

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, July 29th, 2013
Work Session/Monthly Meeting 5:45 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 - A

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:

* An executive session was held this evening at 5:15p.m. to discuss legal matters.

*Throop Annual Night Out will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2013. Parade at 6:00 p.m., line up at 5:30 p.m., fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The Aug mid-month work session/meeting will be held Monday, Aug 12th, at 6:30 p.m.

* The Aug monthly work session /meeting will be held Monday, Aug 26th, at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

1. **Motion by Repchick** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the June 24th and July 8th, 2013 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. **Motion by Gangemi** **Seconded by Mazak**

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.

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| Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment" | \$83,211.87 |
| Paid bills: | \$111,230.76 |
| General Fund Revenue Report | \$1,148,556.41 |
| Civic Center Revenue Report | \$13,266.52 |

All in favor

Motion carried

3. **Motion by Repchick** **Seconded by Mazak**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor except Tomasovitch
& Gangemi abstain on family**

Motion carried

4. **Motion by Gangemi** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Mazak

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of **June 28, 2013** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

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| Fund Balances: | |
| General Fund Checking Account (Fidelity Bank) | \$57,152.13 |
| General Fund Performance Money Market (Fidelity Bank) | \$1,077,342.18 |
| Civic Center Account (Fidelity Bank) | \$755.16 |
| General Fund Petty Cash | \$300.00 |
| Payroll Checking Account (Fidelity Bank) | \$22,732.79 |
| Sunny Day Fund MMKT Ck Acct (Fidelity Bank) | \$5,721,892.80 |
| Sunny Day Fund CD's | \$84,847.08 |
| Liquid Fuels Account (Fidelity Bank) | \$85,318.69 |
| Fund Statement Grand Total: | \$7,050,340.83 |

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Mazak

To ratify the transfer in the amount of \$75,000.00 on July 10, 2013 and \$75,000.00 on July 23, 2013 from the General Fund Money Market account to the General Fund Checking account at Fidelity Bank.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize payment in the amount of \$271.00 to Swank Motion Pictures for movie to be shown at Washington Street Park.

All in favor

Motion carried

25. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Mazak

Motion to authorize Robin to coordinate with whomever from the Borough is needed to take the bid specs from the little league project and re work it as needed and re submit it to the gaming grant committee. The Borough is capable of providing \$350,000.00 towards the project.

Repchick added that this needs to be done quick.

A discussion took place regarding where the funds will come from.

All in favor

Motion carried

Bob Lokuta: 2 properties want permission to have cleaned up. 203 Oleckna and 204 Copperrick.
Lukasewicz: Just do them and keep a record of it.

Tomasovitch questioned the Adams Ct. Property. Lukasewicz suggested Attorney Cimini send a follow up letter that he is not keeping up his word. Has to be cleaned.

Furiosi: spoke of motorcycle for Police Department and it would be an asset to the Borough. He will search for the training times/dates. Has quotes to lease or buy.

Audience Comments:

Trudy Delawder, Memorial Dr: Thanked Council for the donation for the crime watch. Added the woman from 204 Copperrick who's property needs to be cleaned up now lives at Memorial Dr.

Dave Kar, Meade St: wondering if property inspection of rental properties is still being worked on.

Lokuta: not right now.

Kar added Pittston just passed one. For the safety of the renters. 1 form of egress for some properties.

Lukasewicz: Attorney Cimini, try to get a copy of Pittston's ordinance.

Tomasovitch commented of fire escape missing from Fritz house.

Lokuta gave update. Trying to get a contractor to finish what was started.

Repchick and Tomasovitch added to fine him. It's a safety issue.

Repchick: The home owned by Mellody. Overgrown.

Car and back hoe in back and haven't moved. Garbage on front and side porch's.

Tomasovitch: 662 Sanderson is a mess.

Lokuta: Will be cleaned up as of beginning of month.

Repchick spoke of property that burned of Sanderson.

Lukasewicz asked that Bob do what he needs and have a report for next meeting.

Rose Skapanek, 645 Meade St.: Questioned Ordinance regarding vacant properties. Behind her looks like a jungle. Insurance premium has gone up twice.

Brought up auto body shop being run across the street and it isn't zoned for it. Feels the letter she wrote was divulged to the property owner by Lokuta because he approached her. Also said Mr Mellody confronted her about complaining about his property

Lukasewicz: for the record I never saw a letter. Did you put a letter into the Zoning Officer about the body shop?

Tape ended.

Lokuta: I thought this problem was taken care of and it was solved.

Bernie Lukasewicz, George St: Spoke of property (inaudible) that is overgrown and the corner of Center and Charles streets vehicles parked really far out and can't see (Scranton rent all).

Repchick added to call the police.

Also questioned if the rental letters are sent out to vacant properties.

Lokuta: yes

Lukasewicz: Center Street 2 dogs keep getting loose. They were on his front porch. Concerned if little kid is there. Making aware. The police were there and hopefully they are citing them.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary