

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, December 27, 2006
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 - **A**
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 - **P**
Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - **P**

Announcements:

- Throop Borough Officials and Employees would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, New Year.
- Work Session / Meeting - Thursday, January 11, 2006 beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Marjol Meeting - Thursday, January 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Throop Borough Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Mon., January 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the request of JMF Development for a Conditional Use Permit. The monthly Work Session/Meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Official Comments/Discussion:

Vice President Barnick - Discussion on Motion #13, Tax Anticipation Note (TAN); a short-term loan where you're allowed to borrow up to 85% of total budget with an interest rate of 3.95%, to be reinvested at 5% and ends up making about \$50,000 for the year.

Council President Lukasewicz - A very wise, smart, sound, and prudent way to generate additional funds which could be used for another project in the borough. In addition, three motions will be added to the agenda (Motions 14 - 16).

There were no audience comments on agenda items or motions to be added to the printed agenda.

**BID OPENING RESULTS: Sale of Surplus Property:
2004 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor
1998 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor**

NAME	ADDRESS	VEHICLE	AMOUNT OF BID
Yousef Dabbagh	2438 Fen View Circle Island Lake, IL 60042	2004 Ford Crown Victoria	\$4,100.00 BB \$410.00
Milana Baron Grace Quality Used Cars	945 Lincoln Hwy Morrisville PA 19067-3573	2004 Ford Crown Victoria	\$3,141.00 BB \$315.00*
Milana Baron Grace Quality Used Cars	945 Lincoln Hwy Morrisville PA 19067-3573	1998 Ford Crown Victoria	\$ 241.00 BB \$24.00* * (one check)

1. **Motion by Chrzan**

Second by Barnick

To accept the bids for the Sale of Surplus Property on the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor and the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor for review.

All in favor

Motion carried

BID OPENING RESULTS: One 6" Electric Drive Dry Pump

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT OF BID
Godwin Pumps of America, Inc.	One Floodgate Rd. Bridgeport NJ 08014	\$ 16,876.00
Pumps and Systems for Industry	901 Enterprise St Dickson City PA 18519	\$ 19,289.00

2. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To accept the bids for One 6" Electric Drive Dry Pump and to award the bid to the lowest bidder pending review and recommendation by Lou Cimini, Solicitor and Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the November 9th, November 15th and November 30, 2006 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Vice President Barnick - According to the county, the Post Closure Fund \$500,000 check was signed and would be forthcoming. In addition, Atty. Cimini received call from the county's attorney, Attorney Wright.

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

4. Motion by Barone

Second by Musewicz

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"	\$16,934.31
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Paid bills:	\$17,993.76
General Fund Revenue Report, as prepared by Elaine Morrell	\$63,667.57
Civic Center Report, as prepared by Lenore Dolan	\$18,730.37

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Barnick, abstain on daughter

Motion carried

6. Motion by Musewicz

Second by Chrzan

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of November 30, 2006 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$397,822.83
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	17,781.55
Tax Escrow Account	1,868.13
Civic Center Account	529.14
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	3,520,319.44

Capital Projects Account	819,375.66
Warsaw Playground	4,810.20
Liquid Fuels Account	76,123.65
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$4,839,230.60

LOAN	Balance
FNCB - LOAN	\$1,304,906.37

On the question:

Barnick - Elaine, what's the Warsaw Playground (account), that four thousand eight hundred?

Morrell - This was November's report; it was transferred after the interest and after the month end.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting for the 2007 Retainer for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,500.00 and for the 2007 Retainer for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,500.00. The payments will be made from the assets of each plan.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To authorize payment in the amount of \$250.00 to Duda Actuarial Consulting for Actuarial Services for the review of the pension ordinance and preparation of letter regarding COLA request. The payment will be made from the assets of the Police Pension Plan.

Four in favor - Chrzan, Musewicz, Barone, Lukasewicz

One against - Barnick

Motion carried

10. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

The Council Work Sessions and Meetings for 2007 will be held on the 2nd Thursdays of the month and the last Mondays of the month. The work sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meetings will follow, any changes will be advertised.

On the question:

Barone - These middle of the month meetings, are we going to have them all the time regardless or just if we have enough?

Lukasewicz - They'll be scheduled and if there's a need for one we'll have it. If not, there will be a notice put on the door saying it's cancelled.

Barone - All right.

Lukasewicz - I would assume we're going to need them.

Barnick - Before I vote tonight, I just want to go over some of the things I'd like to see done in the year but....

Lukasewicz - You know, I was thinking as I'm driving around town, I think we need to take and compile a list of things that were started and not completed. Because it seems that this just continued for years and then things get forgotten and.....

Barnick - Well, it's not that they're forgotten; you've got priorities that overtakes them sometimes.

Lukasewicz - I think what we've got to do is see what we do have started because there's little odds and ends not finished in them. Close out one at a time.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 26 of 2006, a Resolution to Identify Total Years of Service for Christina Sullivan. A complete copy of the resolution is posted.

Original Date of Hire - 2/1/2000

2/1/00 - 3/26/04 (4 yrs. 2mos)

12/12/05 - Present

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 27 of 2006, a Resolution to Identify Total Years of Service for Elaine Morrell. A complete copy of the resolution is posted.

Original Date of Hire - 11/21/91

11/21/91 - 5/24/93 (1 yr 6 mos.)

1/20/94 - 8/6/04 (10 yrs. 6 mos.)

1/3/06 - Present

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 28 of 2006, a Resolution Authorizing the Application for a (TAN) Tax Anticipation Note. The current rates: **FNCB - 3.95%**, Fidelity Bank 3.99%.

All in favor

Motion carried

Elaine Morrell - I'm assuming we'll be going with the lower rate at FNCB.
Lukasewicz - Yes.

14. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To have an emergency repair of the 300 block of Oleckna Street from the split down to Bellman Street; to authorize whatever is needed for the emergency repair with a legal opinion from Attorney Lou Cimini to rectify the sanitary/storm sewer problem.

On the question:

Barnick - We're just going to be short on money this year with this.

Lukasewicz - It's going to be expensive.

Barnick - It's going to be costly. Because you're on the main road and PennDOT's going to have to have an inspector down there and it's going to be costly but it's got to be done.

Lukasewicz - At least 300,000.

Barnick - I would say so.

Lukasewicz - At the least. I would probably say closer to \$400,000.

Barnick - Five hundred feet?

Lukasewicz, Barnick - Yeah.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Barone

Second by Barnick

To direct Atty. Lou Cimini to prepare an Ordinance regarding no parking on Sanderson/Marshwood Road at the intersection of Underwood Road.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barone - What about those cars on this side right next to Bolus? *Everybody speaking at once.*

Lukasewicz - We're not singling out Bolus. We're just....

Barnick - There's a problem, there's two salvage yards. There's one up above that has the cars out on the road all the time and you can't see.

Lukasewicz - I don't believe this has anything to do with Bolus.

Chrzan - But If they're too close to the corner, they should be taken away.
Lukasewicz - Whichever ones are parked illegally once this resolution is passed, then...
Barnick - I actually think the ones that are working at the other salvage are the ones that are parking right there and blocking the view.
Lukasewicz - That's exactly what...
Mayor - You know, we have to realize those buses are coming out of there. There could be a disaster if this continues.
Barnick - Well, look at how many accidents have been up there already.
Mayor - That's right. It's scary, it really is scary.
Lukasewicz - You would think there would be some common sense that they would not park there.
Mayor - Right. Exactly. We went through this, Tom, you remember...
Lukasewicz - I remember well.
Mayor - And I've got all the paperwork. I went through it today.
Lukasewicz - Well, I know that the average person, I know you wouldn't park there, Jimmy wouldn't park there, nobody in this room would probably park there. They know it's wrong to do it but yet these people continue to do it.
Barnick - You know what it is? The yard, if you notice, the yard is filled with all scrap vehicles. There is no room there. And there's got to be something in the ordinance of how close you could come to the road too, with the scrap. There's got to be something in there as far as that because they're right up on the edge of the road.
A discussion took place.

16. Motion by Barone

Second by Chrzan

To allocate the balance of the 2006 allotments to all Throop Hose Companies. Checks will be released to the hose company pending (submission of) financial reports and list of members, including the certified, active members. (Balances due to the hose companies on the 2006 allotments: Hose Co. #1 - \$2500 with financial reports submitted, Hose Co. #2 - \$17,500, Hose Co. #3 - \$17,500 with financial statements submitted.)

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments/Discussions:

Vice President Barnick - The opening of Catherino Drive should be a priority in the coming year. The cost would be about \$500,000 and was recommended by emergency services.

Council President Lukasewicz - Many streets were in very poor shape and needed paving. An evaluation should be a priority in the coming year.

Vice President Barnick - Many of the courts were bad. A cost estimate/study should be done for the replacement of sewers, paving, some curb work and everything needed. A bond could be floated to cover all needed projects and would eliminate the rising costs of supplies, equipment and construction. There might be some complaining about paying off a bond for the next 20 years but you would never have to worry about it again; it would be done for the next 100 years. The Boulevard section is already covered (done). A sewage conveyance fee from Dunmore should be put in place and the fees would cover upgrade and maintenance. Lastly, receiving complaints all the time regarding Maid Rite. A discussion took place.

Councilman Barone - It's a good idea (bond); get the whole town done.

Mary Ruth Tanner, Civic Center Director - Children's Christmas Party was a huge success.

Audience Comments/Discussions:

Renee Turasky, Boulevard Avenue - An ordinance with a three strikes rule pertaining to apartment buildings/absentee landlords would be best. A contact with the landlord then would have to be made each time there are incidents at a location.

Officer Charles Reed - Commended council on the clock and complimented Mary Ruth Tanner, Civic Center Director, on the Christmas Party; the children loved it. *A round of applause was extended to Mary Ruth.* Ordinances needed: prohibiting/banning skate boarding and scooters/ electric bicycles (receiving complaints), and a ban on the use of cell phone(s) while driving.

Councilman Barone - The Mayor should be thanked for the clock; it was his project.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary
Throop Borough