

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, January 29, 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 - **A**

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

Announcements:

An Executive Session was held on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. with members of Teamsters Local Union 229 to discuss the wage re-opener for March 2007.

February 8, 2007 - Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. for the FFY year 2007 CDBG. The mid- month general purpose work session will be held at 6:30 and the meeting will follow.

Ed Karpovich, Lackawanna County Treasurer, assigned a representative to sell Dog Licenses at the Throop Municipal Building, 436 Sanderson Street, Throop on Thursday, February 8, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

A Special Work Session/Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Purpose is to meet with all three Throop Hose Companies.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Bob Bolus, Bolus Truck Parts & Key Truck Sales, 922 Sanderson St. - Ordinance #2 of 2007, Motion #16: Concerns with the how his business and property would be impacted; it's restrictive. Were complaints received in writing? PennDOT should have implemented this instead of Throop; this is a state road. Did the issue come up because of litigation filed against some members of the council? If his business was not being targeted and that is not the issue, he would not be disagreeable to no parking past his property (heading up toward the industrial park and from the edge of his property below). Amend the ordinance to be specific to the triangle area or table the motion.

Daryl Menichetti - 516 North St. - Ordinance #2 of 2007, Motion #16: Requested clarification of and the exact area where the no parking would be designated; the street or the on the right of way. The homes situated below Bolus' business have driveways and are going to be parked in the right of way because their driveways are right on the road. Did it mean they could not park in their driveways now? There is no shoulder - their driveways abut the road.

1. Motion by Chrzan Second by Musewicz

To accept the monthly zoning reports.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. Motion by Chrzan 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"	\$14,236.03
Paid bills:	\$82,591.82
General Fund Revenue Report as prepared by Elaine Morrell	Tax Anticipation Note TAN - \$1,997,591.00 \$818,458.11
	TOTAL - \$2,816,049.11
Civic Center Report as prepared by Lenore Dolan	\$19,516.34

3. All in favor
Motion by Chrzan

Motion carried
Second by Barone

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor, Barnick, abstain on daughter

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **December 31, 2006** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$232,996.06
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	12,269.46
Tax Escrow Account	1,872.30
Civic Center Account	346.88
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	3,546,588.97
Capital Projects Account	563,193.98
Warsaw Playground	-0-
Liquid Fuels Account	76,253.96
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$4,434,121.61

LOAN: FNCB LOAN BALANCE

\$1,304,906.37

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan Second by Barone

To appoint Officer Keith Jones as Acting Chief while Chief Furiosi is on Heart & Lung, at the chief's rate of pay.

All in favor Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan Second by Barone

To allocate the annual allotment in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Throop PAL.

All in favor Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan Second by Barone

To accept a letter of resignation from Karen Horvath as a childcare provider at the civic center, effective immediately.

All in favor Motion carried

9. Motion by Chrzan Second by Barnick

To accept a letter of resignation from Patrolman David Posluszny as a police officer with the Throop Police Department effective immediately. Patrolman Posluszny accepted a full time position with the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department.

On the question:

Barnick - Dave is a real good guy. He did a good job here and he also helped with remodeling that building over there.

Mayor Lukowski - A very good guy.

Lukasewicz - We wish him well. I believe there was 250 applicants and two people were hired so he must be doing something right.

All in favor Motion carried

10. Motion by Chrzan Second by **Barone**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 3, a Resolution to acknowledge the Interjurisdictional Agreement with the Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority dated the 29th day of March 1993, and the adoption of the Discharge Resolution of the Authority on the 30th of January 1996. Upon the request of USEPA the LRBSA has revised its Discharge Resolution. A complete copy is on file.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To authorize payment in the amount of \$7,810.85 to Scottsdale Insurance toward the deductible amount due regarding Christine Hartshorn vs. Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To purchase a Sunny Day Fund CD, Resolution # 5 of 2007, in the amount of \$61,904.27. This represents 10 % of the Quarterly Host Municipality.

On the question:

Barnick - Is this 10% of our max? Take your 10% until you hit that \$200,000.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To authorize payment from the Capital Projects Account to SDA Architects in the amount of \$2,861.94 for professional services on the DPW Garage Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To open a Special Account as required, Resolution # 5 of 2007, for "Highway Transfer (Turnback) Program". The payment in the amount of \$119,438.95 was electronically deposited into the Liquid Account. The state now requires a special account be opened for the Turnback only.

On the question:

Barnick - Is this going to affect our grant any (\$160,000)? Is it going to be deeded back to us? If we're taking it over, I would think we're going to have a deed for this and a description, the whole works. Then we can regulate George Street the way we want.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To appoint Peters Design Group, Inc. as the Engineer for the Throop Borough Planning Agency.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick - Just a note there for the planning - sparingly.

16. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 2 of 2007 , an ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Sanderson St/Marshwood Road (S.R.2008) from Hall St to Keystone Industrial Park Road and on Underwood Road Extending 1000 feet from its Intersection with Sanderson St/Marshwood Road (S.R.2008).

On the question:

A discussion took place on HOP permits and junk yard business.

Barnick - A couple of things to get put on the record, discussed at length the problem area, complaints received from people and the school, and vehicles parked on the shoulder of the road and in the triangle, creating a dangerous situation. The problems have not been temporary and more junk vehicles are being pushed out to the road each year. As far as litigation and he was concerned, there is no litigation open any longer and was dismissed. There is no litigation. Mr. Bolus' parking is on his property and off the road and this would not affect his parking and it's nothing going toward him and did not need to be amended as fair as he was concerned. Most of the problems were related to a business right above Mr. Bolus'.

Lukasewicz - For the record, this does not in any way, shape or form, have anything to do with Mr. Bolus and his business and is not intended to hurt his business or any other business in that area. Parking for his business would be change at all. The Ordinance is intended to make the area safe for people traveling to the school and to the highway or to wherever.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. **Motion by Chrzan**

Second by Barnick

To accept the petition from School Side Estates residents and forward to the solicitor for his review and forward to the principals of School Side Estates concerning the drainage through the properties. Request a written response within 5 days and also representatives of School Side Estates to attend next meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To ratify a \$0.55 per hour wage increase for the re-opener of the March 2007-2008 contract with the DPW workers (Teamsters Local Union 229 members).

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To solicit for bid for a bucket truck. Specs will be prepared by Robert Kalinoski, Street Commission. The money will come from the \$80,000 grant secured from Senator Mellow's office.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To appoint Maurice Menichetti as Fire Marshall for 2007 for Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To authorize the borough engineer to prepare specs and place for bids the Oleckna Street Storm and Sanitary Sewer Project (for the end of the month meeting, February 26, 2007).

On the question:

Barnick - I don't care if you can get the special meeting because that sewer line is not going to last down there.

Lukasewicz - My only concern with it is the traffic be done in such a way as not to cause a burden.

Barnick - Being we're on this traffic and we have this account that's already been closed up with George Street, I think it's time to move on this Rebecca/Oleckna swap now. It's time to get working on it. Condemn property/ies as needed.

All in favor

Motion carried

Council Comments/Discussion:

Council President Lukasewicz - Discussed the importance of the Eddy Creek Project; it should be a priority.

Council Vice President Barnick - The Lackawanna County Commissioners were meeting Thurs., February 1, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. with municipalities regarding the Post Closure Trust Fund. A Throop representative should attend even through Throop's application was complete. Everything is done on our part and there should be no surprises.

Audience Comments:

Joe Keyasko, Kossuth St. - Requested status on Marjol. They can't do what they want to do, there's an ordinance in the town. Marjol asked if they could put the stuff there to expedite the clean up and that's why it was put there - to expedite the cleanup. The Mayor is a witness and I'm a witness.

They brought it here, get it out of here. You've got to make noise and file charges. *Discussion.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary
Throop Borough