

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monday, August 31<sup>s</sup>, 2015  
Work Session/Monthly 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- P**

David Repchick - P

John Musewicz - P

Neil Furiosi - P

**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini - P

**Mayor** - Wayne Williams - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

**Announcements:**

\* An executive session was held on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

\* An executive session was held at 5:30 p.m. this evening to discuss legal and personnel matters

**Work Session/Meetings:**

\* The Sept. mid month work session/meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

\* The Sept. monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Bob Magliocchi, 5 Bruno Dr.: Questioned the motion on paying the invoice for the signs at the Little League Field. How do you vote to purchase something that was already purchased?

Lukasewicz: In a perfect world. They were purchased for the ceremony and they came early and never got to authorized payment

Magliocchi: So it was voted on to purchase them?

Lukasewicz: This is the vote to purchase them.

Magliocchi: Even though we already have them?

Lukasewicz: Exactly. There was an understanding of some monies that would be spent to get ready for the dedication and that was one of the things that was anticipated.

Magliocchi: The committee anticipated it or was it voted on.

Lukasewicz: Council set aside some funds for additional items to get the field ready for the dedication.

Mazak added that he, Tomasovitch, Musewicz, Robert, the Mayor, Ed Long were on the committee and had discussions and that committee more or less purchased everything for the day down there. There was mention of purchasing signs for the Little League but never any discussion on it. Never discussed price on signs. I will be voting no on the motion because I think it is out of line.

Lukasewicz: Whether it is out of line or not. You brought up a question that needs to be addressed. There was a committee that made decisions.

Mazak: That's right.

Lukasewicz: Committees cannot make decisions. Can only recommend back to Council and need to have meetings of every meeting. Are there minutes of every meeting?

Mazak: No there's not. You know that.

Tomasovitch added that she has some minutes at home.

Lukasewicz: Asides from that we are talking about \$900.00 for 3 beautiful signs that are down there that need to be paid for.

Magliocchi: I was just curious of the process.

Lukasewicz: The process wasn't done the way it should be done but they are there and need to be paid for.

Tomasovitch: We didn't have the price for the signs. The price of everything else we had.

Mazak: Everything was discussed, the price of everything was discussed between the members of the committee except for the signs.

Lukasewicz: Technically committees cannot purchase anything.

Mazak: Everything was voted on in this chamber.

Lukasewicz: Nothing was ever voted on in this chamber. After the fact. Committees made decisions and cannot make decisions. Should have proper records and the minutes should be available.

Ed Long spoke of his suggestions of way it should be done. He has no paperwork. Knew nothing of minutes.

Lukasewicz: It was a beautiful event and went smoothly. It's over with.

Peter Kolcharno, Tax Payer of MVSD, Olyphant: Questioned if the lawsuit is under Parry and Runco?

Attorney Cimini: Correct

Kolcharno: Questioned if know what Perry's loss is on the Runco lawsuit.

Attorney Cimini: Replied not that far in the lawsuit.

Kolcharno: Mr Parry always questioned how he has a loss in this legal matter and also was this recommend to pay this by the Solicitor, yourself, and Council, and insurance company. Both recommendations were affirmative on this payout?

Attorney Cimini: The insurance has a consent to settle clause. Which means there was a recommendation made by insurance adjuster on the case and the case can't settle unless the Council agrees.

Kolcharno: Thank you.





**9. Motion by Musewicz**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account	<b>\$39,493.80</b>
Purchasing Account	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
General Fund Performance Money Market	<b>\$1,977,950.84</b>
Civic Center Account	<b>\$1,237.74</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>\$300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account	<b>\$22,144.23</b>
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct	<b>\$2,335,982.98</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>\$4,102,540.77</b>
Liquid Fuels Account	<b>\$191,132.39</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$8,671,782.75</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**10. Motion by Repchick**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To adopt Resolution #9 of 2015, a resolution authorizing Council President to sign Penn DOTS Application for Traffic Signal Approval.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**11. Motion by Musewicz**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To consent to settle current litigation filed by Runco/Perry, No.:3:14-cv-1261 in the amount of \$120,000.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Repchick** **Seconded by Musewicz**

To accept the proposal received from Joyce, Jackman & Bell for the Borough Insurance effective September 4, 2015. (\$58,633.00)

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

Conversation took place regarding all the background work he did.  
Lukasewicz: Please send them a thank you letter for shopping around and getting us a good value.

**13. Motion by Mazak** **Seconded by Gangemi**

To accept the proposal from Eastern Electric Testing Corporation in the amount of \$1351.00 for the underground wiring at the Little League. Have engineer plot plan all the locations for future development.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**14. Motion by Repchick** **Seconded by Mazak**

To reject the paving project bid and to re bid in January.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**15. Motion by Gangemi** **Seconded by Mazak**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$78,552.00 to Scranton Craftsmen for the Bert Collins Project.

**All in favor except  
Lukasewicz abstained due to  
contribution received for campaign** **Motion carried**

**16. Motion by Musewicz** **Seconded by Gangemi**

To accept the proposal from American Janitor to refinish the Civic Center gym floor at a cost of \$4595.00.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**



Audience Comments:

Dave Karr, Meade St.: Questioned the status of St. John's Church and use.  
Lukasewicz added that waiting to see what is going on with the house next to the rectory. All contingent if get it.

Karr: Questioned if anything being done with rental property inspections.  
Lukasewicz: Ask Bob Lokuta next meeting.

Deb Marushock, Kossuth St.: Spoke of possible drug activity going on at Woodlawn St. Park.  
Mayor Williams: Has had the police driving by throughout the day and he has been driving by also.  
Marushock would like the porto lav removed from there.  
Lukasewicz: You will have to get a petition to remove the porto lav. It's a park and it is right to have it there. It has to be there. If it smells then we have to be notified so can contact the company.  
Mayor Williams please do whatever you can and make it a priority.

Barbara Zilla, Cypress St.: Wondering if DPW can clean up the weeds on the concrete slab. Main intersection and it doesn't look good.  
Lukasewicz: If it is PA DOT's, Mr Kalinoski doesn't go anywhere/do anything that it isn't ours for liability reasons.  
Mayor Williams added that he can put some weed killer on it.

Lukasewicz: Robin ask Robert - Bellman St playground gravel access road. Needs gravel

Bob Magliocchi, 5 Bruno Dr.: About the signs whether it is \$900.00 or \$10,000.00 would we push it through? Otherwise need to go over rules and procedures of how to do stuff.

Magliocchi: Civic center was built not to make money. Correct?  
Lukasewicz added that it was built so that citizens can go and enjoy themselves - never intended to make a huge profit. Doesn't mean you don't want to run programs that are not profitable enough to pay for the staffing.  
Magliocchi: So technically its semi used to make profit.  
Lukasewicz: Yes.  
Magliocchi: not sure but last year 86 non Throop resident games.  
Mazak: That was the year before. I didn't track it last year.  
Magliocchi feels something should be put in place. Games scheduled on certain nights instead of taking up the whole week. Some kids have to leave and go to Dickson to play and have to pay.  
Lukasewicz agrees. The staff at the Civic Center looks forward to making money on these games/programs. Need to have more Throop people using the gym instead of out of town residents.  
Magliocchi questioned why Throop residents need to pay to enter games.  
Lukasewicz: Had asked last year  
Mazak: We asked for a schedule last year and never got it.  
Lukasewicz: Robin tell Mary Ruth that Council wants to see the plan use of the facility prior to any engagements being done.  
Tomasovitch feels should have to pay to see a game.  
Mazak: Yes - that is for Throop residents. Feels there is a conflict of interest when Mary Ruth and John sit on the board of the league and make up the schedule.

Lukasewicz: Just because someone sits on a board doesn't mean a conflict. Main thing is we need to know what is going on so we can deal with it appropriately.

Frank Galli: 15 children total play in the Throop league. If we don't have this league where will they play.

Lukasewicz: You don't have to pull kids from up and down the valley just to provide the needs for 15 kids.

Galli: Are you saying you don't want the league there. If there isn't a league there, there isn't anyone using that gym.

William Shevchick, Harriet St.: I run the league too, Noone is being denied playing time. Aren't going to Dickson because they run leagues. When the Throop Civic Center sponsors 4 biddy teams that league offsets a ton of money. The civic center makes money by having the league in there. If there was conflict of Throop kids playing rather than having a neutral game in there, the neutral game would be gone.

Discussion took place of revenue and expenses at the Civic Center.

Lukasewicz: Next meeting have Mary Ruth here and Snooky have everything/figures together and we will discuss it in an open meeting for more than 5 minutes.

Shevchick: There is more pros than cons. And no kids are being denied gym time there. All talking at once.

Tomasovitch: Why don't we just have an audit.

Discussion of girls league.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary