

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 31, 2011
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 - P**

Anthony Gangemi - P

David Repchick - P

John Musewicz - P

Neil Furiosi - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Stanley D. Lukowski - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

There were no Announcements.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The June mid-month work session and meeting will be held Monday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m.

* The June monthly work session and meeting will be held Monday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

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

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the April 26th and May 9th council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. **Motion by Jarosh** **Seconded by Gangemi**

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"	\$36,173.83
Paid bills:	\$137,834.58
General Fund Revenue Report	\$131,941.19
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$8,142.93

All in favor

Motion carried

3. **Motion by Furiosi** **Seconded by Gangemi**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

On the Question:

Lukasewicz : Louie, do I abstain on my step children.

Attorney Cimini: No

**All in favor except Repchick and
Musewicz abstain on their daughters**

Motion carried

4. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: While we are on the correspondence, Louie can you write a letter to the DEP saying that we have major concerns and questions regarding the expansion of the landfill and we expect 3 different dates for a hearing/meeting.

Barnick: And find out what they are considering the official date of filing, in writing from them.

Lukasewicz: Asked if there were any audience questions and/or comments on this motion that will be added.

5. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of April 30, 2011 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account (FNCB)	\$885.75
General Fund Checking Account	\$330,608.09
General Fund Performance	\$586,787.92
Parks & Recreation Grant	\$40,482.25
Civic Center Account	\$682.71
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account (FNCB)	\$2,149.86
Payroll Checking Account	\$45,448.70
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct - Fidelity Bank	\$1,709,091.04
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$2,949,851.28
Liquid Fuels Account	\$83,710.63

Turnback Program	\$128,755.00
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$5,879,053.23

LOANS (Current Balance)	Balance
Sunny Day Fund (Fidelity Deposit & Discount) (1.20%)	\$323,484.77

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To ratify payment made on May 17, 2011, to Chapman Auto Group in the amount of \$33,173.15 for purchase of 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe.

6 in favor
Furiosi against

Motion carried

7. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Barnick

To ratify the transfer of \$961.80 on May 17, 2011, from the General Fund Checking Account at FNCB to the General Fund Checking Account at Fidelity Bank.

On the Question:

Lukasewicz: Lenore is that the last of the money there?

Lenore Dolan: Yes

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To waive pave cut permit fees to Pennsylvania American Water for project to install a water main in Oak St., Hudson St., Line St. and Clay Ave. in the Borough of Throop.

6 in favor, Gangemi
abstained

Motion carried

9. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize payment in the amount of \$900.00 to Lackawanna County Conservation District for Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review for Franko Street Extension.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Repchick

To authorize payment in the amount of \$500.00 to Lackawanna County Clean Water Fund for the NPDES Permit Review Major Modification.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Furiosi

Seconded by Repchick

To authorize payment in the amount of \$100.00 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Water Fund for the “Disturbed Acre Fee”.

On the Question:

Barnick: What is this?

Lukasewicz: All the fees involved with Franko Street Extension.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Jarosh

To authorize payment in the amount of \$324.21 to Chester and Sharon Delonti, 588 Main St., Eynon, the cost to replace their broken windshield.

A brief discussion took place regarding how it happened and what happened.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To authorize reimbursement in the amount of \$390.08 to Hose Co. # 2, from the General Fund, for repairs made to the Borough Fire Chief's car.

**Repchick: He is at everything and #2 authorizes him to use that car.
A discussion took place regarding the use of the Chief's car and reimbursing the money.**

On the question:

Barnick: I am going to be voting against it. I don't want to establish a policy that could blossom to others for everything. I am just going to say you have your allotment for the year and if that is what you use it for to fix it, fine. We need to establish a policy. You have money allocated for the year. Once it's gone if you have to come back, fine.

Lukasewicz: Originally I was totally against it but if we look at it has a Hose Co. vehicle, there was a problem with it, it needs to be fixed...

Barnick: It happened on his call, let it come from the fund that was established for the Chief.

Chief Hartshorn: That is where I wanted it to come from. Out of the \$1500.00 allotment.

Gangemi: You are not asking for extra money. Your asking is it ok with the money we gave you, the \$1500.00 allotment, is it ok to spend it on this.

Jarosh: I am more in favor of saying it was a Fire Company and something broke and we are going to give the Fire Company the money to fix it instead of giving it out of that budget. Because what is to say if we don't re-appoint Eric the next Chief that comes in takes out a lease and it costs \$2000.00 a year for a brand new vehicle. And he is able to use that vehicle. I have no problem saying let's just give him the \$300.00.

Lukasewicz: The point is how far do we want to go with this unwritten policy of the Hose Companies coming in and asking for money aside from what is budgeted with their annual allotment.

Gangemi: I just have a hard time with routine maintenance on a vehicle.

Lukasewicz: Put it to a vote to pay for it from the General Fund. That is what the motion is.

More discussion took place regarding the payment of the repairs on the Borough Fire Chief's vehicle.

**4 in favor
Barnick, Gangemi and
Lukasewicz against**

Motion carried

Wayne Williams: He is not here asking for the money he is asking for it out of his Chief's

To authorize Attorney Cimini to dictate a letter in regards to the landfill expansion that the Borough has major concerns, questions and issues in regards to it and we will be sending additional comments shortly and also requesting 3 dates for meetings and 1 hearing and what the official date of filing is.

All in favor

Motion carried

Mayor Lukowski: Corner of Steinecke and South Valley, the grass on the property there are neighbors that cannot see coming out of there. Also want to address an issue of a truck parked on Rebecca Street, it is in the middle of the street. We had some phone issues next store but we are good now.

Repchick: Whatever happened with the security system for the computers?

Jarosh: Last I heard Robbie was going to put a bid together and possibly buy some parts from a municibid or something. I have no clue. It needs to go out to bid.

Furiosi: I would like to say at this time, congratulations to the people who ran for public office and won in May and I want to thank Ray for his service to the Borough as a member of the Council, Charlene Tomasovitch, Stanley, Tony and Dave congratulations.

Lukasewicz: Rocco your concerns on Sulpher creek are not going unnoticed, until Marjol is completely finished I am reluctant to get into Sulpher Creek and clean it. If it wasn't for that we would've cleaned it.

Audience Comments:

Charlene Tomasovitch, Sanderson St.: A lot on Goodman Street that needs to be cut.

Barnick: I brought that up to Bob Lokuta.

Lukasewicz: We condemned the house and tore it down. We have to have the guys go in there, keep a record of everything that they expended and there has to be a lien put on the property.

Barnick: We never end up collecting the money back. We need to keep a real good record of all these properties.

Lukasewicz: We as a Borough that have vacant properties that is liened to a certain amount, can we go after eminent domain and sell the property?

Barnick: Or get a judgement in our favor to take over the property.

Lukasewicz: No one will maintain this property. There should policy out there establishing us to go in there, take over the property, and sell it. Get it back on the tax rolls and we don't have to worry about maintaining it. There has to be something we can do about it. There are several out there.

Charlene Tomasovitch, Sanderson St.: The new police car - I never see it on 1st and 2nd shift.

Lukasewicz: Keith is gradually using it a little at a time.

Chief Jones: It is used everyday.

Lukasewicz: Uses it as he needs to, if there is a concern you can talk to the Mayor about it and he will discuss it with Keith.

Eric Hartshorn: I want to thank you for the re-appointment as Borough Fire Chief.

Lukasewicz: We want to thank you. You do a good job.

Motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary