

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 11, 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 - P**

Ray Jarosh - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Anthony Gangemi - P

David Repchick - P

John Musewicz - P

Neil Furiosi - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A

Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Work Sessions/Meetings:

- * An executive session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personal matters.
- * The October monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, October 25th at 6:30p.m.
- * The November mid-month work session/meeting will be held Monday, November 8th at 6:30pm
- * The November monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

David Zeller, 800 George St.: Prior to the sidewalk project the sidewalks at my business went right up to my building. Now I have one pad that comes out from my bottom step then a sidewalk that is 20 some inches away from the side of my building. I brought it up to Robert a couple of weeks ago and he said that they were going to put the sidewalks back the way they were. I want what was there before the project began. Also the pad that they poured to connect the step to the sidewalks, which was poured at a later date, the concrete screeding doesn’t match.

Lukasewicz: When you submit the check Robin ask them for a run sheet for the year.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Furiosi

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize payment to Scartelli Construction in the amount of \$46,513.32, payment # 5, for the George Street Sidewalk and Curbing Project. As per approval by Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner and Jack Scheuer/Borough Engineer.

On the Question:

Barnick: We need to get together with them and start settling out the change orders and find out exactly what is going to happen here soon before this project is over. Why wait until the end and be surprised.

Lukasewicz: Has anything happened with the issues that were at hand?

Attorney Cimini: Jack and Robert met with John and they are...

Lukasewicz: Attorney Cimini if you could find out where we are with the change orders.

Barnick: That's what I mean. Maybe we are going to have to sit down with them and get them settled out now.

Jarosh: Aren't these guys coming back and asking for an extension on it too?

Barnick: They already submitted something for an extension.

Lukasewicz: They requested an extension through Robert but he hasn't done anything with it yet. I believe the 15th was their final day.

Barnick: They have to provide their reasons for the extension then it has to go to the state too. Then they have to review it.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: Why would it have to go to the State?

Barnick: Because it is the grant we received.

Lukasewicz: Federal money was involved.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: But it is not a State road.

Barnick: No. We got it before it was a local road.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Repchick

To accept the award by the Judge of vacating the arbitrators award of the DPW garage and to have special council Kevin Quinn file whatever is needed to proceed with action against the arbitrator and the arbitrator association and any Government entities that can help us.

On the Question:

Barnick: I was hoping a reporter was here because we have to get this in the Times. We get the order back from the judge vacating the whole thing and the chances were less than 10% to vacate the whole order. We'll go after the arbitration association to try to recover our fees which is going to be difficult.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: How much is that?

Jarosh: We don't really have a total. Attorney fees, expert fees, arbitration fees.

Barnick: They have a chance to appeal it to a Superior court. The Attorney generals and FBI's should be looking at that. That's how bad it is.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: Anything else to bring forward?

Barnick: What about our budget?

Lukasewicz: Let's start our work session at 5:30 pm next meeting to review the budget.

Jarosh: Two things on the DPW. First, Front end loader, did we ever do anything with it?

Lukasewicz: We didn't order it but there was a time frame that came into play. I didn't hear anything back from Robert.

Gangemi: I know he wants to get that going.

Repchick: Otherwise it is supposed to increase.

Jarosh: Second, what about our statuettes?

Lukasewicz: I didn't hear anything about it at all.

Jarosh: Robin check with Robert and see if he got in touch with the resident who was donating the statuettes.

Lukasewicz: Now we'll turn it over to the audience.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: Tom you mentioned the letter that Attorney Cimini wrote to the EPA and the DEP - Can I have a copy of that letter?

Lukasewicz: You can have a copy of that.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: And how about the arbitrators decision?

Barnick: Yes. That is public knowledge.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: That alleyway behind me - nothing done with it yet. After it rains the water just stays there in two spots.

Lukasewicz: Robin can you let Robert know.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: I don't have to say anymore about those trees that were hanging in the river - the water took them.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: I just want to update you on the flooding. EMS was called out to stand by 12:00 Thursday night. 4:00 the next day we were off stand by. We were on stand by through the whole night. Sulfer Creek - Marjol site we found a water fall. We also found a retention pond and found a drain. 24 inches of water. I give them a lot of credit. Jamie (GeoServices) walked to the pond at 12:00 a.m. There is an emergency spillway there. They assured the spillway. The pipe held everything through the night. I want to thank the Marjol people who helped. The Red Cross was on stand by, Runcos' busses were on stand by (handicapped also) and we had the Civic Center for a shelter if we needed it.

A brief discussion took place about the dike and Sulfer creek.

Lukasewicz: They usually check it before a big storm.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: It started backing up, we pumped it back into the river Friday morning. I had a crew, we stopped at Hose Company # 3, Eric's company had a full crew there. We spent the night there. All on stand by making sure everything would go as it should.
Lukasewicz: It is good to know we have good people in place in case something should happen. Thank you.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: Everything was set up so if anything happened we were ready to move right out of there.

Barnick: Did you have to pump any basements?

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: No.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: You noticed that pipe coming out - I understand how that basin works. Lisa question for you; He notified you people and you came on site. Who sampled the turbidity of the water prior to that?

Lisa Ayers: Advanced GeoServices.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: They were not there.

Ron Green, 210 Division St.: Jamie was there on site taking samples at 11:00 p.m. and the next morning.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: I guess my question would be what happened at 9:00?

Lukasewicz: Lisa check to see if it was checked prior to 11:00 p.m.

Rich Lombardo, 605 Dunmore St.: I was there at 7:30 the day after (on Friday) and it was coming out 3/4 pipe and the creek was up high.

Lukasewicz: Lisa provide that information for Rich.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Borough Secretary
Renee O'Malley