

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
for General Purposes following the
Special Monthly Work Session for General Purposes
Thursday, December 14, 2006**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

"God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition"

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Ray Jarosh - **P**
James Barnick, **Vice President - 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**

Announcements:

- An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:40 p.m. to discuss legal matters.
- Throop Borough Officials and Employees would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year.

Work Session & Meeting:

- Wednesday, December 27, 2006 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session followed by the Monthly Meeting for General Purposes.____

Council President Lukasewicz announced an additional motion (#9), authorizing borough solicitor, Atty. Cimini, to intervene and handle and retain special council to aid him on behalf of Throop Borough, the Civil Case No. 3-06-CIVIL-2360, John Snell v. Throop Borough.

An introduction was made welcoming new Times Tribune reporter Elizabeth Piet.

Audience comments on the agenda:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St. - A part-time mechanic should be hired o take care of the equipment. It would be worth spending the money and maybe equipment would last a bit longer.

Joseph Wargo, Cypress St. - Motion #6, Amending Ordinance #10 of 2006, Handicapped Parking Spaces. Requested clarification on the fee that will be charged and that anybody with a handicapped placard or plate could park in the spot. **Bette Goreschak, Meade Street** - People addressed her with concerns of paying a fee when anybody could park on a borough road.

1. Motion by Chrzan Second by Barone

To pay the bills against the borough as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Unpaid Bills: "Items for Payment"	\$ 58,128.16
Paid Bills:	\$ 8,755.67

All in favor Motion carried

2. Motion by Chrzan Second by Barone

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 13 of 2006, an Ordinance Abandoning Erie Street, 813 and 904 Center Street, a.k.a. the Northerly Extension of Erie Street.

All in favor Motion carried

3. Motion by Barnick Second by Chrzan

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 1 of 2007, an Ordinance Enacting a Tax Rate on Assessed Valuation of the Borough of Throop for the Year 2007, for General Purposes, the Sum of Five (5) Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation.

On the question:

Mayor Lukowski - Well, the question is there were no millage for about five years before.

Barnick - About two years. Two years.

Lukasewicz - I know it's been about two weeks now since we proposed this and I haven't had any complaints from anybody.

Five in favor - Barnick, Chrzan, Musewicz, Barone, Lukasewicz
One against - *Jarosh

Motion carried

*I've only been here two months. I can't vote for taxes.

4. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To adopt the 2007 Budget in the amount of \$5,312,896.89 and Liquid Fuels Budget in the amount of \$78,446.60.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To roll over for 90 days Throop Borough Sunny Day Fund CD # 41-304249-6 in the amount of \$67,471.22 that matured today, December 14, 2006 at the FNCB.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - That will be First National Community Bank again?

Jarosh - How long?

E. Morrell - Yes. We're just going to do 90 days on this one.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To amend Section C, Paragraph 3 of Throop Borough Ordinance # 10 of 2006 an Ordinance Establishing a Policy for the Issuance of Handicapped Parking Spaces. Section C paragraph 3: "All handicapped parking spaces permitted prior to the effective date of this ordinance must be renewed beginning January 1, 2007 pursuant to which Throop Borough shall apply the criteria contained in this policy."

On the question:

Barnick - The renewal, it's beginning January 1st, right?

Cimini - It begins January 1st but you have until January 31st to submit the application.

Barnick - But anyone during the year can come in and just....

Cimini - Right.

Barone - Suppose somebody doesn't want to pay the permit (fee)?

Barnick - The sign comes down.

Lukasewicz - The sign comes down.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To approve Application for Payment # 4 in the amount of \$111,150.00 to Jerry Ganz, Inc. for the new DPW Building, as recommended by the borough engineer.

On the question:

Barnick - If you've seen it, they've got a lot of the steel up already. It's looking good up there.

Lukasewicz - The nice weather's really been helping get a good grip on it. If we get another week or two of fairly good weather, we'll be in good shape.

All in favor

Motion carried

Motion #8 failed, as follows:

8. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To refer Civil Case Number 3:06-CV-2360, JOHN SNELL V. THROOP BOROUGH, ET AL to the borough's insurance carrier.

On the question:

Barnick - Just so there's a record of it. I mean, I made the motion but I'm voting against it. Just so there's an official record of it.

All against

Motion failed

9. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To authorize the borough solicitor, Atty. Louis Cimini, to intervene on behalf of Throop Borough CV#3-06-2360, John Snell v. Throop Borough, et al. and also to retain a special council to aid in his legal doings.

On the question:

Barnick - I mean, you know, it's an easy take for people with the insurance in the borough and I think this is a better way. It's time to use some checks and balances and maybe a lot of the other municipalities will think the same way and they won't be pulling all this stuff no more, so.

Chrzan - You're right, Mr. Barnick.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments/Discussion:

Councilman Chrzan and Council President Lukasewicz - School Side Estates: status of playground and fence and were there any recent complaints from residents. Bette Goreschak, Throop Planning, pointed out that a letter was sent to the owners of School Side Estates by Planning recently requesting status.

Dave Morrell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer - Briefed council of the possibility of an underground fire in Throop located at the sight of an old mine fire that was extinguished a few years ago (Underwood Road, approximately ½ mile behind Milnerhaus Kennel). Fire Chief, Jerry Barone, also is aware of the hot spot.

Audience Comments:

Renee Turasky, Boulevard Avenue - Interested in what could be done with absentee landlords and registering tenants because of on-going problems.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary
Throop Borough