

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
for General Purposes  
Thursday, October 18, 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 - **A**

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Tony Chrzan - **P**

George Marushock - **A**

John Musewicz - **P**

Joseph Barone - **P**

**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini - **A**

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski - **P**

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **A**

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**

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

**Announcements:**

Haunted House, Throop Civic Center - October 26, 27 & 28 - Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**Schedule of Meetings:**

- Monthly Work Session/Meeting - Monday, October 29, 2007 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**November Meetings:**

- Thursday, November 8, 2007 - Budget Work Session & Work Session Meeting for General Purposes beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Monthly Work Session/Meeting - Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

**December Meetings:**

- Special Monthly Work Session/Meeting for General Purposes - Thursday, December 13, 2007 beginning at 6:30.
- Monthly Work Session/Meeting - Thursday, December 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

**Audience comments on the agenda:**

**Christine Hartshorn, Dimmick St.** - Commented on Motion #3 concerning borrowing and repayment of Sunny Day funds.

**3. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Barone**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 6, an ordinance *Providing for the Collection and Disposal of Municipal Waste*. A complete copy of the ordinance is posted on the bulletin board and is available for inspection at the secretary's office.

All in favor

Motion carried

**4. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Musewicz**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 7, an ordinance *Amending the Nuisance Ordinance #9 of 1992 to include, failing to maintain sidewalks by allowing grass and/or weeds or live vegetative growth to accumulate and grow on sidewalks, to a height of 6"*. A complete copy of the ordinance is posted on the bulletin board and is available for inspection at the secretary's office.

On the question:

Mayor: It's nice to make these things but if we don't pursue them like we have in the past, you could throw it right in the basket. Let's pursue these things.

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Musewicz**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 8, an ordinance *Amending the Sunny Day Fund Ordinance # 6 of 1993, to Allow Throop Borough Council to Borrow Against Funds in the Sunny Day Account in the amount of \$350,000.00*. A complete copy of the ordinance is posted on the bulletin board and is available for inspection at the secretary's office.

All in favor

Motion  
carried

**6. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Barnick**

To transfer Sunny Day Fund CD# 51-300185-6 to the General Fund Account #57-0805333 on the day of maturity October 31, 2007 in the amount of \$145,473.41 as per the 2007 Budget. (Excess over \$200,000.00 deposited into the Sunny Day Fund for prior years. Total excess \$269,880.00 minus \$70,976.35 equals \$198,903.65 minus \$145,473.41 balance \$53,430.24.

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Barnick**

To transfer Sunny Day Fund CD# 41-304478-1 to the General Fund Account #57-0805333 on the day of maturity, November 2, 2007, in the amount of \$63,680.60 as per the 2007

Budget. (Excess over \$200,000.00 deposited into the Sunny Day Fund for prior years. Balance due General fund \$53,430.24 amount to be deposited in Sunny Day Fund \$10,250.36 )

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Barnick**

To allocate \$22,977.88 to the Throop Volunteer Fire Relief Association, as per the 2007 Commonwealth allocation received from the Department of the Auditor General.

All in favor

Motion  
carried

**9. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Barnick**

To allocate \$41,682.99 to the Non Uniform Pension Fund and \$32,064.00 to the Police Pension Fund as per the 2007 Commonwealth allocation of General Municipal Pension State Aid check received on September 27,2007 in the amount of \$73,746.99. The state aid check was deposited in the general fund. (The allocation per fund was calculated by Joseph Duda, Actuarial Consultant.)

The 2007 MMO Minimum Municipal Obligation:

Non-Uniform Pension - \$75,835.00 minus state aid \$41,682.99 borough's share \$34,152.01.

Police Pension Fund - \$35,813.00 minus state aid \$32,064.00 borough's share \$3,749.00.

The borough's share is due by December 31, 2007.

All in favor

Motion  
carried

**10. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Barnick**

To advertise Ordinance # 9 of 2007, an ordinance *Reenacting the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax, to be entitled the Local Services Tax.*

On the question:

Barnick: I don't think you have to re-do this ordinance.

Morrell: We do. This is a state mandate that you have to re-enact it, just change that wording a little bit and it has to be called the Local Services Tax, the LST. And it's not an amendment; they say you have to call it a re-enactment.

Barnick: So after this you could....

Morrell: After this we should be okay unless the state makes changes.

All in favor

Motion  
carried

**11. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Barone**

To advertise Ordinance #10 of 2007, an ordinance *Establishing a Tapping Fee for the Connection to the Eddy Creek Sewer Line and Extensions to the Eddy Creek Sewer Line which Provides Service to Dwelling Units and Nonresidential Establishments.*

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Jimmy, Is this what you wanted?

Barnick: Basically. Something that's going to generate the funds to pay for this line.

Lukasewicz: So this is the right step.

Barnick: Hopefully. And they won't get a building permit until they...

Lukasewicz: So this will be in paying for that line in years to come for any future growth on the mountain. I know you've been pushing for that for quite a while. I'm glad to see it coming to a head.

All in favor

carried Motion

**12. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Musewicz**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 17 of 2007, a resolution *Reappointing Robert Kokinda as a Member of the Zoning Hearing Board for a Three-Year term.*

All in favor

carried Motion

**13. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 18 of 2007, a resolution *Reappointing Charlene Tomasovitch as a Member (alternate) of the Zoning Hearing Board for a Three-Year Term.*

All in favor

carried Motion

**Comments/Discussions:**

Santa Parade: Correspondence received from Throop Hose Co. #2, Grace Williams, Ladies Auxiliary. *Short discussion on how handled in previous years.*

Civic Center: Sprinkler heads (54) were caged at Civic Center. *Short discussion on emergency lights, ductwork cleaning and floors, gym should be painted before floors are done.*

**Audience Comments:**

**Christine Hartshorn, 125 Dimmick St.** - Discussed the fire department funding for budget, defibrillators and the use of inmates from Waymart Prison for painting the civic center.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan  
Secretary  
Throop Borough