

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session  
Thursday, December 27, 2007**

**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 - **A**

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:**

- An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and the Teamsters Union Contract.
- All of council and borough employees would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**Officials Comments / Discussions:**

Changes to the Budget, recycling grant awarded for \$166,275.00 to be used towards a new recycling truck. Council President commended and thanked Elaine Morrell for her accomplished work on the grant; the audience gave a round of applause. Motion #17 added to the printed agenda, *to accept the civic center handbook as prepared by Civic Center Director, Mary Ruth Tanner.*

**There were no audience comments on the agenda or motion added to the printed agenda.**

**1. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the December 17, 2007 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports**

**2. Motion by Barone**

**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>\$101,499.50</b>
Paid bills:	<b>-0-</b>
General Fund Revenue Report	<b>\$140,608.85</b>
Civic Center Revenue	<b>\$18,683.66</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 Barnick, abstain on daughter

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 Barone**

**Second by Chrzan**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of November 30, 2007 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund Checking Account	<b>\$14,630.23</b>
Invest - General Fund Borough	<b>\$500,000.00</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account	<b>12,535.70</b>
Tax Escrow Account	<b>2,962.59</b>
Invest Program	<b>2,071,386.63</b>
Civic Center Account	<b>9,765.34</b>
Civic Center Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's as of 11/30/07	<b>3,486,048.54</b>
Capital Projects Account	<b>186.50</b>
Liquid Fuels Account	<b>83,442.80</b>
Turnback Program	<b>122,991.70</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$6,304,550.03</b>

<b>LOANS</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>FNCB - LOAN</b>	<b>\$1,133,092.09</b>
<b>FNCB - TAN (Due 12/31/07)</b>	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Jarosh**

**Second by Barnick**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 1 of 2008, an ordinance Re-enacting a Tax on Assessed Valuation. The sum of five (5) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation for general purposes.

On the question:

Barnick: Just don't forget the people, what they passed out (flyer) - you were going to get 30 - 40 mils and you're still at your same five mils you had from the year before.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: Just so everybody understands, what we collect on that five mils is actually \$120,000 for the whole year, for the whole town, that's it. Because 7% is uncollectible so, and we have some that are outstanding for year and years and years that are uncollectible.

**7. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To adopt the 2008 Budget in the amount of \$4,777,285.68 and Liquid Fuels Budget in the amount of \$168,830.97.

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To authorize payment to J. A. Buratti for the work performed on Bellman St. at the adjusted amount of \$9,500.00, pending signed agreement and easement.

On the question:

Barone: Does this finally pay him off now, this is it?

Barnick: Yeah.

All in favor

Motion carried

**9. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Barnick**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$79,999.00 to Altec Industries, Inc. for the 2008 F550 Bucket Truck. (Grants were received through Senator Mellow for the bucket truck.)

On the question:

Barone: We got the bucket truck? *Barnick responded the truck had arrived.* Where's this place at, this Altec, around here? I just thought they were around here.

Barnick: I don't know, they drove from Michigan, Kentucky or something like that.

All in favor

Motion carried

**10. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To authorize payments to Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc. from the Non-uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,500.00 and from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the 2008 Retainers.

All in favor

Motion carried

**11. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To authorize Ray Jarosh, David Repchick and Tony Gangemi to attend PSAB 2008 Newly Elected Borough Officials 2-day training seminar at a cost of \$150.00 each.

All in favor except Jarosh, abstain on own name

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To authorize payment to Mrs. Rose Gaffney in the amount of \$9,000.00; the borough will pay \$7,500.00 and \$1,500.00 will be paid from the insurance company. This represents full and final settlement for damage to property and personal belongings as a result of the sewer back up at 1101 Marshwood Road on March 15, 2007.

On the question:

Barone: Is this money we're going to go after Maid Rite for?

Barnick: Yes.

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To allocate the second ½ of the budgeted allotment in the amount of \$17,500.00 to Throop Hose Co. # 1.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Motion 14 died, lack of second:**

**14. Motion by Jarosh**

No Second

To allocate the second ½ of the budgeted allotment in the amount of \$17,500.00 to Throop Hose Co. # 2.

Motion died

**15. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Jarosh**

To allocate the second ½ of the budgeted allotment in the amount of \$17,500.00 to Throop Hose Co. # 3.

All in favor

Motion carried

**16. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To authorize payment to Attorney Edward Krowiak, Zoning Solicitor in the amount of \$2,276.81 for legal services 8-21-07 to 12-19-07.

All in favor

Motion carried

**17. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Barnick**

To accept the Civic Center Handbook, effective immediately, as prepared by the Civic Center Director, Mary Ruth Tanner. The Handbook is an addendum to the Throop Borough Employee Handbook. Anything that conflicts this will supersede, be adhered to, effective immediately.

On the question:

Attorney Cimini: I just wanted to include that this could be amended at any time by the Civic Center Director and approved by council.

Barnick: This is an addendum to the current policy, is that the way it's listed? But what I'm trying to say is anything that conflicts with the prior....

Attorney Cimini: Anything that conflicts with the prior (handbook) will supersede, effective immediately.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Officials Comments/Discussions:**

**Councilman Barone:** Bucket truck; did anything need to be done - was it ready, short discussion on lettering.

**Council Vice President Barnick:** Insurance (health) meeting to be set up, coordinated with employees.

**Audience Comments:**

**Joe Tropiak, Phillips Street:** Did the recycling truck grant come from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and was it something a grant writer could write?

Council President Lukasewicz wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Christina Sullivan  
Secretary, Throop Borough