

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
for General Purposes  
Thursday, November 8, 2007**

**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 - **P**

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - **P**

**State Representative Frank Andrews-Shimkus:**

Thanked officials for the office in the borough building and offered congratulations on the safe return of James Barnick, Jr. Introduced new reporter, Charles Schillinger, present in the audience. Grants obtained for PAL and the Booster Club. Maid Rite: Major calls received are complaints; asked PADEP for five-week period of monitoring air quality and further testing. Marjol Battery: Presentation on lost tax revenue and officials of the Borough, Mid Valley School District and Lackawanna County need to work together and should meet with Gould.

**Schedule of Meetings:**

- November: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 - Work Session/ Meeting for General Purposes beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- December: Thursday, December 13 - Special Monthly Work Session/Meeting for General Purposes: beginning at 6:30.  
Thursday, December 27, 2007 - Monthly Work Session/Meeting for General Purposes beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**There were no audience comments on the agenda.**

**1. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Barnick**

To purchase a new Sunny Day Fund CD in November in the amount of \$92,715.17. \$82,464.81 represents 10% of the quarterly host municipality fees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2007 up to the \$200,000.00 requirement. \$10,250.36 represents the difference remaining in the Sunny Day Fund CD that matured on November 2, 2007, at the best rate available.

All in favor

Motion carried

**2. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Jarosh**

To ratify opening two new accounts with the Invest Program. The Invest Program has higher interest rates than the checking accounts. One account will represent funds borrowed from the Sunny Day Fund Account to be used for Capital projects. The other account will be for General Funds. We can transfer funds as needed and earn a higher interest rate.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: I'd like to thank you for your initiative in bringing this forward - good idea.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Motion #3 Tabled:**

**3. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Chrzan**

To approve Scranton Craftsmen Change Order # 1 in the amount of \$10,175.25 for the Oleckna St Project. (\$1,750.00 -catch basin and \$8,425.25 - additional milling and overlay.)

All in favor

Motion tabled

**Motion #4 Tabled:**

**4. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Chrzan**

To approve payment in the amount of \$11,502.29 to J. A. Buratti for the work performed on Bellman St. as per the detailed invoice and drawing submitted by Joe Buratti.

All in favor

Motion tabled

**5. Motion by Musewicz**

**Second by Jarosh**

To approve Scranton Craftsmen's application for payment # 1 for the South Valley Ave Storm Sewer Repair in the amount of \$2,162.50 pending approval by Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Mr. Kalinoski did give his approval.

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Musewicz**

To approve Scranton Craftsmen's application for payment # 1 for the Oleckna Street Sanitary & Storm in the amount of \$70,875.00 pending approval by Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Mr. Kalinoski did approve this payment.

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Barnick**

To allocate the 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ of the allotment to the Dickson City Ambulance (\$3,900.00).

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Jarosh**

To show full support to Representative Frank Andrews-Shimkus in contacting Gould regarding the Marjol cap in the project that Mr. Shimkus spearheaded to save the borough lost revenue because of the cap.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Official Comments/Discussions:**

**Mary Ruth Tanner, Civic Center Director** - Discussed the gym floor mat; adding on to the existing one to cover the entire floor and pricing range on new mat between \$7,000 to \$15,000.

**Dave Morrell** - Discussed maintenance completed at the civic center including the sprinkler system cages, the lights (including baskets and pipes/structures/mechanical parts), and the air duct cleaning being completed. The use of a lift saved money not having to rent one.

**Council President Lukasewicz:** Complimented the painting done at the Civic Center.

**Audience Comments:**

**Wayne Williams, Emerald Drive, (Hose Co. No. 2):** Hose company allocation: Revisit what proposing, putting everybody in danger and would cut back on mutual aid, utilities, insurance and fuel costs, will leave with people paying for service, knowledge needed of how department is run.

**Bob Bolus, Sanderson Street:** Hose company allocation: compromising the safety of people and building, people/businesses should be made to pay a two-hour minimum cost for false alarms; turning claim into insurance company should not be a burden, operation costs rising. Towing: Forty years in Throop on list and why not being called. Smell/Odor at business: Would like DEP to get involved, problem cannot be found.

**Christine Hartshorn, 140 Dimmick Street:** Hose company allocation: Totally not workable, can't start year in negative, new members but no gear or pagers, everything is going up and can't see going backwards, will not force consolidation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan  
Secretary  
Throop Borough