

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, March 31st, 2014
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 - A

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 - Wayne Williams - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

* Throop Civic Center will have the Easter Egg Hunt at Washington Street Park, Sunday, April 13, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

* The Municipal Building will be closed on Friday, April 18th, 2014 and Monday, April 21st, 2014 in observance of Easter.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The April mid-month work session/meeting will be held Monday, April 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Jim Barnick, 203 Adams Ct.: as far as the expansion, questioned if there are any negotiations with the landfill to help protect this borough for the future.

Lukasewicz: we have had some discussions of trying to get some additional monies and there is a proposal that should be coming back to us. It's probably not as much as we would like to get but hopefully it will be something. Once it comes back will be available to everybody.

Repchick: Jim that's not actually an expansion though. It is in his permitted area.

Barnick added that it is a major modification expansion. It is a major modification.

Repchick but it is still in his permitted area.

Barnick added that there is a certain height he is able to go. Now he is extending past that and he is bringing a rail system in.

All talking at once.

Barnick added he has an automatic 6% increase for every year that landfill is open. Automatic inflation rate. Where's ours. The \$2 and some cents a ton that's in ours may be enough right now but my kids have to grow up here and my grandkids. We have to protect the future and not tie the hands of council for the next 50 years. It has to be a good contract. Beneficial to the Borough. Fought hard in 1999 for a new agreement. This is a major expansion.

All talking at once.

Barnick is hoping the negotiations are opened up and not kept a secret because if he has to take it on his own to pursue it he will. Dunmore or the county won't do anything. Or the commissioners. If you have unity you could fight. Why should the Borough suffer? His fees went up 100% since I negotiated back then. Where's ours? The cost of Residual waste is even higher. What is he going to pay to this Borough to expand? Why doesn't he get a tax reassessment? Can't sit back. Have to stand up for the people of Throop.

BID OPENING: TIFFANY ESTATES DRAINAGE PROJECT

NAME OF BIDDER	BID	CERTIFIED CHECK/ BID BOND
Kobalt Construction, Inc. 5393 Development Park Dr. Pocono Summit, PA 18346	\$79,670.00	*
Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc 110 Nevel Hollow Road Hunlock Creek, PA 18621	\$77,750.00	*
Leeward Construction, Inc 9 Collan Park Honesdale, PA 18431	\$93,300.00	*
T. Brennan 1357 Crystal Lake Road Carbondale, PA 18407	\$53,832.50	*
Wince Construction 1005 Community Drive Scranton, PA 18524	\$73,000.00	*
N & B Enterprises, Inc. 484 Shoemaker Ave. West Wyoming, PA 18644	\$49,365.00	*

Discussion took place regarding a cost estimate.

Lukasewicz added that he would like to have the Borough Engineer, Solicitor and Street Commissioner have a sit down with Council.

1. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Repchick**

To accept the bids for the Tiffany Estates Drainage Project and refer the bids to the street commissioner, borough engineer and solicitor for review and recommendation and also to have an Executive meeting between the 3 recommending entities and council before awarding the bid.

All in favor

Motion carried

BID OPENING: COPPERNICK STREET SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT

NAME OF BIDDER	BID	CERTIFIED CHECK/ BID BOND
Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc 110 Nevel Hollow Road Hunlock Creek, PA 18621	\$358,080.00	*
Leeward Construction, Inc 9 Collan park Honesdale, PA 18431	\$327,515.00	*
Popple Construction, Inc. 215 E. Saylor Ave. Lafin, PA 18702	\$319,075.00	*
T. Brennan 1357 Crystal Lake Rd. Carbondale, PA 18407	\$288,315.00	*
Pioneer Construction Co. 116 West 11th St. Honesdale, PA 18431	\$341,621.50	*

2. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Repchick

To accept the bids for the Coppernick Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement 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

3. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the February 24th, 2014 and March 10th, 2014 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

4. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

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"	\$90,886.53
Paid bills:	\$138,432.95
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$376,638.81
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$8,887.40

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

Motion carried

6. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of **February 28th, 2014** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account	\$69,015.43
General Fund Performance Money Market	\$1,687,494.47
Civic Center Account	\$813.58
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account	\$21,849.28
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct	\$6,045,926.70
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$86,648.70
Liquid Fuels Account	\$123.95
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$7,912,172.11

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Repchick

To adopt Ordinance # 4 of 2014, an ordinance amending the application process fees and application renewal fees contained in Ordinance # 10 of 2006 which established a policy for handicapped parking spaces.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz added to send a letter to the person who wrote the letter.
Galli asked about reimbursing the residents who have already paid.
Lukasewicz: Yes

9. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Furiosi**

To adopt Ordinance # 5 of 2014, an ordinance amending Borough of Throop Ordinance # 11 of 2005 prohibiting the placement of refuse for curbside removal generated outside of the Borough of Throop.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Musewicz **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To donate \$100.00 to Mid Valley for the 2014 Yearbook.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Furiosi**

To pay the quarterly allotments to the Emergency Services for the Borough of Throop. \$5,625.00 each to all Hose Companies (Hose Co #1, #2 and Volunteers #3) and \$1,500.00 to Dickson City Ambulance.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Gangemi**

To grant permission to the Mid Valley School District to use the Washington Street Park Ballfield for practice and/or games for the 2014 Baseball Season (Mr, Jim Caria will schedule the field).

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Musewicz**

To provide personal notice of the petition and hearing date to all owners abutting the portion of Crawford Court requested to be abandoned who did not join in the Lukasewicz/Armstrong petition and, at the same time, to publish the same notice in the Scranton Times.

Conversation took place regarding what the Borough Code reads on this topic; Spoke of why it was closed. Hearing date will be Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

**All in favor except
Lukasewicz abstained** **Motion carried**

14. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To grant permission to Holy Cross High School to use the Washington Street Park Ballfield for practice and/or games for the 2014 Spring Baseball Season, pending availability (Mr, Jim Caria will schedule the field).

All in favor **Motion carried**

15. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Gangemi**

To authorize the Borough Solicitor to put a bid of \$125,000.00 on St. John's Church.

All in favor **Motion carried**

16. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the proposal from Jim Kasperowski for new flooring at the Police Department at a cost of \$ 4500.00 plus \$1333.00 for rugs.

All in favor **Motion carried**

17. Motion by **Seconded by**

To purchase 5 tasers for the Police Department at a cost of \$4547.00.

All in favor **Motion carried**

18. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Gangemi

To donate \$30.00 to the Mid Valley Elementary Center Drama Club, \$30.00 to LaSalle Academy and \$100.00 to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To repair the fence at Washington St. Park at a cost of \$890.00.

*There were no audience comments on this motion.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To allow Bob Lokuta, Zoning Officer, to have an Engineer go through and do a structural evaluation at the home at 522 Dunmore St. and lien the property for anything we spend.

*There were no audience comments on this motion.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To pay any and all bills submitted by the resident at 702 Woodlawn St.

*There were no audience comments on this motion.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Trudy Delawder, Memorial Dr.: Talked about meeting with Olyphant's crime watch - Lackawanna Housing is giving them a donation.

Jim Barnick, 203 Adams Ct.: In reference to this expansion; are you going to be requesting a review done by Ceco, DEP or landfill people? A public review or are you requesting a hearing.

Repchick added that is already going to be done.

Attorney Cimini added that the hearing will be sometime in May from what he was told.

Bernie Lukasewicz, George St.: Asked about status of sidewalk project on Oleckna St.

Lukasewicz added that they are waiting on the sketch from Engineer.

Bernie Lukasewicz also thanked Charlene Tomasovitch for having it cleaned up.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley

Borough Secretary