

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
for General Purposes
Thursday, December 11, 2003
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Military and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Anthony Chrzan - **A**

Vice President- James Barnick - **P**

President-Thomas Lukasewicz - **P**

James Mellody Jr. - **P**

George Marushock - **P**

Daryl Menichetti - **P**

Joseph Barone - **A**

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - **P**

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini - **P**

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **A**

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - **P**

Announcements:

Throop Borough officials and employees would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Blood Drive - American Legion Post # 327, Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant on Tues., Dec. 30, 2003 - 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The December Monthly Work Session and Meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 29, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 5, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Magistrate John P. Pesota will administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected council members.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Susan Shortz, Franko Street - Raised the issue of DEP and a horrendous odor she thought was from the landfill. The stench was also present when she was at Clinical Laboratories on Monday The and on the Saturday before Thanksgiving on Bruno Drive. She inquired if the application for a permit (by the Keystone Sanitary Landfill) was related in any way to the problem.

Larry Hartshorn, Dimmick Street - Raised the same issue, indicated he notices the odor when he goes up for the bus and the odor being present in the section near Murray Street. He also asked if the Sewer Authority 'could be taken care of' because it's getting to the point that there are nights you could not stand it (the smell).

1. Motion by Mellody

Seconded by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough's Budget for 2004 in the amount of \$3,162,937.70.

Four in favor - Barnick, Mellody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz

One against - Marushock

Motion carried

2. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Marushock

To adopt Throop Borough's Liquid Fuels Budget for 2004 in the amount of \$68,700.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Marushock

To advertise Throop Borough Ordinances # 1 through 5 of 2004. The ordinances are as follows: re-enacting a realty transfer tax, occupational tax, wage tax, and re-enacting a tax on assessed valuation, setting salaries and bonds relating to officials.

Ordinance # 1, the tax rate on assessed valuation of the Borough of Throop for the year 2004, shall be as follows, for general purposes, the sum of four (4) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Ordinance # 2, the wage tax ordinance, originally enacted in 1947 and re-enacted every year thereafter, imposing a tax of one (1) percent on wages, commissions, etc. earned by the residents of the Borough of Throop, and also, on income earned in the Borough of Throop by non-residents of the Borough of Throop, with one half (½) of said tax to be distributed to the Mid Valley School District by the tax collecting agent designated by the Borough of Throop.

Ordinance # 3, the occupation tax, originally enacted in 1967, imposing a tax of ten (\$10) dollars per person gainfully employed in the Borough of Throop with five (\$5) of that tax to be distributed to the Mid Valley School District by the agent designated by the Borough of Throop for the collection of taxes.

Ordinance # 4, the realty transfer tax, originally enacted in 1968 and every year thereafter, imposing a tax of one-half (½) of one (1%) percent.

Ordinance # 5, the salaries and other compensation and the bonds of the borough officials be fixed as follows: Council - \$1,875.00 per year, Mayor - \$2,500.00 per year. Treasurer's bond - \$300,000.00, Tax Collector's bond \$521,405.00

On the question:

Morrell: No changes from prior years.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Mellody

Seconded by Marushock

To authorize payment to Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services in the amount of \$812.50 for administration of the Police Pension Plan. Payments are to be made from the assets of the plan.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street - Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary