

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
Monday, August 9, 2010  
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** - A

Ray Jarosh - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President** - P

Anthony Gangemi - P

David Repchick - A

John Musewicz - P

Neil Furiosi - P

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

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski - A

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A

Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

**Announcements:**

- \* An executive session was held August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
- \* The August monthly work session and meeting will be held Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.
- \* The September mid-month work session and meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- \* The September mid-month work session and meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.**

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**Audience Comments:**

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: Questioned Borough hiring Cocciardi and why?

Lukasewicz: To be another set of eyes and to see what is going on.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: Advanced GeoServices has all their documentation in a repository downstairs here. Why as tax payers, we paid for that, why don't we have the right to look at their reports?

Lukasewicz: Robin see if we can get complete documentation of everything that they have done for us and we can have it here in the repository. This way if someone wanted to look at it, we probably have about 90% of it but not as entailed as what they have. Legally we will have to check Louie. I know there is a lot of information that we have and we could put all that together I'm sure. You could have Renee start on it.

Robin: Yea.

Lukasewicz: We can make a complete copy of everything that we have received so far.

Robin: From Cocciardi

Lukasewicz: From Cocciardi

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: Appreciate it.

Lukasewicz: And this way Louie you could look into the actual work product and if there would be a fee.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: I don't want to have something that I don't want to see, I want to see something that I want to see.

Lukasewicz: Well I'm sure what we could do is at least what we've gotten from them, which would detail and itemize basically everything that they have performed for us and then if there is something that you needed to look into directly I'm sure that we could get that for you.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: I appreciate it.

Attorney Cimini: Fill out a right to know request.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: That's what I'm asking. Do I need to do it that way? Or

Attorney Cimini: Send a right to know request.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: We just said that we are going to put it in the repository. Didn't we?

Attorney Cimini: You put in a right to know request to the borough and then we'll answer it. All requests are done that way.

Lukasewicz: What I'm trying to do Louie is the information that we have gotten from Cocciardi, which we have on file anyway

Attorney Cimini: Understood. There is two issues, the boroughs right to have product that it paid for in the borough building is one issue, the right of a citizen to look at that information has to be through a formal right to know request which is fine just submit the request.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: But didn't I pay for that as a tax payer?

Attorney Cimini: What's the problem? I want to look at this documentation. Thank you. That's it.

Lukasewicz: The only I reason I say that is the repository that Gould has put here for us is actually their work that we gave as a courtesy for them to put here for citizens to look at. It's actually not our work. This is our work so Louie wants to make sure that...It's not apples to apples. What you're looking at down there all the time, that's something that was a courtesy from Gould to

provide to the citizens.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: It was mandatory

Lukasewicz: It was mandatory that they had to have it, But they didn't say where they had to have it. They had one at the school I believe and then as a courtesy we had one here for everyone to look at to make it easier.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: But what I'm saying, as a tax payer, we hired Cocciardi, and I would just like to see their stuff in the repository. That's all I'm asking.

Attorney Cimini: Put your request in writing and your request will be answered.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: Are you familiar with the form?

Attorney Cimini: I am.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: The form is specific as to what you are requesting.

Attorney Cimini: Documents from Cocciardi.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: But then that's going to give me 700 pages of forms that I have to pay a quarter a piece. I want to review what I want to review.

Attorney Cimini: So you send a request in and we'll answer it.

Lukasewicz: Just go through that and we'll...I'm sure Rich, we'll work something out.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: I appreciate it.

Attorney Cimini: I want your request in the file. If the answer is go down and spend the week down there looking if you want that is fine but I want your request in writing. We have a right to know act that has been recently amended, just put it in writing so everything is in the file.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: But am I breaking some rule saying I'm asking to go down to the repository?

Attorney Cimini: You're not breaking any rules. I'm asking you to put your request in writing.

Lukasewicz: The repository is one thing but any other borough documentation that you would want to look at, anything, from whatever, not just Cocciardi, you would have to go through the right to know. He is just trying to make a proper chain. No one is trying to keep you from looking at anything.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: No

Lukasewicz: Just that he wants proper documentation. This way if someone goes in they'll see ok Rich came into look at it.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: But I don't have to do that for other stuff in the repository correct.

Lukasewicz: No because that isn't actual Borough documents. That's what I'm trying to say to you. That's something that they put here. That's not actual borough documents.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: Ok. Thank you.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: Sulphur Creek. Nothing is being done yet.

Lukasewicz: They're just about finished. When they're finished then any flows coming into Sulphur Creek or any discharges or any anything then we'll get in there. I don't know if it is going to be this year. I don't know.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: It's been a couple years now. It's been worked on.

Lukasewicz: I know. We'll do what we have to do with it but we want to wait until they are finished.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: When are they going to be finished?

Lukasewicz: When you're trying to get grass to grow there's a lot of issues that come into play. It has to catch just right. If they don't get it to catch just right this year then they'll be in there fixing

whatever they have to next year.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: What does that have to do with the cleanup?

Lukasewicz: Because there are discharges going in there and if it seems to be murky maybe at some point in time, when their finished, we'll see maybe we should go in and check Sulphur creek and check the lead levels again like we did prior. So we don't want to go in there and move something that, I'm not saying there are any problems but we want to be safe than sorry.

Jarosh: Was the water murky because we were in there or is it something that happened on the sight. If it is murky when they are done then we know it was us.

Lukasewicz: That's right. We've gotten this far so we just want to make sure.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: Is the permit lifted?

Lukasewicz: What permit?

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: The permit lifted from the Marjol sight? That we're part owner of? Applicant I should say.

Lukasewicz: I don't believe so. Lisa could I be referenced?

Lisa Ayers: Both permits are still there.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: So we're still responsible then.

Lukasewicz: Yes.

Furiosi: Do you know what we are going to do with Mary Ruth's request.

Lukasewicz: She can just do that. I think it was just something that she wanted to let us know that, that's what she wanted to do and she was doing it anyway.

Jarosh: Normally we vote on it.

Lukasewicz: She's not going to be made an assistant director. I thought that's what the note was saying. I don't believe it said Assistant Director. It just said that she felt very confident with her doing it because of the degrees and everything that she has.

Furiosi: She wants her to be used as needed until Robin Green returns.

Lukasewicz: Yes. She wants to utilize her more as a third person is what she is trying to do.

Furiosi: So we can tell her it's fine.

Lukasewicz: The only thing that I wanted to bring up was the illegal parking through out the entire town. I know we went through this years ago. When I look out here at Glinsky's and the apartment building next door and the cars are parked right on the sidewalk, I've had it with that. There has got to be something we can do. Give people a warning and the next time ticket them, I think we need to sit down with Keith and come up with a game plan. We have more and more apartment buildings and then more and more people living in these apartment buildings there is no where to park so people are parking right on the sidewalk and next to water hydrants. It's just wrong.

Furiosi: I know I see it.

Lukasewicz: It's gotten worse than ever now.

Furiosi: I know I see it everyday.

Lukasewicz: Sitting here as a councilman there has got to be a way to work around it, now if some kid gets killed going out into the road because there's a car parked because we didn't do anything I would feel bad about it.

Furiosi: The problem is when we did enforce it the residents were up in arms they would go to whoever they knew at the time that sat on council complaining. I think if we're going to do it,

what's good for one is good for the rest.

Lukasewicz: If I park illegal .. Ticket me.

Furiosi: Exactly.

Lukasewicz: That's how I feel. A sidewalk is not called a car park it's called a sidewalk for a reason.

Furiosi: I see plenty of cars parked all 4 wheels on the sidewalk.

Lukasewicz: That's what I'm saying. All 4 wheels. You could see certain areas that are tight you could park a little so you can walk by. But when you can't walk by

Gangemi: We can put a little notice in the paper. Give people a chance.

Furiosi: I agree. We should put it in the paper.

Gangemi: That we are going to start enforcing it.

Lukasewicz: The legal code is that it's illegal right Louie? If you park on a sidewalk.

Attorney Cimini: Yes.

Lukasewicz: As simple as that.

Furiosi: The other thing that used to be my pet peeve, they used to give them away like candy here at one time, was the handicapped. When an individual had ample off street parking they'd apply for handicapped.

Lukasewicz: Come to think of it, I haven't seen any applications for handicapped parking in quite awhile.

Furiosi: What I'm saying is that there is probably a lot of signs still out there.

Lukasewicz: The thing is, you're fixing up the whole town, you have things looking nice, and then there are cars parked on the sidewalks. It just defeats everything that you are trying to do.

Furiosi: I agree. Do you want me to talk to Keith?

Lukasewicz: Yes. Please.

Musewicz: We have some speed problems on Coppernick St.

Lukasewicz: I'm working on the corner of Pancoast and Charles St. The cops could ticket people there all day long. Nobody stops. You could pay for all the policeman on duty for a day just to have them ticket people there just for one day. Enough is enough.

Musewicz: They're flying down Coppernick.

Charlene Tomasovitch, 650 Sanderson St.: They're flying down every street. Sanderson is disgusting too.

Jarosh: Speaking of curbs. When are they pulling up the curbs, on George St?

Lukasewicz: They are going to do the sidewalks and then do the curbs. They have their own way of doing it and believe me they've been told and if it starts to be an issue then we can, legally by ~~the contract we cannot tell them how to do the work.~~

Jarosh: Ok.

Lukasewicz: Because I have already gone down that road. They are going to do the sidewalks and then the curbs. And I thought that was, well I've never seen it done before but they've done it that way and they're comfortable with it.

Jarosh: Alright.

Lukasewicz: And there is nothing that we can do but we can watch as they're doing it.

Jarosh: They've been beating the heck out of that granite.

Lukasewicz: And you mentioned the 48 acres. We have that easement that Louie has been trying to secure for us for Franko St. and I told him we have to make a formal request to Gould so we can still use that at least now until we see if we can get a permanent easement to use that area. Actually the permanent easement is what I am looking for. We don't want to alter it whatsoever but we want to have the capability to go on it. (Up on Ash St.)

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary