

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday October 29th, 2012
Budget Work Session 6:30 p.m.
followed by Work Session/Monthly Meeting**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Mark Mazak - P
Charlene Tomasovitch - P
Thomas Lukasewicz, **President** - P
Anthony Gangemi, **Vice President** - P
David Repchick - A
John Musewicz - P
Neil Furiosi - P
Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P
Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - A
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P
Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

* An executive session was held at 6:30 p.m. this evening to discuss legal & personnel matters.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

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

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

Jim Barnick, Adams Ct.: Stated he believes we should do anything we can to stop the Commuter Tax. Believe’s our County Commissioners should be involved too.
A brief discussion took place regarding the Commuter Tax.

1. **Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Furiosi**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the September 17th and October 8th, 2012 council meetings.

All in favor **Motion carried**

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. **Motion by Mazak** **Seconded by Musewicz**

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"	\$32,267.83
Paid bills:	\$102,688.42
General Fund Revenue Report	\$828,295.87
Civic Center Revenue Report	Sept. - \$12,910.09 Oct. - \$10,358.40

All in favor **Motion carried**

3. **Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Gangemi**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Gangemi & Musewicz abstain on daughters **Motion carried**

4. **Motion by Mazak** **Seconded by Furiosi**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor **Motion carried**

5. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Mazak

To accept the Fund Statement and Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of September 30th, 2012 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account (Fidelity)	\$77,671.52
General Fund Performance Money Market (Fidelity)	\$311,801.37
Civic Center Account (Fidelity)	\$425.37
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account (Fidelity)	\$22,644.14
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct (Fidelity Bank)	\$5,465,591.28
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$82,246.40
Liquid Fuels Account (Fidelity)	\$163,041.16
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$6,123,721.24

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To ratify the transfer of \$50,000.00 on October 11, 2012 and \$50,000.00 on October 24, 2012 from the General Fund MMKT account to the General Fund checking account at Fidelity Bank.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Mazak

To deposit \$73,364.62 in the Sunny Day Fund MMKT checking account at Fidelity Bank. This represents 10% of the Host Municipal Landfill Fee check received October, 2012.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Musewicz

To submit payments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$46,489.42 and the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$42,913.32. This represents the 2012 Commonwealth Allocation of General Municipal Pension System State Aid that was received in the amount of \$89,402.74.

All in favor Motion carried

9. Motion by Musewicz Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc. for the allocation of the 2012 State Aid for the Police Pension Plan and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Payments will be paid from the assets of each fund in the amount of \$100.00 from the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and \$100.00 from the Police Pension Plan.

All in favor Motion carried

10. Motion by Mazak Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize Council President, Thomas Lukasewicz to accept and sign the bid received at Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau from Nick Magdon in the amount of \$1,852.00 for a property at 1047 South Valley Avenue on behalf of Throop Borough.

On the question:

Gangemi: Are we accepting the bid amount?

Attorney Cimini: We are consenting to it.

A conversation was held.

Mr. And Mrs. Magdon, 113 Vaughn St.: both spoke of the process this property has been through(Tax Sale, Sheriff sale, Repository List) and no one put a bid on it.

All in favor Motion carried

15. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Furiosi

To authorize payment in the amount of \$1200.00 to Tom Gazoo for labor costs for the Civic Center gym floor.

All in favor

Motion carried

Mary Ruth Tanner commented on the bill that was submitted. The total doesn't add up correctly.

Robin Galli: I fixed it.

Lukasewicz: Asked the audience if they had any comments on Motion numbers 14 & 15.

No audience comments.

16. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Mazak

To reimburse Officer Marc Murcko in the amount of \$1,135.43 for fees paid for Law Enforcement Patrol Rifle Instructor School.

On the question:

Gangemi: I don't argue we should pay this but where did he stay?

A brief discussion took place regarding the training, where it was at and how long and where he stayed.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, to purchase and install a Neighborhood Crime Watch sign at Memorial Drive.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Furiosi

To re-advertise mid week for the part time Maintenance Position at the Civic Center unless we find someone prior to that.

On the question:

A discussion took place regarding how many times we are going to advertise and interview for this position. A discussion took place regarding the qualifications/availability of the past applicants. It was decided to lower the expectations of the position and run it by Robert.

All in favor

Motion carried

Robin Galli: Tom do we have to change anything for the RFP?

Lukasewicz: Are we in that much of a hurry.

Attorney Cimini: If we had to we can probably wait until Joe Duda and Ron Yanoski come.

Lukasewicz: If they are going to come we can set up a special meeting for that night also.

19. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Furiosi

To issue a Borough credit card to the Emergency Management Coordinator to use in Emergency Situations.

On the question:

Gangemi: I agree with it but I would like to see a limit on it even if it is \$2500.00 or something. It can be adjusted if needed. It should have a ceiling on it.

Discussion took place regarding limit and use.

Lukasewicz, Tomasovitch, Mazak: It is only for State of Emergency use.

Discussion took place regarding the Borough Credit Cards and purchase orders needed for bills to be paid.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Furiosi

To conduct one monthly regular work session and one monthly regular meeting beginning in the calendar year 2013.

On the question:

A discussion took place amongst the Council members regarding one meeting a month and also regarding having the executive meetings following the meetings if possible.

Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Furiosi

To table Motion # 20.

All in favor

Motion carried

A discussion took place regarding any Councilman adding motions to the agenda.

21. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Furiosi

To allow any Council person to add motions onto the agenda prior to any regular meeting/special meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Joseph Tropiak, Phillips St.: On the Agenda it says the month end meeting is on a Tuesday?
Lukasewicz: Due to the Holiday.

Lukasewicz wants the Budget work session advertised for next meeting.

Lenore Dolan asked if voting on the Executive Sessions.
Gangemi replied will talk it over.

Trudy Delawder, Memorial Dr.: Thank you for voting for the Neighborhood Watch Sign.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary