

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, April 24, 2006  
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

**The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Roll Call:**

**Members of Council:**

Cindy Johnson - P

James Barnick, **Vice President** – P (Arrived 7:10 p.m., prior meeting commitment)

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President** – P (Arrived 7:10 p.m., prior meeting commitment)

Joseph Barone - P

Tony Chrzan - P

George Marushock - A

John Musewicz - P

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski - P

**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini – P (Arrived 7:10 p.m., prior meeting commitment)

Assistant Treasurer – Lenore Dolan – P

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell – P

**Announcements:**

The monthly work session/meeting for May will be held Thursday, May 25, 2006  
beginning at 6:30 p.m. (The last Monday of May falls on Memorial Day.)

**Audience Comments on Agenda:**

**Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street** – Motion #17, payment to Scranton Craftsmen for work done on the Lower Sanderson Street Storm and Sewer Project, the job was not completed yet.

**Mary Ruth Tanner, Civic Center Director** – Discussed the civic center summer help for the Washington Street Park Summer Program for the children of Throop and mulch needed for the civic center grounds.

**Dave Morrell, Civic Center Committee** – Thanked everyone for coming to the Candidate's Forum on behalf of the committee and the staff; hoped everybody enjoyed it and got something out of it. Requested allocation of same as in the past for the basketball banquet for grades 2-5 to be held on May 13, 2006. Lastly, minor repairs needed to close in the emergency lighting.

**Bob Bolus, Sanderson Street** – Throop Ambulance: Was approval needed by the bankruptcy court and higher bids be added to that? Maid Rite: Located in Dunmore, how did Throop Borough have jurisdiction through DEP? It smelled like good steak; could not agree on the smell. At the Commissioner’s meeting, putting up with and having to accept the landfill smell came up, but did not know of any citations given to the landfill. Why weren’t more complaints sent to DEP about the landfill smell and why hasn’t DEP done something about that? It was like selective enforcement going on. That smell was more offensive than smelling steak cooking. But if there was a problem, it should be addressed; maybe Janet Evans (113<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Candidate) could correct it.

**Mayor Lukowski** –DEP submits a report every month regarding the landfill.

**1. Motion by Chrzan** **Second by Barone**

To accept the zoning reports and the transcripts/minutes of the January 30, 2006, February 27, 2006 and April 6, 2006 council meetings.

All in favor Motion carried

**2. Motion by Chrzan** **Second Musewicz**

To accept the treasurers’ reports as posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough as posted.

<b>Unpaid Bills</b>	<b>\$ 94,453.19</b>
<b>Items for Payment</b>	<b>6,715.95</b>
<b>Total Unpaid Bills</b>	<b>\$ 101,169.14</b>
<b>Paid Bills</b>	<b>\$ 49,211.78</b>
<b>Revenue Report (as prepared by L. Dolan)</b>	<b>\$ 692,898.64</b>

All in favor Motion carried

**3. Motion by Chrzan** **Second by Barone**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor Motion carried

**4. Motion by Chrzan** **Second by Musewicz**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Chrzan** **Second by Barnick**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of March 31, 2006.

<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>March, 2006</b>
General Fund Checking Account	\$ 160,025.72
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	22,359.40
Tax Escrow Account	1,851.27
Civic Center Account	546.74
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	3,122,145.25
Home Program Account	3,549.66
Capital Projects Account	1,427,613.55
Warsaw Playground	29,458.88
Liquid Fuels Account	1,107.70
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$4,769,258.17</b>

<b>Loan: FNCB Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$1,429,577.04</b>
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All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Chrzan** **Second by Barnick**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinances # 3, # 4 and # 5 of 2006, Ordinances Abandoning Certain Alleyways Located Within the Boundaries of Throop; the properties described while laid out have never been used as public thoroughfares. These lots are in the area of the new DPW complex.

Ordinance # 3	Exhibit "A" – Lot No. A
Ordinance # 4	Exhibit "A" – Lot No. D
Ordinance # 5	Exhibit "A" – Lot No. E

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Chrzan** **Second by Barone**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 6 of 2006, an Ordinance to Open Frank and Catherino Streets (a.k.a. Sharkey) to Ridge Street in the Borough of Throop.

On the question:

Barone: This is an important move, the police and ambulance wanted this. If there is an accident (on South Valley), you cannot get through.

Five in favor – Barnick, Chrzan, Musewicz, Barone, Lukasewicz  
One against – Johnson Motion carried

**8. Motion by Chrzan** **Second by Barone**

To repeal the prior offer from Gene Runco to purchase the DARE car. He changed his mind. To accept the bid from John & Kathryn Strupcewski in the amount of \$150.00 to purchase the 1992 DARE car.

All in favor Motion carried

**9. Motion by Musewicz** **Second by Johnson**

To allocate ½ of the budgeted allotment in the amount of \$17,500.00 to each of our three volunteer fire departments, Throop Hose Co.'s # 1, # 2 and # 3.

All in favor Motion carried

**10. Motion by Chrzan** **Second by Musewicz**

To allocate ½ of the budgeted allotment to our fire marshal and assistants:

Jerry Barone, Fire Marshal	\$200.00
Maurice Menichetti, Assistant	\$100.00
Ed Bocan, Assistant	\$100.00

All in favor Motion carried

**11. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To authorize payment to Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services (PMPS) in the amount of \$812.50 from the assets of the Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

All in favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Chrzan**

To appoint Justin Davis for part-time “Seasonal Temporary Help” to work with the (DPW) Department of Public Works approximately 30 hours per week at a rate of \$8.00 (per hour).

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Chrzan**

To appoint Chris Smith of Throop, for part-time “Seasonal Temporary Help” to work with the (DPW) Department of Public Works approximately 30 hours per week at a rate of \$8.00 (per hour).

All in favor

Motion carried

**14. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barone**

To appoint John Petrillo for part-time “Seasonal Temporary Help” to work with the (DPW) Department of Public Works approximately 30 hours per week at a rate of \$8.00 (per hour).

All in favor

Motion carried

**15. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barone**

To appoint Leo Buckas for part-time “Seasonal Temporary Help” to work with the (DPW) Department of Public Works approximately 30 hours per week at a rate of \$8.00 (per hour).

On the question:

Barone: On these hires now, the part time summer help, is there going to be a limit or are they just going to keep working as work as the work is available and not just for the summer?

Lukasewicz: It's going to be as the work as available. Spring clean-up is starting and there's a lot of catch basins that have to be cleaned, down by the river has to be cleaned up, all the streets need a little bit of cleaning up. You know, there's definitely something for these people do.

All in favor

Motion carried

**16. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Musewicz**

To approve Application for Payment # 1 submitted by Scranton Craftsmen in the amount of \$10,521.25 for the Lower Sanderson Street StormWater Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

**17. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Musewicz**

To approve Application for Payment # 2 submitted by Scranton Craftsmen in the amount of \$7,797.13 for the Lower Sanderson Street Stormwater Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

**18. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To approve Application for Payment # 1 submitted by IWDA in the amount of \$52,873.38 for the Eddy, Franko & Delaware Streets Project, to be paid from the Capital Improvement (Projects) account, as per the recommendation of Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer.

All in favor

Motion carried

**19. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Musewicz**

To purchase a Sunny Day Fund CD in the amount of \$66,993.02 at FNCB for one year at the highest rate available. (This is 10% of the quarterly hose municipality fee.)

All in favor

Motion carried

**20. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To purchase 100 blue recycling bins and lids at a cost of \$13.05 each from T.M. Fitzgerald. This is through the Co-Stars Program/State Purchasing.

All in favor

Motion carried

**21. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To send a letter to Mark Kozik, School Side Estates, to install within fifteen days the street signs and stop signs, to develop a plan for mail delivery, to camera the storm and sewer lines and as-built plans back to the borough in order to develop the (necessary) ordinance .

On the question:

Lukasewicz: The citizens have been approaching me on a daily basis and it's hard to live some place where you don't have a street sign or you don't have stop signs. Even the buses won't go in there to pick up the school students until we take over the streets, so it's very important that this be done in a very timely fashion. It has to be done yesterday.

All in favor

Motion carried

**22. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Chrzan**

To direct Atty. Cimini to prepare the ordinance to accept the streets and infrastructure for School Side Estates.

All in favor

Motion carried

**23. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Chrzan**

To authorize Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Borough Engineer, to complete the design for the storm water collection lines for the system for the Eddy, Franko & Delaware Streets Project, including additional reconstruction of the roads as needed, and to advertise for bids, to be opened at the May 11, 2006 meeting.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: This project's been thought about and it's finally getting started. It's a very difficult project and the citizens are going to have to bear with us. The main concern of everyone up here, I

think, is that it's done proper. If it takes a little bit longer, I think the people can wait. If there's any concerns let them call myself or anyone else. The main thing is we want to do it right. We don't want to have to do it again.

All in favor

Motion carried

**24. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To request Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, to conduct traffic study of Haverly Street for parking on one side.

All in favor

Motion carried

**25. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Musewicz**

To reinstate Maria Pesavento (Shevchik) as civic center monitor at the current rate.

All in favor

Motion carried

**26. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barone**

To authorize funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 to be held in an escrow account and to be paid to Atty. Rich Hodges until such order that the property to be released for the Throop Community Ambulance Association building.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Hopefully, we can get this building back to where it belongs. You know, it's a shame what happened to the ambulance. The issue of the ambulance, one thing good of what came out of it, the coverage has been wonderful. I have not had one complaint whatsoever, I don't know if anyone else has had any complaints.

Morrell: We have had compliments, we really have. We've had compliments of the care that the Dickson City Ambulance has given when they have gone to calls to residents in Throop.

Lukasewicz: It's made it very easy for council to deal with the whole situation. All I can ask is that the people of Throop get behind Dickson City Ambulance. I know they're having a benefit drive so if there's anything you can do, they're trying to serve the people of Throop the best they can.

Morrell: If no one received a form to join, we do have blank forms here. We did try to give them a (resident) listing to send the membership forms.

All in favor

Motion carried

**27. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Chrzan**

To allocate the same amount of money as in the past for the civic center basketball banquet.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Officials Comments:**

**Mayor Lukowski:** The American Cancer Society helps people suffering from cancer. Jeannie Lupini, Tax Collector of Jessup, is overall chair lady. Lorenzo Policichio will be inducted as an Eagle Scout and the Policichio boys, who would both now be Eagle Scouts, were praised for participating yearly the Memorial and Veteran's Day Services. The civic center has many things going on and gets a lot of exposure; it's probably the gem of Lackawanna County. A beautification project would be pursued again this year. The forthcoming monument for the girls should be as nice as the one in Blakely corners, if not nicer. An allocation for sidewalks for the community should be pursued through Senator Mellow's office because of having it in the bag then never materializing.

**Councilman Barone:** Thanked Fire Police Ron Green and Susan Hughes and Officer Wm. Hazelton for directing traffic on Holy Saturday and thought they did a terrific job.

**Council President Lukasewicz:** Thanked Mary Ruth for her efforts in the Candidate's Forum held at the civic center on April 22, 2006 for the 113<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and requested letters of thank you be sent to the Boy Scouts for leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Candidate's Forum and, additionally, a thank you to those mentioned by Joe Barone. A grant is forthcoming from Senator Mellow's for \$30,000 for a new bucket truck. Representative Gaynor Cawley came to Throop recently in response to complaints with Maid; the issues are very important to Repr.Cawley and he wants to be there for the people of Throop right to the end.

**Chief Clerk, Elaine Morrell:** Agreed that Rep. Cawley has been great with Throop for years and hoped the candidate he would be replaced with could walk in his shoes.

**Councilman John Musewicz:** For the record, offered congratulations to Council President and anybody that helped with the Candidates Forum. A round of applause was given by the audience. The Booster Club received notification from the State that the \$7300.00 for the monument for the girls 2003 Big League District and State Championship in 2003 will be forthcoming. A once in a lifetime, maybe, for Throop. Thank you to Joe Barone and anyone else who helped for spearheading the money through Senator Mellow's office. Another round of applause was given by the audience.

**Audience Comments:**

**Ray Jarosh, 832 Pearl Street** – Because he missed a few meetings, asked the status of what happened to Mark Wozniak, court stenographer, and secondly, would the borough be going anywhere with the 48 Acres property.

**Burt Geoffroy, School Side Estates** – Inquired about mail delivery plan for School Side Estates. Has a box in Olyphant but has to stand in line for 20-25 minutes.

**Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street** – Wanted to know if anyone knew why Mr. Marushock was not attending the last one or two council meetings.

**Bette Goreschak, Meade St., Throop Planning Agency** –Inquired if all the houses were numbered in School Side Estates because she heard people were having troubles with deliveries.

**Trudy Gaughan, Memorial Drive** – Concerned with the safety of the children, speed limit signs should be posted. Poles were put in but unsure what they were for.

**28. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To request the Police Department conduct a traffic study in regards to posting speed signs (speed limit signs) on Memorial Drive, within the Housing Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Bob Bolus, Sanderson Street** – Updated his on-going mission to recover and return the remains of the marine who filmed the raising of the flag raising in Iwo Jima. The Japanese killed him and another marine in a cave; the mission now awaits an endorsement /sanction to return.

**John O'Boyle, Candidate, 113<sup>th</sup> District State Representative** - Thanked Council President and everyone involved for having the Candidate's Forum on April 22, 2006; he appreciated the opportunity. Everyone offered a round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Secretary