

**MINUTES**  
**THROOP BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MID-MONTH MEETING**  
**THURSDAY DECEMBER 8, 2005**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE**

MAY GOD BLESS OUR BOROUGH and our Military Serving stateside and abroad.

There were no preceding announcements.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ms. Cindy Johnson	A	Mr. Jim Barnick- Vice President	P
Mr. John F. Musewicz	P	Mr. George Marushock	A
Mr. Joseph Barone	P	Ms. Daryl A. Menichetti	A
Mr. Stanley Lukowski – Mayor	A	Louis A. Cimini, Esq.	A
Mr. Hegedus – Manager /Treasurer	P	Mrs. Christine Hartshorn – Assistant Secretary	A
Mr. Thomas Lukasewicz - President	P		

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Council President asked Mr. Hegedus if all members of Council were notified about the meeting. Mr. Hegedus replied that he had left messages with two Council Members and assumed that Mr. Marushock was notified earlier in the day by another means.

There were no initial comments from the audience on the scheduled agenda items for this meeting.

Council President Lukasewicz then read aloud the letter of resignation submitted by Christine Hartshorn as the Throop Borough Assistant Secretary.

**MOTIONS:**

1. Motion by Mr. Barnick seconded by Mr. Barone:

A motion to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Christine Hartshorn, Assistant Secretary; effective immediately.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barnick, Barone, Musewicz, Lukasewicz  
Motion carried.

2. Motion by Mr. Barone seconded by Mr. Barnick:

A motion to observe the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2005 and the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2005 as half-day holidays for the Department of Public Works as per their current contract. The Christmas and New Year’s Holiday will be observed on the Monday following both.

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VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barone, Barnick, Musewicz, Lukasewicz  
Motion carried.

3. A motion by Mr. Barone seconded by Mr. Barnick:

A motion to purchase a 12 month “Sunny Day” CD from First National Community Bank (FNCB) in the amount of \$64,723.10. The terms of the agreement are 4.16 yield 4.25% based on five telephone quotes obtained by Borough Manager, Robert Hegedus.

QUESTION: Council requests that as the additional CD are currently held by other financial institutions in the interest of Throop Borough be transferred to FNCB upon maturation.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barone, Barnick, Musewicz, Lukasewicz  
Motion carried.

4. Motion by Mr. Barnick seconded by Mr. Barone:

A motion to request the release of funds from the “Gould/Throop Escrow” account to the General Fund. The amount currently held in escrow is valued at \$208,062.76.

QUESTION: The permission to release the funds was based on Lisa Ayers’ (Gould) opinion.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barnick, Barone, Musewicz, Lukasewicz  
Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Mr. Barnick seconded by Mr. Barone:

A motion to abolish the position of Assistant Secretary as it is currently defined.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barnick, Barone, Musewicz, Lukasewicz  
Motion carried.

6. Motion by Mr. Barnick seconded by Mr. Barone:

A motion to create a clerical position of Borough Administrative Secretary/Zoning Secretary.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barnick, Barone, Musewicz, Lulasewicz  
Motion carried.

7. Motion by Mr. Barone seconded by Mr. Musewicz:

A motion to appoint Christina Sullivan to the position of Borough Administrative/Zoning Secretary at a pay-rate of \$13.00 / hour. Ms. Sullivan will be entitled to full medical, dental, life, disability, and pension. Additionally Ms. Sullivan is entitled to two weeks vacation, 10 sick days, three personal days and all other standard observed holidays effective immediately.

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QUESTION: Ms. Sullivan will begin her new position on Monday December 12, 2005. She (Sullivan) is appointed to a clerical position she did favorably for four years so Council is moving to waive the 90 benefit wait time.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barone, Musewicz, Barnick, Lukasewicz  
Motion carries.

8. Motion by Mr. Barnick seconded by Mr. Barone:

A motion to repeal Ordinance #11 of 1992; An Ordinance Designating the Throop Community Ambulance Association as the Sole Provider for Ambulance Service (“EMS”) Within the Territorial Boundaries of the Borough of Throop.

QUESTION: Council mentioned that as early as tonight a female fall victim was subject to waiting on the frozen ground while waiting in excess of 20 minutes for an ambulance. Jessup Ambulance subsequently responded and transported the victim.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barnick, Barone, Musewicz, Lukasewicz  
Motion carries.

9. Motion by Mr. Barone seconded by Mr. Musewicz:

To authorize resolution whereas the Dickson City Ambulance is appointed as the interim provider of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the Borough of Throop until such time whereas a new provider is appointed by ordinance.

QUESTION: The Resolution (#17 of 2005), is to be authored by Attorney Cimini and forward to Dickson City Ambulance Captain, Brian Finnegan.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barone, Musewicz, Barnick, Lukasewicz  
Motion carried.

10. Motion by Mr. Barnick seconded by Mr. Barone:

A motion to authorize Throop Borough Solicitor Cimini to defend any and all potential claims associated with Unemployment Compensation, State Worker’s Insurance Fund or similar claims.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barnick, Barone, Musewicz, Lukasewicz  
Motion carried.

11. Motion by Mr. Barnick seconded by Mr. Barone:

A motion to allocate money in the amount of \$1,000.00 as a cleaning fund for the Community Civic Center. Monies are to be disbursed at the discretion of the Throop Community Civic Center Committee.

VOTE: 4 votes in favor – Barnick, Barone, Musewicz, Lukasewicz  
Motion carried.

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AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

**Jack Dolan**, S. Valley Avenue: commented on bulk postage rates available to Throop Borough.

**Lenore Dolan**, S. Valley Avenue: commented on resignation letter stating that in her "opinion we (taxpayers) wasted money for two years."

**Dave Morrell**, George Street: commented on the status of the Civic Center Committee and the facility. Mr. Morrell did go into detail pertaining to some of the upcoming work to be completed in addition to the current financial studies associated with the daycare and other programs.

Mr. Morrell asked if the Borough Council would permit the purchase of a fax machine for the Civic Center.

Mr. Morrell asked Council's opinion related to merchandise in the Civic Center inventory that was no longer of need to the center. Council advised that if the item has a value it is to be sold.

Council closed the comments with reminding the Civic Center Committee that children should not be loitering outside of the Center.

**Meeting adjourned by the chair.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert Hegedus  
Manager-Throop Borough  
Friday, December 16, 2005