

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 29, 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 - **A**

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - **P**

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - **P**

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **P**

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - **P**

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

Council Vice President Barnick reminded everyone that Election Day is Tues., November 6, 2007; urged everyone to get out and vote and briefly commented on the upcoming election.

There were no audience comments on the agenda.

1. Motion by Musewicz

Second by Chrzan

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the September 24th council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. Motion by Musewicz

Second by Chrzan

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"	\$51,095.97
Paid bills:	\$159,379.58
General Fund Revenue Report	\$807,599.65
Civic Center Revenue	\$17,846.68

On the question:

Barnick: Is that part of the list of bills?

All in favor except Barnick, Chrzan, against the \$20,000 to Scottsdale Insurance Company

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, Kimberly Barnick

Motion carried

4. Motion by Jarosh

Second by Chrzan

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

5. All in favor
Motion by Musewicz

Motion carried
Second by Barnick

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of **September 30, 2007** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$228,721.71
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	12,471.32
Tax Escrow Account	2,962.59
Invest Program	2,054,437.24
Civic Center Account	1,226.51
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's as of 3/14/07	3,691,891.47
Capital Projects Account	186.50
Liquid Fuels Account	83,150.82
Turnback Program	122,461.19
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$6,198,109.35

LOANS	Balance
FNCB - LOAN	\$1,176,567.66
FNCB - TAN	\$2,000,000.00

All in favor

Motion carried

6. **Motion by Chrzan**

Second by Musewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 19 of 2007 appointing Thomas Carr as a member of the Throop Planning Agency to fill the unexpired term of Nick Rocco. The term expires on July 25, 2009.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Musewicz

Second by Chrzan

To install a back flow prevention valve at the Gaffney/Tanner residence, 1101 Marshwood Road, and to authorize the solicitor to prepare the necessary easements, with authorization for installation to be done as soon as possible.

On the question:

Barnick: There should be an easement already there being that the manhole's already there. But when I went up there the other day the first thing I noticed is, why isn't it on there? Why hasn't it been on there? I don't understand why there wasn't a backflow on there. I don't understand it. Lukasewicz: Well I thought we wanted it put on immediately after the accident. We discussed it and we authorized it to be done immediately. *Short discussion.* This has to be done as soon as possible, authorization to be done ASAP.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To grant permission to the Mid Valley Chapter PIAA Basketball Officials to hold their meetings in council chambers on Sunday afternoons through basketball season, from October to February.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Jarosh

Second by Musewicz

To advertise for adoption on November 28, 2007, Ordinance # 9 of 2007, an ordinance repealing Ordinance # 1 of 2006 the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax. An ordinance repealing the title and text of Ordinance # 1 of 2006, Emergency and Municipal Services Tax effective December 31, 2007 at 11:59 p.m. (A complete copy of the ordinance is posted and is available for inspection.)

(PSAB recommended passing two separate ordinances, one repealing EMST and one adopting LST)

All in favor

Motion carried

Council Vice President Barnick briefly discussed casino revenue and the state tax rebates.

10. Motion by Jarosh

Second by Musewicz

To advertise three (3) consecutive weeks prior to adoption on November 28, 2007, Ordinance # 11 of 2007, an ordinance enacting a new Local Services Tax, LST. (A complete copy of the ordinance is posted and is available for inspection.)

(Act 7 was passed in June 2007, and the implementation for the Local Services Tax (LST).

On the question:

Barnick: What is this?

E. Morrell: We had to repeal the EMS and now we have to adopt an ordinance for the LST and because it's a brand new tax, you have to advertise it once a week for three weeks prior to adoption.

Barnick: But it's the same tax, right?

E. Morrell: It's, there's new rules in it, now the State has the \$12,000 income limit and there's also a few other exemptions. *Short discussion.*

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To accept the proposal from ANC Heating and Air Conditioning for the Air Duct Cleaning at the Civic Center in the amount of \$2949.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To direct the solicitor to file a complaint with the Pennsylvania Insurance Commission against Scottsdale Insurance Company on the handling of the Throop Borough claims.

All in favor

Motion carried

Mayor Lukowski asked for an explanation of Motion #12.

Council Vice President Barnick: The insurance company just takes over as the representative of the borough and settles out cases which are totally a win for the borough, and then we have to pay because our deductible is \$100,000. So anything less than that we have to pay. So they just go settle and we never give authority. They just do it and it's got to stop. And it's happening in all these other boroughs and everything. I figure if somebody catches on, they're all going to start filing complaints. It's got to stop already. Some of these lawyers are out of hand.

Official Comments/Discussions:

New security cameras for three buildings; the borough building, civic center and new DPW building and possible budgeting for same, new signs needed, status of the Sidewalk and 48 Acres Projects, a grant from Senator Mellow's office, painting the civic center gym and the replacement of floor tiles.

There were no audience comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary
Throop Borough