

**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 16th, 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.

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 November 30, 2013 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 **Motion carried**

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**