

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, November 29th, 2011
Work Session/Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

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**
Anthony Gangemi - P
David Repchick - P
John Musewicz - P
Neil Furiosi - P
Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P
Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P
Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

- * An executive session was held this evening at 6:15p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.
- * An executive was held following the budget work session Monday, November 14th, 2011 to discuss legal and personnel matters.
- * Saturday, December 10, 2011 from Noon to 5:30 p.m. “Santa Around Town”, also Throop Civic Center will hold the Children’s Christmas Party from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

- * The November monthly work session/meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 6:30pm
- * The December mid-month work session/meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 6:30 p.m.
- * The December monthly work session/meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 27th at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.

1. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Repchick**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the October 31st and November 14th council meetings.

All in favor **Motion carried**

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Repchick**

To accept the treasurers' monthly 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"	\$31,421.36
Paid bills:	\$210,272.97
General Fund Revenue Report	\$49,538.83
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$11,560.80

All in favor **Motion carried**

3. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Repchick**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor except Barnick, Gangemi,
Repchick & Musewicz abstain on
their daughters** **Motion carried**

4. **Motion by Furiosi** **Seconded by Repchick**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor **Motion carried**

5. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Jarosh

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **October 31st, 2011** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account	\$83,693.89
General Fund Performance Money Market	\$995,477.62
Civic Center Account	\$403.37
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account	\$24,023.74
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct - (Fidelity Bank)	\$1,896,549.27
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$3,013,788.04
Liquid Fuels Account	\$2,591.62
Turnback Program	\$126,661.58
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$6,143,489.13

LOANS (current)	Balance
Sunny Day Fund (Fidelity Bank) (1.20%)	\$223,552.61

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Jarosh

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc. for the preparation and submission of the January 1, 2011 actuarial cost study lowering the disability benefit and the evaluated MMO impact of a employee contribution in the Police Pension Plan. Payment will be paid from the assets of the Police Pension fund in the amount of \$750.00.

**All in favor except Repchick
& Furiosi abstained**

Motion carried

7. **Motion by Jarosh** **Seconded by Repchick**

To ratify the transfer of \$125,000.00 on November 22, 2011 from the GF Money Market to the General Fund Checking Account at Fidelity Bank.

All in favor **Motion carried**

8. **Motion by Repchick** **Seconded by Furiosi**

To add Renee O'Malley/Borough Secretary as a Rights to Know Officer.

All in favor **Motion carried**

9. **Motion by Jarosh** **Seconded by Barnick**

To donate \$200.00 to the Over 55 Club and \$200.00 to Senior Citizens Elite Club for their Christmas Parties.

All in favor **Motion carried**

10. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Jarosh**

To pay the Boroughs share of Pension payments in the amount of \$35,200.00 to the non-uniform pension fund and \$50,500.00 to the police pension fund as budgeted for the 2011 MMO.

**All in favor except Repchick
& Furiosi abstained on the
Police Pension** **Motion carried**

11. **Motion by Musewicz** **Seconded by Furiosi**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$500.00 each to Joseph Tanana and Patti Monahan for refinishing the Civic Center Gym floor.

A discussion took place regarding the condition of the floor.

All in favor **Motion carried**

12. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Repchick**

To adopt Ordinance #7 of 2011, an ordinance amending the Sunny Day Fund Ordinance (Ordinance #6 of 1993) to amend section 1 (A) addressing the funding of the sunny Day Fund.

All in favor **Motion carried**

13. Motion by Jarosh **Seconded by Gangemi**

To accept the roads, sewers, sanitary detention basin and playground in Tiffany Estates pending the search criteria

1. Payment of current outstanding fees which includes the submittal of the revised plan for the planning commission
2. Submittal of the deed of dedication for all of the above to be reviewed and approved by the Borough Engineer and Solicitor
3. Compliance with all issues raised in Jack Scheuer's September 26, 2011 correspondence
4. Once provisions are met then an Ordinance will be prepared and advertised

All in favor **Motion carried**

14. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Musewicz**

To increase the Zoning Solicitor's hourly rate to \$125.00/hour effective immediately.

All in favor **Motion carried**

15. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Repchick**

To authorize Attorney Cimini, Borough Solicitor, to prepare and advertise an Ordinance for no parking on Charles Street.

All in favor **Motion carried**

16. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Repchick**

To amend and advertise the Municipal Local Tax Ordinance changing the non resident rate from .5% to 1%.

All in favor **Motion carried**

Official Comments:

Mayor Lukowski: Spoke to Rep. Murphy and he is on board with us to gather as much information with the (tape inaudible)

Lukasewicz: Make him aware of the meeting and see if he can speak on our behalf.

Mayor Lukowski: I will do that.

Mayor Lukowski said that he and Chief Jones are going to have regular meetings and have monthly or bi monthly meetings with the rest of the staff.

Spoke of Sam Runco's article in the Sunday paper and putting something together and sending it out. He said he comes in for the holidays so he can see if he can give him something then.

Spoke of the Pennsylvania American Water reception last week.

Audience Comments:

Jack Wall, Schoolside Dr.: Asked about the playground in Schoolside Estates.

Lukasewicz: Attorney Cimini contact the principals of Schoolside Estates and find out if they have withdrawn the Phase II plans and what is the foreseeable future for the playground in Phase I.

Lukasewicz: If anyone is interested in attending the Public Hearing it will be on Monday, December 12th at 6:00 at the State Building. Contact them ahead of time if you want to speak.

Jack Wall, Schoolside Dr.: Questioned the gas drilling sign.

Lukasewicz: Trying to bring awareness to the fact that they want to bring the drill cuttings here and some of the drill cuttings there are questions raised with them. We don't know how it is going to lead to the future of the residents in town and we have raised some concerns to the DEP and the DEP has had their ears closed.

Gangemi added that this Council has tried by having meetings and sending correspondence. Attorney Cimini added that it is not a Throop issue it is a state wide issue and the DEP isn't going to create a change of rule that effects the entire State or Throop borough. It is not a Keystone issue it is a DEP issue.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: They need that industry to go because of jobs.

Motion to adjourn.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary