

**Minutes  
Throop Borough  
CDBG - Public Hearing - 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, February 8, 2007  
Presiding: Ernie Cicilioni, Compliance Manager**

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

*“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”*

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members of Council:**

Ray Jarosh - **P**  
James Barnick, **Vice President - A**  
Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**  
Tony Chrzan - **P**  
George Marushock - **A**  
John Musewicz - **P**  
Joseph Barone - **P**  
**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini - **P**  
**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski - **P**  
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **P**  
Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**  
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - **P**

Lackawanna County Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in the county. Ernie Cicilioni presided over the meeting and discussed the 2007 CDBG Program, including funds available, objectives of the program, eligible and ineligible activities and budget. In addition, the 2006 Community Development Needs Assessment (report) was addressed.

Council President Lukasewicz discussed the need for senior housing in the community.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan  
Secretary  
Throop Borough

Attachments: 2007 CDBG Program  
2006 Community Development Needs Assessment

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
for General Purposes  
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session  
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**Work Sessions & Meetings:**

- A Special Work Session/Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Purpose to meet with all three Throop Volunteer Hose Companies.

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

**Robert Davis, Charles St. - Borough Grants Writer** - Updated council on progress with grant applications including the Eddy Creek Sewer Line Project. Grants are available for fire companies; if our hose companies need help he would be happy to assist. Research would be done for grants for senior housing.

**1. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To accept the minutes of the December 14, 2006 and December 29, 2006 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

**2. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Musewicz**

To pay the bills against the borough as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Unpaid Bills: "Items for Payment"	\$19,710.92
Paid Bills	\$650.00

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Musewicz**

To approve application for payment # 5 in the amount of \$105,507.00 to Jerry Ganz, Inc. for the DPW Building as approved by the borough engineer and street commissioner.

On the question:

Barone - How are they moving (along) up there, are they catching up? They were behind. Are they going to straighten out those discrepancies?

Lukasewicz - It's a little slow. He's having some problems with subs but you could really visibly see the building is taking form. They're in the process of the electrical and plumbing and the actual office area. They're putting up partition walls. Some discrepancies have been addressed and corrected. It looks very good - there are some minor items as with anything. In the near future they're supposed to install the big doors so everything will be closed in at that point. It's moving along.

Lukasewicz - While we're bringing up the DPW, the DPW guys the last couple of days the weather has been so bad. I see them guys on the garbage truck and I'm used to working outside but I'd never want to.....them guys now, they really do their job. I don't think they're appreciated as we should (appreciate them) half the time. Could you imagine how cold it must get holding onto that truck, when it's zero degrees? Brrrrr. But they don't complain.

Barone - Well, if they get too cold they could always (come back to the building).

All in favor

Motion carried

**4. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To repeal Throop Borough Resolution # 1 of 2007, a resolution to invest two (2) million dollars at FNCB at a rate of 5%.

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Musewicz**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 6 of 2007, a resolution to invest two (2) million dollars with the Pennsylvania Treasurer's INVEST Program for Local Governments and Nonprofits at the current rate. The current rate is 5.18 %.

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To authorize an advance in the amount of \$4,500.00 to Throop PAL (Police Activities/Athletic League) toward the ski program. The Ski Program was approved for a \$7,500.00 grant. PAL will reimburse the borough as soon as the grant money is received.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - I believe they've gone once and it's a huge success. That's great that we were able to get the money through a grant and especially the cost of skiing. Some of these kids, it might be the only opportunity they ever have to go skiing in their lift. Whoever is involved with it, everyone needs to be commended. Thank you.

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Musewicz**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$100.00 to Booth Appraisal Company for the land appraisal on an abandoned street between 813 & 904 Center St. (The \$100.00 was reimbursed by the abutting property owners, Charles F. Kroptavich 904 Center St. and Danielle Antonello 813 Center St).

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Jarosh** **Seconded by Chrzan**

To sell a parcel of land which consists of the abandoned portion of Erie Street at 813 and 904 Center Street (a.k.a. northerly extension of Erie St.) to Charles F. Kroptavich in the amount of \$600.00. All metes and bounds as provided by Charles F. Kroptavich.

All in favor Motion carried

**9. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Jarosh**

To sell a parcel of land which consists of the abandoned portion of Erie Street at 813 and 904 Center Street (a.k.a. northerly extension of Erie St.) to Danielle Antonello in the amount of \$600.00. All metes and bounds as provided by Danielle Antonello.

All in favor Motion carried

**10. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Musewicz**

To submit a grant application to Lackawanna County Council on the Arts for a \$500.00 Grant for the Annual Night Out.

On the question:  
Lukasewicz - Wasn't it last year they gave us \$500.00?

All in favor Motion carried

**11. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To ratify the submission of the grant application to NEPA (Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance) in the amount of \$250.00 toward the installation of new high speed internet service in the police department.

All in favor Motion carried

**There were no audience comments.**

The meeting was adjourned.  
Minutes by Christina Sullivan  
Secretary, Throop Borough