

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 25, 2006
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

"God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition"

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Cindy Johnson - **P**

James Barnick, **Vice President – 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 - **A**

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**

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

Announcements:

- An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:15 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.
- Memorial Day Services - Monday, May 29th :
 - 10:00 a.m. - Throop Municipal Building
 - 10:45 a.m. - Veterans Memorial Boulevard

Presentations (made at the end of the meeting upon arrival of the team):

Mayor Stan Lukowski and Throop Borough Officials honored the Mid Valley Bidy Basketball League 2005-2006 All Season Champions:

Eddie Abda	Emily Angerson	Gordon Appel	Nick Demian
Kyle Devereaux	Tyler Fiume	A.J. Gangemi	Steven Kropa
Alex Prislupsky	Joshua Tanner	Matthew Tanner	Zachary Zagursky

Coaches: Tony Gangemi, Russell Tanner, Joe Zagursky

There were no audience comments on the printed agenda items.

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept the zoning reports and the minutes of the April 24, 2006 and May 11, 2006 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the treasurers' reports as posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough as posted and presented on the written agenda.

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	\$ 40,090.44
Paid bills:	\$ 234,968.85
General Fund Revenue Report as prepared by Elaine Morrell	\$ 183,318.17
Replacement for NSF Check	\$ 25.00
Civic Center Report as prepared by Lenore Dolan	\$ 16,249.81

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

On the question:

Lukasewicz – There was one (piece of) correspondence that did come in and it was not signed. We usually have a policy of not accepting such correspondence. This is correspondence that did come in; I believe it merits some concern and I would like to have it transferred on to the Police Department. Atty. Cimini, could you make sure they are aware of this correspondence?

All in favor

Motion carried

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5. **Motion by Chrzan**

Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of April 30, 2006, as prepared on the written agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$342,906.66
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	22,693.34
Tax Escrow Account	1,854.31
Civic Center Account	801.51
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's Includes interest & new CD	3,330,234.90
Home Program Account	3,555.50
Capital Projects Account	1,359,044.34
Warsaw Playground	29,507.31
Liquid Fuels Account	75,240.94
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$5,166,438.81

FNCB - LOAN BALANCE

\$1,388,115.09

All in favor

Motion carried

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6. **Motion by Chrzan**

Seconded by Barone

To ratify the \$5,000.00 down payment to Fairview Monument for the "2003 Throop Big League Softball District 17 Champions - PA State Champions" monument. The Throop Booster Club received approval of a grant from Senator Bob Mellow for the monument. They will receive the grant money in the fall. A down payment was needed now to have the monument prepared.

On the question:

Lukasewicz – This is wonderful news. Joe, you went after this strong for a long time and I commend you.

Barone - Well, those kids deserve this.

Lukasewicz – And I'm hoping that once it's ready we could have nice day for the kids in town to honor them and remember (them), the way they should be remembered.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. 7. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment to Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services (PMPS) in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the assets of the Non-uniform Pension Plan for the preparation of the Actuarial Valuation Report and 205 Form for plan year end 1/1/05.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. 8. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize payment to Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services (PMPS) in the amount of \$3,200.00 from the assets of the Police Pension Plan for the preparation of the Actuarial Valuation Report and 205 Form for plan year end 1/1/05 and for the preparation of Actuarial Cost Studies.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. 9. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize payment in the amount of \$581.25 to Scranton Craftsmen. This represents the balance owed for the sewer repair at 522 George Street in 2005.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. 10. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barone

To authorize Peters Design Group Inc. to prepare bid specs and advertise for bid the 2006 Street Paving Project. The streets are as follows:

Lynwood St. Ryan St. to Cypress St.
Division St. Bush St. to area west of S. Valley Ave.
Bush St. Ash St. to Division St.
Simpson St. George St. to Dunmore St.
Alternates:
Clinton Ct. George St. to Green St.
Blair Ct. Simpson St. to Edgar St.
Clarion Ct. 500 block Center St. to Clark St.

Peters Design Fee Schedule:

Project Administrator/Manager	\$65.00
Engineer or Surveyor	\$60.00
Architect	\$60.00
Assistant Surveyor	\$45.00
CADD Technician	\$35.00
Typist	\$25.00

Costs include direct and indirect. Charges will be portal-to-portal.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. 11. **Motion by Chrzan**

Seconded by Barone

To appoint Charles Kroptavich as Working Foreman with an increased pay rate of \$2.00 per hour, an addendum to the (Teamsters) Union Contract.

On the question:

Johnson - I have something on the question, Tommy. I think it's a really good idea. Do you think you could do some sort of job description? I mean, in case the other guys have anything they question.

Lukasewicz - I talked to Jack McGrail from the union and he has no problem with this whatsoever and I believe he's going to try to put something together to specify because if there are any concerns from the other union employees.

Johnson - All right.

Lukasewicz - So he's going to put something together. Elaine, if you could coordinate that with Jack. Okay, Cindy?

Johnson - No, that's fine.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. 12. **Motion by Chrzan**

Seconded by Musewicz

To re-advertise for bid the DPW Complex.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - If everything goes as planned, everything will be ready to be put out for bid June 15th and we will be able to open up the bids at the end of the month.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. **13. Motion by Chrzan**

Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize Robert Kalinoski to coordinate permit parking in conjunction with the Meade Street Project; parking at old Hose Company #1 (401 George Street), posting of signs and police, if needed.

On the question:

Lukasewicz – Atty. Cimini, please research this legally also.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. **14. Motion by Chrzan**

Seconded by Musewicz

In regards to the Eddy Creek Project that the State has out for bid that will be opened the 15th of June, we have a concern with having proper access for anticipated sewer lines in the future. To authorize Peters Design Group to work in conjunction with the Street Commissioner, Robert Kalinoski, to make sure that we have proper access for anticipated lines in the future.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - If this could be made a priority to make sure the contract's going out on the 15th. Attorney Cimini, if you could do this, at least if we could have a letter sent to the proper entities alerting them that we have a major concern and we want to have this access area put in there and that we will have something coming to them in the near future, okay, Louie?

All in favor

Motion carried

17. **15. Motion by Chrzan**

Seconded by Musewicz

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19. To authorize payment to Kenworth, PA for repairs to the old pack master at an approximate cost of \$9,600.00.

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21. All in favor

Motion carried

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23. **16. Motion by Chrzan**

Seconded by Barone

To award work at the Washington Street Park at a cost of \$4,400.00 to Anthony Amico Masonry, pending the approval of Atty. Cimini.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - Just that we would, hopefully it would be done before the Cow Flop.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments/Discussions:

Mayor: Lukowski - Mid Valley Bidy Basketball team: Awards being presented this evening (certificates and a basketball would be presented to each player in recognition of their achievement), these future players held great promise for the Mid Valley School District. Beautification Project: A borough clock was quite expensive but a good idea; something concrete could be brought to a future meeting.(A review from Atty. Cimini would help determine if the bidding process was necessary.) In addition, participated in a television program/taping at Mid Valley School District on coal mining and the disaster in Throop and coal mining other communities; it would be a nice product when completed.

Councilman Barone – A committee should be formed and a census should be worked on.

Councilman Musewicz – Discussion on the status of School Side Estates (accepting the streets), the Bellman Street Pump Station and the ambulance building. A discussion took place. There was still no mail service in School Side Estates and something had to be done; the borough's hands were tied. The Bellman Street Pump Station would be reviewed to see if there was actually something ready to go out for bid and hopefully go forward. The ambulance building status still pending. All inquiries regarding contents should be directed to the bankruptcy court.

Audience Comments/New Business:

Gina Tanana, 3 Mruck St. – Information has come to her attention that is very disturbing about a full time police officer. Council President Lukasewicz referred her to Atty. Cimini to discuss any employee matters; any employee information was not open for public forum or discussion.

Trudy Delauder, Memorial Drive – Garbage put out right after garbage is collected, not bagged right and a mess. Bringing it to the attention of the manager of housing possibly could help. It is not fair to the DPW workers and not their job to clean up that mess and felt bad for the workers.

Dave Morrell, Civic Center Committee – A child attending the After School Program for 2-3 years has just been diagnosed with cancer. The parent is having a hard time, all alone, traveling to Geissinger. Would like to advise council that they'd like to do something to help.

Michael Dolinsky, 934 Bush Street – Concerns of a work in residential area and a if anyone is allowed to do work with no permit.

17. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To provide materials for roof repairs to the girls dug outs at the Throop Little League Field, and additionally provide materials for repairing the bleachers at the Little League Field.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments, Motion #17

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St. – While you're on the little league, those bleachers down there are pretty bad, real bad.

Motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Secretary