

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 30, 2006
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:

Cindy Johnson - A

James Barnick, **Vice President - 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

Mayor’s Presentation:

**Captain David Repchick, Throop Police Department
for Years of Service from 1987 to 2006**

Announcements:

* An Executive Session was held on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. regarding Throop vs. Johnson

* An Executive Session was held this evening, Monday, October 30, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. regarding Throop v. Johnson

* Throop Borough Democratic Committee will meet Monday, November 6, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Throop Civic Center, 500 Sanderson St. The public is welcome, volunteers are needed.

* The borough building offices will be closed Tuesday, November 7th, Election Day

Work Sessions & Meetings:

* Thursday, November 9, 2006 beginning at 5:30 p.m. - Budget Work Session followed by the mid-month Special Work Session and Special Meeting for General Purposes.

- * Wednesday, November 15, 2006 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Special Meeting for General Purposes
- * Wednesday, November 29, 2006 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session and Meeting for General Purposes.
- * 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.

Council/Official Comments/Discussion:

Vice President James Barnick - Commended Civic Center Director Mary Ruth Tanner and staff for the outstanding haunted house. *A round of applause was extended from the audience.* Special thanks to the DPW, Robert Kalinoski, the summer help, Dave Morrell, Officers Hazelton and Poluszny, and Tony Chrzan for all their efforts placed in the preparation and completion of the new Throop Police Department and Mayor's Office. About \$90,000 was saved. An open house will be held in the near future; the building's features are outstanding.

A discussion took place regarding the placement of a military piece of equipment in the municipality and working in conjunction with PennDOT for the placement of the same.

Neil Furiosi, Chief of Police - The new police headquarters was beautiful and thanked council for putting them in the building, felt lucky to be there.

There were no audience comments on the agenda.

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To acknowledge Cindy Blanchard Johnson has filed a resignation as Councilperson with the Borough of Throop. The acknowledgment is done without recognition of the reasons set forth in the resignation which are in the sole control of the Councilperson or its legal effectiveness, and with reservation, now or in the future, of all rights as to matters complained of in No. 06-CV-1441 filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County with regard to vacancy.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

The matter filed to 2006-CV-1441 in the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County is directed to be discontinued and any appellate matter related thereto.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To appoint Raymond Yarosh as Councilperson to fill the unexpired term of Cindy Johnson Blanchard.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Mayor Lukowski administered the Oath of Office to Raymond Yarosh.
Councilman Yarosh thanked council for having faith in him; he would do the best he can.**

4. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the zoning reports and the minutes of the September 18th, September 25th and October 12, 2006 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

5. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded 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"	\$51,090.58
Paid bills:	\$198,237.57
General Fund Revenue Report as prepared by Elaine Morrell	\$774,046.20
Civic Center Report as prepared by Lenore Dolan	\$30,759.95

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barnick**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Musewicz**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of September 30, 2006 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$78,585.19
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	22,989.16
Tax Escrow Account	1,859.90
Civic Center Account	1,005.39
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$3,429,752.06
Home Program Account	-0-
Capital Projects Account	836,097.57
Warsaw Playground	29,754.51
Liquid Fuels Account	75,873.84
Fund Statement Grand Total:	4,476,517.62

LOAN	Balance
FNCB - LOAN	\$1,346,707.78

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To purchase a Sunny Day Fund CD in the amount of \$60,444.26. This represents 10 % of the Quarterly Host Municipality check minus \$6,000.00. (The Sunny Day CD purchased on 4/27/06 was in the amount of \$66,993.02 and should have been \$60,993.02.)

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

To grant permission to the Mid Valley Chapter of Basketball Officials to use council chambers for their meetings on Sundays at Noon for the season.

On the question:

Yarosh: Is this the meeting they used to have in the basement?

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the solicitor to prepare an ordinance amending Throop Borough Ordinance # 4 of 1989 Establishing Handicapped Parking Zones.

On the question:

Barnick - Do we have to establish fee?

Mayor - You know, this is a vast undertaking here. It's not like it was before, so anybody that's going to be applying for a disability sign, it's so much different.

A short discussion took place regarding the preparation of the ordinance and the fees to be implemented.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize the solicitor to prepare an ordinance regarding the regulation of Residential Rental Units within the Borough of Throop.

On the question:

Barnick - This is another good one that I was reading about from another town. This way you don't get these landlords that are living away and don't care what happens to the unit or whatever. Keep track of what's going on. Have to register or in violation. Establish agent on behalf of the Borough. A short discussion took place.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the solicitor to prepare an ordinance establishing Residential Restrictions for Registered Adult Sexual Violent Offenders within the Borough of Throop.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - Again, Attorney Cimini, you will have that ready for us?

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 9 of 2006, an ordinance amending Ordinance # 21 of 1998, To Incorporate Penalties for Failure to Install Concrete Sidewalks Following New Construction.

On the question:

Barnick - When the original one (ordinance) was adopted, there was no penalty in there like the normal ordinances. I think it's \$300 - \$500, whatever the standard is (fines).

Barone - Well, what's this, if somebody builds a new house they have to build concrete sidewalks in front of it?

Barnick - Yeah, it was always part of it, there just was no enforcement.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To approve Pioneer Construction Co., Inc. Change Order # 1 for the Meade Street Curbs and Paving Project. Total change order increase \$17,525.77.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - What exactly is this? (*The CDBG Project.*) I know, but what was the increase for? *Packet 1, #15, 10/20/06, #15, Change Order consisting of Miscellaneous Adjustments.*

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To purchase new chairs for the head table in council chambers.

On the question:

Barnick - I think we need them in here.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To end the summer temporary help October 31, 2006 for the season.

On the question:

Barnick - They did a good job. They did a lot over there at the building (new police department), everybody.

Lukasewicz - They all do a wonderful job, all the guys.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To purchase new vertical blinds for the new police department from The Blind Man, Duryea, PA, at a cost of \$495.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To abandon Erie Street between 813 and 904 Center Street as per the Borough Code.

On the question:

Barnick - Does that have to be in the form of an ordinance, Lou?

Atty. Cimini - It all depends on how many... I sent a letter up....I will get an answer.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept American Asphalt's Irrevocable Letter of Credit # 565 for the sum of \$78,550.00

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To approve American Asphalt Paving Co. Change Order # 1 to include the police station lot extension at a cost of \$6,065.00 to the 2006 Street Paving Project.

On the question:

Barone - Is that the little spot next to police station?

Barnick - It's going to be a driveway going right up the side.

Lukasewicz - And wrapping all the way around.

Barnick - And then there's also a spot over here that's been unpaved for, I don't know how many years.

All in favor

Motion carried

22. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To designate 201 Charles Street, former Throop Ambulance Building, as the new Throop Police Station and Mayor's Office. An opening day ceremony will follow.

On the question:

Barnick - Like I said, they did a good job, all of them. They deserve a good hand.

All in favor

Motion carried

23. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Jarosh

To authorize the renovation of the former police department as the chief clerk/treasurer's office and to include reconfiguration of the other borough building offices, former police chief's office, secretary, zoning, street commissioner and assistant treasurer by the DPW crew and local contractors.

All in favor

Motion carried

24. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize the purchase of plaques for the Street Clock and the new Police Station.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - We have a new clock similar to the one in Providence Square (Scranton) that's going to go up adjacent to the civic center. The guys have been over there digging the last couple of days if anybody has noticed. The clock is forthcoming.

All in favor

Motion carried

25. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barnick

To contact the state to request permission to dedicate the area by Scranton Craftsmen for military equipment and other items to be placed there.

All in favor

Motion carried

26. Motion by Barone

Second by Chrzan

To donate \$250 per seniors group, Elite and Over 55, for their annual Christmas parties.

All in favor

Motion carried

27. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To authorize approval for Peters Design Group, Inc. to evaluate the manhole that was installed on the Mid Rite property on the Throop line.

All in favor

Motion carried

There were no audience comments on Motion #27.

Council/Officials Discussion/Comments:

Mayor Stanley Lukowski - The Housing Project was 25 years old and Throop should look into ownership, same as Dunmore. The census, a zip code for the community, and a discussion on Maid Rite and projects and grants took place.

Neil Furiosi, Chief of Police - Thanked Robert Kalinoski and the Department of Public Works for the extraordinary work and fantastic job done on the new Police Headquarters. *The audience extended a round of applause.*

Audience Comments:

Pam Testa, Eddy Street - Addressed council with incidents/concerns of being a victim of robberies for the past four years and requested assistance/advice from council.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Secretary
Throop Borough