

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, February 23, 2004  
7:00 p.m.**

**The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

***“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”***

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members of Council:**

Joseph Barone - **P**

**Vice President** - Susan Shortz - **P**

Thomas Lukasewicz - **P**

**President** - George Marushock - **P**

Daryl Menichetti - **P**

Cindy Blanchard - **P**

James Barnick - **P**

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

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski - **P**

Treasurer - Christine Hartshorn - **P**

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - **P**

**Announcements:**

A representative from Berkheimer will be here tomorrow between 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist with the local Earned Income Tax.

Blood Drive - Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall Post 7963, 272 Main St., Eynon.

Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. a Special Work Session will be held with John Hudak, Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania, Inc.

**Council Discussion:**

Regarding a PennDOT 1981 International truck which could be purchased/bid through Harrisburg. The bid process would have to be checked through the Dept. of General Services. The Borough's GMC is currently out of service.

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda:**

**Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.** - Motion #38, to advertise for a borough manager? I'd like to see Elaine Morrell be appointed to that job. I think she's qualified.

**Bob Bolus, Sanderson St.** - Motion #28, hearing about the Packmasters? There's a big difference in price on trucks when you go to an automatic and a standard. It's standard whether you use the clutch or not. When you look at two clutches over a period of time, there's no way it equates to an additional \$10,000 or \$15,000. If you're having a problem with an automatic, your repairs are going to be extremely excessive. One of the things that should be looked into before you go up to PennDOT and buy one of the older Internationals is, first of all, whatever engine's in it, it could be one of the old DVT engines that not anything for it exists. You're not even going to find parts for it. The DVT engines have changed considerably over the years, so you're going to have a truck that you're not even going to be able to get parts to really run this truck. But, more importantly, what I think you need to look at is New York City has a public auction on a weekly basis. The City of Scranton and a lot of people have bought the Packmasters down there. They're low mileage, they do everything you need to do, some come with plows. If you go down to that auction, it's unbelievable the equipment that's down there. You're paying \$4,500 for a packer that runs perfectly. I'm just suggesting the borough look into it before we rush into something that may just pull us out of the hole right now. It doesn't hurt to look. *A discussion took place.*

**Lenore Dolan, 941 S. Valley Ave.** - I'm questioning Motion #5, the Fund Statement. Is there a reason why December wasn't approved? Because they're my records. I mean, 'cause that's December. *Marushock: To the best of my knowledge it was not completed.* Dolan: The reason, again, the reason I'm saying it, for my records, *inaudible*. But is there a reason why, is that what's going to be accepted now? You should be accepting January. *Marushock: We are running a little bit behind on all our expense statements, the minutes.* Dolan: Was there any problem with it? *Marushock: Not that I was aware of.* Dolan: Okay, that's all I want to know.

**Paul Legos, 513 Cypress Street** - Motion #31, the sanitary and storm sewer project. Are there any other projects that can be done in the borough? *Marushock: I believe Meade Street is one.* Legos: Couldn't you just have a person come in here and check the whole borough out and then float a bond and get them all done? Because every year prices go up. Because this way maybe you could get something done. *Marushock: We've been trying to it in steps and make repairs, basically the whole borough has to be done. It cost us 3.5 million for the Boulevard alone.* Legos: You should check into it. I think you'll save money in the long run. *Marushock: It's something to consider.*

**Larry Hartshorn, 140 Dimmick** - Being that you're on sewers, do you have anybody to go down and check the Boulevard job? All of them are caving in down there and I think we should get after somebody. *Marushock: I think, the way it was explained to me is, it's actually not the sewer that's caving. It's the road lifting from the frost.* Hartshorn: Whatever. My son, Larry, told me. He's not here but he said most of the manholes are caving in. *Kalinowski said the pavement was rising around the manhole the seal around it, as the frost gets underneath it lifts the pavement. It's not the manhole going down, it's the pavement, but he would check into it.*

**1. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the zoning report and minutes of the December 29, 2003 January 5 and January 8, 2004 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

**TREASURER’S REPORTS:**

**Christine Hartshorn, Treasurer, read the treasurer’s reports and the totals of the paid and unpaid monthly bills.**

**2. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Shortz**

To accept the treasurer’s reports as read or posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough.

**February 2004**

Unpaid bills: “Items for Payment”	<b>\$68,878.51</b>
Paid bills:	<b>\$14,490.89</b>
Revenue Report	<b>\$50,053.89</b>
Checkbook Balance (This does not include the unpaid bills or motions for payment.)	<b>\$544,861.60</b>
Keystone Landfill Credit	<b>\$8,959.32</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Blanchard**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

**4. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: I'd like to read the letter that we received today from Throop Community Ambulance (Mobile #12). At our work session on Thursday, we decided we wanted to have a meeting with the Ambulance Association. and it is scheduled for March 23, 2004. *Lukasewicz read a letter received from Throop Ambulance. He stated he was a little upset with the word 'harass' in the letter. He said he was not out to harass anybody but there were liability concerns the Borough must have answers to if there was any privatization. A discussion ensued..*

All in favor

Motion carried

**ADMINISTRATOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

**5. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Menichetti**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance for the month of **December**, 2003:

General Fund Checking Account	\$59,470.45
General Fund Petty Cash	200.00
Payroll Checking Account	293.14
Tax Escrow Account	1,795.11
Civic Center Account	252.67
Civic Center Petty Cash	250.00
FNCB Escrow Acct. Throop vs. Gould	202,653.54
Sunny Day Fund CD's	2,533,772.05
Capital Projects Account	1,555,923.69
Civic Center After School Program	504.45
South Valley Ave. Grant	891.04
Warsaw Playground	28,507.45
Liquid Fuels Account	135,283.33
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>4,519,796.92</b>

<b>(Interest Free) LOAN Balance: Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Inc.</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,400,000.00</b>
<b>FNCB - LOAN (Plus interest)</b>		<b>\$1,550,000.00</b>

On the question:

Barnick: These have all been balanced out and everything?

Hartshorn: The only one that's not balanced out is January, General Fund. There was some discrepancies on the bank statement that I've been working on a lot trying to figure out. I'm going to have Elaine look it over. I'm going to go up to the bank tomorrow and lash it out with them, there's some mistakes on there. So that's why that wasn't done for this month.

Menichetti: You just didn't balance the checkbook, is that what you're saying?

Hartshorn: Right, yeah, just for the general. All the other accounts are balanced.

Barnick: Did you get anything back on Sweep Accounts?

Morrell: I called FNCB and right now we are getting a better rate than a Sweep Account can offer.

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Shortz**

**Seconded by Menichetti**

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 6 of 2004, an ordinance creating and establishing the position of Throop Borough Manager. A complete copy of the ordinance is posted and available for public inspection.

Four in favor - Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock

Three against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To amend the 2003 Budget line items as follows:

<b>Revenue - Increase</b>		
Keystone Landfill Host Fee	\$198,420.00	
Misc. Income	50,580.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$249,000.00</b>	
Expenses - Increase		

Civic Center \$9,100.00	CC Support Staff	9,100.00
General Government \$65,000.00	Worker's Comp	41,000.00
	Marjol Expense	10,800.00
	Engineer	13,200.00
Police Dept \$14,100.00	Full Time Officers	14,100.00
Sanitation \$160,800.00	South Valley Project	160,800.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$249,000.00</b>
<b>Transfers From Road Dept. Garage/Salt Storage</b>	<b>\$75,700.00</b>	
To: Sanitation	Sanitary & Storm Sewers	\$68,000.00
To: Recreation	Donations	4,000.00
	Recreation	1,700.00
	Washington St. Pk Field	2,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$75,700.00</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Blanchard**

To authorize Domnick Perry to return to work, full duty, as per the doctor's signed release, effective March 15, 2004.

On the question:

Marushock: It's good to have that employee back. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**9. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To direct Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director to recover any and all past due payments for all the child care programs by March 15, 2004.

On the question:

Menichetti: Yeah, I'd like to know what else you're going to have her do now. Now we have her out there collecting money. *Lukasewicz: Well, there's \$3,000 outstanding.* Menichetti: I understand that but how do you expect her to that? She has no time. *Lukasewicz: Any other Day Care Program in Northeastern Pennsylvania.. inaudible, and not have your child go there.* Menichetti: I agree with you there but she says she has asked these people for money. How would you expect her to..... *Lukasewicz: Well, this gives her the authority to move one step further and go to the magistrate, if necessary. She can work in conjunction with the solicitor.* Menichetti: I thought she already had that authority. *Lukasewicz: Well, she didn't do it yet.* Barnick: She didn't do it. This is a direction do it. *Shortz: My understanding is that when I spoke with her on Friday, the letter that she had sent out to the families when all the payments, changes, took place, etc., actually states that they have to be paid in full by February, I believe it was 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. Which that then gives her two weeks in which to get filed, people at the magistrate and then, hopefully, these people will pay.* Menichetti: So, she's already done this. *Shortz: The action is already in place and other people have paid up but there are still some outstanding balances.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**Motion #10 failed, as follows:**

**10. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Barone**

To re-establish a five (5) member Civic Center Committee.

On the question:

Barone: When this was first opened we had a seven man committee, and women. They did a heck of a job and everything ran pretty smooth. I think we made a mistake getting rid of it the last time. I think they should be put back on. It would be a help to her and the civic center. It's not going to be a hindrance to her. That's all.

Barnick: Just on the question, I feel the same way. The people that were over there prior, they were volunteers. They helped out with dances, they helped out with everything over there; breakfast with Santa, all that stuff, they were always there but on their own time and they made a lot of good suggestions, they brought the problems over here and it was taken care of. They had a list of problems each and every month and they voted on and everything ran smooth.

Barone: Plus, it's less work on council.

Three in favor - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Four against - Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock Motion failed

Barone: You four handle all the complaints that come out of that building. Don't bring them to me.

*Menichetti: Well, that's, that's quite the attitude.* Barone: That's right. The lady needs help and you don't want to give her help. That's the attitude, that's correct, because you don't do anything over there. *Menichetti: You're trying to pass it off onto someone else.* Barone: No, that's helping her, that's not passing it on to her. You're passing all the problems on to us by not having this committee over there. *Menichetti: It's our responsibility.* Barnick: Well, then do something. *Barone: Do something, then.* Barnick: Get these activities moving. Get these dances and all this stuff we've been asking for. Do something already, then. *Menichetti: You know what? The place is so jammed, there's no room for anybody in there but there's nothing going on in the place.* Barnick: Why, is it basketball season right now? It's always jammed when it's basketball season. *Menichetti: Well, yeah, right, because it's busy, right?* Barnick: What about the rest of the year?

**11. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To direct Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director to prepare a "Job Description" for the Head Monitors.

On the question:

Barone: You're going to keep these people as Head Monitors or you're going to make them Assistant Directors again? *Marushock: I have no problem leaving them as head monitors.*

Barone: Okay, what's their job going to be? Their job description your going pick up, what about their pay? Are you going to give their pay back? *Marushock: Let's see what this job description....*

Barone: I want to put a motion on to give them their pay back, before I forget.

Lukasewicz: Well, the reason I tried to put this motion on is because it's probably in the best interest of the staff and Gail that everyone knows what their job duties are and then there will be no problems.

Shortz: *Inaudible*, I think the job descriptions are prepared so everybody knows exactly what they're responsible for and there's no questions. And I think the issue of putting the raise or the money back, however you want to put it, on there, I think that should wait until the actually see what the descriptions come out to be.

Barone: I want it on tonight to put it back. *Inaudible*. Those girls shouldn't have had it deducted in the first place. They work like crazy over there. That's all I got.

All in favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Blanchard**

To appoint Ray Jarosh for part time temporary maintenance at the civic center at a rate of \$9.29 per hour while Mr. Fuhr is on medical leave.

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To submit the following lawsuit to Joyce, Jackman & Bell, borough insurance agent: Stanley Gongliewski, Ronald Bukowski and Lenore Dolan vs. Borough of Throop; George Marushock, Daryl Menichetti, Cindy Blanchard and Susan Shortz in their official capacities and individual capacities.

On the question:

Menichetti: What does this mean?

Barone: I've got to give Cindy Blanchard credit. At least she tried to reverse the decision as far as the landfill inspectors are concerned.

Six in favor - Barone, Shortz, Lukasewicz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock

One against - Barnick

Motion carried

**14. Motion by Shortz**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To increase Robert Cabets and George Yontos pay rate to \$20.00 per hour effective February 19, 2004. Both individuals were certified as host municipal landfill inspectors on February 18, 2004.

On the question:

Barone: Do they still work the same hours as the other guys?

All in favor

Motion carried

**15. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Shortz**

To reimburse Mike Benson \$150. for Roto Rooter service to the main line at 720 Dunmore St.

All in favor

Motion carried

**16. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Barone**

To accept the active list of employees as prepared by Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: I believe in our packets this evening she has compiled a list of active employees and basically we need the inactive ones.

All in favor

Motion carried

**17. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To appoint Billy Washenko as a civic center monitor at a rate of \$7.65 per hour.

On the question:

Barone: This kid is seventeen years old but he's terrific with the kids. He keeps an eye on everything, he doesn't let them get out of hand so I think he's going to be a help over there.

Menichetti: Elaine, I noticed we're hiring them at \$7.65. Are all the other monitors making \$7.65 an hour? *Morrell: Yes.* Menichetti: They are?

All in favor

Motion carried

**18. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Shortz**

To allocate \$500.00 to Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director for basketball referees.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Motion #19 failed, as follows:**

**19. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Barnick=**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 3 of 2004 , a resolution reappointing Jack Dolan as a member of the Throop Borough Planning Agency for a four year term.

On the question:

Barnick: Jack's been there a while now, a good three or four years. He did a good job so far.

Three in favor - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Four against - Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock Motion Failed

Lukasewicz: I always said they'd get rid of somebody for a reason.... *Barnick: For a reason.*

Lukasewicz: Not because they do they job. *Barnick: This is constant.* Lukasewicz: He's been a benefit to the borough, he's had a lot of developments come forward because he's been working and the time that he's put in and you guys do away with him. I don't understand that.

**20. Motion by Shortz**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 3 of 2004 , a resolution appointing Wayne Williams as a member of the Throop Borough Planning Agency for a four year term.

On the question:

Barone: Does he have any experience?

Menichetti: Did the other people that were appointed have experience when they were appointed to

these committees? We send them to seminars, they learn what they need to learn. It's nice to get more people involved in what's going on in this community. Not just a small circle of people.

Five in favor - Shortz, Lukasewicz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock  
Two against - Barone, Barnick  
Motion carried

**21. Motion by Shortz** **Seconded by Blanchard**

To authorize Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary, to attend all council meetings, with comp. time.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: I believe, on the question, the reason behind this is to allow the assistant secretary to be here at the meeting so that she would remember more of the proceedings at the meetings instead of just listening to the tapes and then *inaudible* and how hard it is to hear what's going on to the tape and compare it to the minutes. This will prepare the minutes a lot quicker. *Menichetti: And she could take notes.* Lukasewicz: Exactly. It will definitely benefit the borough financially, *inaudible.* *Menichetti: And also my suggestion would be to comp her. Like in other words, if she has to come to the three hour meeting, that she get three hours off during the week.* Lukasewicz: Exactly.

All in favor  
Motion carried

Barnick: The only thing is if you could include that so there's a paper trail on that, the comp. time.  
*Marushock: Can we have the minutes adjusted to record that, then? With comp time.*

**22. Motion by Lukasewicz** **Seconded Shortz**

To authorize Visbisky Plumbing to conduct the "Annual Backflow Prevention" tests as required by PAWC.

All in favor  
Motion carried

**23. Motion by Lukasewicz** **Seconded by Barnick**

To send a letter to the Throop Community Ambulance Association regarding a bill in the amount of \$374.00 that was submitted to a borough employee for a work related injury.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: To include in a letter that we just, giving them notice that we'd like to discuss this at the meeting. *Inaudible.*

All in favor  
Motion carried

**24. Motion by Shortz**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 4 of 2004, a resolution authorizing the Lackawanna County Board of Commissioners to submit a modification on behalf of Throop Borough Federal Fiscal Year 2002 CDBG Program to the DCED. The modification will transfer \$7,162.78 out of the Storm Sewer System line item from the Warsaw Section Sewer Project to the Meade Street Sanitary Sewer Line Reconstruction Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

**25. Motion by Shortz**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To remove Christina Sullivan as Planning/Zoning Secretary. Two secretaries were appointed on January 8, 2004 as follows:

*To reappoint Christina Sullivan as Planning/Zoning Secretary, as before.*

*Three against - Marushock, Shortz, Blanchard*

*Four in favor - Barnick, Barone, Menichetti, Lukasewicz* Motion carried

*Morrell: What do we have here? We have four in favor, three against? Four in favor, three against.*

*Lukasewicz: Inaudible, do you want to change it?*

*Menichetti: Inaudible, I would like to change my vote to against.*

*Lukasewicz: Would someone like to make that motion?*

*Marushock: I move to make a motion:*

*To appoint Mary Catherine Reilly as Planning/Zoning Secretary.*

*Five in favor - Marushock, Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Lukasewicz*

*Two against - Barnick, Barone* Motion carried

Shortz: Do we need, in order to clear up this mess, do we also have to say something about appointing Cathy Reilly or is that already understood, we're just removing one of the two?  
Marushock: I believe this is removing one of the two.

Five in favor - Shortz, Lukasewicz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock

Two against - Barone, Barnick

Motion carried

**26. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Blanchard**

To replenish the Borough Petty Cash in the amount of \$51.12 and the Civic Center Petty Cash in the amount of \$193.90.

All in favor

Motion carried

**27. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski, Arthur Tetreault, Richard Burdyn and Walter Rakosky to attend the “New” Course in Zoning at a cost of \$75.00 per person on March 17, 24 & 31 2004 in Scranton. Also, to allow Rose Kaminski and the Zoning Alternates to attend if they are interested.

All in favor

Motion carried

**28. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Shortz**

To advertise to accept bids for the sale of the 1988 GMC or as a trade-in allowance. Council has the right to reject any and all bids.

All in favor

Motion carried

**29a. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Barone**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, to obtain prices and information on a used or new dump truck to replace the 1988 GMC and authorizing him to bid up to a maximum bid of \$12,000 for a 1981 International used dump truck through the State (PennDOT).

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Can you do it, the only reason I’m asking is, can you do it with two separate motions because I want Packmaster but I think \$12,000 is too much for a 1981, even if it’s in great shape. I don’t want to vote against.... If you put it in two motions, it’s easier for me to vote.

Six in favor - Barone, Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Barnick, Marushock

One against - Lukasewicz

Motion carried

**29b. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Barone**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, to obtain prices and information on a Packer, up to a maximum of \$140,000 lease of up to seven years.

On the question:

Barnick: You’re going to obtain the prices and information, just remember, we got to *inaudible*, to keep service here and if that other one doesn’t get fixed right away, you better authorize something for all of it’s use or.... for Olyphant’s use or..... figure out what you’re doing because it won’t be long, winter will be right back at us again and you won’t have nothing.

Marushock: On that question, I’d like to consider our options of what is available in New York City that was brought to our attention this evening. I know our *inaudible*, packer that as we mentioned earlier, that body was just replaced, not just, but it was replaced in 1997 and just recently it lost, only

a month ago, we put a new clutch into that. I know all the tires are in excellent shape, they've been replaced over the past six months. Let's look at our options before we jump into about \$125,000 or \$150,000 for a new packer.

Barone: We better get it fixed and keep it. At least until we decide what we're going to do and come up with the money for something else.

Marushock: Yeah. It's in the process of being repaired but this is basically to obtain pricing and information so that would all come back to us for a vote and approval before anything would be finalized on that.

All in favor

Motion carried

*A discussion took place regarding attending the auctions vs. looking on-line. Paul Legos suggested Bob Bolus possibly accompany Robert Kalinoski to the auction at which time Bolus offered to go.*

**30. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, to have repairs made to the packer.

On the question:

Barnick: I know when you get repairs and you get it back as soon as possible but this has been a continuing thing with this packer. Springs, especially. How many springs did we go through, Rob, in the last year, how many springs, sets of springs did we go through? *Kalinoski: Every two months. Springs, and the newer ones don't have.... Kalinoski: There's one that we had looked at that does not have springs. Inaudible. A discussion took place.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**31. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Barone**

To direct Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer, to design specs for the Eddy St., Franko St. and Delaware St. Sewer Project. To obtain the preliminary design from Robert Bernosky. All funding to be provided from the Capital Projects loan, specifically earmarked for this project.

Lukasewicz: I'd like to include something, that all monies for any design or any allotment for the project come from the money that was earmarked through the loan that we took. All monies will come from the Capital Projects loan. *Menichetti: Are we able to do this?* Lukasewicz: That's where we took the loan, to specifically to do that project. *Menichetti: Oh, it was taken just for this project?* Lukasewicz: That loan was specifically taken and earmarked for three or four specific items. *Menichetti: Yeah, but I don't remember this being one.* Lukasewicz: That was Item C, I believe. *Menichetti: That was on there?* Barnick: I don't know how deep Bob Bernosky got into it and certainly you should consider it for cost savings but he finished the design on it. I'm willing to vote for it to get the sewer line done but if he's got several thousand dollars into it and already got the design and certain specs for a certain part of it, I can't see wasting that money again and have

somebody else redo the same thing.

Lukasewicz: Do you remember if he was that far into it? I thought he just did some overviews just to see what it was like and when he looked at it was so bad. *Kalinoski: I don't remember, Tom, I don't remember how far he got. I think I saw one drawing and that was it.* Marushock: Can we contact Mr. Bernosky and see how far he has gotten on this and coordinate that with Spott & Assoc. *Lukasewicz: I'm sure we could use whatever he has. But I would like to see Spot, who's the borough engineer, our engineer do everything, Could we include it in the motion to forward to the borough his work product in regards to this project so we could have it ready for Mr. Spott?*

Six in favor - Barone, Shortz, Lukasewicz, Menichetti, Barnick, Marushock  
One against - Blanchard  
Motion carried

**32. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Barone**

To submit a letter to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers regarding the Lackawanna River. The letter and prior correspondence is to be hand delivered to Congressman Kanjorski.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Hopefully, with this letter and the other correspondence that we did that was sent out prior, hopefully we could get this on line and be hopefully be reconsidered for the proper funding, allotments of 75 and 25% instead of the new 65% and 35%. *A discussion took place. Lukasewicz suggested Resolution #5 of 2004 be adopted regarding this (Motion #39).*

All in favor  
Motion carried

**33. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To submit a request to Senator Robert Mellow for a \$45,000.00 grant to be used toward a packmaster.

On the question:

Barone: Is the one where the \$10,000 is supposed to go to the police?

Barnick: No, that's the one coming now.

All in favor  
Motion carried

**34. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Blanchard**

To notify Dickson City to request that Throop Borough be notified of any and all meetings regarding the Lackawanna River in order that council and committee members may attend.

All in favor  
Motion carried

**35. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To send a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers requesting an evaluation of proposed Eddy Creek storm discharge regarding the Lackawanna River Project.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: To include that an evaluation of th Proposed Eddy Creek storm discharge.

All in favor

Motion carried

**36. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Barone**

To amend Throop Borough Employee Handbook, Page 10, "Attendance & Punctuality" to notify your direct supervisor or the borough administrator.

On the question:

Barnick: To notify the direct supervisor which sometimes or normally it would be like President of Council. If President of Council forgets to call Elaine, she has no idea of how to mark off the days or whatever happened there for accounting purposes on payroll. So, at least if she gets a message in here stating, hey, I'm off on this day, she could account for it in the hours and the records. *Shortz: Does this mean you want them to call two people, then? They're calling off to their supervisor and to.... Menichetti said she did not know anything about the motion. Lukasewicz stated the same but said it seemed like it would work.* Menichetti: So, in other words, you're saying all employees have to call the borough administrator? All employees? Is this a big problem? Because there are very few people that aren't on the time cards. I just wondered what prompted this because I don't understand. What do we have, four employees who are not on time cards? *Barnick: They should (all the administrator). She's got to account for the hours and everything. Most of them are on time cards but the ones that aren't, she's notified, she deducts their sick time, their personal days, whatever. She's got a strict accounting of all of them when she does payroll.* Barnick: It's not a big problem but it should be for everybody. *Marushock: So far, I haven't had a problem. I mean, I've only been on board here as president for about a month and I don't think....* Barnick: Are you saying you don't want to have no accountability for Elaine to do the payroll? Menichetti: It was my understanding that they hand in their hours. They don't do that, Elaine? *Barnick: And what if they call off, I can't make it that day?* Shortz: They're notifying their supervisor though, right? *Barnick: Okay. They notify the supervisor. Who's the supervisor now? Elaine's notifying who?* Marushock: Elaine's notifying me. *Barnick: Robbie's notifying who? You?* Marushock: I think it was under the employee's discretion that if they don't get in touch with one individual, they went down the ladder and got in contact with at least one individual. *Barnick: What's so difficult about this? They just call in and make sure she has it, she deducts it from their records and that's it.* Menichetti: Well, I just assumed that it was done. *Barnick: It's a pretty simple thing. I mean, it's pretty simple accounting on the hours.* Menichetti: Yeah, but I just assumed that was done. I didn't think it had to be done by motion, I mean, we've changed 50 things over it since we adopted it in November. I don't know, is there a problem that people aren't notifying? *Few speaking at once. A discussion ensued.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**37. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Shortz**

To accept the Annual Settlement Report for 2003 from Adam F. Nosak, Tax Collector.

All in favor

Motion carried

**38. Motion by Shortz**

**Seconded by Blanchard**

To advertise for a Borough Manager.

On the question:

Barnick: I just think you're wasting a lot of time here advertising. You've got Elaine who's done an excellent job. She could be the borough manager immediately. I don't know why you just don't appoint her to the position. I think it's ridiculous, she knows more about this borough than any and all of us put together here. What's going to happen when you get a borough manager now? Where does Christina, is that your political way of pushing her out of a job, Christina Sullivan or Elaine? Is that your political way of pushing them out of a job? This is what I have to ask because Elaine is doing a fine job, Christina's doing a fine job, so what are you trying to pull here? I mean, you look at some of the resumes, they might have a degree, I got more grant money than they did and I just made some phone calls so, I mean, I don't know what you're trying to pull here but I think it's out right ridiculous and I think it's a way for you to try to get control of this little majority you got here to control that one person and make sure that some of us don't get information that goes through this borough.

*Menichetti: And it's never been....inaudible.*

Barnick: I believe it is. I believe it is.

*Menichetti: No, you're wrong, Mr. Barnick.* Barnick: I have a right to my opinion and I'll keep that opinion. *Menichetti: You're wrong.* Barnick: You have an outstanding person right there that should be the borough manager. Why do you have to go and advertise and waste a bunch of money on advertising that could be going into something else, it's ridiculous. (Some audience clapping.)

Barone: Plus, you'll save \$33,000. *Barnick: And put it into another sewer project someplace or into a Packmaster, a brand new Packmaster.* Barone: And keep her pay as it is.

Four in favor - Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock

Three against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion carried

**39. Motion Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Shortz**

To adopt Resolution #5 of 2004, in regards to the Lackawanna River Dike Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

**40. Motion by Shortz**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To authorize Wayne Williams to attend the Community Planning Course at a cost of \$75.00 a person on March 15, 22, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania.

Six in favor - Barone, Shortz, Lukasewicz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock  
One against - Barnick Motion carried

**41. Motion by Blanchard**

**Seconded by Menichetti**

To remove Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Inc. as the borough engineer and to appoint KBA Engineering, effective immediately.

On the question:

Barnick: What's their rates? Back to that, what's their rates?

Marushock: We had a proposal, I know.

Barnick: Is that the current proposal? You've got everyone going like a yo-yo up here. Back and forth, back and forth. Nobody has no idea what they're doing. Robbie doesn't know which engineer he's going to anymore, I mean.....

Lukasewicz: Who's going to bring KBA up to speed on all these projects, all these sewers lines....

Barnick: And transferring documents and... *Lukasewicz: ....and all this work that we've done over the last ten years? We can't just change somebody and think it's just going to....* Barnick: It just happens. *Lukasewicz: It's going to, we're going to expend a lot of borough funds, we're going to waste a lot of money just bringing them on speed to even know what's going on in this borough. We're not talking about one little sewer line. We're talking about miles of sewer lines and storm lines and everything else.*

Blanchard: They're engineers, I'm sure they can do maps. *Lukasewicz: And who's going to pay the expenses of bringing them up to speed? You've got somebody here that's done great work for a long time, they know the borough inside out. Again, like I said earlier, you don't just rid of somebody just to hire somebody new. If someone doesn't do the job, then you get rid of them. What's the reasoning behind it? Tell me, Cindy.*

Blanchard: I researched it. I thought there was two on at the same time. I thought there was two going to be working at the same time.

*Few speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: To what benefit will it give the borough? *Blanchard: This is my suggestion. This is my suggestion.*

Lukasewicz: How will they benefit the borough. *Blanchard: I think they would be good for the borough.*

Lukasewicz/Barnick: How? *Barnick: I'd like to know how. We need audience comments on this, too. This is ridiculous already.*

Marushock: In our proposal from KBA, it's not someone right off the street. They've got a proven track record, it's included in their form that they submitted. *Barnick: You've got a proven track record in the borough with Spott. What more do you want to go? You've got a proven track record already. You're blowing a whole bunch. You're talking about saving money. You're all about talking about saving money here over this budget period. Now you're blowing the money on repeating the same items.*

Marushock: My opinion is that there are mistakes by Spott, sorry. *Lukasewicz: There's mistakes?*

Marushock: In my opinion, yes. *Barnick: Where's the mistakes?*

Menichetti: Then why are we

having all these problems down the Boulevard? *Barnick: What problems? Tell me what problems.* Lukasewicz: How many problems are down there? *Menichetti: Why are we in litigation?* Barnick: Tell me about them. You explain them, because you apparently, you're an engineer. *Menichetti: No, I'm not an engineer. I never said I was an engineer but I've been sitting in these meetings and listening to what's going on here. John Szczepaniak was primarily the only person who ever came here. I called Spott & Assoc. and I asked them what Padfield's title was and they couldn't even give me an answer. The girl working said, I don't know, you'd have to speak with Mr. Spott, he's the one that knows.* Lukasewicz: Well, there's some that have the title of councilman, too, that can't give you any answers. *A discussion ensued.* Lukasewicz: You know, we've sat at many meetings with Spott & Assoc. and all their participants on all these projects over the years and they've given this borough 200%. *Menichetti: Well, they were paid for it.* Lukasewicz: Okay, that I'll leave, that's the mentality I'm leaving with. *Menichetti: Well, you're acting as though they came here.....* Everyone speaking at once, a discussion ensuing.

#### Audience Comments on Motion #41:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St. - I'm against switching. I think Spott did a good job, he's here for years, he knows what he's doing. It's going to cost us a bunch of money just to teach them and give them all the information he's going to need. You're here to save us money, why are you costing the taxpayers money? It's going to cost a fortune. He knows everything that's going to go on? You think Spott's going to tell him everything? It's going to cost a fortune. You can't be switching every month. *Discussion ensued.*

Bette Goreschak, Meade St.: Spott has all the records, he's been here for six-eight years. He knows every street in the town. *Discussion ensued.*

Bob Bolus, Sanderson St.: I'm listening to bickering going back and forth here with Spott and KBA. You know, sometimes change is for the betterment of an area. And I'm listening to Mr. Barnick and Tommy sit here and say that it's going to cost us all this money to cross over and change over. Well, we paid, or the borough I should say, has paid Spott for their engineering records. They're already paid for. Any firm coming in are going to get those records for free. And I don't believe KBA, well they have to give them to us, they're our records. They've been paid (for). We have a right to the records, everything that was done in this borough. I don't think there should be any charges by KBA to the borough if they're going to do this, to review the records and familiarize themselves from an engineering point as to what the records depict. I mean, they're going to go over everything here, they're going to bring themselves up to speed, if in fact, the records from Spott are up to date and they're current. Any engineer can read a record. Just like any surveyor can go out and do a survey. It's the same bottom line, I don't care who it is. If you say there's only one surveyor in the area, that's going survey, you get another guy he's stupid, he doesn't know what he's doing, which is wrong. I believe this borough has to turn a corner, which it is, to look to the future and maybe the good old fields from before, maybe Spott was perfect but you won't know until you make a change and look at what somebody else has to offer. A younger idea, a different energy, a not take-for-granted attitude, so you know, I think change is necessary in a lot of areas. We change people and

companies, we change people on council, because change is always good. But I don't see where faulting or accusations is going to cost this borough thousands of dollars. I don't see where that comes in because we've already paid for the engineering. So they supply the records and you start from there. I don't see any reason why somebody else shouldn't be given a chance that's going to be to the betterment of the borough, to come in with a better price and still be able to do the same competent work. And I don't see why change shouldn't happen. Everyone speaking at once.

Lenore Dolan, 941 So. Valley Ave.: I have a question. Maybe I'm wrong, correct me, please. In the beginning, wasn't Spott outvoted? Didn't you bring..... *Blanchard: yes, I did. I thought there was two of them on at the same time.* Dolan: But it was, right? It was outvoted and if my memory serves me right, you made the motion to see if you could bring them back. Now you're making the motion to get rid of them again. *Blanchard: Yes.* Dolan: So now, wait a minute now, think about that. *Blanchard: I'll let you think about it. This is my decision here.* Dolan: Okay, like what's going on? Is somebody pull, is somebody jiving you? Like, why did out vote for him once and now you're bringing him back? *Blanchard: I researched it.* Dolan: Is it something they didn't, didn't you research them when you took them out? *Blanchard: Yes.* Dolan: And now brought them back in? *Blanchard: I'm not going to argue with you. This is my decision.* Dolan: You don't know, okay, you don't know, that's what I thought, all right.

Robert Kalinoski: I've worked with Spott for ten years, I think they've been an excellent engineer. They've been easy to work with. They do know the town. I don't think anything I say is going to change council's mind tonight, but I do ask that any jobs that Spott has started? Please let them finish. It will make things go a lot easier, and it will be a smoother transition. Rather than trying to take half the project, giving it the new engineer and let him start from scratch, because that's what's going to happen. A lot of engineers will not take other engineers work and go out with their work because they don't trust them. They'd rather do it on their own. Whatever was started, let them finish. There were a couple of motions that were put on tonight for projects that I don't think are started yet and you may have to amend those motions too because come tomorrow morning, I'm not going to know who to call for those projects.

Marushock: #31, being that wasn't started by Spott & Assoc., I feel that KBA would be able to continue on that after consulting with Mr. Bernosky as where Spott *inaudible* on that one. What other projects, Mr. Kalinoski, would be pending that we would want to keep Spott on board for? *Kalinoski: Meade Street.* Marushock: Has Spott done anything along the lines of Meade Street other than at the intersection of George? *Kalinoski: I know it was started last year. There was a motion on last year for it.* A discussion took place with regards to various work/projects in the borough.

Hartshorn: You're talking about Mrs. Blanchard changing her mind. Mr. Barone, you did it before. But she's got the right to do what she's got to do up there. *A discussion ensued.*

Four in favor - Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock

Three Against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion carried

**Motion #42, No Second:  
42. Motion by Blanchard**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz  
Withdrawn by Lukasewicz**

To vacate parking on the westerly side of George Street between Sanderson Street and Clinton Court.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: I'll second that for just for a reason, because I want to ask Cindy, why do you propose such a bizarre change? *Blanchard: What's so bizarre about it?* Lukasewicz: Explain to me why it's going to help the Borough of Throop. *Blanchard: These changes are made every day.* Barnick: No, they are not. Lukasewicz: Why are you *inaudible* specific changing of parking on that side of the street to benefit that portion of town? How will it benefit Throop? *Blanchard: How would it not?* Lukasewicz: Cindy, how will it.... *Blanchard: Tom, no, Tom, just tell me what you what you want to say to me?* Lukasewicz: How will it benefit Throop? You're proposing change, how will it benefit Throop? You've proposed for the good of the town. *Blanchard: I looked at a petition that had 400 signatures for this change and I feel I should put it on the table and let us vote. 400 signatures. To me, that's a lot of signatures.* Lukasewicz: That's an answer to the question, okay. Now, there's a proper way of vacating parking on the street, are you aware of that? *Blanchard: Maybe not, no, if you could tell me, please.* Lukasewicz: You can't do it just by motion. And that's all I have to say You go from there. You've had Politics 101. *Barnick: This went round and round and round, so what you're going to do is provide no parking for businesses that have been established for years and years and years, take it away from them, give it to one person so there's none on that side.* Blanchard: There's one spot. One parking spot. *Barnick: I see three there. I see three.* Blanchard: Ged, can we follow this for motion? *Marushock: Okay.* Blanchard: All right? *Marushock: The question's been called.* Barnick: No, no, no. *Blanchard: All right, I apologize, I forgot about it.* Marushock: I apologize, we should have audience comments, this is where we get confused when we start adding these motions.

Unidentified Speaker: You got 400 signatures, are they all from Throop? Could you verify that they're from Throop? Well, why didn't you bring them with you?

Dominick Rocco: I believe we had a public meeting on it and it was shot down. So, how could you do it, ask for a public meeting? You're supposed to call that anyhow before you could vote on it and if we already had it and it was shot down, the public didn't want it. The people around there didn't want it. Right, George? You were here. I'm talking about the people of Throop said they didn't want it. You were at the public meeting when there was a public meeting. You heard what everybody had to say. Hegedus was the only guy that wanted it, maybe one or two others. You have to have a public meeting anyhow, regardless. You want to redo it? You still have to have a public meeting and you had it once already so how many times do you have to have it? *Atty. Cimini would check the record, the opinion he gave. Everyone speaking at once. A discussion ensued. Lukasewicz withdrew his second on the motion. Barnick: If you're going to do that, I want it done for the top of my road, I want it done for the other roads I go out of that have cars parked right up to the very edge. Why not do it for all the town, then. Menichetti: It's a business, there's coming and goings. Barnick: It's a regular public road traveled daily. Go for one, you might as well do it for the whole town. Bolus: I think you need to adopt an ordinance out here because it's so confusing what's going on around*

*here and there's a lot of pros and cons here right now for the safety of kids, primarily, when they're getting on and off the bus or coming around the corner and I definitely think you need an ordinance and you need to have a public meeting and you have to back it up by the police report or an engineering report or let PennDOT come in and give you an engineering report. A discussion took place. Let the people decide where you should restrict parking. A discussion ensued.*

*Blanchard: I will look into it. But, isn't there, there's a sign there that says 'no parking' already, right in front of the store near that ramp?*

#### **43. Motion by Blanchard**

#### **Seconded by Menichetti**

To authorize the police department to perform a study in conjunction with whatever the State mandates to vacate parking on the westerly side of George Street between Clinton Court and Sanderson St.

Audience Comments on Motion #43:

Lenore Dolan: Look into what Daryl said, go in and out of the same drive. Cindy said she's having a hard time going in and out but if the cars were pulled right to it, she might now have it so I think they should also do that in the study. 'Cause I do think it's better going or around in a circle and come out the other way. Most of the cars that go there aren't there more than ten minutes, not even. And by you eliminating parking, you have a business that you're trying to put out of business now. What about the hairdresser across the street? Where's her parking going to be? So, what are going to, you're going to put her out of business? Blanchard: No, that's not my intentions. Dolan: Well, where are they going to park when they go there? Blanchard: Well, we'll have the police study it and let us know what will happen. Dolan: But I'm saying, if you look into Daryl's suggestion and don't park right, *inaudible*, to the entrances as going in and out, and then you might only eliminate one parking *space instead of three*. Blanchard: That's what I'm hoping on is one. I never heard of three.

Jack Ryan, Address Unknown: You said it was a hazardous area pulling out there. How many accidents were there in the past year? How many pedestrians were hit in the last year there? *Blanchard: I don't know.* Ryan: You don't know, but you said it was hazardous. *Blanchard: No, it was by the time you're inching out with your car, you're in the middle of the road.* Ryan: But there was no accidents and other people traveling in front of you, then it must not be that bad. *Few speaking at once. Lukasewicz recommended talking to business owners that would be affected by this.*

Paul Legos, Cypress St. - Put the sign, no parking, here to alley. The whole town is like that. All of George Street is like that.

Dave Morrell, 315 George St. - We've been through this how many times, did all the studies and everything else, any signs go up and I'm putting you on notice right now, it goes on one side, it goes through the entire town. If cars are ticketed, it's ticketed through the entire town. I'd like to know where the business' trucks are going to park to load and unload because right now, they're pulled

up to the stop sign, right in front of the no parking sign, and I've got pictures to prove it, I've got dates and pictures. If anybody wants to see them, I'd be glad to show them you them. If you take so many feet from this side of that pole and so many feet from that side of the pole, Lori and Veltri out of business. Case closed. Butash's, boom. The people are just going to park illegally because they can't park in Hegedus' parking lot and they got to double park across the street illegally to get their prescriptions. I just hope everybody takes everything into consideration when they're taking care of poor Mr. Hegedus. Marushock: The fact of the matter is, that's where it started. Morrell: It doesn't affect me. I washed my hands because I don't care. I park behind my house. I don't need a parking spot on George St. I'm just saying if it's done in front of my house, it's going to be done through the whole town, otherwise it's discrimination and there will be another lawsuit. Marushock: Maybe that's why it was never posted. I know it's not been posted and that's part of the problem but this isn't just to there. Morrell: If you want to take it away, you take it away, I don't care, it doesn't affect me. But it is affecting a lot of other people. Ryan: There's elderly people that go to the pharmacy, too.

Ron Green, 210 Division St. - On the bottom of South Valley, it's the same exact way. If you come to the bottom of Division Street and look to your right to try to pull out, you can't see on-coming traffic to come out of either street on both sides so now you're in the same predicament that Mr. Morrell. They're parking right up to the corner. And then again, I sat into a meeting here and I'm going back about four years ago, that we couldn't do nothing in this town, we couldn't change a light bulb on a stop sign out there until we got in touch with PennDOT.

*A discussion ensued.*

Larry Hartshorn: I agree with Mr. Morrell, if you do it in front of his house, let's do it for everybody.  
Marushock: I agree.

**Motion #44, Lack of Second**

**44. Motion by Barone**

**No Second**

To return the Assistant Director's, the Head Monitor's to their original pay rate.

Menichetti: I thought we were going to wait until the job descriptions were done.

Barone: Don't know what will happen, save \$33,000 and her & Chrissy have 16 years experience.

**Motion #45, Lack of Second**

**No Second**

**44. Motion by Barone**

To hire Frank Galli as the Athletic Director over at the Civic Center at a salary of \$26,000.

Barone: He's worked with kids for 16 years, they love him, he takes care of them, and he'd be good for that place.

**Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Lukowski: Hoping the meeting with Throop Ambulance is fruitful because we need a good

volunteer ambulance service in Throop but I don't think we need an armada of ambulances to arrive at that. I've rather encouraged the community ambulances over the years as they were formed. I've never seen anything like this, never seen anything like it. And furthermore, this very facetious letter you put out here, these people are running this community here, not you. And, you know, we get complaints in this borough building from the neighbors, what is going on, and there's no two way communication. And another thing, you can go to Dickson City, Blakely, Archbald, there's nobody that has going on in their ambulance service as we have going on here.

Matt Cortazar: Okay, Mr. Mayor, I'm going to answer your questions right off the bat, all right?

Mayor: Well, you have all the answers, yeah, I know that.

Cortazar: Yeah, but stop being a smart mouth about it, I'm going to give you yours, *inaudible*.

(GASPS HEARD) *Barnick: What?* Barone: You don't talk to the Mayor that way! *Cortazar: Yes, I do.* Barone: No, you don't! He didn't talk to you that way. *Cortazar: I have all the answers, huh?*

Barone: You don't talk to the Mayor that way. As a matter of fact, I want to find out about these ambulances, too. *Marushock: Can we address this at our Mar. 23 meeting.* Cortazar: We're going to address something right now, please? *Marushock: I want to address this at our Mar. 23 meeting, please. Mayor, you still have the floor.* Mayor: I'm saying, a lot of the neighbors are wondering what's coming off and so am I. I'm in the dark about it. One day there's one or two ambulances there and the next day there's an armada of them and I don't know if we need this in this community. It's a community of 4,000 people, it's not New York City. Mr. Cortazar, hopefully, you're going to have an answer at our March 23 meeting. The Mayor expressed his concerns and the concerns of the many other citizens in this town. *Cortazar: Address your letter to the lawyer. I had put out here many times at other meetings we had here, if you had problems, call me, I'd would be more than happy to address these problems. But nobody has called me to this day. Jim Mellody was the only one up there that ever called me about one problem that he received, one. You guys supposedly get all these problems, all the time, what are they?* Mayor: Hey, listen, when have you ever called anybody? *Few speaking at once.* Marushock: The influx of ambulances, I think it just happened over about the past week or so, two weeks, maybe if I'm correct that I think there are now five others, I don't even think they're right, the ambulances that showed up. *Cortazar: To license an ambulance, I have thirty days from the purchase of those ambulances to license plate them, let's just get that right out now because I've already heard about the zoning officer coming over and checking these out. You don't know what you're jumping into here and you're making all these accusations that you're, in front of the public, I want all you guys to be here on this Tuesday meeting coming up.* Marushock: It will be a public meeting. *Cortazar: Because it's very going to be very interesting to what's going to be found out here.* Mayor: they should go around and visit every other ambulance association and see if they have, *inaudible.* *Cortazar: Every other ambulance organization is in the paramedic ambulance squad, okay? I run two trucks, twenty four hours a day. Twenty four hours a day, we're going constantly. What if one of them breaks?* Mayor: Where are they all going to? This is a town of 4,000 people. *Menichetti: I think our main concern should be if the town is covered. If the town is covered, we should have no complaints.* Marushock: Our main concern is the residents of Throop. That's our #1 priority. Cortazar: And the residents of Throop are being covered. *A discussion ensued.*

*Menichetti: Mr. Summa has two businesses up there and he only has a permit for one.* Hartshorn: Where do you see two businesses? *Menichetti: He has that fire business and he's got a used car lot.*

*Yeah, he's got trucks in there that say... Barnick: Does the work there, wow. Menichetti: I know, but he doesn't have a permit to have that business there. He only has a permit to have a used car lot.*

Bolus: Pay attention, Cimini has the right idea. Come to meetings, sit here, talk and it's recorded, make your decisions from that point. Maybe Joe doesn't like paramedics but Joe & some others should come out when truck (there's) accidents and traffic, you don't want someone out there who doesn't know what's going on. Or if you have a serious issue, you should be glad you have a qualified paramedic. *He discussed FireDex and putting a car lot in at Cypress and Sanderson Streets. There was no exit that way for thirty years and now there's a driveway coming out onto Sanderson Street, a State road. Bolus said the permit is expired. Larry Hartshorn said the permit was not expired. A discussion took place. Bolus said the driveway permit should be vacated because he already lost the permit. (Note: As per Throop Borough's records, the permit is not expired or "lost".)*

Lenore Dolan, 941 So. Valley Ave. - I'm going to change this, I'm going back to the Civic Center. As far as uncollectible fees, this is how we handled it way back when. If a person owed money for a function, party, we didn't have the before school, we had the after school, it was the directors job first to let the parent know, or whomever know, that they were late. The second step was a letter from the solicitor and it was a very strong letter, telling them that they had to come up with, terms, meaning if they didn't have the money right then and there, they could make some kind of terms with the director but the child could not come back until the fee was collected. Now, if the parent was having a problem, we'd even collect \$5 a week if that's all the parents could afford. But it was a letter through the solicitor, very strong. And if you heard nothing, then the letter stated that there would be legal action and we would have to come to council. Fortunately, that letter was strong enough. *Inaudible.* Before it goes to the magistrate, don't you think a letter should come from the solicitor? I mean, these are Throop residents, hopefully they are and maybe they can't afford it and they could pay so much money. *A discussion took place with regard to the day care.*

**Dave Morrell, 315 George Street:** I was on with Lenore over there (on the Civic Center Committee) and it never got to the point where we had to take anybody to the magistrate because I believe, Lou, I believe you wrote some letters for us. Kind of before it got that way it was more or less put out to them that if for some reason you can't make the payments, then they were going to instruct them to come in front of the civic center committee and you could ask them about a payment plan, etc., and most of them came up and they made restitution. So it never got to the point where we had to actually take them to the magistrate because the letters that Mr. Cimini wrote, I don't know what he was putting in them but they seemed to do pretty good.

**Ron Green, 210 Division St.** - On another note on new business, I'd like to just bring it up about the DPW. It's been a long winter, a bad winter, and I think Robbie Kalinoski and his boys should be thanked in a proper way that they did one fantastic job through this winter of keeping our roads open wide. On our end of the street, I'm the last street in Throop, and everybody down there was amazed with the way our streets have been taken care of. A round of applause was given to the

DPW. *Menichetti: I'd like to add to what you said, Mr. Green. Where I work there are people that come through the town on a daily basis and they always comment to me how wonderful Throop's streets are that they're always clean. Green: They're always bare. Menichetti: And everywhere else they go, they are not.*

**Paul Legos, 513 Cypress St.** - I work on construction, I've been around a lot and a rumor was going around last year down in those acres down there a building would be put up for the DPW. I think we should go on the bottom here where those trailers were for Marjol, see if you can get a piece of land, it's level there, it wouldn't cost you money, put a building up for the DPW so they could put all their equipment in. Down in Moosic, I worked three years ago on a building for the DPW that they put up and they put all their equipment in, it's out of the weather, it's saving their equipment and it's saving them money. I think you should look into that. Right now, if you go outside, I never seen stuff outside like this and I've been around a lot of places and maybe you should try to get a grant because Moosic got a grant to put the building up. And another thing is this borough building. Since I've been here and before when it was built, there was nothing done to this building. This building is discernable. The heat is terrible, it costs you a fortune to heat this place and if you get the DPW out of here you could get the police department, put it in the back here. If it's right in front of the street, somebody could go by, a couple of shots. The point is, the building's been here how long? Nothing's been done, it's a shame, it really is. I go to Covington Township, my brother lives in Daleville, they put three beautiful buildings up there. They got their equipment inside and everything. I think you should look into it, try to get a grant for something and you're going to save money on equipment and everything else.

**John Musewicz, 2 Mruck St.** - Back to the Civic Center, I came a little late. How many delinquents (accounts)? Is there a breakdown? Is there a lot of Throop residents?

**Unknown** - I'm not looking for any names, but can you give us an idea on some of the people that owe? Is it like five weeks, ten weeks? My question is, how did it get this bad and what can we do so it doesn't get this bad again?

Motion to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary