the crime watch. October having meetings and guest speakers. Mark McAndrew - Sheriff; Representative Frank Farina.

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: Questioned the proposed commuter tax and questioned if Throop increases our tax and Scranton then after stops their commuter tax will Throop stop theirs. Lukasewicz replied that Throop is looking for options if Scranton does enact the Commuter tax. A discussion took place.

Dave Karr, Meade St.: The commuter tax was passed unanimously by their Council. Gangemi added that it will take effect in October. Will take money out first October pay. There is a hearing in September.

Andy Hegedus, Center St.: had first fire drill of school year. Went smoothly. Fire prevention: Having an open house at Dunmore St Fire station on Sunday 10/5/14. Will have demos. Open to public. Fire Prevention at the school will be on 10/7/14. Scranton letting them use smoke house and will see equipment. K-3 grades coloring contest; 4-6 grades assembly with K-9 arson dog and essay contest; Later in October 7-9 grades job fair recruitment for junior firefighters for Throop, DC and Olyphant. Questioned if can ask Dickson City and Olyphant for to contribute to the Fire Prevention. Lukasewicz said for Andy to write a letter to them as Borough Fire Chief.

Andy spoke of the State Office grant period opened Tuesday and we submitted our grant to help with ISO rating. Put in for portable laser automated extinguisher simulator for \$15,000.00 can be used at civic center, schools, borough building. Can help to get the ISO to a 29 in the future.

Rita Veltri, 196 Phillips St.: Questioned why don't use the microphone because she is hard of hearing. Didn't hear Mr. Lokuta's response regarding the property at 184 Phillips St. During the work session.

Lukasewicz replied that his analyzation of what is going on is he does not believe there is any violation at this time.

Veltri questioned if he checked to see if there are any machinery or tools in his garage or did he just take his word on it.

Lukasewicz: He has done his investigation and in his opinion that there is nothing going on. He

will watch to see if anything happens out of the normal.

Veltri replied that it will be watched.

Lukasewicz: If something comes into play that warrants him to do something I am sure he will.

Veltri would like Mr. Lokuta to find out how many cars can be registered to a persons name before it becomes a dealership. Would like to know if she has to live in fear that Mr. Decker is going to have her arrested for harassing him. And would also like for Mr. Lokuta to not discuss her business with Mr. Kerecman.

She also questioned where her pictures are of the cars she submitted to the zoning officer.

Roseann Veltri replied that they don't need them.

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: I live on Phillips St and I feel very uncomfortable of people being watched. Didn't know of this going on and sees no problem with the cars being worked on and doesn't feel there is a business there.

Veltri stated that if brings more pictures here she wants something done.

John Decker, 184 Phillips St.: I do fix cars at my property. It is my hobby. I have hobbies. I can't leave my house, I Can't play with my child in the yard because I am on camera. I Put up a privacy fence. This lady is torturing me. I am filing a lawsuit on her and her daughter because I have had enough. I want copies of tapes and documents.

Lukasewicz added that he can make a formal request for the information.

Lukasewicz spoke of the sale of St. John's going through this month. He said there is more damage than before but nothing that can't be fixed. As soon as sale is finalized would like a meeting set up to discuss what will be done with the building. Quicker than later. As soon as goes through would like the guys to go over and clean it up. Vegetation etc. Some down spickets need to be fixed. Also if we do decide to tear down the rectory need to save the bricks in case want to close up anything on the Church.

Galli questioned the \$6,000.00 check that has to be paid.

Lukasewicz said to coordinate it with Attorney Cimini.

Lukasewicz asked that an executive meeting be held prior to the next meeting. ½ hr - 45 min. Need updates. Sooner than later.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary