

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
following the 6:30 p.m. Monthly Work Session  
Thursday, May 11, 2006  
7:00 p.m.**

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

“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”

**ROLL CALL:**

Members of Council:

Cindy Johnson - A

James Barnick, **Vice President** - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President** - P

Tony Chrzan - P

George Marushock - P

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:**

An Executive Session was held at 6:00 p.m. for legal and personnel matters.

**Mayor's Presentations:**

Eagle Scout Awards were presented to Adam Nosak and Lorenzo Policichio. Mayor Lukowski commended and congratulated the Eagle Scouts. *A round of applause by the audience.*

**Audience Comments on Agenda:**

Dave Morrell, 315 George St.: Motion #15 – The fire departments should be aware if the rain hits to get a pump down to Gangi's (George Street Storm Water Project).

Dominick Rocco, Sanderson St.: Concerns of the same problem happening at another location (lower Sanderson Street) at the same time.

Bids were opened for the Eddy & Franko Streets Storm Sewer Project; results as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	BID AMOUNT	Bid Bond
Pikes Creek Site Contractors	Sweet Valley	\$254,855.00	X
Seranton Craftsmen Excavating Inc.	Throop	\$174,756.00	X
Scartelli General Contractors, Inc.	Taylor	\$241,696.80	X
IWDA Please Note: Bid received at 12:02 p.m. as per the time on our computer & 12:01 p.m. as per the time on the date & time stamp. IWDA said they had 12:00 p.m. noon.	Dunmore	\$159,987.45	X

**1. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barone**

To accept the bids on the Eddy & Franko Streets Storm Sewer Project and submit them to the borough engineer, solicitor and street commissioner for their review and recommendation, and to proceed with awarding the bid.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: If everyone could make the review as quick as possible so we can have this work in conjunction with the sewer project that's going on there now. This way it won't be a hindrance to the residents.

All in favor

Motion carried

**2. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To authorize the quarterly payment in the amount of \$812.50 to (PMPS) Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services from the assets of the Police Pension Fund.

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barone**

To replenish the Borough's Petty Cash in the amount of \$242.32 and the Civic Center's Petty Cash in the amount of \$76.47.

All in favor

Motion carried

**4. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Marushock**

To authorize payment # 2 in the amount of \$73,324.13 to IWDA for the Eddy, Franko, Delaware Sanitary Sewer Project as approved by Frederick C. Spott, Borough Engineer.

On the question:

Barnick: Rob, did you look at these bills? Any of the extras included in there, do you remember?

Kalinoski: I didn't see the one that just came in today, Jim.

Barnick: No, I'm talking about that extra on Franko Street.

Kalinoski: That should be covered under a change order.

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Musewicz**

To authorize payment # 3 in the amount of \$4,666.86 to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating for the Lower Sanderson St Storm Water Project (to hold payment # 4 for retainage) in the amount of \$1,209.76.

On the question:

Marushock- Are we going to eliminate payment #4?

Lukasewicz- Yes, payment #4 will be withheld for now.

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$8,800.00 to Chorba Demolition Company for the demolition of the old Hose Co. # 1 building at 401 George St. This amount includes the 10% retainer.

All in favor

Motion carried

A short discussion took place regarding the disposition of the property at 401 George Street.

**7. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Musewicz**

To authorize first payment in the amount of \$9,869.61 to Ford Motor Credit Company for the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police car, to include an extended warranty.

On the question:

Barnick: Did we get the car?

Morrell: You need the payment when the car is going to be picked up.

Barnick: And when's it getting picked up?

Morrell: It's supposed to be the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

Barnick: Does that include the extended warranty?

Morrell: I can't answer that. I don't know.

Lukasewicz: If not, could we include the extended warranty?

Barnick: I know it's saved us a lot of money with the last two cars.

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To ratify the purchase of the 2006 F-150 pickup truck from Gibbons Ford at a cost of \$12,827.00. This was purchased through the Lackawanna County Vehicle and Equipment Contract.

On the question:

Marushock: Is that the correct amount?

Lukasewicz – Yes, that's the little, silver, brand new truck you see out there.

Barnick: Two wheel drive.

Lukasewicz: A little two wheel drive but the bottom line is I couldn't see going out there and buying a used vehicle when you could buy a new vehicle for that little amount of money and have a guarantee with it.

All in favor

Motion carried

**9. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Chrzan**

To allocate an additional \$100.00 each to the Assistant Fire Marshals, Maurice Menichetti and Ed Bocan. The budgeted allotment for 2006 is \$400.00 for the Fire Marshal and each of the Assistants. (The motion last month stated ½ of the allotment at \$100.00 each instead of \$200.00 each.)

All in favor

Motion carried

**10. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Musewicz**

To ratify the payment to Jeff Polidori in the amount of \$241.08 for two tires damaged at the Franko, Eddy, and Delaware Streets Sanitary Sewer Project.

On the question:

Barone: This guy live down there?

Lukasewicz: Right there.

Barnick: What if the contractor goes and pays?

Lukasewicz: He'll reimburse us.

Morrell: I submitted copy of the check that we....

Barnick: Oh, so it was already sent.

Lukasewicz: I spoke to Mike; he said he'll take care of it. The thing is, it was the tire, and then it was the spare tire that he had so he didn't even have a tire to put on the vehicle.

All in favor

Motion carried

**11. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To amend Throop Borough Ordinance # 1 of 2006, an ordinance of the Council of the Borough of Throop, modifying and changing Throop Borough's Occupational Privilege Tax and enacting Chapter 197, Article III, to be known as the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax. Amending Section I, # 4 Amount of Tax. This section states "There is hereby exempted from this tax any person whose total income from ALL SOURCES is less the twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) per annum. To amend only "whose total income from EARNED INCOME" is less than \$12,000.00 per annum. The total income is amended to **Earned Income and not all sources of income**. (As per Barbara Fairchild, Berkheimer Associates, all sources would include pensions, interest, dividends, etc.) This is Earned Income only.

All in favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barone**

To conduct a borough-wide census, by ward, to be coordinated by Councilman Chrzan.

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To order Chief of Police Furiosi to attend an officers hearing on Thurs., May 18, 2006.

All in favor

Motion carried

**14. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To require all part time police to work a number of five shifts minimum per month . If they do not work five shifts, it will be grounds for dismissal. If there is no policy on the books there's nothing that needs to be done but if there is a policy on the books and it doesn't include

this language, this motion would also deal with amending the policy that's presently on the books.

All in favor

Motion carried

Council briefly discussed the George Street Storm Water Project and concerns with speeding through alleyways, particularly the one located between Simpson and Sanderson Streets.

**15. Motion by Chrzan**

**Second by Barnick**

To assess/research the legality of installing speed bumps in the alley parallel between Simpson and Sanderson Streets, including the small alley by the Civic Center.

Audience Comments :

Joe Tropiak, Phillip St.: Misunderstood the motion, thought it was something else.

Dave Morrell, George St.: If the legality is on it and there's other alleys I believe Clinton Court, they fly. If works, if council would consider other alleys.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Official Comments/Discussions:**

Status of the Bellman Street Pump Project, other borough projects, the borough engineer, a town clock as part of beautification project, a forthcoming \$30,000 grant for a bucket truck and Maid Rite violations and the need for compliance by June 1, 2006.

**Audience Comments:**

**Dominick Rocco** – The inception of the Bellman Street Pump Project has been discussed for months and it should be started. The engineer reported it was completed and ready to go out for bid.

**Joe Wargo, 436 Cypress St.** – An article in the newspaper yesterday about the ambulance drive not going the way it should. Are people afraid of anything with the ambulance because they might get hurt again?

**John O'Boyle, Candidate, Representative, 113<sup>th</sup> Legislative District** – A senior resident approached him while campaigning and asked if he could have an office in Throop if elected. The borough should consider this for newly elected representative, use the civic center twice a month so the seniors would not have to travel.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Secretary