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18 COUNCIL MEMBERS:
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20 JOSEPH BARONE
21 JAMES BARNICK
22 THOMAS LUKASEWICZ
23 GEORGE MARUSHOCK
24 JOHN MUSEWICZ
25 STANLEY LUKONSKI, MAYOR

Mark Wozniak
Official Court Reporter

1 MR. MARUSHOCK: We'll call this
2 meeting to order for Monday, November 14,
3 2005. Please rise for the Pledge of
4 Allegiance.

5 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance
6 was recited.)

7 MR. MARUSHOCK: God bless our
8 borough and our military serving stateside and
9 abroad.

10 Before we get underway here and get
11 into the audience comment I'd like to make an
12 announcement, please. I need to be out of
13 here 7:00 sharp.

14 If anyone from the audience right
15 now has any comments. Ladies and gentlemen,
16 two motions right in the beginning which we're
17 going to alter the present agenda before us
18 this evening.

19 The first agenda item we will
20 discuss this evening will be a motion to
21 accept the resignation of Ms. Daryl Menichetti
22 as council president

23 The second one will be to accept the
24 resignation of Cindy Johnson as vice
25 president

1 With that being said, we will now
2 move to audience comment on tonight's agenda
3 items only at this time.

4 (Mr. Joseph Tropiak inquired about
5 the procedure in appointing someone to fill
6 the vacancy of Susan Shortz, who resigned her
7 council position.)

8 MR. MARUSHOCK: To the best of my
9 knowledge, Mr. Tropiak -- and I'm not a
10 certified legal professional -- I believe
11 council has 30 days in which to make an
12 appointment regarding this position. I feel
13 confident that an appointment can be in place
14 within 30 days and we can continue to move
15 forward.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Can we put a motion
17 on? Motion number three would be to accept
18 Susan Shortz' resignation immediately. And
19 that if we can have motion four would be to
20 appoint someone to fill Mrs. Shortz'
21 position.

22 MR. MARUSHOCK: Okay. Again, for
23 the record, for everyone's information here,
24 the third item on this evening's agenda was
25 not part of the printed agenda. It will be a

1 motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Susan
2 Shortz as council person.

3 Continuing with audience comments on
4 this evening's agenda and on the items I
5 discussed. Next row?

6 (Nick Rocco, 33 Sanderson Street,
7 inquired about item number four on the
8 agenda.)

9 MR. MARUSHOCK: Anyone else on
10 audience comments? Back row? Up along the
11 side wall? Down into the doorway? Okay.
12 With no other comments, we'll move into the
13 agenda at this time.

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Marushock, I'd
15 like to make a motion to accept the
16 resignation of Daryl Menichetti as council
17 president.

18 MR. MARUSHOCK: Do we have a
19 second?

20 MR. BARNICK: I'll second.

21 MR. MARUSHOCK: Seconded by Mr.
22 Barnick. Motion on the floor by Mr.
23 Lukasewicz, seconded by Mr. Barnick to accept
24 the resignation of Ms. Daryl Menichetti as
25 council president. Anyone on the question?

1 Roll call, please.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 5 MR. BARNICK: For.
 6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 7 MR. BARONE: For.
 8 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?
 9 MR. MARUSHOCK: For. Next would be
 10 a motion to accept the resignation of
 11 Ms. Cindy Johnson as council vice president.
 12 MR. BARNICK: I'll make the motion.
 13 MR. MARUSHOCK: Motion by Mr.
 14 Barnick.
 15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I'll second it.
 16 MR. MARUSHOCK: Seconded by
 17 Mr. Lukasewicz. On the question? Roll call,
 18 please.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 20 MR. BARNICK: For.
 21 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 23 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 24 MR. BARONE: For.
 25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?

1 Shortz until January of next year. Before we
 2 go into roll call can I have audience comments
 3 on the motion on the floor at this time, if
 4 anybody? Please raise your hand. No one.
 5 Anyone on council on the question, further
 6 question? Roll call, please.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 8 MR. BARNICK: For.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 12 MR. BARONE: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?
 14 MR. MARUSHOCK: For. At this time
 15 Mayor Lukowski will swear in Mr. John Musewicz
 16 as our new council person.
 17 (Whereupon John Musewicz was sworn
 18 in as councilman by Mayor Lukowski.)
 19 MR. MUSEWICZ: Just briefly, I want
 20 to thank everybody for their support and
 21 confidence that you not only showed in myself
 22 but in my other colleagues and the trust that
 23 you gave us last week with the opportunity to
 24 serve this community for the next four years.
 25 MR. MARUSHOCK: At this time I would

1 MR. MARUSHOCK: For. The third item
 2 will be to accept the resignation of Mrs.
 3 Susan Shortz as borough council person.
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Chairman, I'll
 5 make that motion.
 6 MR. BARNICK: I'll second it.
 7 MR. MARUSHOCK: Motion by Mr.
 8 Lukasewicz, second by Mr. Barnick. On that
 9 question? Roll call, please.
 10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 12 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 13 MR. BARNICK: For.
 14 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 15 MR. BARONE: For.
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?
 17 MR. MARUSHOCK: For. Next would be
 18 a motion to appoint --
 19 MR. BARNICK: John Musewicz. I'll
 20 make that motion to council.
 21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I'll second it.
 22 MR. BARNICK: In the term of Susan
 23 Shortz. It will be just until January.
 24 MR. MARUSHOCK: Motion on the floor
 25 to appoint John Musewicz to replace Mrs. Susan

1 ask for a motion to be out on the floor
 2 appointing someone as our new council
 3 president.
 4 MR. BARONE: I'll make the motion to
 5 appoint Tom Lukasewicz as Throop president.
 6 MR. BARNICK: I'll second it.
 7 MR. MARUSHOCK: Mr. Barone's motion
 8 is on the floor to appoint Mr. Lukasewicz as
 9 council president.
 10 MR. BARONE: Yes.
 11 MR. MARUSHOCK: Second by Mr.
 12 Barnick?
 13 MR. BARNICK: Yes.
 14 MR. MARUSHOCK: Before we go into
 15 roll call, are there any comments from the
 16 audience regarding this motion?
 17 Any questions from council members?
 18 Roll call, please.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 20 MR. BARONE: For.
 21 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 22 MR. BARNICK: For.
 23 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?

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1 MR. MARUSHOCK: For.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 3 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 4 MR. BARONE: I'd make a motion to
 5 appoint Jim Barnick vice president.
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: There's a motion on
 7 by Mr. Barone to appoint a vice president, Mr.
 8 Barnick.
 9 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second it.
 10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by
 11 Musewicz. On the question? Roll call,
 12 please.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 14 MR. BARONE: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 16 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 18 MR. BARNICK: For.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 21 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?
 22 MR. MARUSHOCK: For.
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: There should be a
 24 motion number seven. That would be to appoint
 25 a pro tem in the absence of the president and

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1 vice president. That individual will run the
 2 meetings. Is there a motion to appoint a pro
 3 tem?
 4 MR. BARNICK: I'll make a motion to
 5 appoint Joe Barone a pro tem chairman.
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 7 Barnick to appoint Joe Barone. Second?
 8 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second it.
 9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by
 10 Mr. Musewicz. On the question? Roll call.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 12 MR. BARNICK: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 14 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 16 MR. BARONE: For.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?
 20 MR. MARUSHOCK: For.
 21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Before we actually
 22 get into the minutes, I just want to thank the
 23 people for their vote that was given last
 24 Tuesday and prior to that in May. I know I
 25 speak for myself and I believe I speak for the

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1 other -- I would say all four of the gentlemen
 2 here. I believe everyone will try to do
 3 what's right this time. The people did speak
 4 and they spoke loudly, and whether we like it
 5 or anyone likes it or not or whatever, the
 6 people spoke and that's what we have to answer
 7 to. So I can only speak for myself that the
 8 agenda that the people want, that's what I'm
 9 going to do.
 10 And it's going to be difficult at
 11 first. There has continued to be a lot of
 12 animosity in this borough and it's just got to
 13 stop. And there's been a lot of rumors that
 14 things were bad and a lot worse than what they
 15 are. I don't believe that anything is as bad
 16 as has been made out to be. I believe the
 17 financial statement of the borough is very
 18 sound. We have ample funds to pay our bills.
 19 We just need some good, solid management to
 20 make things happen.
 21 I would say that the transition for
 22 the first few weeks is going to be a little
 23 difficult, but after, I would say, probably
 24 two weeks or so the borough will again run as
 25 smooth as it did two years ago.

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1 And the only thing that I can ask is
 2 the people that do come to the meetings,
 3 please show some consideration. What has
 4 happened here has been a total embarrassment
 5 for the borough of Throop and every one of its
 6 citizens and every one of us councilmen up
 7 here. It's horrible when I go out in the open
 8 and I run into people, they ask me what's
 9 going on in Throop. I keep saying it's a nice
 10 little town. We just have to straighten
 11 things out a little bit.
 12 So I'll do the best I can. It's
 13 going to take some time and we're going to
 14 have quite a bit of meetings. I believe we're
 15 going to have to meet at least three times
 16 this week, possibly, just to get a little grip
 17 on things. Does anyone else want to say
 18 anything?
 19 MR. BARONE: Yeah. I want to thank
 20 Mr. Marushock for coming to this meeting
 21 tonight. It shows that he wants to get the
 22 borough on the right track again. Thanks for
 23 coming, George.
 24 MR. MARUSHOCK: You're welcome.
 25 MR. BARNICK: All I ask is that you

1 just bear with us. It's going to take a
2 little bit of time to get back on track.
3 That's all. We'll be up and running soon.

4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: There's a few items
5 that are important. Robert, all the pages in
6 our files today, did you give them to everyone
7 out here? The ones that are in our slots.

8 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: There's a couple of
10 correspondence that did come in today that I
11 believe are important. One of them is
12 correspondence from attorney John Brazil. It
13 was faxed to the borough today dated November
14 14, 2005, attention council members. It's in
15 regards to his resignation. "Dear council
16 members, it is my understanding that there is
17 a special meeting this night, and at that
18 meeting council will consider the resignation
19 of Susan Shortz. As there is going to be new
20 makeup in council, I respectfully submit my
21 resignation as borough solicitor.

22 Please have your new solicitor
23 contact this office and I will make
24 arrangements to transfer any and all files in
25 my possession.

1 I want to thank you for the
2 opportunity to serve the council of the
3 borough of Throop and I wish you good luck in
4 your future." It's signed by attorney John
5 Brazil.

6 I'd like to put on a few motions.
7 Just bear with me. Then I'll take audience
8 comments.

9 Motion number eight will be to
10 accept the resignation of the borough
11 solicitor.

12 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that motion.

13 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second it.

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Okay, there's a
15 motion by Mr. Barnick. Musewicz was the
16 second. Audience comments on that motion? If
17 anyone has comments please raise your hand.
18 If not, then roll call on the motion to accept
19 the resignation of John Brazil as borough
20 solicitor.

21 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

22 MR. BARNICK: For.

23 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

24 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

1 MR. BARONE: For.

2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?

3 MR. MARUSHOCK: For.

4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. With that
6 being done, I would hope that there would be a
7 motion to appoint a borough solicitor. Again,
8 I'll take audience comments on this. It's a
9 motion to appoint a borough solicitor. Is
10 there a motion?

11 MR. BARNICK: I'll make a motion to
12 appoint Lou Cimini at a rate of \$40,000 per
13 year, with the possibility there may be extra
14 hours for the first two months here at a rate
15 we haven't determined. We'll work our way
16 in. I don't know, he's got to catch up on
17 everything. It's going to take a little bit.

18 MR. BARONE: I'll second it.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: So there is a
20 motion on the floor to appoint attorney Louis
21 Cimini at a rate of \$40,000 per year. Motion
22 by Mr. Barnick, second by Mr. Barone. On the
23 question? Excuse me, audience comments on
24 that motion to appoint Louis Cimini?

25 (Jack Dolan, South Valley Avenue,

1 offered comment on the previous work done by
2 attorney Cimini.)

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Anyone else?

4 (Elaine Morrell agreed with the
5 choice of attorney Cimini.)

6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: All right.

7 Council, on the question?

8 MR. MARUSHOCK: Mr. Chairman, I'm
9 against appointing Mr. Cimini back here. He
10 was on board previously at a fee of
11 approximately \$70,000. I'm aware that when he
12 was on board also I think at the time three
13 weeks vacation and full medical coverage was
14 followed later. By no means as a 1099 vender
15 was he entitled to the medical coverage.
16 Today, as we sit here this evening this
17 funding that the borough had expended for the
18 medical coverage has never been repaid.

19 Also, I don't know why we're giving
20 him another \$4,000 a year over our present
21 solicitor, attorney Brazil. Again, I think we
22 can all agree, whether you like the gentleman
23 or not, he did work the best he can for the
24 benefit of the borough, put in a lot of time
25 and scheduled some other meetings and stuff

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1 that we did have in place.

2 Like I said, I'm just putting my
3 comments forward because even before there was
4 reason why some changes were made a year or
5 two ago -- and I'm not trying to throw any
6 stones here. I'm just putting the comments
7 forward as to why I supported some of the
8 changes that were in place previously. That's
9 all I have at this time.

10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Any other
11 councilmen on the question?

12 MR. MUSEWICZ: Mr. Chairman, being
13 new at this, what was the last solicitor's
14 scale, Mr. Brazil?

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Thirty-six thousand
16 dollars.

17 MR. BARNICK: Thirty-six thousand
18 dollars. And according to last month's bill
19 he worked a total of 13 hours, so which worked
20 out to about \$268 an hour. The requirement is
21 35 hours a week -- month.

22 MR. MARUSHOCK: I'll be honest. I
23 mean, even when Mr. Cimini was on board we
24 never had a real documentation of hours. And
25 as far as us going into an itemized report for

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1 hours, whether it's a ten-minute phone call or
2 something, I thought we did away with that
3 because it's pretty much paying more in fees
4 and time allowed to document a ten-minute
5 phone call or something. But he was there, I
6 think, for all of us whenever we did call,
7 responsive in our concerns and stuff. Both
8 sides never really gave us a detailed thing
9 but we know they were at our service seven
10 days a week, 24 hours a day.

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Hegedus, roll
12 call, please.

13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

14 MR. BARNICK: For.

15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

16 MR. BARONE: For.

17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?

18 MR. MARUSHOCK: Against.

19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

20 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

21 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. One memo that
23 did come in today was an interoffice memo, and
24 I believe I'd like to read that in the
25 correspondence this evening because I think

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1 we're going to have to act on that somewhat
2 this evening.

3 There is a correspondence that came
4 in today to members of council. It was
5 Christine Hartshorn, the assistant secretary.
6 It's number 43. The subject of the
7 correspondence is in regard to meeting
8 attendance. It's dated 11/14/05. It's cc to
9 Mr. Robert Hegedus, borough manager.

10 "Effective immediately I will be
11 unable to attend work sessions, mid-month
12 meetings, special meetings, and monthly
13 meetings. I began to take on-line college
14 courses and plan on doing my courses at
15 night. Thank you, Christine Hartshorn." It's
16 dated 11/14/05 and it's stamped 3:55 in the
17 afternoon.

18 She was taking the minutes for us
19 and attending these meetings. Do you want to
20 do anything with this at this time?

21 MR. BARONE: Is she going to do her
22 daily work here or what?

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I believe this is
24 just in regards to attending meetings.

25 MR. MARUSHOCK: We have a

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1 stenographer on board to do the minutes. He's
2 been very capable of doing the minutes. Mrs.
3 Hartshorn was basically just taking notes. Am
4 I correct?

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I really don't
6 know. I know she's to attend all the
7 meetings.

8 Robert, when you get a chance, check
9 and see if she does have a job description and
10 if she was hired to do these duties and make a
11 report to council, please.

12 MR. BARONE: If so, let her take a
13 leave of absence.

14 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz, how
15 does that impact the extra work with the
16 meeting minutes that she was doing at night?
17 That motion where she was catching up with the
18 2004 things. She doesn't mention that.

19 MR. MARUSHOCK: I'm going to be
20 honest with you, it's quite confusing because
21 I know we had her come on board to do the
22 minutes of the meetings that we did not have
23 in our possession. When I supported that
24 motion, I did so that it be done on straight
25 time. I found out later that it was

1 generating overtime hours which amounted to
 2 one and a half times her regular hourly pay.
 3 I don't believe the motion was intended for
 4 that rate of pay to be in place. Quite
 5 honestly, now, unless her duties have been
 6 limited in her position as assistant
 7 secretary, why she could not do the minutes on
 8 borough time at the regular rate of pay. A
 9 lot of unanswered questions. And I'm not
 10 trying to bring anything to the picture here,
 11 I'm not trying to hide anything. I tried to
 12 keep everything above board.

13 But again, I think with Mr. Wozniak
 14 here, our stenographer, we did have an
 15 accurate reporting of the minutes. And I'm
 16 sure we're all in agreement that Mr. Wozniak
 17 has been unbiased and has given us give a true
 18 and accurate report of the meetings.

19 Again, with this letter that we've
 20 got before us this evening, if we could look
 21 into that, see if that is part of her job
 22 description. And again, if we could also
 23 check into her doing the minutes from the
 24 outstanding meetings during her regular
 25 workday.

1 MR. BARONE: If I'm not mistaken, I
 2 think that meeting when that thing was passed
 3 for her to do that at home it was passed at
 4 time and a half that night.

5 MR. HEGEDUS: I don't think it was
 6 passed at time and a half, it was at a rate of
 7 \$12 an hour.

8 MR. BARONE: I could have sworn they
 9 said time and a half.

10 MR. HEGEDUS: That would allow
 11 someone to generate their own overtime.

12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Hegedus, review
 13 everything that you need in regards to this
 14 situation and make a confidential report to
 15 council as soon as possible, please.

16 MR. HEGEDUS: Would you like those
 17 in addition to the other memo that she gave
 18 about --

19 MR. BARNICK: Everything,
 20 everything.

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Everything that you
 22 think has to be handled. Make sure that it's
 23 held in confidential and there should be no
 24 discussion whatsoever by anyone.

25 Now, what we'll do is we'll go into

1 the prepared agenda prepared by Mr. Hegedus.
 2 MR. BARONE: I have to make a motion
 3 right now. Our solicitor isn't here yet but
 4 I'd like a motion to put on that Cindy
 5 Blanchard or Cindy Johnson, she has to vacate
 6 her seat until she can prove to us that she
 7 lives in Throop. According to the PSAB she
 8 has to live in Throop or she has to resign
 9 that seat. We don't have to prove that she
 10 lives in Throop, she has to prove it. And the
 11 solicitor's got to work on that automatically,
 12 because if she doesn't live in Throop and
 13 she's accepting pay, that's illegal. All the
 14 motions that she made, whether she made the
 15 motions or voted on them, they're all null and
 16 void. So the solicitor has to check on that
 17 immediately. She just can't say Sanderson
 18 Street for her address.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: There's a motion on
 20 the floor by Mr. Barone that Ms. Johnson
 21 should vacate her seat immediately until she
 22 proves residency.

23 MR. BARONE: That's correct.

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I believe that's as
 25 per PSAB?

1 MR. BARONE: Yes. The PSAB also
 2 says it's not where she votes, it's where she
 3 lives. It's where she lays her head down at
 4 night.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Is there a second?

6 MR. BARNICK: That's providing
 7 strict proof, right, of residence?

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I would say it
 9 should be run by the borough solicitor to
 10 investigate and make a determination.

11 MR. BARNICK: Can we get in there to
 12 authorize the solicitor's investigation?

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Do you want to make
 14 a second?

15 MR. BARNICK: Yes.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by
 17 Mr. Barnick. Okay, before we go on to
 18 questions, is there any audience comments on
 19 that motion coming on the floor next?
 20 Anyone?

21 (Elaine Morrell commented that one
 22 proof of residency can be utility bills.)

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Anyone on that
 24 motion? Council, anything else on that?

25 MR. MUSEWICZ: On the question, I

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1 think it's a good idea, Jim, that we get the
 2 solicitor.
 3 MR. BARONE: That's according to the
 4 PSAB. She said the solicitor has to
 5 investigate that immediately.
 6 MR. MUSEWICZ: I think that's a good
 7 idea that we get a legal opinion on that.
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Hegedus, roll
 9 call. One other audience comment.
 10 (Dave Morrell also offered comment
 11 on proof of residency.)
 12 MR. MARUSHOCK: This is a good
 13 motion. I will be supporting this, but I
 14 would like to put forward a comment that
 15 provided that this is legal in all matters and
 16 by the solicitor and that we move forward.
 17 That we don't do anything unless we are
 18 advised to do so by the solicitor.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Fine with me.
 20 MR. BARNICK: It will be up to the
 21 solicitor to file a petition in court or
 22 whatever is necessary.
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: This is not being
 24 done by council, this is done through the
 25 solicitor through the laws of the state of

1 they have not received that check.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Nobody to sign it.
 3 MR. MARUSHOCK: As soon as it's
 4 ready let me know. I will pick it up and hand
 5 deliver it if at all possible.
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Okay.
 7 MR. BARONE: Every year we give the
 8 After 55 Club and the senior citizens \$200 for
 9 their Christmas party. I'd like to make a
 10 motion to give those two.
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Let's do that as
 12 number 11, donations to the After 55 and
 13 senior citizens groups. Motion by Mr.
 14 Barone. Is there a second?
 15 MR. BARNICK: I'll second.
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
 17 Barnick. Audience comments on that motion?
 18 Any comments on council?
 19 MR. MARUSHOCK: It's been brought to
 20 my attention, Mr. Chairman, that I guess there
 21 were some residents of Throop who were, for
 22 lack of a better word, were banned from
 23 attending this. Without naming any names, I'm
 24 just trying to get this out in the open. I
 25 thought this was for all the citizens of

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1 Pennsylvania and is as legal as legal can be
 2 done. Nothing will be done haphazardly. I
 3 agree with you fully.
 4 Mr. Hegedus, roll call, please.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 6 MR. BARONE: For.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 8 MR. BARNICK: For.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?
 10 MR. MARUSHOCK: For with the
 11 comments as noted.
 12 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 13 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 14 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Before I go
 16 to the printed agenda, are there any other
 17 motions by any council up here?
 18 MR. BARNICK: There's a lot but I
 19 think we have to continue for another meeting.
 20 MR. MARUSHOCK: One other thing, I
 21 know we approved it at the last meeting.
 22 There's a check to be issued to the Mid Valley
 23 Spartan basketball booster club for \$100 for
 24 an ad in the magazine. I believe it's been
 25 brought to my attention that so far to date

1 Throop that this donation was given. I'm just
 2 asking to clear the air here at a public
 3 meeting.
 4 MR. BARNICK: I never heard nothing
 5 about it.
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I never heard
 7 anything about that either.
 8 MR. MARUSHOCK: Evidently there was
 9 some bickering back and forth. Some people
 10 had gone home with a better gift or whatever.
 11 I don't want to be -- again, I apologize to
 12 have to bring this up.
 13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Hegedus, when
 14 these monies are allocated to the responsible
 15 parties at the civic center could we tell them
 16 that the monies were allocated for, indeed,
 17 all the citizens of Throop?
 18 MR. MARUSHOCK: That's all, just to
 19 clear the air.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: No bias.
 21 (Elaine Morrell inquired if this was
 22 for all citizens of Throop.)
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Two groups, yes.
 24 This way if there's a separate Christmas party
 25 for everyone that would be something

1 different.

2 MR. HEGEDUS: Are there two separate

3 groups? Two hundred, so 400 total?

4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Two hundred per

5 organization. Mr. Hegedus, roll call.

6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

7 MR. BARONE: For.

8 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

9 MR. BARNICK: For.

10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?

11 MR. MARUSHOCK: For.

12 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

13 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

14 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Robert, I

16 know you gave us the correspondence here from

17 PG Energy. If we do our regular motions this

18 evening this will be taken care of so that

19 there's no need to address it.

20 MR. HEGEDUS: No, I just wanted to

21 bring that to your attention pursuant to the

22 letter of resignation that Ms. Johnson

23 submitted saying that -- accusing me in May of

24 2005, for lack of a better term, is when the

25 town went down the crapper.

1 one I've ever seen.

2 MR. MARUSHOCK: I believe there's

3 one since then. I was aware of this.

4 MR. HEGEDUS: There have been

5 subsequent months.

6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: All right, council,

7 would it be okay if I give this to Mr. Wozniak

8 so he can include this in the agenda, the

9 account number, date of shut off notice so

10 there's a public record of it?

11 Jimmy, you said there was one other

12 motion?

13 MR. BARNICK: Yeah, a motion to

14 repeal the authorization of the video -- or

15 payment of the video for channel 61.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Council payment.

17 MR. BARONE: I'll second that.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: There's a motion by

19 Mr. Barnick, there was a second by Mr. Barone

20 to repeal the authorization of payment of the

21 recording of the videos for channel 61 by

22 council.

23 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: How did council

24 ever get involved in that anyway, is what I'd

25 like to know, because originally that wasn't

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: This is 4/28.

2 MR. HEGEDUS: Correct. When I spoke

3 with PG Energy, they said the reason they

4 issued that is because we're a commercial

5 account and we have been considered a slow

6 payer since January of 2005. So on the 31st

7 day we received this shut off notice. That

8 was well prior to my taking office as the

9 treasurer. I just wanted to get that out in

10 the open.

11 MR. BARONE: Did you talk to --

12 MR. HEGEDUS: PG Energy has no

13 problem whatsoever. We're up to date.

14 MR. BARNICK: We need every bill

15 that's in there and every vender contacted to

16 find out exactly what's owed, what they have

17 copies of. They need to fax them into here.

18 We got to start getting these paid up and get

19 everything back, our credit back on line.

20 MR. HEGEDUS: That was the only

21 shut-off notice. When Ms. Menichetti spoke of

22 Pennsylvania American Water I know of no

23 shut-off notice. Therefore, her comments I

24 believe to be fraudulent.

25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: This is the first

1 the case. Somebody else was paying it.

2 MR. BARONE: Mr. Bolus started that.

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Well, I really

4 don't want to go there. Let's just leave it

5 die and let's move forward.

6 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: Well, it did cost

7 money.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It did, but let's

9 just accept it. Any comments by anyone in the

10 audience? Council?

11 MR. MARUSHOCK: Mr. Chairman, the

12 thing is, we did have some videos already

13 done. I think they were on TV. It's a

14 service that's already been rendered. I can

15 see stopping it now. That's fine. I'm in

16 agreement with that. What about the past

17 services that have already been provided? My

18 recommendation would be to clear up the

19 outstanding balance. I think it was \$125 per

20 meeting.

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: If there are any

22 outstanding balances, Mr. Hegedus, please make

23 a report to us of any outstanding balances. I

24 would assume that council -- we're going to

25 pay everybody. We're going to pay up to date

1 whether we agree or disagree on something that
2 happened in the past. The right thing to do
3 is to pay all past due bills and move
4 forward. Mr. Hegedus, make a complete report
5 for us.

6 Agreeable, Mr. Marushock?

7 MR. MARUSHOCK: Yes. Whatever is
8 outstanding has to be paid and move forward.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call on that
10 motion, Mr. Hegedus.

11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

12 MR. BARNICK: For.

13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

14 MR. BARONE: For.

15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?

16 MR. MARUSHOCK: For with the
17 comments as noted.

18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

19 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Now, what
22 we're going to do, that was motion number 12.
23 We are going to go into the actual motions on
24 the printed agenda.

25 Motion number one, to accept the

1 day before payment of a check, to be wondering
2 am I getting paid, can I pay my bills. It
3 just should never happen. It never did happen
4 in the past and it's wrong that it did happen
5 and we just won't let it happen again.

6 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: Those were the
7 darkest days of this community without a
8 doubt.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It's never been
10 like that and I don't believe it ever will be
11 again.

12 MR. BARNICK: While we're on that
13 subject of payroll, if you have problems, if
14 there's ever a problem, prescriptions,
15 anything, put it in a little memo and get it
16 in to the borough manager as soon as possible
17 so we can get all this straightened out now.
18 Because I know there's some of you complained
19 prescriptions were not paid up. There was
20 some went over, some went under. There's a
21 whole bunch of stuff out there. Just put in a
22 memo what you think it is. Anything. Just so
23 we can try and straighten it out. Give us
24 some time to straighten it out.

25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Hegedus, roll

1 zoning report and the landfill inspectors'
2 reports. Motion, please? I'm on a different
3 one. That was the one that was supposed to be
4 the other day. Motion to ratify a resolution
5 honoring the signature of Mr. Barnick as the
6 co-signer for the payroll issued Thursday,
7 November 10, 2005. This resolves emergency
8 action taken to issue payroll and was agreed
9 upon by Mr. Barnick, Mr. Barone, Mr.
10 Lukasewicz and Mr. Marushock on November 10,
11 2005.

12 MR. BARNICK: I'll make it.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
14 Barnick. Second?

15 MR. MARUSHOCK: I'll second it.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
17 Marushock. On the question?

18 MR. BARNICK: Did the rest of you
19 get it today? Everybody got it?

20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: On the question,
21 not going to happen again. You guys will be
22 paid. It's sad what happened here. You have
23 to realize that everyone lives from week to
24 week and that paycheck is very important, and
25 there's no reason for anybody to be, on the

1 call, please.

2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

3 MR. BARNICK: For.

4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock?

5 MR. MARUSHOCK: For.

6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

7 MR. BARONE: For.

8 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

9 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Mr. Hegedus,
12 we'll have the treasurer's report next. Any
13 and all bills that are out overdue, are they
14 all on for this evening for payment?

15 MR. HEGEDUS: For the most part,
16 yes. I think every one --

17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Is the Tomark bill
18 on?

19 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes.

20 MR. BARNICK: The only one I'm going
21 to be objecting to is Hughes Telecom so I know
22 exactly what happened there.

23 MR. KALINOSKI: The paving project I
24 don't see on there.

25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That failed last

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1 time.
 2 MR. BARNICK: Is there a punch list
 3 on there, Rob?
 4 MR. KALINOSKI: Yes.
 5 MR. BARNICK: Is the punch list
 6 done?
 7 MR. KALINOSKI: Yes, weeks ago.
 8 MR. BARNICK: They're done, out of
 9 here.
 10 MR. KALINOSKI: I think it failed
 11 for lack of a second, if I'm not mistaken.
 12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Account summary.
 13 These are the bills that need to be paid?
 14 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes. Well, there's
 15 some added since that.
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Well, what we
 17 should do --
 18 MR. BARNICK: You have to pay these
 19 immediately.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The ones that have
 21 to be paid immediately have to be paid. I
 22 know I have some concerns about a few bills.
 23 I believe Jimmy has some concerns.
 24 MR. MARUSHOCK: Again, as
 25 Mr. Hegedus announced, we don't have a

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1 complete list of the bills that are due before
 2 us. Someone just mentioned Tomark that is not
 3 on the list of bills we have before us this
 4 evening.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Well, it should be on
 6 that list.
 7 MR. BARNICK: Tomark is on this
 8 here.
 9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That's on the
 10 agenda separate from this.
 11 MR. BARNICK: Tomark is on here, I
 12 think Hughes Telecom is on here. There's two
 13 or three of them.
 14 MR. MARUSHOCK: Mr. Hegedus,
 15 regarding the Hughes Telecom, is everything in
 16 place that is concerned here that they
 17 promised us to do as far as the contract? Is
 18 everything in place? Has all the work been
 19 completed and all the equipment here?
 20 MR. HEGEDUS: The telephone system,
 21 yes.
 22 MR. MARUSHOCK: Okay. I know before
 23 we addressed at one of the other meetings they
 24 wanted payment in advance. We've never done
 25 that before. They've provided that everything

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1 has been done in here and certified or make it
 2 public knowledge that everything is taken care
 3 of?
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: The phone system is
 5 complete, the security system is 80 percent
 6 done. He was just looking for money to front
 7 for that. But I mean, he'll come and finish
 8 the work provided we're going to pay him. The
 9 Hillman Security's bill was maybe a couple
 10 hundred dollars less but this was more
 11 equipment and a different type system for
 12 maybe \$100, \$200 difference.
 13 MR. MARUSHOCK: Okay.
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: So originally it
 15 was awarded to Hillman?
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Hillman Security, but
 17 they weren't able to follow through on it. We
 18 were running into a whole assortment of
 19 problems with them.
 20 MR. MARUSHOCK: The item we have
 21 before us this evening for Hughes Telecom, is
 22 this an itemized breakdown here?
 23 MR. BARNICK: Brazil was supposed to
 24 give us an opinion on that because he stopped
 25 it right there.

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1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It was over
 2 \$10,000.
 3 MR. BARNICK: It was over \$10,000
 4 and it was required for advertisement.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: I think part of the
 6 reason it extended over the \$10,000 was
 7 because originally it was agreed that the DPW
 8 was going to stretch the cable over to the
 9 civic center.
 10 MR. MARUSHOCK: I believe that that
 11 was part of it. I'm informed here that
 12 nothing was done to bypass the bidding
 13 procedure, which I'm aware that anything over
 14 \$10,000 must be put out to bid. But in no way
 15 did I do anything to have that happen, to
 16 bypass the legal bidding procedure. Again,
 17 like you say, there evidently were some
 18 changes made which brought additional costs
 19 that went into the original contract. The DPW
 20 was going to run the cable and then they
 21 didn't. Actually if we have people providing
 22 the service I guess we have to pay them.
 23 MR. HEGEDUS: There were some
 24 add-ons as we went. We found out that -- see,
 25 it makes this look like a \$10,000 project and,

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1 I mean, we did spend \$10,000, but there are
2 separate bills that I tried to consolidate
3 into one payment to get them paid. And I can
4 have copies of each of those things. There
5 was one, add a phone at the civic center, the
6 other was add a phone in the police
7 department.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We have a new
9 solicitor on board. Can we let him review all
10 the invoices from Hughes Telecom and give us
11 an opinion on how to move forward? Because
12 it's only going to be a matter of a week or
13 so. Maybe he can review it.

14 MR. HEGEDUS: Do you have the paving
15 bill?

16 MR. HEGEDUS: It's \$216,000.

17 MR. KALINOSKI: I can get you one.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Get a copy of it.

19 MR. BARNICK: Why don't you take a
20 five-minute break and let him get whatever he
21 can together that we know that's outstanding,
22 especially immediately.

23 MR. MARUSHOCK: One more thing while
24 we're still here at the public meeting, is it
25 possible I can request a copy of all the

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1 checks -- paid, unpaid, whatever -- since
2 August 1 of this year?

3 MR. BARNICK: I'd like to get all
4 the way back to January of last year.

5 MR. MARUSHOCK: Even better yet for
6 all of us.

7 MR. BARNICK: That's what this audit
8 is going to be all about.

9 MR. MARUSHOCK: If we at this time
10 can have copies of all checks issued by the
11 borough of Throop.

12 MR. BARNICK: I don't want copies.

13 MR. BARNICK: One report for
14 everybody. Just let them stop in and read it.

15 MR. MARUSHOCK: Whether they were
16 voided, they weren't voided. I'm sure we'd
17 eliminate all the questions when we have the
18 proof in front of us. Don't say this or say
19 that, we have documented proof.

20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Robert, will you
21 get that ready for us?

22 MR. MARUSHOCK: Copy of the checks.

23 MR. BARNICK: 2004.

24 MR. MARUSHOCK: Not a copy of the
25 checks, a check report.

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1 MR. HEGEDUS: Outstanding checks,
2 cancelled checks, voided checks.

3 MR. MARUSHOCK: Right. We don't
4 need copies of the actual check, just a
5 completed recap.

6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Robert, treasurer's
7 report, if you want to read that.

8 Lenore, you worked here for a long
9 period of time and you did well with the books
10 and I never had a concern as to whenever I
11 asked a question or whatever. Would you be
12 agreeable to come in as a consultant for right
13 now to review what is there as it has been
14 done in the past and to try, from January of
15 2004 up to the present, if you can review it
16 and make a complete, concise report to the
17 best of your ability for all council? I think
18 you were here --

19 MS. DOLAN: Have bank
20 reconciliations been done for '04? To the
21 best of your knowledge. I know you weren't in
22 here.

23 MR. HEGEDUS: '04? I don't know off
24 the top of my head.

25 MR. MARUSHOCK: Mr. Lukasewicz, I

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1 would prefer we ask someone else. I'm against
2 that individual.

3 MR. BARNICK: How about you,
4 Elaine?

5 MS. DOLAN: I don't know how much
6 work is involved. He's not even sure if
7 there's bank reconciliations done. The only
8 way I'm going to be able to straighten out
9 with the bank is to do bank reconciliations
10 from February '04 to present time, October of
11 right now.

12 MR. MARUSHOCK: Would it be more
13 appropriate if we hired someone outside as an
14 auditor?

15 MR. HEGEDUS: Well, Rainey & Rainey
16 does cover that.

17 MR. MARUSHOCK: We have this thing,
18 and if we need more of an in-depth we look at
19 these books. I would be in favor of that,
20 someone outside, a neutral party. Not making
21 any accusations whatsoever.

22 MR. BARNICK: One thing, I want the
23 vendors called. I want them to verify what
24 was bought with some of these accounts.

25 MR. MARUSHOCK: That's fine.

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I want know what
2 was bought. We're responsible. I have no
3 idea what else happened in the last two
4 years.

5 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: There were six
6 visits to Lowe's in one day.

7 MR. MARUSHOCK: That existed for a
8 long time.

9 MR. BARNICK: Like, five or six
10 people in the Sam's Club account that we're
11 paying membership for it.

12 MR. MARUSHOCK: If you go back to
13 the Lowe's account, Sam's Club, they evidently
14 went to the store with multiple purchase
15 orders, and it's been going on for a long
16 time. If you look at the register --

17 MR. BARNICK: Multiple people on and
18 we're paying their membership for the year.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Until now.

20 MR. MARUSHOCK: What people
21 purchasing would do, they evidently would go
22 shopping at Lowe's or Sam's or Wal-Mart or
23 whatever, evidently they had taken multiple
24 purchase orders. And this has been in
25 existence for over two years.

1 like a compilation. They'll be doing
2 everything together. All the stuff that
3 they're going to do from January of '05 to the
4 present will continue on with the remaining
5 month and a half.

6 MR. BARNICK: Rainey & Rainey is our
7 independent auditor, aren't they?

8 MR. MARUSHOCK: I believe so. If we
9 can have them give us an independent written
10 report and we have a document from a certified
11 public accountant --

12 MR. BARNICK: See, I don't want to
13 go through it and just verify the purchases
14 are there, I want to know what was bought.

15 MR. MARUSHOCK: So any questions you
16 have, feel free to bring it to his attention
17 and ask for the documentation. I have nothing
18 at all to hide.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We have to find out
20 exactly what was purchased and who purchased
21 it.

22 MR. MARUSHOCK: Do you have a
23 special interest in or any account or anyone
24 who was paid, fine. Bring that to his
25 attention. I have no gripes about that

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Over \$300.

2 MR. MARUSHOCK: Over \$300 they had
3 to notify purchasing. If you look at this in
4 depth you would see that the register receipt
5 would perhaps stop at \$297 at 3:51 p.m., and
6 then at 3:53 p.m. or something they would
7 start another register tape. And this has
8 happened for years. It's not only two years
9 old, it's something that has happened in the
10 past. Maybe now we can get that issue
11 addressed also.

12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I know what you
13 mean by having somebody independent, but I
14 need to find out quickly because an
15 independent review by Rainey or whomever is
16 going to take quite a while.

17 MR. BARNICK: Do they have
18 approximate how much time they're going to
19 need?

20 MR. HEGEDUS: Parente Randolph said
21 it's going to be 500 hours or something like
22 that. Something about \$10,000. Rainey &
23 Rainey thinks that they can come in real quick
24 and get the reconciliations done and put that
25 money towards our 2005 audit. So it will be

1 whatsoever.

2 MR. MUSEWICZ: You're talking about
3 from '04?

4 MR. BARNICK: Yeah. You have to.
5 They didn't do none of that. It should have
6 been audited. It should have been done.

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: See when Rainey and
8 Rainey can come in.

9 MR. BARNICK: It's the only way to
10 really fix it all the way back to that, to
11 reconcile all the way back.

12 MR. HEGEDUS: They can be here this
13 week to start.

14 MR. MUSEWICZ: You have to make
15 notes, Robert. It's from '04, not '05.

16 MR. HEGEDUS: He gave me an '05 bid
17 but I'll talk to Bill tomorrow.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The '05 bid was
19 \$10,000.

20 MR. HEGEDUS: No, it was something
21 like '04's bid or close to that and then they
22 were going to go by hour, but they would let
23 us know in advance.

24 MRS. MORRELL: They brought in Mike
25 Gavigan last year in 2004. Gavigan came in

1 and straightened everything out for '04 and
2 then Rainey already audited. '04 should be
3 okay.

4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I'm going to try
5 and meet as quick as we can a couple times.

6 MR. BARNICK: I want to make sure we
7 identify the things that were -- with how many
8 people on accounts. Some stuff got to be
9 changed.

10 MR. HEGEDUS: That's already
11 started. There are only four cards for
12 Sam's. There are only three credit cards,
13 Visa cards for the borough.

14 MR. BARNICK: We have to start
15 getting reports from the civic center.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Like we had in the
17 past. The incident reports of everything. I
18 haven't seen a report in two years.

19 MR. HEGEDUS: How much money did
20 they bring in?

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Everything.

22 MR. HEGEDUS: That should be part of
23 your packet. I had to go over there and
24 address several issues and that other item we
25 have to discuss at a later date. There was a

1 problem with the logging of non-residents over
2 there.

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I've seen no money
4 coming in.

5 MR. HEGEDUS: They brought in, like,
6 \$83 for the year.

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For the year?

8 MR. BARNICK: That doesn't sound
9 right.

10 MR. HEGEDUS: There's a big
11 problem. The kids have been checking off R,
12 R, R because there was an R and NR for
13 resident and non-resident.

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Let's try to take
15 one thing at a time. First thing is that we
16 need an audit by Rainey or if you want to have
17 someone like Lenore or Elaine come in and
18 evaluate the situation.

19 MR. MUSEWICZ: Tom, there's an
20 existing report from last year that's
21 available to us?

22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: From Gavigan? Very
23 simplified. It didn't really get into any
24 depth of what they reviewed, just acceptable
25 practices.

1 MRS. MORRELL: I believe they
2 straightened out the records, too.

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I don't think they
4 actually straightened everything out. I don't
5 remember there being anything like that in
6 their report. It just said acceptable
7 practices.

8 MR. MUSEWICZ: That didn't break
9 down anything.

10 MR. BARNICK: I'd like to get where
11 they trained the borough and everything.

12 MR. BARONE: That's because Lenore
13 was doing it.

14 MR. MUSEWICZ: Jim, you're looking
15 for a break down?

16 MR. BARNICK: Well, I want to make
17 sure they're not just checking one item or two
18 items in an account and they say okay, all the
19 rest are good. That's how they do their
20 audits. We need a detailed audit and
21 reconciliation.

22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion number six
23 is for Rainey & Rainey.

24 MR. HEGEDUS: That's a GSAB audit or
25 something like that. It's a very detailed

1 audit that's sanctioned by a governing body of
2 CPAS, which will also be able to be used
3 for --

4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: End of the year?

5 MR. HEGEDUS: End of the year and
6 for DCED.

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Let's just stick to
8 that for this evening and we can discuss this
9 and think about it a little bit prior to our
10 next meeting.

11 MR. MUSEWICZ: One quick comment, I
12 think I agree with you somewhat. Bring in
13 someone that's very familiar with the system
14 and the accounts.

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That's what I'm
16 comfortable with.

17 MR. MUSEWICZ: Someone who would
18 know what to look for, where to look for it
19 and what to get. I thought it would be a good
20 idea.

21 MR. BARNICK: I understand all the
22 software is changed, too.

23 MR. MUSEWICZ: I thought bringing
24 someone in with that knowledge would be
25 helpful, like you said.

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That's right,
2 somebody who knows how to operate it, what's
3 the difference now from what we had in the
4 past.

5 Lenore, if you were able to do
6 something like that it would have to be done
7 in the evening.

8 MS. DOLAN: In the evening.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: After what time?

10 MS. DOLAN: I don't get home until
11 about five.

12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: From six to eight
13 or something, give a couple hours every now
14 and then.

15 MS. DOLAN: Is Elaine coming in,
16 too, to help?

17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Elaine, would you
18 be interested in helping out?

19 MRS. MORRELL: If you need two of
20 us. I don't know that you need two.

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Just for a short
22 period of time to coordinate this.

23 MS. DOLAN: I'll get together with
24 Elaine and get some times.

25 MRS. MORRELL: Maybe it would be

1 better to have two to check through all the
2 paperwork and everything.

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: What I'd like to do
4 is see a motion on the floor to hire Elaine
5 Morrell and Lenore Dolan as consultants to
6 review the business of the borough from the
7 beginning of 2004 to the present --

8 MRS. MORRELL: I was here until
9 August of '04 so you don't have to go before
10 that.

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: As in relationship
12 to past practice of the borough in the past,
13 how we had things functioning properly up to
14 the future. And you report to council. This
15 would be done in the evening and possibly on
16 weekends.

17 MS. DOLAN: Whatever Elaine and I
18 can do.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It would have to be
20 coordinated with Mr. Hegedus. Mr. Hegedus,
21 you have to make things available to them.
22 And I'd like to do it at an hourly rate of \$25
23 per hour, per person. Any problems with that
24 number? Is that enough money, ladies?

25 MRS. MORRELL: Sure.

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I know your
2 expertise has been there for many years. I've
3 never had to question anything. There was
4 never a bill that was never paid or never a
5 delinquent. There was never anything similar
6 to what we've had in the past 19 months, and I
7 give you all the trust in the world to come in
8 and try to coordinate with Mr. Hegedus and
9 just move us forward.

10 MR. BARONE: I think the process is
11 good because they're two of the best.

12 MR. BARNICK: That's re-establishing
13 what the civic center reports are supposed to
14 be. I haven't seen them.

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Try to clear house
16 and try to make a recommendation to council.

17 MS. DOLAN: It's hard to do the
18 civic center, Jimmy. The only reason is
19 myself for the civic center, I required
20 special documentation. I expect documentation
21 of outside people from the borough that came
22 in. Different reports, basketball. They're
23 getting none of that now. None of that.

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Make a
25 recommendation to council.

1 MR. HEGEDUS: We have been doing
2 that since May. It's posted.

3 MS. DOLAN: That's hearsay, though.
4 I need receipts. For instance, people that --
5 outsiders that come to the borough have to
6 sign a log. I got a log every month.

7 MR. HEGEDUS: I don't get that.

8 MS. DOLAN: That's one thing. Soda
9 is completely different. You don't have the
10 soda no more. Special events have special
11 documentation. If they require tickets, a
12 starting number and an ending number. Every
13 single penny that came in from that civic
14 center, correct me if I'm wrong, had
15 documentation. Every single penny.

16 MRS. MORRELL: Something like that,
17 we can only work with what we have.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Work with what you
19 have and report to us what you found and what
20 your recommendations are to get us back on the
21 same track that we were on prior.

22 MRS. MORRELL: Do we have permission
23 to have Robert request information from the
24 civic center in case they have some
25 documentation over there that maybe they can

1 turn it in over here?
 2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We can include that
 3 in the motion, to have Mr. Hegedus request any
 4 information that is needed by Elaine or Lenore
 5 through their job.

6 MR. BARNICK: Is there any need for
 7 a bond?

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: No, I don't think
 9 there's a requirement for a bond because they
 10 won't be handling any money. Nothing
 11 whatsoever.

12 Mr. Hegedus, I would anticipate you
 13 to work with them and coordinate this
 14 together. We don't want you left out of the
 15 loop. This has got to be done together to
 16 keep us informed.

17 MR. BARNICK: It's got to be done as
 18 quickly as possible so we can get a budget set
 19 before the end of the year. This way get all
 20 the payroll things done with.

21 MR. MUSEWICZ: The biggest program
 22 going on over there right now is the
 23 basketball program, and that just started.
 24 The youth basketball. So that would be a good
 25 area to start with because obviously I think

1 everybody knows that I've been asking as a
 2 citizen prior to this for the last two years
 3 of all the youth programs in the past and the
 4 records were very difficult to get.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Never got them.

6 MR. MUSEWICZ: The big program now
 7 that just started is the basketball youth
 8 program, which has income and has expenses.
 9 So that's probably a good area to start with,
 10 the program. I think we probably should get a
 11 report or something in writing as far as hours
 12 of operation.

13 MR. BARNICK: Oh, yeah. That needs
 14 to change.

15 MR. MUSEWICZ: I came by -- and
 16 nothing against anybody that works over there,
 17 but I've been there since the building opened
 18 and we should be open a little bit more.

19 MR. BARONE: That building's been
 20 open seven days a week until 9:00 at night.

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Robert, find out
 22 the exact operating hours for us.

23 MR. BARNICK: Also the day care.
 24 How many kids are there, how many residents,
 25 how many non-residents. The whole works.

1 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: Good point.

2 MR. MUSEWICZ: I think the civic
 3 center will probably take a good portion of a
 4 meeting. Not that it's doing bad by any
 5 means. It's a plus to the community but it's
 6 good to know what's going on.

7 MR. BARNICK: We don't know what
 8 it's doing.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Exactly. Okay, on
 10 the motion that's on the floor, the motion to
 11 hire Lenora and Elaine as consultants at an
 12 hourly rate of \$25 per hour and to coordinate
 13 that through Mr. Hegedus, are there any
 14 audience comments on that?

15 MR. MORRELL: Dave Morrell, 315
 16 George Street. Who do they report to
 17 directly?

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I would hope that
 19 they report directly to Mr. Hegedus, the
 20 borough manager, and that I be kept completely
 21 in the loop.

22 Mr. Hegedus, from this point forward
 23 I expect to be kept in the loop on
 24 everything. Even if you need me to attend to
 25 try and help. I have to be kept in the loop.

1 I'm not going to be held out to dry like the
 2 last council that was here. If I don't know
 3 what's going on I can't answer the people.
 4 I've got to know everything that's going on.
 5 Every day I have to know what's going on. I
 6 would expect that, say, 4:00 every day that
 7 you call me and tell me everything that
 8 happened that day. Even if you were to make a
 9 brief synopsis of what happened that day, put
 10 it in letter form and have it for me and for
 11 everyone else until we get going. Because
 12 I've got to know what's going on. And if
 13 Jimmy or Joe or John have any concerns they've
 14 got to know.

15 Anyone else with any concerns on the
 16 motion? Okay, would someone like to make the
 17 motion?

18 MR. BARONE: I'll make it.

19 MR. BARNICK: I'll second.

20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 21 Barone, second by Mr. Barnick. Roll call,
 22 please.

23 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

24 MR. BARONE: For.

25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

1 MR. BARNICK: For.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 3 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Robert, did
 6 you do the treasurer's report?
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: No, I didn't. This
 8 varies a little bit from the one we had the
 9 other night. The unpaid bills, items for
 10 payment are \$90,753.06. The revenue as of
 11 today was \$63,096.04. The current balance --
 12 I thought Ms. Menichetti would be here. She's
 13 been asking for that. As of the start of
 14 business today it was \$587,450.59, and the
 15 bills that were paid since the October 27
 16 meeting total \$267,787.35.
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: All right, motion
 18 to accept the treasurer's report as
 19 presented. Motion?
 20 MR. BARONE: On the question, this
 21 \$90,000, does that cover all the bills we
 22 owe?
 23 MR. HEGEDUS: There will be
 24 additional bills as we go through the agenda
 25 here.

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We did that when we
 2 started the meeting.
 3 MRS. MORRELL: On the list of bills,
 4 on the board there's a payment to Christine
 5 Hartshorn. Is it on the printout there?
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Is that for the
 7 minutes or something?
 8 MR. HEGEDUS: No, payroll when she
 9 was going on vacation.
 10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: A check had to be
 11 cut prior to going on vacation.
 12 MRS. MORRELL: Is that another check
 13 that's to be cut or is that something that --
 14 MR. HEGEDUS: No, that's the one
 15 that was cut and then we kept her check.
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We have to pay
 17 bills to get started. I want to pay bills at
 18 least for now. As the prepared items, Robert,
 19 those have to be paid now, whatever that total
 20 is. That totals \$90,000-some plus the other
 21 items we have on the agenda. Correct?
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes.
 23 MR. BARNICK: Are they included?
 24 I'm not voting for that Hughes Telecom.
 25 MR. HEGEDUS: They're not included.

1 MR. BARNICK: This is what I'm
 2 trying to figure out right now. We have 567
 3 in there. We don't have much more revenue
 4 coming in for the rest of the year here. We
 5 got \$216,000 on payment on paving right
 6 there.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Well, there's 1.5 in
 8 liquid fuels.
 9 MR. BARNICK: One point five?
 10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: One point five in
 11 the capital funds account.
 12 MR. HEGEDUS: Liquid is 149.
 13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We can't touch
 14 that.
 15 MR. BARNICK: That's only designated
 16 for certain projects. You can't touch that.
 17 This is what I'm trying to figure out.
 18 Payroll runs about \$60,000 a month.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Let's pay the items
 20 for payment and hold off on the paving project
 21 for now until we have somewhat of a review
 22 from Elaine and Lenore of exactly where we
 23 are.
 24 MR. HEGEDUS: What about audience
 25 comments on the agenda?

1 MR. BARNICK: I'm not voting for the
 2 one with the medical insurance.
 3 MR. HEGEDUS: Well, the Blue Cross
 4 and Blue Shield, that's been taken care of so
 5 that's been adjusted. We're going to get a
 6 new bill but we still have a \$14,000 invoice
 7 with them. What Blue Cross and Blue Shield
 8 told me, we can go back a certain amount of
 9 months and be reimbursed by them, but being
 10 that the health insurance was used in
 11 September we can only probably go back to that
 12 date in late September. So for October and
 13 November's premiums we should get that \$2,000
 14 back, hopefully.
 15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Let's not discuss
 16 that too much right now at an open meeting.
 17 Liquid fuels, you said there's
 18 \$140,000.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: \$148,158.47.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That's in a
 21 separate account. Correct?
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Correct.
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Will that be going
 24 towards paving? We're going to have another
 25 meeting in a couple days anyway. You can look

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1 through and generate a report for us, roughly,
2 of what is needed to pay borough employees per
3 month and a rough guesstimate of what we need
4 to pay bills. Look back to prior reports,
5 what is needed for November and December, and
6 then at that point we should be able to review
7 how much money we have. We have 140 in liquid
8 fuels so we need another \$75,000 to pay the
9 paving program. So we're going to have to --

10 MR. BARNICK: That's running about
11 50 grand a week, in that area.

12 MR. HEGEDUS: Payroll? No, 16 to
13 20, depending on the monthly payment.

14 MR. BARNICK: A month it comes out
15 to 60 or something. That's what it was.

16 MRS. MORRELL: Why are the bills so
17 high since October 25? We're only talking
18 today's November 14.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: There were a lot of
20 bills that weren't paid, Elaine. That's why I
21 think there's a problem.

22 MR. HEGEDUS: Checks still haven't
23 been issued because we couldn't get signatures
24 on them. We paid 233 to the landfill but
25 that's gone out, cleared and back. You'll see

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1 there's a letter from the landfill.

2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: So you understand
3 what we need, then. Right?

4 MR. HEGEDUS: Absolutely.

5 MR. BARONE: I'll make the motion.

6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Barone will
7 make a motion to accept the treasurer's report
8 as presented.

9 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.

10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
11 Musewicz. On the question? That is to accept
12 the treasurer's report and to pay the bills.
13 Correct?

14 MR. HEGEDUS: There's a motion to
15 pay bills, motion 23.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Let's combine
17 motions number two and number 23 as one
18 motion.

19 MR. BARNICK: That's going to be
20 that loan payment and everything. Right?

21 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes. You have that on
22 there. We will be eliminating another motion,
23 number seven.

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Joe, that's okay to
25 include two motions.

1 MR. BARONE: Yes.

2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: All right. Roll
3 call, please.

4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

5 MR. BARONE: For.

6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

7 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

8 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

9 MR. BARNICK: For.

10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Rob, before
12 we go to the next motion, we requested a
13 meeting be set based upon what I spoke to you
14 about. Has that letter ever gone out?

15 MR. HEGEDUS: No, it will go out
16 either later tonight or first thing in the
17 morning.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: If you can have a
19 letter ready for me to sign tomorrow that we
20 sent out a letter to the police telling that
21 we are ready to sit down and negotiate a
22 contract. There's no need to go to collective
23 bargaining. We're willing to meet with them
24 on dates that they are available and we will
25 readily meet with them. I want that sent to

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1 them tomorrow certified letter.

2 MR. BARONE: Are we still employing
3 that lawyer from Philadelphia?

4 MR. BARNICK: I want that off. I
5 want that off.

6 MR. BARONE: That guy's got to go.

7 MR. BARNICK: That's another motion.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You're going to
9 take care of the letter. We're working
10 haphazardly, folks. It's going to be kind of
11 difficult for a while.

12 There will be another motion put on
13 before we get back to the printed agenda. The
14 motion will be to rescind the motion to
15 hire --

16 MR. BARNICK: I know it's like \$260
17 an hour, \$290 an hour.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion to rescind
19 the motion to hire the firm that is now hired
20 to work for the police negotiations.

21 MR. BARONE: I'll make that motion.

22 MR. BARNICK: I'll second it.

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
24 Barone, second by Mr. Barnick. Audience
25 comment on that motion? There was a firm

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1 hired, I believe it was \$290 an hour for the
2 police negotiations. I believe we can do as
3 we have done in the past, work with them and
4 get it over with without wasting that kind of
5 money.

6 MR. BARONE: They hired this guy for
7 \$290 an hour from Philly, so it takes two
8 hours to drive it. That's \$580 just to drive
9 and another \$580 to go back, plus a paralegal
10 for \$125 an hour, plus he wanted \$1,000 to
11 look at the contract.

12 MR. BARNICK: Was that ever paid?

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: No, that was never
14 paid.

15 MR. BARNICK: Was the contract or
16 anything ever sent to him?

17 MR. HEGEDUS: I don't believe we
18 ever received a contract from --

19 MR. BARNICK: No, contract to him,
20 the police contract. Was it ever sent to
21 him?

22 MR. HEGEDUS: I didn't sent it out
23 to him, no.

24 MR. BARNICK: Check back, because if
25 we paid \$1,000 to him --

1 only one issue. But, I mean, normally both
2 groups sit here, you go over it, you hammer it
3 out, but you need a lawyer to draw it up at
4 the end.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We need a lawyer to
6 advise as we're doing things.

7 MR. BARNICK: Actually Ufberg was
8 the lawyer, and I asked for an itemized bill
9 one time and he never got paid. Never got
10 paid. He never wanted to send an itemized
11 bill. He said you're welcome to me. I only
12 asked for an itemized bill. He put a lot of
13 time in, too, that one.

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Hegedus, roll
15 call on that motion.

16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

17 MR. BARONE: For.

18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

19 MR. BARNICK: For.

20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

21 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Okay. Motion
24 to create a resolution authorizing the
25 following individuals to sign any and all

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It's a waste. Any
2 audience comments on that motion?

3 MR. GALLI: How much was it?

4 MR. BARNICK: It was \$290 an hour,
5 \$1,000 to look at the contract.

6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: As the lawyer to
7 represent the borough against the police.

8 MR. GALLI: Why wasn't the borough
9 solicitor involved in this like all the other
10 contracts?

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The borough
12 solicitor is never involved. We've always had
13 outside counsel.

14 MR. BARNICK: We used a labor
15 lawyer.

16 MR. BARONE: Jim Barnick told them
17 we'll negotiate ourselves. If it comes down
18 to a point where we need a lawyer, then we'll
19 get one.

20 MR. BARNICK: We never needed a
21 lawyer --

22 MR. GALLI: Did you ever use a
23 lawyer before?

24 MR. BARNICK: Yes. It's only if you
25 reach an impasse, and the impasse might be

1 checks related to all borough bank accounts on
2 behalf of the borough of Throop.

3 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that motion
4 authorizing yourself, Lukasewicz, Barnick,
5 Hegedus. He's already on that.

6 MR. HEGEDUS: You only need three
7 signatures to issue a check, but in the event
8 that an emergency came up, one was on
9 vacation, to have a fourth. Maybe recommend a
10 pro tem.

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Yeah, Mr. Barone.

12 MR. BARONE: I'll second.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We're covered.
14 Jimmy made the motion. Second?

15 MR. BARONE: I'll second it.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: On the question?

17 MR. BARNICK: Just on the question,
18 there's to be a resolution form. You're going
19 to have to draw it up, being we don't have a
20 solicitor here. You're going to have to draw
21 it up tomorrow. I don't want to see people
22 get a late check.

23 MR. HEGEDUS: I pulled it out today,
24 I found it.

25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Go back. The bank

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1 will probably even submit one.

2 MR. BARNICK: I brought the paper
3 for the new ones now.

4 MR. HEGEDUS: We can sign them
5 tonight.

6 MR. BARNICK: We need it for all
7 accounts, now. You're going to need a change
8 to all accounts. And the direct deposit,
9 there's a wire signature that's got to be
10 done, too, just so we make sure they get paid
11 on Thursday.

12 MRS. MORRELL: Is this a motion to
13 create or adopt?

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Adopt a resolution.

15 MR. BARNICK: Blanket resolution for
16 all accounts.

17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Whatever number
18 that resolution has to be.

19 MR. HEGEDUS: I didn't put it on
20 yet.

21 MR. BARONE: Tom, I was talking to
22 somebody that's prominent around the
23 courthouse, and as far as the borough manager
24 and the treasurer, he cannot sign a personal
25 check. But being that he's holding two

1 MR. HEGEDUS: I was under the
2 understanding that you were combining it
3 already.

4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: But we never took
5 roll call on it.

6 MR. BARNICK: The only thing I ask
7 is when you're doing this, verify the amount
8 that's owed and don't overpay.

9 MR. HEGEDUS: There will be a spread
10 sheet for all that stuff.

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call.

12 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

13 MR. BARONE: Who made the motion?

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Barone made the
15 motion, Musewicz second it.

16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

17 MR. BARONE: For.

18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

19 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

21 MR. BARNICK: For.

22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Next motion
24 will be to accept all correspondence as read
25 or posted. I don't know what really has been

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1 offices he can sign twice, just in case.

2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We'll have to refer
3 that --

4 MR. BARONE: If it ever happens.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We'll see if,
6 indeed, that can be done. Roll call, please.

7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

8 MR. BARNICK: For.

9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

10 MR. BARONE: For.

11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

12 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Next motion
15 has been already done.

16 MRS. MORRELL: Did you vote on
17 number two?

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: To accept the
19 treasurer's report and pay the bills? We
20 did. Two and 23, I believe. Twenty-three and
21 two were together. We have a roll call vote
22 on that, Mr. Hegedus? Two and 23 are combined
23 to accept the treasurer's report and pay the
24 bills as needed. Motion was by Mr. Barone and
25 the second by Mr. Musewicz.

1 posted or whatever.

2 MR. BARNICK: That's another thing
3 that's got to be done. Everything's got to be
4 posted. Make sure everything is posted.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion to accept
6 the correspondence.

7 MR. BARNICK: I'll make it.

8 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second it.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Barnick,
10 Musewicz second. It's a shame to work this
11 way. Just bear with us. We'll try to get
12 over this and it won't be like this ever
13 again. Roll call, Mr. Hegedus.

14 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

15 MR. BARNICK: For.

16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

17 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

19 MR. BARONE: For.

20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Motion number
22 six on the printed agenda is deleted for now.

23 The next motion, motion to pay First
24 Community National Bank, FNCB, in the amount
25 of \$55,047.09 for installment loan payment.

1 MR. BARNICK: I'll make it.
 2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Barnick made
 3 the motion.
 4 MR. BARONE: I'll second it.
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Barone. On the
 6 question? Roll call.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 8 MR. BARNICK: For.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 10 MR. BARONE: For.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 12 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 15 MR. BARNICK: There's no late fees
 16 in there?
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes, almost \$3,000.
 18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Could you include a
 19 letter to them stating that we would request
 20 that the fees be waived and we will never do
 21 it again?
 22 MR. BARNICK: Wait a minute. Why
 23 don't we do it by motion. Have a letter go
 24 out with every bill asking for forgiveness.
 25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Even a blanket

1 northeastern Pa. in the amount of \$17,327.49
 2 for all borough employees' health insurance.
 3 MR. BARNICK: I'll make it.
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Barnick.
 5 Second?
 6 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Musewicz. On
 8 the question?
 9 MR. BARNICK: I thought you said it
 10 was 14 or something.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: This will be amended.
 12 The amount will be lower because of the -- I
 13 just got approval on Friday that it was
 14 rectified, that person was removed, and I
 15 didn't change this when I was preparing it
 16 this afternoon.
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It will be changed
 18 and will be sent out immediately?
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Okay. Jim and
 21 John, is that agreeable? It will be amended
 22 and sent out.
 23 MR. BARNICK: That's fine.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call, please.
 25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

1 letter go to all venders that we apologize for
 2 any inconvenience caused in the past year and
 3 a half.
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: They have been very
 5 forgiving.
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Send them a letter
 7 saying we apologize for the inconvenience and
 8 we expect never to have a problem again in the
 9 near future and thank you for your
 10 cooperation.
 11 MR. BARNICK: How long is this loan
 12 payment backed up?
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Off the top of my
 14 head, like, two weeks.
 15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: See if they waive
 16 the fee first. You can fax them something.
 17 MR. BARNICK: They bent over
 18 backwards for the payroll last week.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I would assume
 20 they'll bend over and work with us. Roll call
 21 on that?
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: We did that one. We
 23 were just adding them up.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Next motion would
 25 be to pay Blue Cross and Blue Shield of

1 MR. BARNICK: For.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 3 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 5 MR. BARONE: For.
 6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. The next
 8 motion, a motion to pay Giordano and
 9 Associates, Incorporated in the amount of \$175
 10 to pay for insurance coverage for the youth
 11 basketball program.
 12 MR. BARONE: I'll make the motion.
 13 MR. BARNICK: I'll second.
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Barone,
 15 second by Barnick. Roll call.
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 17 MR. BARONE: For.
 18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 19 MR. BARNICK: For.
 20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 21 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Motion to
 24 purchase a new --
 25 MR. BARNICK: I'm going to ask that

1 that be deleted off there until we figure out
2 what's going on with all the money.

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion number ten
4 will be deleted. Motion 11.

5 MR. BARNICK: '84 GMC, that's the
6 bucket truck.

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Has there been any
8 write-up by Mr. Kalinoski on this?

9 MR. HEGEDUS: I asked the solicitor
10 to prepare it, that and the DARE car, and we
11 haven't received those back yet, in addition
12 to advertise for staff over the civic center.
13 I'll have to ask solicitor Cimini to draw
14 those up.

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion is to get
16 rid of the bucket truck or DARE car. Maybe
17 Mr. Kalinoski can prepare something.

18 MR. HEGEDUS: I was told it had to
19 be prepared by the solicitor by
20 Mrs. Hartshorn.

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We've never done
22 that in the past. This motion will be a
23 motion to advertise for bids for the 1984 GMC
24 600 series bucket truck. Robert, you can
25 prepare specs for the bucket truck to be sold

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.

2 MR. KALINOSKI: When would you like
3 to have them opened so we can get that in the
4 advertisement? We have to put opening date in
5 the advertisement for bid.

6 MR. BARNICK: The 29th.

7 MR. KALINOSKI: I don't think we'll
8 make the 29th, the advertisement requirement.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You'll make it.
10 You've got lots of time. Prepare them
11 tomorrow, you'll have them ready.

12 MR. BARNICK: No, today is the
13 15th -- the 14th. You're not going to do it.

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Do it for the
15 middle of the month meeting.

16 MR. KALINOSKI: December, the second
17 Thursday.

18 MR. BARNICK: Yeah.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That can't be done
20 any quicker?

21 MR. KALINOSKI: The specs aren't
22 finished. I started them before I left for
23 vacation. I'd say 50 percent complete.

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Three of those we
25 want in the middle of the month. That will be

1 as is. Specs will be prepared by Mr.
2 Kalinoski.

3 MR. BARNICK: He can do the one for
4 the DARE car, too.

5 MR. KALINOSKI: If I get some
6 information on it.

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Both of them as is,
8 as you have done in the past, Robert. Someone
9 like to make that motion?

10 MR. BARNICK: Yeah, I'll make it.

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
12 Barnick. Second?

13 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: By Musewicz.

15 MR. BARNICK: Amended with the DARE
16 car.

17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Include the DARE
18 car also. Roll call, please.

19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

20 MR. BARNICK: For.

21 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

22 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

23 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

24 MR. BARONE: For.

25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

1 fine.

2 Next motion is to pay attorney
3 Edward G. Krowiak in the amount of \$3,964.
4 The amount is reflective of services rendered
5 as the zoning solicitor.

6 MR. BARONE: I'll make it.

7 MR. BARNICK: I'll second it.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
9 Barone, second by Mr. Barnick. On the
10 question?

11 MR. BARNICK: Yeah, is this the one
12 for the whole year, pretty much?

13 MR. HEGEDUS: That was mailed here.
14 That was mailed to my mother.

15 MR. BARNICK: The zoning bill?

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Just check for sure
17 that it is.

18 MR. BARNICK: Double-check.

19 MR. HEGEDUS: It does break down
20 like a year's worth.

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call, please.

22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

23 MR. BARONE: For.

24 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

25 MR. BARNICK: For.

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1 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 2 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 3 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Motion to pay
 5 the Building Inspection Underwriters,
 6 Incorporated in the amount of \$15,856.55.
 7 This amount is reflective for permits issued
 8 during the month of October 2005. Motion?
 9 MR. BARNICK: I'll make it.
 10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Barnick.
 11 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
 13 Musewicz. On the question?
 14 MR. BARNICK: Rob, are we breaking
 15 even with this?
 16 MR. KALINOSKI: Actually we should
 17 be making some money.
 18 MR. BARNICK: Very little. The
 19 hours that are put in and stuff like that.
 20 MR. KALINOSKI: Well, \$15 for a
 21 permit, I think they reimburse us ten
 22 percent.
 23 MR. BARNICK: Have we gotten the ten
 24 percent back?
 25 MR. KALINOSKI: It's not that we

1 MR. KALINOSKI: I usually don't see
 2 them. I know in a conversation I had with
 3 Fred about two weeks ago he indicated that he
 4 hasn't been paid the last two months.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Last meeting they
 6 voted against it. They weren't satisfied with
 7 the report.
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: If it's not paid
 9 with the items for payment, monthly bills,
 10 let's make a blanket motion to pay current any
 11 invoices owed to Spott and Associates.
 12 Someone like to make that motion?
 13 MR. BARNICK: Yes.
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 15 Barnick. Is there a second?
 16 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: This is a blanket
 18 motion to pay any and all invoices owed to
 19 Spott and Associates. Audience comments on
 20 that? Again, it's just items that they've
 21 worked on for the various projects that -- you
 22 know, these projects that never came to be
 23 over the last year and a half. They worked on
 24 these projects and there's paperwork, there's
 25 everything ready to go, so they should be

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1 haven't gotten it back, it was taken in. If
 2 you look at what was taken in and what they
 3 billed for in a period --
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We roll back first
 5 ten percent.
 6 MR. BARONE: Rob, could you do that
 7 job?
 8 MR. KALINOSKI: No, Joe.
 9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call, please.
 10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 11 MR. BARNICK: For.
 12 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 13 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 14 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 15 MR. BARONE: Against.
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 18 MR. BARNICK: Is Spott's bill on
 19 here, too? That's outstanding for about four
 20 months, too.
 21 MR. HEGEDUS: If I'm not mistaken a
 22 couple died. Spott's latest bill should be
 23 included in the list of bills.
 24 MR. BARNICK: Rob, do you have
 25 anything on Spott?

1 paid.
 2 MR. BARNICK: We're not going to
 3 carry very much over.
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: There will be very
 5 little to carry over. Hopefully we'll have
 6 enough to get through. All right. Roll call
 7 on that motion to pay Spott and Associates all
 8 outstanding balances.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 10 MR. BARNICK: For.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 12 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 14 MR. BARONE: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Next motion
 17 is a motion to pay the volunteer hose company
 18 number three in the amount of \$1,700. This
 19 amount is for the annual Santa Parade to be
 20 held in December.
 21 MR. BARONE: I'll make it.
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Joe.
 23 Second?
 24 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.

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1 Musewicz. On the question?
 2 MR. BARNICK: Make sure it's current
 3 with all receipts.
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Make sure that
 5 these dates are made available.
 6 MR. HEGEDUS: December 10.
 7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: And advertised
 8 properly.
 9 MR. BARONE: Is it possible we could
 10 get this out earlier while it's still
 11 daylight. They come out at night and it's
 12 hard to see.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: They usually start
 14 about 3:00.
 15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call, please.
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 17 MR. BARONE: For.
 18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 19 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 21 MR. BARNICK: For.
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. This next one
 24 I only looked over the policy somewhat. Does
 25 anyone want to review it further? John, you

1 MR. HEGEDUS: We have two options.
 2 Either go with Nextel phone service and the
 3 state police can get in touch with them or the
 4 radios. Nextel phone would be a monthly fee.
 5 MR. BARNICK: Better off with the
 6 radios. It's cheaper.
 7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Someone like to
 8 make a motion to purchase the radios for the
 9 fire marshals?
 10 MR. BARNICK: Yeah.
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by
 12 Mr. Barnick. Second?
 13 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second it.
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
 15 Musewicz. On the question?
 16 MR. BARNICK: On the question, that
 17 grant application, you're going to have to do
 18 something else.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Pay for it for now.
 20 MR. BARNICK: Fill in there. Put
 21 the copier down in the grant, \$9,000.
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Put it off until
 23 then. Roll call, please.
 24 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 25 MR. BARNICK: For.

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1 never even had a chance.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Just so you know, this
 3 was a blanket policy recommended by the state
 4 police, but it's in accordance with -- it's
 5 actually from the PSAB. There are three
 6 different ones. All we did was compile them
 7 to cover the voice mail, the internet use, and
 8 any other use of the computers or electronic
 9 equipment.
 10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I reviewed it and
 11 it looks good. I just want to give everyone
 12 the opportunity to review it, maybe check with
 13 the new solicitor, make sure we're not missing
 14 something or discriminating in any way.
 15 Next item, this is a motion that
 16 failed last meeting. Correct?
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes.
 18 MR. BARNICK: Where are you going on
 19 that one? I don't think we're going to get
 20 the money that quick, because I was down at
 21 Senator Mellow's office and they gave me -- we
 22 get \$30,000. They said \$5,000 for radios and
 23 25 for the borough. As a matter of fact, I
 24 have a grant application in the truck. They
 25 need these right away. Right?

1 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 2 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 3 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 4 MR. BARONE: For.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. If I may, I
 7 know when you said grant it just brought a
 8 word to mind. Mr. Davis, can you do me a
 9 favor, please? Can you submit a proposal to
 10 the borough in regards to you trying to
 11 procure grants for the borough of Throop? I
 12 know in the past you've been interested in it
 13 and it never came about. I think it's about
 14 time somebody from the borough tried to look
 15 out to grants for the borough of Throop. Can
 16 you submit something to myself and to the rest
 17 of council, please.
 18 MR. HEGEDUS: I'd also recommended
 19 Vince Tanana. He got the fire department
 20 almost -- was it over a quarter of a million
 21 dollars?
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I want to go
 23 through Mr. Davis right now. Make a proposal
 24 to us. I believe there's funds out there that
 25 are readily available if someone knows how to

1 procure them with the best interest of the
2 borough in mind. It's long overdue.

3 Next motion, motion to accept the
4 minutes of the December 28, 2004 meeting of
5 Throop Borough Council prepared by Mrs.
6 Hartshorn. Is there a motion? For lack of a
7 motion that motion dies.

8 MR. MUSEWICZ: Where are the
9 minutes?

10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You will get a copy
11 of them. Next motion, motion to pay Tomark
12 Sports of Dallas, Texas in the amount of
13 \$2,791.55. This total is reflective of two
14 separate invoices dated 6/22/05. There is a
15 purchase order number 8448 authorized by
16 former borough manager Ken Novack for field
17 supplies. Is there a motion?

18 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Barnick.
20 Second?

21 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.

22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
23 Musewicz. On the question? Let's pay them.

24 MR. BARNICK: Is there a finance
25 charge on this one, too?

1 MR. HEGEDUS: No, there won't be to
2 avoid litigation.

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call, please.

4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

5 MR. BARNICK: For.

6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

7 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

8 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

9 MR. BARONE: For.

10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.

12 MR. BARNICK: Is your payroll in for
13 this week?

14 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes. Checks should be
15 here tomorrow.

16 MR. BARNICK: These checks, how long
17 does it take to get ready for all this stuff?

18 MR. HEGEDUS: Most of it should be
19 ready by morning, afternoon at the latest.

20 MR. BARNICK: The ones that have
21 finance charges, put a call in to them and ask
22 them --

23 MR. HEGEDUS: I have been, yeah.

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: These motions 20,
25 21 and 22, I believe we're going to let the

1 new solicitor review any invoice from Hughes
2 Telecom before we make payment on that. Let
3 me just look. Everyone has the packets. See
4 if there's anything we missed that has to be
5 done today.

6 Before I even go into anything else,
7 audience comment, guys, when can we meet
8 again?

9 MR. BARNICK: Tomorrow.

10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We're going to meet
11 again on Wednesday and we'll start at 6:00
12 again.

13 MR. BARNICK: Make sure you put a
14 cancellation up on the door.

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: What I request, Mr.
16 Hegedus, anything that we ask of you to do for
17 tomorrow, I would like to have a report on
18 everything for Wednesday, plus a complete
19 report of everything and anything that has
20 been paid this evening, the progress of it so
21 we know the status of where we are that day.

22 MR. BARNICK: You have a secretary.

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I think we need to
24 have the civic center director attend the
25 meetings. I'd really like to know what's

1 going on at the civic center. We've been kept
2 in the dark for a long period of time and I
3 need to know what's going on. We'll ask
4 Mr. Carr to attend the meetings. I haven't
5 met him yet.

6 There was a motion by the borough of
7 Throop to go along with the study on police
8 regionalization. Mayor, do you remember
9 that? I believe you were adamant, myself and
10 Jimmy and, I believe, Joe that it was of no
11 interest for the borough of Throop. We have a
12 good, solid police department. We can pay for
13 our police department. There's no need to
14 even entertain the thought of regionalization,
15 and I'd like to see maybe a motion --

16 MR. BARNICK: Was it done by
17 resolution?

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Check for us and
19 let us know for Wednesday because I'd like to
20 address that.

21 MR. BARNICK: And deductible on
22 insurance claims.

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: They've all been
24 paid except for -- no, Christine's wasn't
25 paid.

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1 MR. HEGEDUS: That's not a
2 deductible.

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Sullivan's wasn't
4 paid, Elaine's was set to be paid. Has it
5 been paid?

6 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes, it's gone. That
7 was approved at the last meeting.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: All right, if you
9 can notify the other council members that we
10 will be having a meeting Wednesday. It was
11 advertised that we would have meetings as soon
12 as we got a quorum. I believe the
13 advertisement is good and we can just use that
14 advertisement.

15 MR. HEGEDUS: Would you want other
16 council members notified certified?

17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: However you want to
18 notify them is fine by me. Just make sure
19 that you --

20 MR. HEGEDUS: They don't return my
21 calls.

22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Very difficult to
23 prove that. They get a doctor's excuse or
24 whatever.

25 MR. BARONE: They don't answer their

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1 phones, leave a message. That's it.

2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I don't think there
3 is anything else that we need.

4 MR. MUSEWICZ: Do you know if
5 there's any on-line banking that's been taking
6 place besides --

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That's what I want
8 to do. I want to --

9 MR. MUSEWICZ: I think it should be
10 restricted to the borough building, any
11 on-line banking.

12 MR. BARNICK: Nothing should leave
13 this building. Nothing at all.

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I think there are
15 keys floating around, that people have keys to
16 the police room.

17 MR. HEGEDUS: Police and the
18 manager's room.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Robert, any keys to
20 the police department should be taken from
21 whoever has them tomorrow morning.

22 MR. BARNICK: The mayor should --

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I spoke to Stanley
24 about this last week. Christine Hartshorn has
25 one.

1 MR. HEGEDUS: Is it okay for my
2 office key to come out, too?

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: What you do mean?
4 Yes. The only one I want to have a key to
5 your office is you and me.

6 MR. BARNICK: How many keys are
7 there?

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Jimmy, you have to
9 sign checks also.

10 MR. BARNICK: That key can't be
11 duplicated. Right? It's a special key.

12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Only myself,
13 you --

14 MR. HEGEDUS: The new door was
15 approved for purchase and Mesko is
16 constructing it now and it should be any day
17 before it's in, and it's going to need a new
18 lock assembly.

19 MR. BARNICK: There is no reason for
20 that.

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Checks will be left
22 in that cabinet where they always are left
23 that you keep locked now?

24 MR. HEGEDUS: I'd like to leave them
25 in that locked cabinet.

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1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: If I come in to
2 sign the checks at my convenience I have to
3 get access to them. Just leave them in there
4 where it says payroll. Okay for you also?

5 MR. BARNICK: Yes.

6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You'll have an idea
7 what's happening.

8 MR. HEGEDUS: No problem.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You will have to
10 take care of the keys. If anyone else has
11 keys to that office I want them taken off of
12 them tomorrow.

13 MR. BARNICK: There should be a
14 phone for him, too.

15 MR. HEGEDUS: There's a phone.

16 MR. MUSEWICZ: Tom, for the record,
17 I'm not indicating that on-line banking went
18 on outside the borough. I'm not indicating
19 that. But I know there's been questions from
20 the audience in the past about on-line
21 banking.

22 MR. HEGEDUS: That's the end user
23 policy that covers that.

24 MR. MUSEWICZ: My suggestion would
25 be to restrict on-line banking strictly at the

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1 borough building unless otherwise instructed
2 by council.

3 MR. HEGEDUS: Right now I'm the only
4 one with access to it.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Le me ask you a
6 question. You're pretty up on computers. Is
7 there a firm out there or someone that would
8 be capable of reviewing a computer to see how
9 much internet access --

10 MR. BARNICK: Where, when, what,
11 how.

12 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I would like to see
14 a motion on to have a firm review the internet
15 access on the borough computers.

16 MR. HEGEDUS: You have two separate
17 systems. The police are on their own
18 provider, we are on our own provider.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: All of them. If
20 we're going to do it --

21 MR. HEGEDUS: The civic center also
22 has their own.

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I don't want to
24 discriminate. I want all of them to be
25 reviewed to see times and who accessed the

1 internet during what time of day. Robert, can
2 you get some numbers for us and we can have
3 this. We won't do a motion this evening,
4 we'll do it Wednesday. Robert, if you could
5 provide this for us on Wednesday.

6 What we'll do is new business, any
7 audience comments. State your name and
8 address for the record and we can discuss
9 anything you want to discuss.

10 (Mr. Jarosh inquired as to the
11 secretary not attending meetings.)

12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That's going to be
13 reviewed by the borough manager and he's going
14 to report back to us and we'll have that
15 report for the next meeting.

16 (Mr. Jarosh further inquired as to
17 insurance coverage and faxes leaving the
18 building.)

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I have no idea
20 what's been sent to here or to any one place.

21 MR. BARNICK: Mr. Hegedus found a
22 complaint against me and Joe and whatever from
23 that Casey that was here since August.

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It was supposed to
25 be answered in October and we never even knew

1 it was here. Mr. Hegedus worked through and
2 we'll have the opportunity to respond. I'm
3 sure Mr. Hegedus is going to review everything
4 and make recommendations to council.

5 There was one item you gave me for
6 payment and I neglected to put it on here.
7 Mr. Wozniak's bill for \$168 for zoning. Put
8 that on by motion now so, Mark, you get paid.
9 The invoice is \$168. It's dated November 14,
10 2005. Any audience comment on paying that
11 bill to Mr. Wozniak? Motion?

12 MR. BARONE: I'll make it.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
14 Barone.

15 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second it.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
17 Musewicz. Roll call on that one invoice.

18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

19 MR. BARONE: For.

20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

21 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.

22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

23 MR. BARNICK: For and against. I'm
24 for. He did the work.

25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For. Audience
2 comments?

3 (David Morrell commented on Mr.
4 Marushock leaving and on health coverage of
5 Mr. Cimini and Mrs. Hartshorn. Comment was
6 made about the stenographer and the wait time
7 before meetings. Comment was also made of a
8 newspaper reporter's inability to reach
9 someone at the borough building by phone.)

10 MR. HEGEDUS: She must have called
11 the wrong number because I have nothing but
12 compliments calling to this office.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I can see the
14 automated system going on after business
15 hours. I know myself, I'm annoyed when I call
16 and have to go through all that. I know Mr.
17 Hegedus' number is 12. I push 12 to get
18 there. Other than that, there's nothing more
19 annoying than thinking you're on with a bill
20 collection or whatever trying to get through
21 or you can't get through.

22 Mr. Hegedus, can you see if we can
23 have it adjusted so that it can be after
24 business hours it goes to automated but
25 business hours the phone being answered by the

1 proper people? You have a secretary, she
 2 should answer the phone.
 3 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: Bob, were you aware
 4 of all this?
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: No, the people that
 6 did get through liked the system, but I can't
 7 speak for what they said that, you know,
 8 people aren't getting through.
 9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The average person
 10 is saying that it's very annoying to them.
 11 MR. MUSEWICZ: Robert, is there a
 12 number for her office?
 13 MR. BARNICK: I called the other day
 14 up here and that thing rang and rang and
 15 rang. I pressed your number, it rang and rang
 16 and rang. You must have been at lunch. But
 17 then if I wanted to speak to anybody I had to
 18 go back through the whole system again and it
 19 sucks. Plain and simple, it sucks.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Has he been paid
 21 for that?
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: No. He did create a
 23 whole bunch of voice mail for us.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Anyone else?
 25 (Elaine Morrell congratulated John

1 Musewicz.)
 2 (Bob Davis inquired about the George
 3 Street fire house.)
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It is in a state of
 5 disrepair. I went in there with Mr. Kalinoski
 6 and I thought that the building could be saved
 7 and I hate to tear anything down. I would try
 8 to save anything to keep it but it's beyond --
 9 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: It's about ready to
 10 collapse, what the word is.
 11 (Mr. Davis asked if it could be
 12 offered to the public.)
 13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I anticipated that
 14 we would have done that.
 15 MR. BARNICK: We did.
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I anticipated we
 17 would be able to do it again, but just the way
 18 it fell together, the way the water did come
 19 in there before the roof was fixed and the
 20 water that seeps around the perimeter of the
 21 building and how you got the concrete floor
 22 that's held up by wooden beams that are bent
 23 and ready to fall down -- I went down in the
 24 basement and I couldn't wait to get out of the
 25 basement. If it could be saved I would love

1 to sell it to somebody and make some money on
 2 it but it's gone. It's a shame.
 3 I had mention at one meeting that it
 4 would be a good idea to put a public parking
 5 area with no overnight parking.
 6 MR. BARNICK: Actually with a
 7 retention pond underneath for rain and water.
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It would eliminate
 9 the problem at Butash's and the other
 10 businesses there. I don't think it would do
 11 any good just to sell it and have someone put
 12 something back on it because we really do need
 13 a parking lot. And no overnight parking, that
 14 would be great. Anyone else?
 15 (Dominick Rocco congratulated
 16 council.)
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I would assume from
 18 this point forward it's going to get back to
 19 the way the borough of Throop ran. It's very
 20 simple. It's just a very small business. We
 21 do what the people want and move forward.
 22 You've got someone like John Musewicz now
 23 who's been with the children forever. You've
 24 got some good people sitting here. And, you
 25 know, even if you've got people that are

1 against you like Mr. Marushock or whoever,
 2 their ideas still come to the table.
 3 Sue Shortz, she resigned, but it
 4 kind of bothers me because she still had some
 5 ideas that might have been important. Just
 6 because you're not a minority or majority or
 7 whatever, you still need different views to
 8 make things progress. Even if only one thing
 9 that a minority brings forward works, that's
 10 great.
 11 But I assume things will be good,
 12 Rocco. I would assume that springtime there
 13 are so many projects that have been delayed.
 14 The monies are there, the plans are all ready
 15 to go. There should be a flurry of excitement
 16 in the borough of Throop in the springtime.
 17 MR. BARNICK: Especially the DPW
 18 garage. I want to get that in immediately.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Mr. Hegedus, I'd
 20 like to put another motion on. I know there
 21 was a motion to properly advertise for
 22 purchasing the Chorba property. If you can
 23 research that advertisement and advertise it
 24 so that we can act on it. Probably at the end
 25 of the month meeting. We've got to move

1 forward. This way, like I said two years ago,
2 if you don't act in January, it's December.
3 And it happened two years in a row. Nothing
4 was done and December came and January went.
5 So this way we've got to act and purchase
6 property and move forward.

7 MR. BARNICK: And the DPW garage I
8 believe is on --

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We've got monies
10 ready to go. Anyone else, audience comments?

11 (Mr. Tropiak commented on the budget
12 for next year.)

13 MR. BARNICK: Yes.

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Correct. Once we
15 get a good grip on what is left.

16 MR. BARNICK: Where the finances
17 are.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Then we can
19 anticipate our monies coming in and projects
20 that we already had set in place that haven't
21 been done. You know, take care of what we
22 have in place first. Make sure that we don't
23 cut ourselves short of that. Then look at
24 everything else that has to be done. We'll
25 move forward.

1 of an ice skating rink for the kids or
2 something small.

3 Now, to answer Dave Morrell's
4 question about the insurance, he is right.
5 Council did hire the attorney and decided to
6 pay his insurance, but the insurance would not
7 let us pay due to the fact that he was
8 considered a subcontractor. If you do not
9 take taxes out of a person they're considered
10 a subcontractor and they cannot go on the
11 insurance. You have to be on the PUC in order
12 to get insurance. I mean, that's the reason
13 he was taken off, not because of what they
14 said. It's because he received a 1099 other
15 than a paycheck with taxes taken out.

16 But let's see something up on the 48
17 acres, please. Like I said, even an ice
18 skating rink so we could move -- at least that
19 can go first. Thank you.

20 (John Dolan commented on the 48-acre
21 property.)

22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I think if we had a
23 good planner that could secure proper grants,
24 there's funds available to develop that land
25 to the best interest of the borough.

1 (Joseph Wargo Commented on the
2 budget.)

3 (Betty Goreschak inquired about the
4 members of the zoning board.)

5 MR. BARNICK: I think there's going
6 to be a couple changes anyway because a lame
7 duck put a couple people in there and that's
8 going to change. She had no right appointing
9 a person in a four-three vote as the deciding
10 vote. They put the one on, knocked a guy off
11 that's been on for years and years. There's
12 usually three.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Betty, we'll review
14 this for our next meeting.

15 MR. BARONE: Betty, I felt bad that
16 they insulted Joe last week, Joe Wargo. They
17 said they're looking for somebody young.
18 Well, they voted Snell on. He's about 74
19 years old. I mean, what did they want.

20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We'll review it.
21 Anyone else?

22 MS. DOLAN: I have a few things.
23 First of all, I'd like to congratulate you.

24 The second thing I'd like to say is
25 I hope the 48 acres we get at least the issue

1 (John Dolan commented about the
2 borough building and Hughes Telecom.)

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It appears like
4 some items were lumped together to go over the
5 budget.

6 MR. BARNICK: I know another thing,
7 we have to look at the ambulance.

8 (John Dolan commented about the fire
9 department.)

10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We do get the
11 financial records and usually the disbursement
12 of funds.

13 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: The ambulance has
14 got to have first priority. There is
15 something that's needed.

16 MR. BARNICK: The sheriffs were over
17 there to sell the contents the other day and
18 the ambulance two days ago.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We're going to have
20 somebody -- we get a solicitor in place he's
21 going to have to contact their solicitor and
22 find out whatever we can for us.

23 MR. BARONE: They violated their
24 deed. They violated their own charter. I
25 think it's time to make a change.

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I would just say
 2 that once we have our solicitor in place he'll
 3 contact their solicitor and find out exactly
 4 what's going on.
 5 MR. BARNICK: According to the
 6 sheriff they have a judgment against them for
 7 \$17,000 and they were going to sell the
 8 furniture and stuff.
 9 MR. KALINOSKI: You had mentioned
 10 about a parking lot on the hose company number
 11 I site. Jim mentioned something about
 12 possible retention. If you can, get back to
 13 me with an idea of what council plans to do so
 14 I know what to incorporate in the specs as far
 15 as removing the foundation and slab and also
 16 backfill.
 17 MR. BARNICK: I understand the specs
 18 are done already.
 19 MR. KALINOSKI: About 50 percent.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For the sewer line
 21 there.
 22 MR. KALINOSKI: Maybe for the sewer
 23 but not demolition.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We should
 25 coordinate the two of them together.

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1 MR. KALINOSKI: If you plan on
 2 putting anything on that site in the future
 3 you may want to look at some type of either
 4 engineered fill or good fill.
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: A parking lot.
 6 That's all we need there. Anyone else?
 7 (Frank Galli commented on the civic
 8 center and its programs.)
 9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The director will
 10 be requested to be at the meeting on
 11 Wednesday. You can ask him questions then.
 12 Anyone else? Motion to adjourn.
 13 MR. BARNICK: Yes.
 14 (Whereupon the meeting was
 15 adjourned.)
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