

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, November 30, 2006
following the 6:00 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:

Work Sessions & Meetings:

- Thursday, December 14, 2006 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Mid-Month Special Work Session and Special Meeting for General Purposes.
- Wednesday, December 27, 2006 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session followed by the Monthly Meeting for General Purposes.

Audience comments on the agenda:

Robert Hegedus, 610 Center St. - Discussed at length the fire companies and budget items including the EMS tax, the previous administration, the Bellman Street pump, his displeasure with not having new Throop signs and the newly installed clock, salaries, the proposed ordinance for residential units and two properties.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St. - His homeowners policy covered \$500 for fire departments (in case of loss or incident). Could the fire departments file a homeowners insurance claim after tending to a fire?

Joseph Wargo, Cypress St. - Asked if filing with homeowners insurance for a claim resembled the ambulance; they started charging and ended up in trouble.

Dave Morrell, 315 George St. - The hose companies that are solvent should not be penalized and have anything taken away.

1. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the October 30, 2006 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

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"	\$ 30,688.44
Paid Bills:	\$ 52,527.80
General Fund Revenue Report, as prepared by Elaine Morrell	\$105,730.05

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Barnick, abstain on daughter

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

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 October 31, 2006 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$ 531,246.86
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	13,041.55
Tax Escrow Account	1,864.06
Civic Center Account	1,789.48
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	3,429,752.06
Capital Projects Account	835,165.62
Warsaw Playground	4,802.31
Liquid Fuels Account	75,997.72
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$4,894,259.66

LOAN	Balance
FNCB - LOAN	\$1,304,906.37

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To adopt the 2007 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$5,312,896.89 and Liquid Fuels Budget in the amount of \$78,446.60 and to advertise for public inspection.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 10 of 2006, an Ordinance Establishing a Policy for the Issuance of Handicapped Parking Spaces.

All in favor

Motion carried

On the question:

Barone - Are these going to be taken out, Mayor, these handicapped signs if nobody lives there? Just yank it out of there. One thing the police is against is having a driveway and a handicapped sign.

Barnick - It's in the Ordinance. That's going to control this.

Lukasewicz - The Ordinance has some specifics in there and we'll adopt the Ordinance that has specifics of the borough. That will all be handled with the Ordinance.

Barnick - The only other thing is I'm just hoping it's enough to deter some of it because, and a lot of people think want they get the handicapped sign, they think it's their own and actually it's for any handicapped person. The police have to go out there and verify these. And it states right in there (the ordinance) about driveways. If they have a driveway, there's no need to have a handicapped sign. It's actually going to open up some space. I mean, the streets are small. You have to make all the parking you could around here. You've got to open up some of these areas because most people have 2-3 cars.

Lukasewicz - Very few families have one car in this day and age.

Barnick - I just hope it works good and they can just get right out there and verify everything for January.

Morrell: If someone currently has a parking space that they were granted and they do have a driveway, are we going to leave those that exist that way and no future handicapped signs will be placed if there's a driveway?

Barnick - No, they should verify, they have to renew, because it's a renewal application every year. They would have to come in to renew.

Morrell: Will we remove handicapped signs if they have a driveway, though? Even if they come in with the renewal application, will it then be denied? That question was brought up.

Lukasewicz - Atty. Cimini, research to see if it could be retroactive like that. Mayor and Atty. Cimini, whatever is legal, make sure that all the legality is checked before anything is done.

Lukasewicz - I would think that it would be from this point forward, I don't think you could justify taking one away. I don't believe you could do that.

Unidentified - That won't solve your problem then.

Barnick - No, it's not. Because to me they shouldn't have it with a driveway.

Lukasewicz - Well, it'll be searched for legality if it can be removed, for one thing. You know might be going against the civil liberties, the handicapped, it's a touchy situation so we can only do what's legal. We'll pass it as is and then if it needs to be amended, if it can be amended, we'll do that in the future.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 11 of 2006, an Ordinance Establishing Residential Restrictions for Adult Sexual Offenders.

All in favor

Motion carried

Motion #9 Tabled

9. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To table Motion #9:

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 12 of 2006, an Ordinance Regulating Residential Rental Units.

All in favor

Motion tabled

10. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To allocate \$16,226.94 to the non-uniform pension plan as per the 2006 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation- \$93,440.00). The state aid pension check was in the amount of \$77,213.06. The state aid was deposited directly in the Non-Uniform Pension Fund.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To allocate \$1,500.00 for the Annual Children's Christmas Party at the Civic Center. The party will be held on December 17, 2006 from 1:00 to 3:00 (p.m.).

On the question:

Lukasewicz - As in the past, Throop residents.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To approve Application for Payment # 3 in the amount of \$146,152.12 to Jerry Ganz, Inc. for the new DPW Building as recommended by the street commissioner and borough engineer. (To be paid from the Capital Improvements account.)

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To reject the bids for the 6' Electric Dry Pump as per the recommendation of the street commissioner and borough engineer.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

As per the advice of the borough solicitor, to rebid the (6' Electric Dry) pump.

On the question:

Barnick - Lou, say this doesn't come in right or all the equipment doesn't meet the specs or whatever, could we go right out and buy this thing? We know there's one company that has exactly what we need, we know that, but that's the only company that we found. So I don't know how, I mean, what the bid process is going to do when you only have one company that carries it.

Barone - What's the situation, it's only one company that makes this pump? Why do we have to have three bids? We need the pump.

Lukasewicz - Because there might be other companies out there that might make it. What we'll do is put it out for rebid and the borough solicitor will review and recommend to us what action to take after it's put out for bid.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To hire Kim O'Connor as a Child Care Provider at the previous wage.

Five in favor - Yarosh, Barnick, Chrzan, Barone, Lukasewicz

One abstain - Musewicz

Motion carried

16. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To hire Steve Galli as a Monitor at the previous wage.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments/Discussion:

Mayor Lukowski - Wished to conduct a borough wide census; received mail for different zip codes.

Council President Lukasewicz - Commented the clock is beautiful, the tank was being worked on and new signs would be looked into for the spring.

Councilman Musewicz - Extended a thank you to Elaine, Christina & Robert for a team effort in the last year and to all involved because people have worked together.

Audience Comments:

Peter Maus, South Valley Avenue - A percentage tax millage should be given to the fire departments, better street lights were needed in some areas and trucks and trailers were being parked at the triangle of Marshwood and Underwood Roads where there should be no parking.

Dave Repchick, Edgar Street - A previous traffic and engineering study was done for Marshwood and Underwood Roads but no action was taken.

Robert Hegedus, Center Street - Concerns with garbage left outside for extended periods and out of town trash and were there any intentions with Councilman Marushock's seat.

Joe Tropiak, Phillip Street - Grant money mentioned in the past for Phillips Street; interested in paperwork involved.

Joe Wargo, Cypress Street - Handicapped Ordinance application and fee; could anyone park in the space?

Karen Filipski, Collins Court - Asked for status of Collins Court and Maid Rite's parking lot being a problem; a river in mom's property and the discharge of water there.

Dave Morrell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer - Answer to Hegedus.

Andrea Zilla, 513 Dunmore Street - Expressed concerns with having problems getting out of her driveway; there was supposed to be no parking there and it was not enforced.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Secretary

Throop Borough

