

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 26, 2007
following the 6:30 p.m. work session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

James Barnick, **Vice President - P**
Ray Jarosh - **P**
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 - **A**
Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - **P**

Announcements:

A Special Work Session/Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Purpose to open the bids for the Oleckna St Sewer Project and Eddy Creek Sewer Project and to meet with all three Throop Hose Companies.

Thursday, April 12, 2007 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Special Work Session / Meeting for General Purposes.

Monday, April 30, 2007 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session / Meeting for General Purposes.

Electronic Recycling - March 31st from 8 am to 4 pm at PNC Field on Montage Mountain Road. \$5.00 per car load. Additional information is posted.

Council Comments:

Vice President Barnick - Discussed scheduling street sweeping and an emergency meeting needed with the DPW Building contractor.

There were no audience comments on the agenda.

1. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the February 12, February 26, March 8 and March 12, 2007 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To accept the treasurers' 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"	\$14,683.82
Paid Bills	\$43,140.88
General Fund Revenue Report	\$78,979.07
Civic Center Revenue	\$27,135.08

On the question:

Barnick - Related to these bills, I think we're going to have to put something in a separate motion. For people who aren't aware, there was a big sewer blockage from the Industrial Park and there was damage done to private property. We're going to end up being liable for it; probably \$20-25,000 by the time it's done and over with. The owner's homeowners insurance is a limited amount, \$5,000, and the Borough's insurance is only limited to \$1,500.

Lukasewicz - When Roto Rooter came to clean the line, there was grease in the line that appears to be from Maid Rite, there were pieces of grease 3-4' long by 8-10" wide; a problem that's been on-going and escalated to the point now where's it's causing damage to us, the citizens in town.

Barnick - This has been on-going for years. Bruno Drive backed up with grease again. A back flow prevention (device) needs to be installed to prevent this from happening again.

Discussions on the question including man hours involved, upcoming meeting scheduled with Atty. Cimini and Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **February 28, 2007** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$476,049.51
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	33,593.92
Tax Escrow Account	1,875.12
Civic Center Account	374.64
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's as of 3/14/07	3,608,493.24
Capital Projects Account	369,280.06
Liquid Fuels Account	5,051.97
Turnback Program	\$119,806.62
Invest as of 3/1/07	\$2,001,728.03
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$6,615,125.08

LOANS	Balance
FNCB - LOAN	\$1,262,675.75
FNCB - TAN	\$2,000,000.00

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 3 of 2007, an ordinance Regulating Residential Rental Units Within the Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To adopt Resolution # 11, a resolution adding Elaine Morrell, Charles Kroptavich and David Morrell to the Surplus List.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To reappoint David F. Garvey as Sewage Enforcement Officer, annual retainer is \$550.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To authorize payment from the Capital Projects Account to SDA Architects in the amount of \$2,800.00 for professional services on the DPW Garage Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To authorize payment to Damage Control in the amount of \$3,877.18.

On the question:

Barnick - This is related to the damage that happened up there, just so everyone's aware.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Chrzan Second by Barone

To grant permission to the Throop Booster Club in conjunction with the Throop Little League Teener Program to use the Washington Street Baseball Field for the 2007 season. Mr. James Caria will handle the schedule.

All in favor Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan Second by Musewicz

To donate \$200.00 to Cub Scout Pack 73 and \$200.00 to Boy Scout Troop 73.

All in favor Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan Second by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 12 of 2007, a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program Funds in the amount of \$97,731.00 on behalf of the Borough of Throop.

All in favor Motion carried

14. Motion by Chrzan Second by Jarosh

To authorize Mary Ruth Tanner, Civic Center Director to purchase championship jackets and a banner for the 5th Grade Basketball Team at an approximate cost of \$1,768.00.

All in favor Motion carried

15. Motion by Chrzan Second by Barone

To accept the proposal from Amico Masonry in the amount of \$3,890.00 for repairs to the Washington Street Park Pavilion.

On the question:

Barnick - There's deterioration on the blocks; they're going to be done in sections but he's got to try to fix the problem that's causing the erosion too. This is just to get it fixed right now because

animals and everything are running right inside through them blocks; that's how open it is. He doesn't know if it could be possibly the manufacturer of the blocks the way it's eroding. *Discussion.*

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To authorize \$5,000 towards additional damages to Mary Ruth Tanner, in the event there is insurance above and beyond (the homeowner's \$5,000 and borough's \$1,500), the money is to be reimbursed to Throop Borough.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - The residence is the first house pm the sewer line that comes from the Industrial Park
Barnick - Actually that's the only residence.....

Lukasewicz - And what happened, there was 5" of sewage go into her basement and just splash everywhere on the walls, all of her clothing, the laundry room, the storage; just a tremendous amount of all of baby's clothes, you've got three or four young children and this clothing can't even be...and you can't have Her insurance is \$5,000 through her homeowner's, our insurance policy is for \$1,500. It's a rare situation that happened that we've got to bend over however we can to make things good. If it happened to anyone else in town we would do the same thing. By doing here what we're doing this evening, we're going to probably establishing a policy for the future it it happens again but it's the right thing to do if it happens to anybody's house, I think everyone up here would vote in favor of whatever you could at the time. *Discussion.*

Barnick: Just think of yourself, the entire Industrial Park, all that ran into the line before it went into her house. The main line from the Industrial Park.

Audience Comments:

Mary Ruth Tanner - Thanked council for their understanding.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To direct the DPW to put a a back flow prevention valve on the line, wherever necessary, to deter the sewage from backing up into the residence on Marshwood Road.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments/Discussion:

Mayor Lukowski - Discussed Marjol; a borough representative should be present and on site with regard to Marjol.

Audience Comments:

Dave Repchick, 629 Edgar Street - Commended Officers Tanana, Hazelton and Chief Keith Jones who went above and beyond (the call of duty) in relation to an incident involving his son.

Joe Tropiak, Phillips Street - Commented/discussed the Phillips Street Project: Inquired about the borough's support in relation to the grant application for the project.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street - Requested status on the Bellman Street Pump Project and river maintenance.

Joseph Rogue, 531 Edgar Street - Addressed council involving a boundary dispute regarding a home built 25+ years ago on a property, including right of way/easement and vegetation on property.

Stella Rogue, 531 Edgar Street - Curbing broke by the plows; would they be fixed?

Larry Hartshorn, 125 Pancoast Street - Commented/discussed a property in lower Throop.

Jack Wall, 304 School Side Drive - Inquired on the status of the swale in School Side Estates.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary
Throop Borough