# Minutes Throop Borough Council Monday, December 30, 2013 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 - Stanley Lukowski - P
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P
Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

#### **Announcements:**

\* Executive session were held on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. this evening to discuss personnel matters.

# Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

As Motion #8 reads.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

#### 1. Motion by Repchick

#### Seconded by Mazak

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the November  $25^{th}$  and December  $9^{th}$ , 2013 Council Meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

## **Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports**

#### 2. Motion by Gangemi

# Seconded by Repchick

To accept the treasurers' monthly 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"	\$78,663.03
Paid bills:	\$395,145.98
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers made from GF MMKT)	\$569,494.12
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$7,490.76

All in favor except Lukasewicz abstained on the Oliver, Price & Rhodes Invoice

Motion carried

#### 3. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Mazak

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Tomasovitch, Gangemi & Musewicz abstain on family

#### 4. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Furiosi

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

#### 5. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Repchick

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of <u>November</u> <u>30, 2013</u> as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account (Fidelity Bank)	\$55,590.01
General Fund Performance Money Market (Fidelity Bank)	\$1,711,706.29
Civic Center Account (Fidelity Bank)	\$594.29
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account (Fidelity Bank)	\$21,798.04
Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct (Fidelity Bank)	\$5,942,149.67
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$86,648.70
Liquid Fuels Account (Fidelity Bank)	\$85,534.89
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$7,904,321.89

All in favor

Motion carried

#### 6. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance #1 of 2014, the tax rate on assessed valuation of the Borough of Throop for the year of 2014, shall be as follows; for general purpose, the sum of five (5) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

All in favor

## 7. Motion by Furiosi

#### Seconded by Repchick

To pay the quarterly allotments to the Emergency Services for the Borough of Throop. \$5,625.00 each to all Hose Companies (Hose Co #1, #2 and Volunteers #3) and \$1,500.00 to Dickson City Ambulance.

All in favor

Motion carried

#### 8. Motion by Gangemi

#### Seconded by Repchick

To schedule the 2014 Work Session/Meetings. The Council Work Sessions/Meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and last Monday of the month. The work sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. meetings will follow. Any re-scheduling will be advertised. Cancellations will be posted. Meetings are held in Council Chambers.

Robin Galli: Added that the Re Organization meeting will be held on January 6, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

All in favor

Motion carried

## 9. Motion by Repchick

#### Seconded by Mazak

To authorize the 2014 pay increase of 2.5% beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, as per the budget for the non-union employees: Assistant Treasurer, Part Time Civic Center Employees and Police Officers, Secretary of Planning & Zoning, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer and Borough Solicitor. Street Commissioner and Civic Center Director increase as per budget(Union employees increases, as per contract).

All in favor except Tomasovitch abstained on her father

Motion carried

#### 10. Motion by Repchick

#### Seconded by Tomasovitch

To grant permission to the Junior and Senior Legion Baseball teams and Little League Teener Baseball team to use the Washington Street Park ballfield for the 2014 baseball season. Teams are made up of players from Throop, Dickson City and Olyphant. (Jim Caria will schedule the field).

All in favor

#### 11. Motion by Tomasovitch

#### Seconded by Mazak

To authorize payment in the amount of \$15,623.42 to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating for payment for Sanitary Sewer and Storm water Improvements Project. With approval from Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner and Zachary Smith/Borough Engineer.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz asked that the Borough Engineer come to the next meeting to catch up with all projects.

#### 12. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To donate \$100.00 to Mid Valley Cheerleaders to help raise funds for uniforms, equipment, camp and clinics.

All in favor

Motion carried

## 13. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Furiosi

To authorize Council President to execute the Settlement Agreement for Badge #25 vs. Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

## 14. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Furiosi

To reimburse Volunteer Hose Company for postcards, postage and sign for the Santa Day events in the amount of \$476.13.

All in favor

Motion carried

#### 15. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Frank DiCindio, this is for half the cost of the surveyor to complete the necessary steps to get the property in his possession.

All in favor

### 16. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To hire Robert Sherbinko as a Civic Center monitor at the prevailing rate.

All in favor

Motion carried

#### 17. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Mazak

To authorize the purchase of a DPW truck as per the line item in the 2014 budget.

All in favor

Motion carried

## 18. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize the purchase of a Police Car as per the line item in the 2014 budget.

All in favor

Motion carried

## 19. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Mazak

To authorize the signing of the agreement with Rite Temp to perform necessary maintenance on a yearly basis at the civic center at a cost of \$1172.00 to be paid quarterly.

All in favor

Motion carried

#### **Audience Comments:**

Jim Barnick, 203 Adams Ct.: Wanted to clarify article in the paper about the hiring of the DPW worker, that it was himself and not his son. Questioned when the Union contract changed that an unskilled laborer required a CDL. Unskilled never needed a CDL. Questioned if it changed. Stated hired someone at last meeting and didn't have a CDL then rescinded. Why?

Attorney Cimini: Robert wanted the motion rescinded because the applicant didn't meet the requirements that were advertised for the position.

Barnick questioned what the Union contract stated.

Cimini added that he didn't think the Union contract....

Barnick added that you have to have a CDL for a heavy equipment operator and truck driver - you must. It's in there.

Cimini added that he didn't think the union contract would prohibit what you could hire for.

Barnick questioned if it was negotiated when negotiating the contract that a requirement of a CDL is supposed to be in there for an unskilled laborer. Because he is low man on the totem pole. He's going to be picking garbage - that's it. The only time he would be used is in a rare emergency to plow. All the other senior guys get it. I don't know why you would take the original guy that was hired and then jump to the next with a CDL. And if you were requiring a CDL why didn't 2 applicants with CDL's move up when the 2 recommended didn't have a CDL and he felt then the whole process should've started over.

Furiosi added that if the 2 recommended individuals didn't work out Robert said it would go to the third recommendation.

Barnick added that the union contract doesn't call for an unskilled laborer to have a CDL. Also questioned why the other CDL people didn't move up.

Tomasovitch added that Robert had second interviews and he had 4 people with second interviews.

Attorney Cimini: There was an ad placed, Robert recommended, Council acted upon the recommendation of the Street Commissioner. The Head of DPW then said that the individuals didn't meet the requirements and then Council acted simply on the head of the DPW's recommendation for the next person.

Repchick added he was the next qualified person.

Barnick: by what standard - the union contract or by the advertisement.

Repchick added by the advertisement.

Barnick asked who made the advertisement and who approved it.

Cimini: Council acted on the head of the DPW's recommendation.

Barnick added that he recommended Chris Smiegal from the beginning. And then rescinded. So why wasn't another 2 people recommended to fill those 2 spots.

Cimini added that he didn't feel the Union had a problem with asking for a CDL.

Barnick asked if anyone approached them. Also added that when he was here a CDL was

preferred not required because it was an unskilled position. Also added that not every applicant was interviewed. It was wrong what happened here and there were a lot of other Throop residents that were qualified for the job. It's not right. It's not going to change anything but good luck. I hope the DPW doesn't fall apart over this.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley Borough Secretary