

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, August 27, 2007  
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:**

James Barnick, **Vice President - P**

Ray Jarosh - **P**

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Tony Chrzan - **P**

George Marushock - **A**

John Musewicz - **P**

Joseph Barone - **P**

**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini - **P**

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski - **P**

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **A**

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - **P**

**Mayor's Presentation to Bosak's**

Throop Borough Officials recognized and honored Bosak's in grateful appreciation for going above and beyond with consistent support to the Throop DARE and Night Out Programs.

**There were no audience comments on the agenda.**

**1. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the July 30, 2007 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports**

**2. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Chrzan**

To accept the treasurers' 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"	<b>\$24,625.69</b>
Paid bills:	<b>\$99,323.56</b>
General Fund Revenue Report	<b>\$79,460.72</b>
Civic Center Revenue	<b>\$4,448.81</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except as noted:

Barnick, abstain on daughter, Kimberly Barnick,  
and Musewicz, abstain on son, Jonathan Musewicz,  
and daughter, Kim O'Connor

Motion carried

**4. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Chrzan**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **July 31, 2007** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund Checking Account	<b>\$508,683.94</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account	<b>12,363.22</b>
Tax Escrow Account	<b>2,966.59</b>
Invest Program	<b>2,036,651.76</b>
Civic Center Account	<b>647.57</b>
Civic Center Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's as of 3/14/07	<b>3,661,937.51</b>
Capital Projects Account	<b>12,152.55</b>
Liquid Fuels Account	<b>82,706.82</b>
Turnback Program	<b>121,715.71</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$6,440,425.67</b>

<b>LOANS</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>FNCB - LOAN</b>	<b>\$1,219,633.33</b>
<b>FNCB - TAN</b>	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To ratify awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Mark Stom, Rainbow Floors, for the Civic Center Gym Floor in the amount of \$13,600.00.

On the question:

Barone: When do we figure this is going to start? *Discussion: Availability of the civic center and scheduling a start date for the project.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Chrzan**

To ratify Scranton Craftsmen's Change Order # 4 in the amount of \$8,715.00 for the Eddy Creek Sewer Replacement Project. A letter to be sent to Scranton Craftsmen and Peters Design Group requesting a detailed explanation for the Change Order; written responses to be submitted within two weeks directly to Attorney Cimini.

On the question:

Barnick: Is this the mess-up by one or the other?

Lukasewicz: This is, yes, and I'm not sure if it was something that the engineer had an oversight with or if the contractor put something in the wrong place but, the thing is, we had to go in and have it done because the DEP had to have everything right in conjunction. So we had the work done and then we're going to argue it later.

Barnick: I understand that, but I don't want this left - either the engineer or the people that put it in have got to pay for this.

Lukasewicz: Someone's going to have to answer for this. *Discussion.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To authorize Keith Jones, Acting Chief, to purchase ammunition for the Annual Firearms Qualifications at an approximate cost of \$1,742.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

**9. Motion by Jarosh**

**Second by Chrzan**

To participate in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program 2010 Decennial Census. To authorize a liaison and reviewers; Elaine Morrell, Christina Sullivan, Robert Kalinoski, David Morrell, Keith Jones, Mayor Stan Lukowski and council members present this evening, James Barnick, Joseph Barone, Tony Chrzan, Ray Jarosh, Thomas Lukasewicz and John Musewicz. A Confidentiality Agreement must be signed by the participants.

All in favor

Motion carried

**10. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To authorize payment from the Police Pension Fund to Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$570.00.

On the question:

Barnick: That other money is going to be due soon.

Lukasewicz: That’s right, but it’s something we can’t forget about; another unforeseen bill.

All in favor

Motion carried

**11. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To direct the solicitor to prepare a “Waste Ordinance” as required by PA DEP Bureau of Waste Management Act 101 Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant. HB 1902, now Act 140, was signed by Governor Rendell on November 9<sup>th</sup>. One of the requirements is that through ordinance, that all residents have waste and recycling service.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: They’re just making us do more work. Instead of them spending their money, they’re making us spend our money to waste time.

Barnick: What do they think, we’re leaving the garbage on the street? Instead of DEP wasting their time with stuff like this, why don’t they go up Maid-Rite? It would give them something to do.

All in favor

Motion carried

*Short discussion regarding the borough’s insurance.*

**12. Motion by Jarosh**

**Second by Chrzan**

To accept the annual Insurance Renewal as submitted by Joyce, Jackman & Bell Insurors at an annual cost of \$123,912.00 effective September 4, 2007.

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To give conditional approval to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating Application for Payment # 3 in the amount of \$48,575.00 for the Eddy Creek Sewer Project as per the borough engineer, pending all matters are resolved with the street commissioner and borough engineer - all required sign-offs before payment is made.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: That all sign-offs before the payment is made. They have to walk it. *Discussion.*

Barnick: PennDOT, DEP, the whole works.

*Discussion not on the motion: Establishing tapping and conveyance fees, to be put in place asap.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**Motion #14 Tabled:**

**Motion to table by Barnick**

**Second to table by Barone**

To give conditional approval to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating Application for Payment # 4 in the amount of \$8,715.00 for Change Order # 4 for the Eddy Creek Sewer Project pending authorization by the borough engineer and all matters are resolved with the street commissioner and borough engineer.

On the question:

Barnick: I understand the work is done but we have to find out who was at fault here. One or the other, it's one or the other. *Discussion.*

All in favor

Motion tabled

**15. Motion by Jarosh**

**Second by Chrzan**

To grant the request for leave of absence by Richard Fuhr.

All in favor

Motion carried

**16. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To advertise for a full-time maintenance individual at the Civic Center, background to include electrical, plumbing, painting; "jack of all trades".

On the question:

Barone: I think if you get a good man in there, I think it's going to be a lot better over at that Civic Center. Get somebody who knows what they're doing

Lukasewicz: If you get somebody in there that, I would say, really cares about the place and wants to make it the jewel of the community like it was when it was first built. Somebody that will go in there and look at everything and just do it themselves instead of asking.

Barnick: They have to care about the place.

All in favor

Motion carried

**17. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To donate \$250.00 to the Buddy Walk, senior project being completed by Brian Hughes and Michael Yontos, Mid Valley High School, with the parents of the down syndrome children.

All in favor

Motion carried

**18. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To authorize necessary sewer repairs to 1125 South Valley Avenue as per the proposal of Scranton Craftsmen in the amount of \$3700.00

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Just for the record, that there should be no fixing up of their gardens and all kinds of stuff that they have on top of the sewer line that shouldn't have been put there anyway. Whatever has to be corrected is their responsibility. We're going in to fix our line.

All in favor

Motion carried

**19. Motion by**

**Second by**

To re-authorize the Oleckna Street Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: To reaffirm that it has been awarded in April and this is just to update that it will be done...

Barnick: But you can't include that other part there (the blockage at 408 Oleckna Street).

Lukasewicz: No, the other part of the blockage will be addressed by Attorney Cimini.

Barnick: Maybe they could go by cost of materials, they way they did the price, I don't know.

Lukasewicz: So we're going to move ahead with the project immediately and we'll address this other area as needed.

All in favor

Motion carried

**20. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To allow Gould to evaluate the 48 acres for possible use of cover for the Marjol Project.

Lukasewicz: This is to allow Gould, Inc. to review samples of spoils that are on our property to see if they could be used for back fill when they do the clean up of the Gould property.

All in favor

Motion carried

**21. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To authorize Attorney Cimini to submit a letter to request DEP to monitor Maid-Rite on a daily basis, to include installation of air monitors and testing be done for what is currently discharged. Corrections supposedly made are not satisfactory and citizens are annoyed.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Official Comments/New Business:**

**Councilman Barone:** The borough should check into the solicitor handling litigation matters.

**Audience Comments:**

**Joe Arvay, 710 Meade St.** - Offered thanks for assistance in trying to get handicapped sign in place.

**Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.:** - Bellman Street Pump Station: when would the project be started and finished; it's been six months (since anything has been done). Could it be put out for bid if it was not to be started?

Motion to adjourn by Chrzan  
The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan  
Secretary  
Throop Borough