

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 26, 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 - **P**

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**

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

Announcements:

- A Special Work Session/Meeting will be held on Mon., March 12, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Purpose is to meet with all three Throop Hose Companies. (The Planning Agency Meeting for March 12, 2007 will be held at the Throop Civic Center.)
- Thursday, March 8, 2007 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Special Work Session / Meeting for General Purposes.
- Monday, March 26, 2007 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session / Meeting for General Purposes.

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 January 11th, January 29th and February 8th council meetings and January 29th Public Hearing regarding the request of JMF Development for a Conditional Use Permit and the February 8th CDBG Public Hearing.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. 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"	\$17,726.01
Paid Bills: Includes \$2,000,000.00 INVEST (Investment)	\$2,041,189.71
General Fund Revenue Report, as prepared by Elaine Morrell	\$56,339.21
Civic Center Reports, as prepared by Lenore Dolan	\$11,508.84

All in favor

Motion carried

Discussion: Oleckna Street and Eddy Creek Projects, status of George Street, PennDOT meeting.

3. Motion by Barone

Second by Chrzan

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Barnick, abstain on daughter

4. Motion by Musewicz

Second by Barone

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

On the question:

Barnick - Did not agree with complaint and pictures received about the DPW, the plowing not right, (Dunmore and Meade Streets). As far as the roads being open and cleared, we've got one of the best looking towns. Elaine Morrell: Compliments are received all the time.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

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

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account Includes \$2,000,000.00 TAN	\$2,651,717.01
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	34,684.13
Tax Escrow Account	1,874.12
Civic Center Account	864.78
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	3,546,588.97
Capital Projects Account	562,126.16
Warsaw Playground	-0-
Liquid Fuels Account	124,490.92
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$6,922,946.09

LOANS	BALANCE
FNCB - LOAN	\$1,262,675.75
FNCB - TAN	\$2,000,000.00

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To grant permission to the Mid Valley Chapter PIAA Baseball Umpires to use council chambers for the meetings from March 13th through May 8th. The meetings will be held on Tuesdays. Rich Burdyn will be given a key to access the municipal building.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Musewicz

Second by Chrzan

To grant permission to the Mid Valley School District to use the Washington Street Park Field for the 2007 Baseball Season, scheduling to be coordinated with Mr. James Caria.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Barone

Second by Musewicz

To grant permission to Throop Hose Company # 3 (27 Rescue) to use the Washington Street Park on Friday, July 27, 2007 and Friday, August 24, 2007 for fund-raising, as per the request of Andy Hegedus, Fundraising Chairman.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - The only concern I have is to make sure that the proper legal channels are taken because I believe they want to serve liquor. So that all the permits and everything is in place.

Musewicz - Are there any indications of what they're doing?

Lukasewicz - I believe it is going to be display of their fire apparatus, their services, and a fundraiser/picnic. *All requirements followed by the Throop Booster Club for their Annual Cow Flop must be adhered to including, but not limited to, liability insurance, permits/licenses, security, clean-up.*

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Barone

Second by Musewicz

To pay the following contractors for "Snow Removal Assistance for the February 14, 2007 Valentine's Day Storm":

Donald Cole	\$75.00
Joseph Palumbo Donation to borough as per Mr. Palumbo.	\$30.00
Greg Budzinski	\$525.00
Jack Dolan	\$285.00
Ed Belavitz	\$202.50
J & F Concrete	\$5,565.00
Hughes Enterprises	\$1,500.00
Rick Coyer Blacktopping	\$487.50
N & B Enterprises	\$3,662.50
Scranton Craftsmen Excavating	\$9,800.00
TOTAL	\$22,132.50

On the question:

Chrzan - I think it was very nice of Mr. Palumbo to donate his time.

Lukasewicz - It was money that was spent well, especially with the ensuing rains. If we didn't have the snow out of the way.....

Barnick - Well, they were lucky to get the contractors before the other towns took them.

Lukasewicz - We were lucky to act fast and get the people that we got as quick as we did.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barnick

Second by Musewicz

To authorize Payment # 6 from the Capital Projects Account to Jerry Ganz, Inc. in the amount of \$88,977.00 for the DPW Garage Project, as per the recommendation of the borough engineer and street commissioner.

On the question:

Musewicz - Do we have a status?

Barnick - They had meeting Thursday.....

Lukasewicz - I know there's quite a bit of guys working there the last couple of days. They've actually got the doors on and they're working from inside now.

Five in favor - Barnick, Jarosh, Chrzan, Musewicz, Barone

One against - Lukasewicz

Motion carried

Discussion: New DPW Building Project

Council Vice President Barnick is against any possibility of an extension due to the fact of a mild winter and the lack of work being observed throughout the winter.

Lukasewicz - I agree with you. There's certain things that are not acceptable to me and that's why I voted against. There's a degree of workmanship that I think hasn't been followed.

11. Motion by Barnick

Second by Barone

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 7 of 2007, that the Borough of Throop Hereby Suspends Member Contributions to the Borough of Throop Police Pension Plan for the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

On the question:

Barnick - It's just something we forget to do every year; the last five years.

Lukasewicz - Because it's so over funded there is no need to contribute into the fund.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barnick

Second by Barone

To direct the DPW crew to remove the six (6) handicap parking signs as per the memorandum.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - Atty Cimini review; speak to Robert Kalinoski and make recommendation.

All in favor

Motion carried

The following motion died, lack of second.

13. Motion by Musewicz

No Second

To donate \$50.00 to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Motion died

14. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To direct the solicitor to prepare an ordinance regulating parking on Dunmore Street.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Barone

Second by Jarosh

To authorize Attorney Cimini to prepare an ordinance to allow only local traffic, no trucks, on Simpson Street.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Dave Repchick, Edgar Street - During employment with the Borough, only heard how good the roads are kept by the DPW.

Dominick Rocco, Sanderson Street - Verification that Election Day voting will be held at the Civic Center, one central location.

Paul Zilla, Cypress Street - Tractor trailers traveling over Simpson Street; should be local traffic only.

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary
Throop Borough