

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 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**

Announcements:

October 1, 2006, Sunday - Throop Hose Co. # 1 - Sausage & Pancake Breakfast 8:30 to 12:30

October 1, 2006, Sunday - “Rip & Chip Walk Against Cancer” to benefit the American Cancer Society sponsored by Kristin Repchick. Registration 10:00 a.m. at the Washington Street Park, entry fee \$10.00.

October 1, 2006, Sunday - The Nature Conservancy Nature Walk on Moosic Mountain. Meet at Sheetz parking lot at 1:00 p.m.

October 10, 2006, Tuesday - Continuation - Public Hearing - To consider the request of BGM Enterprises, Inc. for an amendment of the Zoning Map at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. - Special Monthly Work Session/Meeting (2nd Thursday of each month.) Budget Work Session will precede at 5:30 p.m for Emergency Services including the Police Department, Throop Hose Companies and Dickson City Ambulance.

Monday, October 30, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session/Meeting (Last Monday of each month)

Audience Comments on the Agenda:

William Tarby, Dunmore Street (Throop Emergency Management Coordinator) - The Steamtown Marathon will be held Sunday, October 8, 2006; a police officer is needed. In addition, Keith Jones busing (K.C. Jones Enterprises, Inc.) was previously used to evacuate people in the Boulevard, if necessary, in case of flooding A means of transportation will have to be set up in case of an emergency.

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept the monthly zoning report and the minutes of the August 31, 2006 and September 14, 2006 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

2. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept the treasurers' reports and to pay the monthly bills against the borough as posted and/or printed on the agenda..

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	\$40,485.72
Paid bills:	\$51,622.16
General Fund Revenue Report, as prepared by Elaine Morrell	\$87,801.34
Civic Center Report, as prepared by Lenore Dolan	\$3,874.92

All in favor

Motion carried

3. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Musewicz**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Musewicz**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Musewicz**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance as of August 31, 2006 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances	
General Fund Checking Account	\$265,430.01
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00
Payroll Checking Account	28,286.66
Tax Escrow Account	1,861.84
Civic Center Account	1,024.95
Civic Center Petty Cash	300.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's Includes interest & new CD	\$3,429,752.06
Home Program Account	0
Capital Projects Account	1,005,238.57
Warsaw Playground	29,705.68
Liquid Fuels Account	75,749.32
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$4,837,649.09

LOAN - FNCB LOAN BALANCE	\$1,346,707.78
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All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize payment to Pioneer Construction in the amount of \$71,577.54 for the Meade Street Curb and Paving Project, as per the cooperation agreement with Lackawanna County regarding the Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG). Lackawanna County will reimburse the Borough \$71,577.54 with FFY 2006 CDBG Program Funds. Payment is to be made from the General Fund.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - Where will this come from? The General Fund or the Capital Improvements?

Barnick - I thought they paid (Lackawanna County)?

Elaine Morrell - This was an agreement. We weren't going to have the money and council wanted to start the project so council agreed to do that for this time. Normally it doesn't happen that way.

Barnick - The project looks great. It's too bad they had to go through all that mess just to get it to that point.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept the "Financial Requirement and (MMO) Minimum Municipal Obligation Budget for 2007" Police Pension Plan MMO - \$35,813.00 and Non-Uniform Pension Plan MMO - \$75,835.00 as prepared by Duda Actuarial Consulting.

On the question:

Barnick - How is everything working out with this?

Lukasewicz - If you have a phone call, do they call back?

Elaine Morrell - Very good. Right away, yes.

Lukasewicz - That's a lot better than what we had.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$500.00 from the Police Pension Plan for the preparation of the 2007 MMO and to process the disability pension calculation for Officer Repchick. Also to authorize payment in the amount of \$250.00 from the Non-Uniform Pension Plan for the preparation of the 2007 MMO.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize payment # 1 to Jerry Ganz, Inc. in the amount of \$171,000.00 for the New DPW building pending approval by the borough engineer, Peters Design Group.

On the question:

Barnick - That's got to come out of the capital account.

Barone - Did he already start up there?

Lukasewicz - He's got the site work all done, pretty much completed. *A short discussion took place.*

Barnick - Where are we at with the salt shed?

Lukasewicz - Have Robert (Kalinowski) put it on paper and get it to us as soon as possible.

10. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

To allocate \$1,000.00 to the civic center for their upcoming 'Haunted House'.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barnick

To authorize to submit an application for a grant for a recycling truck.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Musewicz

To have Attorney Cimini research to begin the process to abandon the Erie Street extension between 813 and 904 Center Street (if there's no sewer lines located within it's boundaries).

On the question:

Barnick - That's just research it. You've got to go by ordinance, right?

Lukasewicz - Just to get the process started.

Barnick - I could swear there's a storm drain there.

Lukasewicz - I'm almost sure there's something there.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments/Discussions:

Councilman Barone - The newer sidewalks were not being maintained and were overrun with weeds. Councilman Barnick suggested an amendment to the ordinance regarding the removal of snow for the summer maintenance of weeds.

Audience Comments:

Robert Hegedus, 610 Center Street - Expressed concerns with regard to a property next to his house; inquired about criteria for condemnation and/or a blight status, if it was a long and drawn out process, and animals in and about the structure.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan
Throop Borough Secretary