

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, November 25, 2008  
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** - A  
Tony Gangemi - P  
David Repchick -P  
John Musewicz - P  
Joseph Barone - P  
**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini - A  
**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski - P  
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P  
Secretary - Robin Galli - P  
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - P

**Announcements:**

**An Executive Session was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> (during the Budget Work Session) to discuss personnel matters. Also tonight there was an executive session to discuss personnel.**

**Throop Borough Officials and Employees would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.**

**SCE will donate turkeys at the Throop Civic Center tomorrow, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

**December meetings:**

Mid-Month work session/meeting - Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Monthly work session/meeting - Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda:**

**Eric Hartshorn:** Firemen's Relief Association is made up of three members from each company which provides each member with a death policy and if there is more money we get for funding. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, Hose Company # 3 is opting out of the Relief Association. Hose Co. #2 and #1 voted to stay in. They want \$40,000.00 we met with a lawyer we don't have to give it to them. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> all the members that have been in for forty years have no life insurance, no policies, no nothing. The only thing they might be entitled to the money that comes every year from the state. They might be entitled to one-third of that. If they get out in January they won't see that till the following January. We got \$23,000.00 they might get about \$9,000.00. They are putting a lot of people in jeopardy .

**Barnick:** Asked Repchick if he knew anything about this.

**Repchick:** Yes, Jerry spoke with him a couple of weeks ago. I missed the last meeting, going to ask Jerry to explain it. He started to explain things I didn't know that made sense. What is going on Hose Co # 3 looking to get air packs.

**Jerry Barone:** They told us \$47,000.00 worth of equipment.

**Repchick:** Relief Association can only repair or replace what they paid for.

**Jerry Barone:** What we owe. If we buy equipment for a fire department the Relief Association owns it, because it is a corporation. So they (Hose Co #3) come to our meeting and said they want X amount of dollars to fix the air pack. I asked if the Relief owned them. They said no. I said there are state guide lines you can't use the money anyway, so what do you want them for. They said we are getting out and starting our own Relief Association.

**Repchick:** That is true, they are trying to do that.

**Jerry Barone:** They already did it. All members are getting a letter today. We made a motion that every member from every fire department knows what is going on.

**Repchick:** Explain how the insurance works out of the relief money.

**Jerry Barone:** We pay for a \$5,000.00 death benefit for anybody who belongs to the fire department, whether they are on a fire or not. If in the line of duty you get \$50,000.00, we have one member collecting already. All three companies and the number of people and age is what makes up the price of the policy. Hose Co # 3 won't be able to fund their own.

**Hartshorn:** They will have to return everything that was brought by the Relief Association.

**Jerry Barone:** It will probably come to a court battle, they'll end up spending more money that they don't have. The reason we are telling council is because we are part of the corporation and of the Borough and feel people have to know what is going on.

**1. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup> council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

## Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

**2. Motion by Barone** **Seconded by Jarosh**

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"	<b>\$47,022.94</b>
Paid bills: (Checks issued)	<b>\$68,579.09</b>
General Fund Revenue Report	<b>\$78,325.51</b>
Civic Center Revenue	<b>\$18,925.89</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Barone** **Seconded by Repchick**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor, except Barnick  
and Gangemi abstain on daughters. Motion carried

**4. Motion by Barone** **Seconded by Repchick**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Barone** **Seconded by Jarosh**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **October 31, 2008** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund Checking Account	<b>\$138,877.70</b>
Invest - General Fund Borough-0002	<b>3,242.96</b>
GF Performance Money Market	<b>900,889.32</b>
Parks & Recreation Grant	<b>40,078.96</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account	<b>12,416.00</b>
Civic Center Account	<b>924.09</b>
Civic Center Petty Cash	<b>300.00</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>3,706,700.61</b>
Liquid Fuels Account	<b>14,462.04</b>
Turnback Program	<b>124,500.68</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$4,942,692.36</b>

<b>LOANS</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>FNCB - LOAN</b>	<b>\$954,588.68</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To ratify the transfer in the amount of \$90,000.00 on November 25, 2008 from the (FNCB) Performance Money Market Account to the (FNCB) General Fund checking.

**On the question:**

**Barone:** Are they still giving us the best interest.

**Elaine Morrell:** Yes.

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Barone Seconded by Jarosh**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$ 19,992.00 to Unique Building Systems for the Salt Storage Facility Tension Membrane Cover, as per Robert P. Kalinoski, Street Commissioner. Place check on hold pending approval of Solicitor.

All in favor Motion carried

**Motion #8 Tabled**

**8. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Jarosh**

**To table motion #8:**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Custom Concrete for the Salt Storage Facility Foundation Wall Project.

**On the question:**

**Barone:** Is that the one with incomplete samples?

**Barnick:** Testing is going to be completed tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

All in favor Motion tabled

**9. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Jarosh**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 3 of 2008, an ordinance requiring maintenance and/or construction of public spaces. (A complete copy is posted and is also available for review in the borough secretary's office.)

All in favor Motion carried

**10. Motion by Jarosh Seconded by Repchick**

To allocate \$8,750.00 this represents the balance of the 2008 budgeted allotment to Throop Hose Co. # 2.

All in favor Motion carried

**11. Motion by Barone Seconded by Repchick**

To allocate \$2,500.00 this represents the balance of the 2008 budgeted allotment to Dickson City Community Ambulance.

All in favor Motion carried



16. **Motion by** Barone

**Seconded by** Repchick

To pay Locust Ridge \$6,300.00 for paving and restoration of Elk Court.

**On the question:**

**Barnick:** There is a lot of water going in that alley construction over a couple of years, but right now he did a good job. Most of our borough workers did the work digging it all out and everything. It saved us a whole bunch.

**Gangemi:** He got some other prices.

**Barnick:** They were the lowest.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. **Motion by** Barone

**Seconded by** Repchick

To authorize the engineer to prepare specs for sidewalk and curb project from Sanderson Street to Clark Street to eliminate the area in the 300 block of George Street by Soltis property and Butash Pharmacy and also eliminate the area in the 400 block by Gangi Pizza and 409 George St. And whatever area that does not need to be redone.

**On the question:**

**Barnick:** I think we should try to find more funding and get down to the Village Market to make it look right. We only have another two blocks. Talk to Robbie, if they can do it over the summer little by little.

**Repchick:** Any more grants we can get to finish South Valley.

**Barnick:** Dave will work on that.

All in favor

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned  
Minutes by Robin Galli,  
Secretary, Throop Borough