

**Minutes**  
**Throop Borough Council**  
**Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Monthly Work Session/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:**

Mark Mazak - P

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Anthony Gangemi, **Vice President - A**

David Repchick - P

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 this evening at 6:15 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

\* The Municipal Building will be closed February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in observance of Presidents Day.

**Work Session/Meeting Schedule:**

\* The February monthly work session/meeting will be held February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

\* The March mid-month work session/meeting will be held March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30p.m.

\* The March monthly work session/meeting will be held March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30p.m.

**There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.**



To authorize Jim Caria to schedule the Washington Street ball field for practice and games for the 2013 season.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Repchick**

**Seconded by Furiosi**

To accept the Civic Center part time employee policy. Employees hired to work part-time for the Throop Civic Center, and fail to work what amounts to two (2) shifts per month or at least 200 hours for the year will not be retained by the Borough of Throop. Consideration may be given for those employees that have been ill or can provide a valid reason as to why they were unable to meet the aforementioned criteria. Once a part-time employee is removed from the active roster all property, equipment, etc. will be returned to the Civic Center.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Furiosi**

**Seconded by Repchick**

To accept the Police Department part time police officer policy. Officers hired to work for the Throop Police Department and fail to work what equates to at least 200 hours for the year, or an average of at least two (2) shifts per month will not be retained, nor will they receive any clothing allowance. Officers that have an illness or can provide the Borough with a valid reason as to why they were unable to meet the 200 hour per criteria will be taken into consideration. Once an officer is removed from the active roster he or she will return all Borough issued equipment to include: Badges, police identification, MPOETC card, body armor, etc.

On the question:

Repchick: Make sure the Police Department and Civic Center get a copy of it.

Tomasovitch: Is this for the ones on now too?

Repchick: I think at the end of the month we need to discuss the officers from last year that don't meet that criteria.

Lukasewicz: Would have to go through this year since policy just went into effect.

Repchick: questioned the part time officers that last year didn't work at all and doesn't want to give the uniform allowance because they didn't work.

Lukasewicz feels it shouldn't be talked about publicly and should be reviewed with Attorney Cimini.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Audience Comments:**

Michael Runco, 414 Susquehanna Ave. Olyphant: Questioned how he goes about getting a Right to Know Request form.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary

The following conversation took place during this evenings work session and was requested to be a part of the meeting minutes by Mark Mazak:

Mazak: I would like an update on what was done in the past with Maid Rite. Has there ever been a lawsuit Lou?

Attorney Cimini: Yes.

Mazak: with Maid Rite?

Attorney Cimini: Yes.

Mazak: filed by the borough?

Attorney Cimini: yes

Mazak: in regard to what?

Cimini: in regard to grease in the lines.

Mazak: was there ever anything with the air?

Cimini: No.

Mazak: did the borough and anyone sitting here that is present can answer this question if they want to. Was there ever borough money expended to go up and resolve the situation with Maid Rite? Was the borough involved?

Cimini: with the grease in the lines?

Mazak: no with the air.

Cimini: I can't say for certain. I don't know. I can't recall.

Mazak: Did you ever do any work on it?

Cimini: I think I spoke to their Attorney and I spoke to Ratchford.

Mazak: So you did do some work.

Cimini: I may have spoke to J Ratchford actually no we met with Mr. Bernstein a few times asking him to upgrade the facility

Mazak: with the air quality

Cimini: with the air quality - some kind of scrubber system they were going to put in.

Mazak: so borough money was used.

Cimini: I don't think a check was ever cut.

Mazak: I don't mean that. When borough workers do work and they go up there and they are on the clock, that's... the borough's involved in it.

Cimini: I met with Mr Bernstein and his manager a few times.

Mazak: How about the borough employees and councilmen? Did any councilmen meet with them?

Cimini: I think councilmen did meet. Yea I think so.

Mazak: they did?

Cimini: I can't recall specifically but I remember Jim Barnick yelling at Mr. Bernstein about the grease.

Mazak: But I am talking air. I'm not talking sewer. I'm talking air.

Cimini: Yea I think we met with them over the air maybe twice.

Mazak: The Borough, so the Borough was involved.

Cimini: not as a litigant, but I think maybe Ratchford said, he may be able to help us out here.

Mazak: No - I didn't mean the Borough was a litigant because from what I understand and I'm sure - this is public knowledge now because it's out there - there was a separate lawsuit, but the borough was not involved in that.

Cimini: The borough was not a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

Mazak: but the borough did do - expend money up there.

Cimini: well expend money the way you're defying expend money

Mazak: well when you're doing work you're being paid by the borough.

Cimini: I was present with Council.

Mazak: So if you're up there doing work and if Jim Barnick is representing the borough - um and were any other borough employees up there? Were you up there Rob?

Cimini: You will have to ask Jim - he would know for certain.

Robert Kalinoski: I was never there for air Mark. I was there numerous times for the grease in the lines. Nothing on the air that I remember.

Mazak: I want those questions and answers in the minutes please.

Cimini: Mark whatever I say that is subject to being confirmed with whatever correspondence. I know I met with Steve Friedman on the grease numerous times but I'm pretty sure we met regarding the air scrubbers at the time. I would ask Jim Barnick.

Mazak: Well Jim Barnick did say to me he was up there.

Cimini: well he probably remembers better than me.

Mazak: I would like that to be part of the minutes. Ok?