

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, April 26, 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 - Amy Hebden - P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - A (Due to death in her family)

**Announcements:**

An executive session was held on Thursday, April 22, 2004 regarding personal. Due to lack of quorum the executive had to be discontinued. I do have a letter from Attorney Lance Fanucci that I am asked to read at this evening's meeting. Attorney Cimini, you are granting approval for this to be done, correct? Cimini: This was Mr. Fanucci's request. He handed it to me and walked out and said, "Would you please have this read into the record." Marushock: O.K. Lukasewicz: All that we should do is accept all the correspondence and read it at that time. Marushock: Either, or. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Marushock: Let me do it now, get this, because I've got papers....trying to put an agenda together here. Again, as previously announced, it's from Attorney at Law Lance J. Fanucci dated April 26, 2004. Addressed to Borough Throop Council Members, 500 Sanderson St., Throop, PA 18512. Regarding: Personal Statement - Gail Ercoli. It reads as follows:

Dear Council,

At this time, I believe it is necessary to clear the air of any of the misconceptions which may be outstanding regarding the hours worked by three employees of the Throop Civic Center; Ann Marie Stoffey, Carol Kaushas and Jennifer Gongliewski. As you are all aware, I have been the director of the Throop Civic Center

for approximately two and a half years. One thing I would like to make very clear at this point is that I am not the employee in control of scheduling for the Civic Center. That is a task controlled by Ann Marie. Each week I provide Ann Marie with a description of how many employees I believe are necessary for each shift - Ann Marie would then schedule the necessary people. Additionally, I have control over neither the time cards nor time sheets. That being said, during the entire period which I have been employed with the Civic Center, I can remember only two instances which involved overtime hours worked by employees. The first was approximately one year ago when Ann Marie and Jennifer went slightly over the forty-hour mark for one week only. The second was about two months ago. This time, Ann Marie explained to me that she, Carol and Jennifer had all gone over on their hours due to the under-staffing of the Civic Center. On both occasions, I was asked by my employees if it would be acceptable to simply carry over the excess hours to the following week. Not familiar with the labor laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I agreed to the request of Ann Marie. The specific number of hours were never disclosed to me. As it was described, however, it was my understanding that we were talking about single digits. It was also my understanding that these two were isolated instances. With further regard to the incident, which occurred approximately two months ago, after such time I, on a weekly basis, asked Ann Marie if everything had worked out with the hours of the employees, and on each occasion I was told that it had. On April 16, 2004, when the issues surrounding these overtime hours was brought to my attention as a potential problem, I immediately contacted the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board. I was advised by the board that the corrective measure would be to simply collect the number of hours worked by each employee and submit those hours to the borough for payment. At that point, I wrote three identical memo's, one each to Ann Marie, Jennifer and Carol, asking for the number of overtime hours worked by each of them. Either on April 16, 2004, or very close in that time thereafter, I was again reassured by Jennifer, that the number of overtime hours were minimal. It was not until Jennifer began sorting through the borough time cards that these numbers began to grow exponentially. To date I still have not received the exact amount of worked. Sincerely, Gail Ercoli, Director, Throop Civic Center.

Barnick: Well Mr. Chairman, you talked about making this, or Mrs. Menichetti talked about making this public - it's all public right here, her lawyer just did it, how 'bout that. Lukasewicz: It's amazing. If I could just highlight a couple items here that really come into play. Barnick: Yeah. Lukasewicz: You know, if someone is in charge....."I am not the employee in control of scheduling for the Civic Center".....well, you're the director - don't get me wrong - direct. You should be in charge of the scheduling. #2 - I have control over neither the time cards nor the time sheets.....director. *Agreement from the crowd with people in attendance heard saying "correct". Clapping and inaudible comments from audience.* An employee asked me to do something, I agreed to the request of Ann Marie. Come on, you're the director. You know, before this letter came I was going to abstain from any vote that Mr. Barnick put on the floor, but after this letter came here this evening I believe the director is not directing and I'll have to vote in agreement with Mr. Barnick when the time comes to do whatever with the director. Barone: Ann Marie, It's the directors....who's job is it to fill the time cards out and schedule? Stoffey: The director. Barone: Who's job is it to the, uh, what do you call that?

Stoffey: Scheduling? The director. Barone: What about the other one now, uh, peg board?  
Stoffey: Director. *Many commenting and questioning at once, "What happened to all the jobs....." Who's doing all this work".....* Stoffey: She does nothing. Barnick:  
And...*inaudible* ...secretary. Your gonna hire a secretary after this. *Many speaking at once*...Marushock: O.K., we're out of control here. Barnick: What do you have to do just show up and then go home, or what? Lukasewicz: I've never been against Gail but I can't understand, she, what does she do? If she's not in charge of scheduling over her employees then what's the job of a director? Barnick: What is it? Lukasewicz: I don't understand that. Barone: What about this part where it says "not familiar with the labor laws"? *Inaudible*. That's no excuse for breaking the law. Marushock: I don't think it was done out of intent to break the law. Barone: We'll she's go to check that, she's the director. Barnick: Yeah, but I thought she was a manager and all this stuff when she was hired. Marushock: That's what I thought too, but I'm not saying she... We're asking Atty. Cimini questions, he can't get full understanding, there's a lot of legal research that needs to be put into a legal question. You don't just pop an answer out off the top of your head. Marushock: That still doesn't matter. You're in that position. Barone: Where's the key for that building, that safe? Marushock: She should be the only one in charge of that safe. Barone: Huh? Marushock: She should be the only one. Barone: Well her sister has one. Marushock: Has a key to that safe? Barone: Her sister has one. Barnick: What? What? Barone: Her sister has a key to the safe. I guess she don't trust anybody in Throop, I guess her employees...I don't know. *Many commenting at once*.

Marushock: All right, one more communication to read here please. This is from the VFW. Barone: Aren't you gonna make your own comment about that or what? Marushock: Let me read this other thing, one minute please, so I can get this out. VFW Post 7251, 179 Boulevard Ave., Throop, Pa., 18512 Addressed from Throop Commander, VFW Post 7521. I would like to personally invite you to the Memorial Day ceremony that's being held on Monday, May 31, 2004 at 11:15 a.m. This ceremony will take place across the street from the post home at the monument in Throop. The ceremony starts promptly at 11:15 a.m. and will be followed by food and refreshments. Thank you for your cooperation. Commander Chester Potoski

Barnick: With that I'd like to put a motion on....*inaudible*...organization of American Legion and the VFW. Marushock: To donate \$250.00. Barnick: Annual donation allowed by borough code. Marushock: Two VFW ...*inaudible*..Mr.Barnick. Barnick: \$500.00 total by the borough code or \$250.00 each. Barone: We've got one more, uh, *inaudible* part-timer to put on for DPW *inaudible*. Marushock: I was gonna say we got to put Dave Cheplick on, he's currently on un-employment right now but that may effect all our compensation. Menichetti: He lives in Peckville. Barnick: He's working. Menichetti: He lives in Peckville. Barone: He what? Menichetti: He lives in Peckville now. He's no longer a Throop resident. *Few speaking at once, inaudible*. Menichetti: Whoever put in that application? *Unidentifiable person responds*: Bob. Lukasewicz: He's the one that worked for us a couple times. Barnick: Correct. Barone: I'd like to make a motion to put this Joe Kucharski on. Menichetti: I thought we had three. Barone: I don't know, two I think. Marushock: We only got two. Menichetti: We had Green, Pollock and Petrillo. Barone: Who? Pollock? Marushock: All I have here was Petrillo and Green. Menichetti:

Who's this Pollock? Barone: Petrillo and Green is all we had. Barnick: Pollock was the last one ....*few speaking at once, inaudible.* Marushock: I need a name, give me one more name. Barone: Kucharski. *An inaudible discussion takes place.* Marushock: That would be three then. *Inaudible discussion continues.*

Marushock: Next is, uh, in other announcements, uh, Mr. Wayne Williams has offered to implement the first annual Throop benefit golf tournament with the proceeds to benefit children's programs at the Civic Center and to help purchase equipment for the police department. Can we please add that as a motion to this evening, to grant Mr. Williams the approval to do so? I did consult with Atty. Cimini and he can use the word Throop in the advertisement. Correct Mr. Cimini, Atty. Cimini? Cimini: That is correct. Menichetti: Why do we need a motion? Marushock: Just that everything is ....Menichetti: Are we giving them money? Marushock: No, but Mr. Williams, they're not requesting any money? Menichetti: So why do we need a motion? Marushock: That this money, as it comes in, is allocated for two specific purposes; for the child's day care, I'm sorry, the children's program at the Civic Center. Lukasewicz: And the equipment that the police department.....*inaudible.* Marushock: This is what he had asked, that this be mentioned. Lukasewicz: That he does whatever he does and he raises money. If he wants to donate it at that time, that's when he makes a donation. We accept it at that point and time. Marushock: O.K. Why don't we do that. We'll do that as a motion? Barone: You don't need that as a motion. Lukasewicz: There's no need to do anything with it now. Menichetti: We don't need that. Marushock: Atty. Cimini, do we need that as a motion? Cimini: No, not if we...*inaudible..no.* Marushock: O.K. Lukasewicz: We don't need to do anything.

Marushock: Uh, again, ladies and gentlemen, I apologize. We do not have a printed agenda before us this evening. Those of you who have been in our attendance all evening have heard what motions are coming on. Uh, does anyone have any comments on what is proposed for motions at this evenings meeting. I will start with the first row. Once again I'm gonna ask everyone to come to the podium and we do have a new lady here taking the minutes tonight. If you can please speak your name and address so the record can be entered on that. Next row, Mr. Jarosh. Marushock: If I can, before we get on here, if I can ask everybody to please try to condense all comments. It's already 9:00 and our meetings have been going into four hours. Uh, please, can you be brief and to the point and get your point across. I'm gonna ask everyone for consideration without limiting. That's gonna be our next option - that we're gonna have to establish a time limit. I'm asking for cooperation, also from the audience, that we let the speaker please get their point across without interruption.

**Audience comments:**

**Ray Jarosh, 832 Pearl St. -** Regarding pay for soccer refs. We discussed whether or not to pay the soccer referees and there was some discussion on that. Whenever Mr. Ferranti referees a game he does call all the penalties and I know this because I myself am a certified soccer referee. In the game of soccer there's a lot of instances where legs get tangled up because people are using hips and other things. The rules are there to prevent that. I don't think there's should have been a question whether or not he should have been

paid. He is doing a professional job for us. There are times when he's not available and there have been kids that have been asked to referee the games - kids don't call anything, they've never called anything in any sport - basketball, baseball - they just don't make the calls. My other comment was on the motion for the three-minute time limit. I believe we're restricting free speech with that. Meetings have been running longer, I agree. This meeting, the first two hours and ten minutes were taken up by council, so I don't believe it's public comment that's taking the extended... Menichetti: That's why we're here Mr. Jarosh, this is our job. Jarosh: I agree, but I don't agree it's public comment. *Many speaking at once, inaudible.* Marushock: Mr. Jarosh, please continue. Jarosh: The majority of that two hours were discussions amongst councilmen about the different motions that's coming up. They're were more arguments up there than anything. We should get our act together as a town to move forward. Discuss these things as you have to but let's leave all the petty things out of it. Thank you. Marushock: Thank you, Mr. Jarosh. Lukowski: Mr. Jarosh, where are those games played? Jarosh: They're played at the civic center. Lukowski: Civic center, O.K., yeah, all right. Jarosh: In the gym and right now, one other thing I'd like, one other comment that wasn't on the agenda and I'm sorry, I would like to see some comparisons done between the programs over there to make sure that they're level. Because right now those soccer kids pay twenty-five bucks for two hours a week for fourteen games for seven weeks. This bridge club, if it were going to come in, the equivalent would be sixty bucks a person for the six months. Now I'm not against bridge, I play it myself, it's a great game, and I'm not against any clubs going in there. I just think that they're should be some level-ness to the fees that are charged. Marushock: Next in that row, Mr. Bolus.

**Bob Bolus, 922 Sanderson St.** - First of all I agree. I don't think three minutes is enough to really get a point across but I think there should be some time limitation. On the Chorba property up there - I think you should test for the entire property because that whole area, which is the *inaudible* mine up in back is all under-mined. We've had two mine caves on our properties. So if your gonna build a building, you don't know where your gonna build or what your gonna build in the future, so test the whole property before you spend any money on it. Uh, getting on to Mr. Barnick here about what was going on over here about suspending the director and all, uh, I have to ask a question. Was there a job description put out? Exactly what the duties as a director is? Barnick: Yep. Bolus: The director signed that when she came to work. Was that signed by the director, that she understood that? Marushock: It may not have been in place at her time of hire. Bolus: O.K. *Few answering.* Shortz: There are no technical....Bolus: Then it should be, if that's not been done, then my suggestion would be first of all you bring the director in, have her sign the job description, then you can chastise them for what they're doing or not doing cuz unfortunately in this borough there's been all kinds of policies with the civic center in the past. And as far as somebody playing with time cards or going in and looking at employee time cards that are not authorized, they should be fired immediately. There's not even a hesitation on that -it's none of their business. The people who worked over in trying to scam the borough, again they should be dismissed. But a lot of this should be done in an executive meeting not air our dirty laundry out here publicly and I think this is the wrong place and what I heard here today is out of order. And Mr. Barnick I don't really think this should have been out, or any of you, bringing this out here today. If there

was an executive meeting you should have stayed there and finished it. Barnick: Her lawyer brought it out, Bob. Bolus: I understand that, but this should have all been brought out before it even got to this point. This should have been resolved at your executive meeting. Uh, I think people speaking out here while the council are speaking should wait 'til they come up here to speak. Uh, there was an issue that I asked the Mayor just a few minutes ago and it was brought up but it wasn't admitted as a motion was I donated a couple hundred dollars a few weeks ago towards a weapon for the police department. And I asked the mayor if anybody else has come forward to make any donations and he said they haven't. I would like to publically, again, ask the people, this is your community, to put in some money to the police department to buy that weapon and get it over with because it could be one of your children or an employee of yours- that one weapons gonna save their lives. We could donate two hundred and fifty to the VFW's, we could do a lot of this here and there, lets start taking care of the people in the town. I made the first step. Lets see who else wants to come to the plate. And there are other issues but I think as far as the director goes and a suspension I think it's out of order at this point. I think you need to know what's going on and what went on there and those that are really wrong to play with the cards, their the one's that should be dismissed. Thank you.

Marushock: Before we continue here I want to make a statement regarding the time cards. Last Monday I happened to be in here in the civic center and I am usually not available in the civic center during the daylight hours on Monday. However, I came in on official borough business and when I was here I did see someone sitting at the desk down the hallway with a stack of time cards. Anyone familiar here with our stack of time cards per weekly inventory that they are done on that consists of the civic center employees, the DPW personnel, the landfill inspectors, ah, and also our part-time police department. I did consult with Atty. Cimini, ah, who I was instructed, I'm sorry, who instructed me as that a written request should have been submitted and then, ah, someone from the borough would have had to observe them and basically have them in their eyesight while they were going through such. Ah, that was not being done, I was not consulted. If there's any wrongdoing - I'm not *accusing* any wrongdoing - however I am putting the facts on the table....Lukasewicz: Jetty, wasn't there, wasn't there a memorandum from the director to the girls that they should check the time cards. Barnick: They should check the time cards. Lukasewicz: There's a memorandum that was handed to the girls. Unidentified: That's right. Marushock: But this was never addressed in council....*inaudible*...permission. Lukasewicz: Do the girls, do the girls have a memorandum? Does anyone have that with you? Unidentified: I do *inaudible*. Marushock: No permission was granted by myself. Lukasewicz: I mean, O.K. Barnick: It doesn't matter, the director was the ....Lukasewicz: The director directed them to review the time cards. Barnick: Now what do you do? Lukasewicz: In the memorandum that was distributed to the three girls. *Many people speaking at once, inaudible*. Menichetti: It said I spoke with the labor relation's board today in regard to your overtime pay. They recommended that you submit to me, at your earliest convenience, a list of the hours and dates you worked overtime and I will submit these hours to the borough so you may be paid for those hours you worked. It did not mention anything about time cards. Unidentified: Well how do you get them if you don't...Barnick: How do you get them if you don't look at the time cards? *Many reacting at once, laughter*. Marushock: One other

thing...Lukasewicz: Wow. Menichetti: How do you get them on the time cards if the hours aren't there? Marushock: One other.....Lukasewicz: ...Tell them what to do....Marushock: How do you get them on the time cards if the hours aren't there? Marushock: One other thing I want to add to that please. *Many speaking at once*, *inaudible*. Marushock: One minute please. Barnick: Who's a moron? Who's a moron, Carol? Unidentified audience member: .... you guys are all out of order. *Inaudible*..these comments here and now....'gez you, we went through this before. Gez, and then they wanna throw us outta here. Barnick: One think I want to say....one thing I want to say Unidentified audience member: They outta throw all these guys out. Barnick: You said there was no wrongdoing or nothing like that, well the way you made it sound it sounds like you were accusing them of wrongdoing. Well, I'm here to say Elaine goes over them time cards, she initials all them time cards, Marushock: Right. Barnick: She checks everything on them time cards every week. Not only that, there's a time sheet Marushock: Correct. Barnick: from the civic center that justifies what's going on, Marushock: Right. Barnick: So if they don't jive she notes it and sends it back over to them. So to try to say that, "oh, I don't know if there wrongdoing or not"...there wasn't no wrongdoing because there couldn't be. Marushock: O.K., what I'm saying is the checks have been issued regarding the time sheets you had mentioned and the time cards. I've been here now since the first of the year, pretty much the first of the year I've been signing checks...at no time has there every been any issues of pay shortages. Now someone did admit to punching in and not being there when they were punched in. In my opinion that is theft of time..Menichetti: Well she told you to....Marushock: And I paid according to the time cards and time sheets that were submitted. Barnick: *Inaudible*. Marushock: All right. We want to continue, again, with the audience comments. Sorry for that interruption. Barnick: Let me say one more thing about the time cards. Marushock: Go ahead. Barnick: Anybody could walk right out here in the hallway and pull up anybody's time card. The cops, the part-timers, the DPW. Marushock: But this was.....*inaudible*. Barnick: Hey, it's right there in the open. *Few speaking at once, inaudible*. Lukowski: The time cards are exposed. Marushock: It's right in the open. Lukowski: The federal government. *Few speaking, inaudible*. Marushock: Yeah, He's right here. Barnick: Bob...they're right there in the open. Marushock: Can I ask, how did you get the time cards? Gondaleski: I'm sorry. Marushock: Who gave you the time cards or how did you get to have the time cards in your possession? Gondaleski: I came over and .....*inaudible*. Marushock: Did Mrs. Morrell give them to you? Marushock: Like I said, it was not done with proper authorization. *Many speaking at once*. Unidentified: But how am I supposed to submit...Lukasewicz: If somebody asks to see them... they can see their time cards. Marushock: It has to go through council. *Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Marushock: Atty. Cimini, was I, *inaudible*, request permission and then Elaine witness what they were observing. *Few speaking*. Lukasewicz: Don't you trust these three girls? They work for Throop. Barone: No they don't trust them. Barnick: They don't trust them at all. Marushock: Attny. Cimini, I'm asking.....Lukasewicz: .....waiting for the cards to verify hours, they verified their hours. They weren't...*inaudible*. Barone: They carried *inaudible* for two and a half years, or ah.....Marushock: You asked Mr. Cimini's opinion and you don't give him a chance to give the opinion..... Marushock: I asked and that's what I was told. Cimini: I believe when I was asked I was, the facts at that time, which may not have been articulated to anyone on council were that they were going through everyone's

timecards. That's what was presented to me. Lukasewicz: Just their time cards.  
Marushock: Right, but they had all of them in possession. Cimini: I was told that they were going through everyone's time cards and I said it's common sense that if they are going to go through anyone's time cards it should just be their own...Marushock: And they were not Cimini: and with some type of supervision. Barnick: How do you know that. Cimini: That's what I said, I was told, but I was told they were going through everyone's time cards. Barnick: How do you know that? Marushock: Because they had all of them there in one group. They are together...Barnick: How do you know that? Marushock: Because I could see them. Barnick: Did you see the names, all the different names? Marushock: I know they're in the rubber bands. I could .....Barnick: You know, but your gonna accuse them..Marushock: *Inaudible*. And again, as Mr. Cimini said there was no one there supervising. Marushock: You gonna accuse them...*Few speaking, inaudible*. Barnick: There's something wrong ...Lukasewicz: Why do you have to supervise them? They're the ones that did the time cards anyway. The director never did the time cards. *Few speaking*...Barnick: She didn't touch the time cards. Marushock: As we stand here this evening time cards that were submitted, paychecks were issued, there was never a discrepancy filed for any shortage of pay. The time cards and the time sheets, as you brought up, both go inside....with accurate counting *inaudible*. In my opinion, we don't owe anybody anything. The time cards....Barnick: That's your opinion. Marushock: Right. Barnick: But when your told to do something you do it and that's what they did. But you want to make us believe that they're all wrong and one's right and it doesn't work that way. Marushock: *Inaudible*. Bolus: How do you know what was said. Your making a comment, you don't even know what was said. Barnick:Bob I know.....*inaudible*...please Bob. Bolus: *Inaudible*. Barnick: Bob, go find something to do. *Many speaking at once, inaudible. Gavel heard*. Marushock: Let me continue with audience comments. *Gavel heard*. Please, Mr. Bolus, Let me continue with audience comments. Mr. Rocco. *Many speaking at once*. Marushock: Could we have order please? Let Mr. Rocco speak, please.

**Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.** - I'm against the three minute time limit. These guys carry on for hours and right away you want to take it out on us and give us less time. Maybe there should be a limit, but not three. Barone: *Inaudible* try and give you five. *Inaudible comments*. Marushock: Let Mr. Rocco continue. Rocco: And another thing, you were saying something about payroll once a month? Unidentified: Twice a month he said, twice month. Rocco: Oh, I thought it was once a month, sorry. Another thing is with this bridge tournament or whatever you want to call it, was the senior citizens ever asked if they wanna .....*inaudible*. Marushock: As far as I know there was *inaudible* mentioned who would be a senior citizen in participating in that program and that's why I'm asking that it be done on a temporary six month time frame. If it's pulled before that, well so be it. I'm not trying to cause any problems for that. Maybe we could for the senior citizens, it would be limited to the senior citizens to the best of my knowledge. Rocco: Yeah but *inaudible* Throop players, right? Marushock: Right. Rocco: What if you only have a couple from Throop, are you gonna still run it? Marushock: This is why I'm saying...Rocco: Well, shouldn't you find out first how many your gonna have from Throop before you give the O.K.? Marushock: They're gonna have to advertise. Menichetti: According to Mr. Burns you don't pre-register, you just show up for the

tournament so he will never know who's going to show up until that day. Rocco: Yeah, but what if the majority is from out of town? He's gonna take in over seven thousand dollars a year and he said he only wants to give Throop two hundred dollars a year. Lukowski: That... *inaudible*... that adult basketball team over there and I don't think a person is....Lukasewicz: Hey, I am. I still play. *Few speaking at once, inaudible*. Rocco: Could you ask for more money? I mean, he's gonna take in over seven thousand dollars, he only wants to give you two hundred. Marushock: I believe that he - his investment is also in the equipment and the, uh, the supervisory....Barnick: It's still not right. Rocco: It's gonna cost more than, uh, two hundred dollars a year for lights and heat. Marushock: I agree it's an expense and we're gonna have to try and negotiate. *Few speaking at once, inaudible*. Barone: There's only one person that I know of from Throop that plays bridge over there, one person. Rocco: Like I say...*inaudible*...maybe somebody in Throop will want something later on. Then what are you going to do? Marushock: We have to address them, we have to address them. Next, is there anybody else in that row. Rocco: I forgot one thing. Marushock: Pardon? Rocco: I forgot one thing. Where is the emergency on George Street? If you want to call this an emergency, where is the emergency? I don't feel that there's one. Blanchard: I think that a car accident could happen at any time. That's my, uh, belief on it and run the motion, if it goes through..*inaudible*..then it's gonna be out of my hands. No I won't be responsible anymore if *inaudible* the motion. Rocco: When was the accident? Blanchard: Pardon? Rocco: When was the accident. Blanchard: I..there hasn't been one. Rocco: Well then, ah, what's the emergency? Unidentified: Do you want there to be one? Rocco: No, I don't but there..seems like everything is working right now so why change it? Marushock: Hopefully we *inaudible* have to act before some, before there is an accident. Unidentified: Oh, come on, come on....Marushock: Continuing in that row. Next row.

**Marion Veltri, 310 George Street** - Now, ah, there are only two parking spaces on the three hundred block of George Street from Sanderson to Clinton Court - two. Now all day long they're illegally parked, there's vendors... I could call ten times a day. I have never called and made a complaint. I live at 310 George Street. Which one of you would like to come home and have nowhere to go? I mean, I have to have a space to park. My husband is eighty years old, he needs a place to park. I mean what do we do? Don't we count? I'm not even talking about business - I'm talking about my rights as a taxpayer in Throop. Where do I go? No one appreciates if I would park in front of their homes. If I went and parked in front of any of your homes you would say "Hey, go park in your own neighborhood. And, ah, I mean this, this is an impossible situation. I don't know what, what more I could say. My husband is parking in my son's garage to give me a space. I mean this is not right. And as far as visual aid or accidents - it's, it's the vendors, it's the illegal parking. We don't have *inaudible*. But we should have a place to park in front of our residences. Otherwise, I'm gonna have to park in front of Budash's business and take away from his handicapped, ah, customers. I mean, if you just look and seeing them as they... He has three hundred customers a day that are barely making it into his store. But if it's gonna come to that what else can you do? That's all I can say, I mean that's it. That's my own personal opinion. Not even speaking about business. I'm, I'm talking about my residence. Where do I go? Do you have a suggestion? *Inaudible comment*. Barone: They don't care. They don't care where you go. Veltri: I mean, ahh, as it is I don't think you

could park ten, eleven cars on George Street, full length of George Street, all the way down to Mr. Hegedus because you have the ah hose company - can't park in front of there in case there's a fire - you have ah Gangi's, and then there he has *inaudible*, and then there's about three spaces after that because there's another driveway in front of Soltis's. There isn't anywhere to go. And at my age I don't think I should be taking a chance. I fell in Clinton Court two years ago and fractured my leg and if I have to walk a couple blocks to get home God knows what'll happen. That's all I have to say. Marushock: Is there anyone else in that row? Mr. Legos.

**Paul Legos, 513 Cypress Street** - O.K., Mrs. Blanchard, you're an expert on this parking and all this stuff. I've been a cop for twenty-seven years - I never seen an accident there. When Mr. Hegedus was down the block on Center and George there was quite a few accidents 'cause the way the people park down there, right in front of the fire hydrant. They were told how many times by the police, everything was O.K. About that situation right there, you are wrong, you are completely wrong. You not an expert and your only *inaudible* an accident is gonna happen there. An accident could happen down *inaudible*, anywhere, Why are you picking that corner out. Blanchard: We've, we've asked for police studies, no one's done police studies. Legos: Oh, don't, don't start with that - you're here four months, you're an expert. Blanchard: No, I never .... Legos: Yes you are. You're here four months, you're an expert on parking. *Audience applauds.* Legos: *Inaudible.* you're only doing that. Then Mr. Hegedus put a sign there 'parking in the lot'. Yeah, there's a lot here, what's that for. And then when these trucks come in to deliver stuff, where are they gonna park. Marushock: Mr. Legos, all I want to add to that please, we have been requesting a police study for that intersection for several months now. Legos: Jetty. Jet, I went through this with that *inaudible* twenty-seven years as a part-time officer. They have more accidents on Center and George than they've had here. All of a sudden this was brought up and it shouldn't have been brought up. Marushock: We have asked repeatedly for police studies and....Legos: O.K., let me, I'll give you, lets try this for something that's little solution. He got the parking lot there. Put a sign up - park there. From Center, or not from Center, from George to Charles let them go out that way. What's wrong with that? That's a good situation right there. They don't have to come out there 'cause when you go over Charles there you come down a little hill. You could see down Charles and you could see to the left. So, what's wrong with that? Why didn't you bring that up? Marushock: We've had *inaudible* on this. I wish this thing would go away already....Legos: Yeah, well it was only brought up for one person that's here four months and she's an expert on parking. I'm blaming her. Marushock: This has been an issue. We've asked repeatedly for police studies *inaudible* been done. We're trying, we have information from ... Legos: Just like I said, twenty-seven years as a police officer. I've seen what goes on. There is so many bad spots in Throop here she should have picked...., just take where she lives, and you know it right there. You come up Short Street, you got George, you got the two hills there, that is a bad intersection. Why wasn't that ever brought up? Marushock: I know we're talking this evening about *inaudible* because there are no signs in place, O.K. Legos: When they did, when they did the council people years ago - 'we'll let this one go, let that one go.' Now come on. Marushock: Small town America. Legos: This situation shouldn't have been brought up at all, with the parking, 'cause there is so much bad spots in Throop. Menichetti: I

brought up the possibility of having parking on the other side of the street which would accommodate those little businesses there but everybody said 'no, no, no - you can't do this, you can't do this.' Well that's been there for how long, Daryl, has that been...it's all the way down Short Street that it's like that. Menichetti: There was parking on that side of the street at one time. Legos: On this side, the easterly side, all the way down there is no parking, so you're gonna bring parking there? So you're gonna cause another problem right there then. Barnick: How do you get out of you car at Veltri's side? Menichetti: You can't - we discussed that. Barnick: How do you get out of your car? Legos: It's just a bad situation. The curb was sawed out and it shouldn't have been. Barnick: The curb was sawed out. Marushock: That wasn't the answer. It's no easy answer, believe me, there's no easy answer. Legos: Well then you gotta do it for the whole borough. You've gotta do it for the whole borough then. That's a bad situation and it shouldn't been brought up because it's only favoritism for one person. You got a parking lot there, let them go in the parking lot. I got one more thing to say. Since you brought up before with John Pochas, give a little respect for Elaine, she had a death in her family. Take a moment of silence for that. Barone: Well Mr. Marushock, you said that the police didn't check everything down there, give a study. They did one time and that was shot down. Do you think if they're gonna give you a study they're gonna give you a different one? They're gonna give you the same one. Marushock: What study....Barone: Then what are you gonna do, keep yelling at the police? Marushock: What study have we ever received from the Throop Police Department regarding that...Menichetti: What study was that Joe? Barone: Huh? Menichetti: What study was that? Barone: Where the parking is, on George Street. That was, that was over a year, it was about a year -two years ago. It was shot down. Marushock: I have never received a copy of a study from the Throop Police Department. Barone: They're not gonna give you no different one, if you're looking for one. Marushock: I've never seen one. I've never seen any, not even the first one. Barnick: Why don't you just keep passin' the blame. It's for one person. Stop already. Quit playing the games. You know for four..... Marushock: All right, audience comments. Barnick: Excuse me Mr. Marushock, for four months I sat here for approximately four hours a night and this is what we came down to - progress. We have our DPW taking out parking signs, now we've got to put them back in, wasting their man hours, and there hasn't been a damn thing done in this town yet. Not one. You don't have clean up, you don't have nothing going on, nothing at all. Marushock: You know *inaudible* right now. We're waiting on the equipment. You know that, that's fact. Barnick: You have nothing going. What did you do to try and get it rollin'? Marushock: What did the engineer discuss here. Barnick: What did you do to try and get it rollin'? Marushock: You cannot do anything, Mr.Barnick. You are very much aware....Barnick: You can't go lease a truck to get it rollin'. Marushock: An auction .....Barnick: Bull. Lease a truck. *Inaudible discussion between Marushock and Barnick.* Menichetti: Mr. Bolus offered to go to New York to an auction to pick up the truck but nobody wanted to go with him. Marushock: Yes. Mr. Kalinoski refused to go with Mr. Bolus. Barnick: Why? Why? Bolus: Nobody said *inaudible*...Marushock: Mr. Kalinoski refused to go. Barnick: Why? I don't know, why? Menichetti: Well, I don't know why either. Bolus: Well why don't you get the answer then Mr. Barnish, *inaudible*. Barone: I could buy a new pack master and a new dump truck for...*inaudible*. *Gavel heard.* Marushock: One minute please. Let me have order. I'm gonna have Mr. Bolus speak on his behalf because

this was addressed...Barnick: Woe, Woe, Woe, Woe, Woe, Mr. Bolus - he already spoke, he's done. Barone: No, we gotta get going here. Marushock: Now wait a minute. This topic come up that we're not doing anything. We are in the process of purchasing a piece of equipment to be used by the Throop Borough that currently went on line today, April 26 of '04. Our bid, we will not know the status of our bid until next month. Barnick: Jetty, that's only one instance. That's only one. Marushock: Our engineers presented proposals...Barnick: One. Marushock: .....on things on what's happening in this town *inaudible* being done. Barnick: Four months. Marushock: Right, and it's not things, that you may not see activity right now but there's a lot of stuff in the works and it's...*many people speaking at once, inaudible*. Barnick: Four engineers. Unidentified members: Four? Where's he going with four? Barnick: Yeah, *inaudible* up to four. Marushock: Let's go with audience comments please. *Gavel*. Mr. *Inaudible*, no? Across the back here, still on audience comments. Mr. Williams.

**Wayne Williams, 9 Emerald Drive** - I've been hearing that the Civic Center is doing nothing but loosing money but a few weeks ago I guess there was a softball clinic over there and there was a fee of twenty five dollars for all participants and that was something that was dropped. I was just wondering if council could answer why certain programs fees are dropped and you just want to raise fees for other programs. Lukasewicz: That was dropped because it was supposed to be for residence of Throop that wouldn't burden the children or the parents to have to pay an exorbitant fee to learn baseball skills. The Civic Center was built for our children of Throop, so why should we charge our children of Throop to learn skills that they should be given for free. Williams: I'm also paying twenty five..Mr. Jarosh said I'm paying twenty five dollars for a soccer program for two hours a week. Lukasewicz: For fourteen weeks. Williams: No, it's not fourteen weeks. Jarosh: No, it's fourteen games. *Inaudible*. Williams:...for a tee shirt. Lukasewicz: That's cheap. Williams: That's not cheap. The basketball teams, they pay twenty five dollars....Menichetti: *Inaudible*. Williams: I'm sorry, was I speaking to you? Lukasewicz: *Inaudible*....the adult league? Williams: No, the children's league. From what I understand they have a *inaudible* the referees are paid and for twenty five, for the same exact price, these kids get a tee shirt. Jarosh: Wayne, if I could add. Menichetti: Are you saying with basketball they get a banquet at the end and some jackets and everything? Williams: Right. Menichetti: I know what you mean. Jarosh: In addition to that, when the basketball program is running there are two additional, or at least one additional monitor put on because they have someone taking the book and someone doing the scoreboard, so that program is costing you additional funds that soccer is not. We were just wondering why soccer's not having a banquet or anything. Lukasewicz: Why there not, well they could have a banquet if there was a suggestion made to have a banquet. No one has approached council to have a banquet for the soccer league. Jarosh: I believe that would fall to the person who organized the league, which should have been the director. Lukasewicz: This is the first news I've heard of a request for a banquet or anything. Williams: That issue has already taken care of 'cause I, I personally *inaudible* sponsored a banquet for those boys. Menichetti: You're having a pizza party, are you not. Williams: Right. Lukasewicz: That's nice of you. Menichetti: Mr. Williams is donating his money and his time...yes, Mr. *Inaudible*. Barnick: What do you want me to do, jump for joy? Lukasewicz: That's good. Menichetti: No, I'd just like for you to....*Many speaking at*

once, *inaudible*. Gavel heard. Marushock: I'm asking for order please. Lukasewicz: Jet, don't let people in the audience fight. Marushock: Right. O.K., Let Mr. Williams continue, he had the floor at this time. Williams: Yeah, I was just wondering why those programs were, that twenty five dollar *inaudible* fee was dropped but yet my son is a resident of Throop and he still paid the twenty five dollar fee for the soccer program. Lukasewicz: I believe it was fifteen. Williams: It originally started off at twenty five 'cause I saw the sign on the door. Lukasewicz: Well, when it came to council there was a fifteen dollar fee for children from Throop and I believe a twenty five dollar fee for children from out of Throop and it was my suggestion that we *inaudible* for the kids from Throop. Williams: O.K., but I'm just, you keep complaining that the Civic Center keeps loosing money but we keep waiving fees...Menichetti: Giving everything for nothing. Williams: Giving everything...yes. Marushock: There are...Lukasewicz: Well, to tell you the truth I don't even think much money was lost on it or anything 'cause I think the program was a flop. Williams: Well either way...Lukasewicz: I, I don't think there was even eight, there was ten people that showed up, which basically says that it wasn't handled right from the beginning. Williams: But hindsight's a wonderful thing. Lukasewicz: Well why schedule a program at the last moment and not have anything and then even when we try and give it for free there is still not enough interest because nobody knows about it...that it went off. It just, it didn't work...it wasn't right from the get go. Menichetti: Maybe there wasn't any interest to begin with and that's your opinion that .....*inaudible*. Lukasewicz: Well, then it should have not been scheduled. Menichetti: Everybody complains about there was no soccer. I heard it on the *inaudible*. Barnick: Maybe it was too late in the season. Lukasewicz: Maybe it was scheduled too late or something. Barnick: Think about it. Menichetti: Well, if the court is taken up, what are you going to do? You have basketball over there. You can only use the court so many times a night and that's it. Marushock: Will you let Mr. Williams continue please? Menichetti: Yes, I'm sorry Wayne. Williams: I, I was just wondering. I still didn't get an answer to the question. Barnick: Well, I'll give you an answer to one question. First of all the day care fees are so low we're loosing lots of money. Every day we're loosing money. That's the fees I'm complaining about. Those other programs over there, they're there to loose money. They're gonna loose money. Williams: But if you can make money on another program you...Barnick: I don't want the Throop kids to have to pay, I'm telling you. Williams: That's funny, I'm a Throop resident and I'm paying for day care. Barnick: Exactly. That's a convenience. Williams: *Inaudible* program. Unidentified: That's totally different. Lukasewicz: That's a convenience to you. Barnick: That's your convenience. Lukasewicz: That's a convenience. Barnick: This is sports. This is to try and entice them into sports and get them off the streets, not this day care stuff. Lukasewicz: Day care is convenience. Marushock: But the parents, but the parents that participate in the day care program, they are out there creating revenue that's helping increase our tax base, our income tax base *inaudible* part of an education. Williams: Do you not think that a safe haven for the children after school is an important issue? Barnick: Sure it is. That's why there's sports, sports programs. Williams: I've never seen sports programs...*inaudible*. Barnick: By the time they get up to the high school and everything else you got talent. Look what happened with our softball teams this last year. How many championship teams do we have? Williams: *Inaudible*, don't talk to me about sports - I've played more sports than you did....*inaudible*. Barnick: Oh please, don't talk to me about sports.

Williams: Well that's what you're talking about. Barnick: I'm telling you about sports. I played sports O.K. I played football all my life. Williams: But you still haven't answered my question. Why we're giving certain programs away and keep and keep... *inaudible*. Barnick: What are you givin' away. Marushock: We did at the pitching clinic. It cost three hundred dollars to bring a gentleman in and we did not charge a dime. That was a three hundred-dollar loss... Barnick: That was for Throop residence, right? Marushock:...for that individual alone plus whatever it cost us that day to monitor, then they want to bring in lights. Mr. Williams, quite honestly at the Civic Center we need to look at each and every specific program at that center - everything. Lukasewicz: Yeah, you've been saying that for a long time. Marushock: And we have. Lukasewicz: When are you gonna start. *Many speaking at once*. Menichetti: We give everything away for free. Free is free. It costs the same to light the place ..*inaudible*.. when it's free. *Many speaking at once*. Marushock: I'm sorry about the interruption Mr. Williams, did you want to add to that? Williams: I've been trying to volunteer since I've been up here for three years and they just keep bickering back and forth. Lukasewicz: Volunteer for what? Williams: Anything. I was over and I talked to you personally about *inaudible* volunteer and I never once got a call back from you. Lukasewicz: Volunteering for what? Williams: For anything. That, that morning I came over and I talked to you in your office. Lukasewicz: Yeah, you wanted to volunteer for whatever. You made a request to get on the planning commission. Williams: No, I did not. I did not talk to you. You suggested to me... Lukasewicz: No, no, later on you said, your words were you wanna get involved in Throop and I said, "that's wonderful". Williams: Any you said O.K., and we'll get you on some kind of commission. Lukasewicz: Then when the time came up that it was brought to put you on the planning commission, did I vote for you? Williams: Yes you did and I thank you. Lukasewicz: O.K. Williams: But I also would like *inaudible*. Lukasewicz: You got your *inaudible*. Take it and run. Williams: I don't want to run with just that. One, one...Lukasewicz: Well you doing other things, too. Your, your starting these programs where you're gonna give money for this and for the police department. You've got a good start, run with it. Menichetti: Yeah, but he's doing that on his own..*inaudible*. Lukasewicz: That's great, that's great that's there's a concerned citizen to do it. Menichetti: ...I hope to tell you, because I don't see anyone else doing it. Lukasewicz: That's great. The only way you get involved is to start like him and build up and then potentially he's gonna run again next year, so this is a all better for him when he runs. Get his name out there. Menichetti: I don't know what his, I don't know what his intentions are...Lukasewicz: You know what his intentions are. Everyone does. *Few speaking at once, inaudible*. Williams: I don't want this mess. This is a complete mess. This is a mockery. You guys make a complete mess out of government - complete. Jarosh: I would be more than happy to get together with you and if council would say go ahead and do it we could start tomorrow. Williams: I would be more than happy to do it. Lukasewicz: To start what, volunteer? Unidentified: For what? Lukasewicz: Put a proposal together for us. Jarosh: You guys have been saying for months that someone should look into the equity of the programs over there. You have two volunteers that are willing to do it. Lukasewicz: Oh, is that what you're volunteering for, the equity of the programs. Jarosh: Yes. Lukasewicz: Well I don't, that would be nice to have two independent individuals review it but I don't know if that would be allowed by the majority of council. Marushock: Is there anything that we need to reserve? Just public record in my opinion.

Menichetti: I would like to have an audit done on all the programs to see what, where we're losing the most money. Lukasewicz: It's not very hard to do, you could do it very easy. Barone: One thing is you better, you better straighten out that Civic Center once and for all because Olyphant, I think Olyphant, I think Jessup, I think Dunmore's building Civic Centers. They go through they're will be a "For Sale" sign on this building. They're will be nothing over there. Menichetti: If we keep giving everything away. Marushock: All right, can we continue with audience.... Barone: *Inaudible* keep puttin' everything off and puttin' it off. Marushock: Could we continue. Mr. Stoffey, please.

**John Stoffey, 238 Belman Street** - I want to talk about the letter from Mr. Fanucci. Number one - When Gail Ercoli was hired she was, we interviewed, the commission, we had a commission at that, one time, there was seven people on that commission. We interviewed with Mrs. Ercoli, Miss Ercoli or Mrs. Ercoli, I don't know what the hell, O.K. We told her she has to do, what she has to do over there, she has to schedule, she has to do the time cards, she has to collect money, she has to do a lot of things. She was supposed to do all of that. She said she was gonna do all of that. Now here she's, two and a half years she's workin' here, she doesn't do the time cards, she doesn't do the scheduling yet she has people handling money over there - which they shouldn't be handling money over there - that's her responsibility. She has a key to the safe, the safe, and her sister has a key to the safe, which doesn't even belong to Throop, shouldn't she didn't have it. She should give it to one of her assistant directors or a member of council, that key. Not to her sister. Menichetti: It's Mrs. Morrell, Mrs. Morrell has the key. Stoffey: Aw, but wait a minute, Mrs. Morrell has the key now. Barnish: Is it a key or a combination? Menichetti: Whatever.. Stoffey: No, she has the key to that safe, there's a key. Barnish: What do you mean, key? Stoffey: There's a key or a combination? Barnish: There's only a combination. Barone: No, there's a combination and a key. Marushock: Either, or. Stoffey: There's a combination and a key, it's either, or. Barone: That's what I'm saying. Unidentified: It's both. Barnish: We don't have no key in here. Barone: Oh, I don't know about here, over there. Stoffey: No, you don't have no key here. She gave it to her sister. Menichetti: It's my understanding that Mrs. Morrell asked. It's my understanding. Barnish: It is not in there. Stoffey: Mrs. Morrell don't have the key. Unidentified: It's in a lock box somewhere. Stoffey: Her sister has a key. Unidentified: Her sister has..Stoffey: Her sister has a key Daryl, I'm not lying. Her sister has a key. Barnish: Why? Why? Why would that happen? Stoffey: Why she has the key, I don't know. Barnish: Why? Marushock: I don't want, I don't want a key. Stoffey: O.K. but, but wait a minute. Barnish: I don't care, but why? Stoffey: See, I gotta defend my wife because my wife is an honest person, all these people working there are honest and now when we, when we interviewed that girl we thought she was gonna be good, O.K. So now she's with the majority now, the majority's telling her what to do. Uh, matter of fact your saying about hours over, workin' over, my wife come home every day to me telling me "I've got to hold hours from next week, I owe..". I said, "Ann, you can't do that, your gonna get in trouble". And she said, "Gail told me to hold the hours" ..I said, "You can't do that Ann. Put the hours down, put forty four, put forty five down". Now is there a simple reason, can't you people figure it out why? Why is she working so many hours? Why is the other assistant director working so many hours? You know why? Because Gail Ercoli don't work the forty hours a week. Unidentified: Right. Stoffey: She don't

work Saturday's, she's got a dance studio. She don't work Sunday's. She works Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. She don't work the times at night when the kids are there, from four o'clock to nine o'clock, when it's the busiest time of the night. She's working during the day at that day care center, which she doesn't do, probably a good job doing that 'cause she let that kid sleep... And now a kid, you got, you got, it's a big room, you can't see a kid sleep on the couch. I mean you gotta be blind not to see that.

Menichetti: Ask *inaudible*. Marushock: This has happened how many times by other people? *Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Stoffey: O.K., and then, and then, listen, wait a minute. When that happened, when that happened. Barone: It happened once, Jetty.

Marushock: Second. Stoffey: I'm getting' all this, Jetty. I'm speaking, shut up. Jetty...*inaudible*. Barone: *Inaudible* four or five days off. Stoffey: Jetty, Jetty, are you the president? Marushock: Yeah, go ahead. Stoffey: O.K., I'm speaking, keep quiet. I'm gonna, I got, I have the floor, am I right or am I wrong? Marushock: Go ahead.

Menichetti: *Inaudible* on time? *Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Stoffey: I don't wanna give... Marushock: Please continue. Unidentified: There's no time limit yet, we didn't vote on that yet. Stoffey: *Inaudible* uh, uh, carry time cards. Well these people are authorized to do that, to check the time cards, to check the time. Marushock: Not after they've been turned in. Not after they've been turned in. Marushock: You don't know what's goin' on over there 'cause your never there. Marushock: Not after they've been turned in. Stoffey: What do you mean after they're turned... nobody's checkin'... Barnick: She told them to. *Few speaking at once, inaudible*. Stoffey: She said... O.K., you tell me, O.K., if you know so much about that girl and what's she doin', you tell me what she's doin' over there. You tell me her job. You tell me what that girl does. Marushock: Her hours fluctuate over there. Stoffey: Now wait a minute, no, I'm not saying her hours. You tell me what she does over there. Barone: Yeah, she worked twenty-two and a half last year.

Marushock: She is the director. Stoffey: What, what does she do? Marushock: I don't have everything *inaudible* yet... *inaudible*. Stoffey: Well then you don't know *inaudible*. She doesn't do anything, 'cause you don't know what you do. You're the president of council, you should know what she does. Marushock: Not, the head *inaudible* do not run that whole facility. *Few speaking at once*. Stoffey: Aw, they don't? They don't run that facility. O.K., I want to tell you some instances. Now I'm gonna tell you... Marushock: Wait, is that statement that Gail does nothing, is that *inaudible*.... Stoffey: Wait a minute, I'm gonna tell you *inaudible*. My wife, on a Sunday, she wasn't working, right? This civic center, somebody got sick up here, they couldn't get Jennifer, they couldn't get Maria, they couldn't get somebody else, so my wife had to come up and work and guess what, it was over forty hours, it was on a Sunday. She didn't have to work because you know why she didn't have to work - 'cause nobody could work the damn place. 'Cause you need an assistant director there. If there isn't, if there's a monitor, there's gotta to be an assistant director. That was the rules we made up when we were on the commission. There's always gotta be a director in the building, all the time, at all times - Right or Wrong?

Marushock: We put another assistant director on, Mr. Stoffey, that's when all these problems started. Stoffey: I don't care how many... The only reason another assistant director you put on is gonna take up more hours. That's the *inaudible*. It's less she has to work. Where did you ever hear of a place having four assistant directors and one director. Show me where you could find a place like that. Marushock: Because we cannot get the people, we need fifty two hours a week. Stoffey: O.K., right, O.K. now you just ..., now

you just stuck your foot in your mouth. Marushock: We need fifty two hours a week...Stoffey: You just answered my question. You can't get the people you need, so the people that are over there are working more than forty hours because there's not enough people to work over that civic center. And she authorized to do that because my wife told me and I don't care, it's not written down in black in white, she has a calendar where she's written them down, I'm just tellin' you that....So, that's illegal, your not supposed to do that, it should have been turned in as time and a half. Now, as far as paying time and a half, we got a letter at home stating, with her name on it, she says, "Could you please turn your hours in and we will pay you, the director, the time and a half you have coming." I have the letter at home, you want me to make a copy of it. Menichetti: That was the advice that the labor board gave her. Stoffey: No, that was the advice you gave her, 'cause you went over there for...Menichetti: *Inaudible*. Stoffey: What's the time limit you have in that office? What's the time limit you have in that office, that office, ten minutes? Anybody. You put a sign up there, ten minutes in that office, right? She(Menichetti) was there forty five minutes with her tape, Menichetti: *Inaudible* the tape. Stoffey: With her tape, with her tape. Tapes everything in this here..Barnick: With a tape? Barnick: In this what she does right here, with her tape, everything's taped at this meeting, she tapes everything..Menichetti: Yes I do...Stoffey: Went over to Gail Ercoli, listened to the whole tape. Now that, is that right or is that wrong? Marushock: Several people, here's another thing...Stoffey: I don't *inaudible* you could do that. But you don't understand, there's a limitation in that office. Menichetti: Everybody has a right to face their accusers, everybody has a right to face their accusers. Stoffey: *Inaudible* in that, the director's office. Menichetti:...And I let her listen to the a tape of the meeting so she could face her accusers. Barnick: What's goin' on over there? Stoffey: O.K., wait a minute...*inaudible*. Menichetti: And I'll let her listen to this one. Stoffey: I don't care. She can listen to it 'cause I'm an honest person, I don't lie. I don't lie, remember that. You lie, he lies, she lies, I don't lie. Menichetti: Really. Stoffey: That's right. I have good creditability, you could check, my creditability is fine. Yes it is Mrs. Menichetti, you should know that. You should know that. Marushock: Let's stick to the point. Stoffey: I'm sticking to the point. I'm just telling you that what these girls are telling you are true. I'm just telling you, for the fact, I'm telling you. Now you, now first of all, Mr. Marushock, when Jamie Shevchik was there you voted against everything in that Civic Center, for their pays, for everything. Now all of a sudden you're a goody good guy. Now your goin' "Oh yeah, well give 'em this, oh yeah, we'll give 'em that." Now you change your tune, what? Marushock: I'm not changing my tune. Stoffey: You did. We have fifty-two hours a week, let me back up...Our director is obligated to give the borough forty hours a week. Unidentified: Yes. Stoffey: She's not doin' it. Marushock: The majority of the time that's what her pay schedule is set on, her providing us a service of forty hours a week. Stoffey: She's not doin' it. Marushock: Usually the Center's opened ninety-two hours. Stoffey: Yeah, go on. Marushock: So that gives fifty-two hours that we need to cover with an AD, assistant director, assistant *inaudible*. Stoffey: Well, you got four AD's now. Marushock: Right, now because we have people .. Stoffey: You've got four *inaudible* with an AD. Now you have four Ads. Marushock: We had one, let me talk. Stoffey: Go on. We had one that was only available on weekends. There were times, as you said, we couldn't even get help. Barnick: No, that wasn't right either. That wasn't right either. Marushock: So, we'd want another person in that roll. Barnick: No, that

wasn't right either, that wasn't right either, one that was available only on weekends, that's wrong. Marushock: We are not in *inaudible*. Stoffey: Listen, listen you heard the conditions. We hired the director, that directors gotta work, no matter what the *inaudible*. *Many people talking at once*. Marushock: I agree, forty hours a week... Stoffey: There was no hours. We gave hours, but that director, we hired the director, that director had to work, when that director, when the director wasn't there, the assistant director had to be there in that building at all times - I don't care if it was Saturday, Sunday - with a monitor in each room. Marushock: That's what seems to be... that, that procedure hasn't changed. Stoffey: Well I, well I know it hasn't changed. Barnick: Let me ask you something, when that incident occurred with that child, who was the director on duty? Marushock: I..Barnick: ..when she took him to the school? Marushock: How many times has that *inaudible*. Barnick: Who was on duty? *Many people speaking at once, inaudible*. Barnick: That reminds me, who was on duty? Stoffey: Who was on duty, ah, Mr. Marushock? Marushock: That happened, yes..*inaudible*. *Few speaking*. Barnick: No, but who was on duty while she took the person, the kid to school? Stoffey: Yeah, who was watching, who was watching the Civic Center? Marushock: I don't...that just came out at the meeting on Thursday night. But how many other times..*inaudible*. Stoffey: There was no assistant director there in the building when she took the kid up to school. So, what's that say? Could you answer me that? Could you answer me that? Could you answer me that? Marushock: Quite honestly...*inaudible* situation you know what, for the grief that we're getting over that place and the money that we're loosing, in my opinion, we should look at an independent agency for running that. *Gasps, laughter heard. Many react and speak at once, inaudible*. Marushock:...And we are spending endless amounts of time, and ending up with *inaudible*.. from day one. Stoffey: Mr. Marushock, you want to know why this all started with this, with this overtime? You want to know why this all started? I'll could tell you bluntly why it all started. You people, when you came on council you took, you cut Mrs. Morrell money, you cut Robbie Kalinoski money, am I right or wrong? I was at that meeting. Marushock: Oh yes, as cost saving measure for the borough of Throop yes, I made that decision. Stoffey: Who else did you cut? You cut the three assistant directors. Wait a minute, who else did you cut? How many more people did you cut, did you remember, at that meeting? You're the president, you should remember. Marushock: We.. I don't even remember for everything that's happened...*inaudible*. Stoffey: Well then you don't know what's going on. Marushock: Yes I did. Stoffey: O.K., Let me tell you. Now the next meeting, what you did, you cut everybody, now you gave Elaine her money, Robbie his money back, but the three people over that's only getting' a dollar four cents, what's a dollar four cents, you didn't give them their money back. That was wrong. If you do for one, you gotta do for all. You should of gave them their dollar four back. That's when all this trouble started, with a dollar four cents, because they figured - O.K., your giving it to me, well now we're gonna tell you what's going on over the Civic Center..Menichetti: So in other words, it was O.K., it was O.K. to be dishonest when they were making more money but it's not O.K. to be dishonest when they were cut. You just made my point. Stoffey: And you know who it's reflected on, it's reflected on council, because the council's runnin' that Civic Center over there. If you had a tradition you wouldn't have this problem because.. Menichetti: You just made my point. You made my night. Marushock: I told you what I'd like to do, seriously, because these problems are not ending, the problems are growing.

We lost one hundred and forty thousand dollar over there for fiscal year ending 2003.

Barnick: Our cost saving measure was a law suit for twenty five thousand dollar deductible, that was our cost saving measure. Twenty five thousand dollar deductible for the person coming from Nanticoke for thirty, thirty. *Laughter heard.* Stoffey:

Jetty..Guys..The Civic Center is never gonna sustain itself, I don't care what you do.

Barnick: Smart. Lukasewicz: It wasn't established to. Stoffey: It wasn't established or built to do that. It was built for the kids in the town to go and play basketball. Don't forget the old Throop High School here, everybody a good time. Marushock: Well, do you, do you need to add anything else. Again, it's ten o'clock, we didn't even get into the meeting yet. Stoffey: No, I just want *inaudible*, that's all. Thank you very much. Marushock: Thank you. Any other audience comments? Across the back, up the side wall. Mr. Musewicz.

**John Musewicz - 2 Mruck Street** - Getting back to the programs over there Jetty, *inaudible*, the basketball programs in the town has been going on since 1969. Menichetti: This is on the agenda. Musewicz : O.K. Well, it's part of it, the basketball part of the program is part of this here thing. Menichetti: Well, I don't know do we have anything, you were getting ...*inaudible*. Marushock: O.K. Let him speak, please. I'd like to get this thing going. Musewicz: It's been an ongoing program since 1969, uh, just to let you know. Marushock: That the borough *inaudible* that the booster club don't want any basketball programs. We are handling that and we're probably loosing...Musewicz: The basketball, yes, because the basketball program belonged to the Civic Center. But once again, Tom, I, I think you were on the podium when the opening of the Civic Center. Lukasewicz: Right. Musewicz: And the building was designed, it was never, never designed to make money. Lukasewicz: No, it was provided to provide a service for the people of Throop. Musewicz: For the people. Lukasewicz: We had money coming in from the Landfill as we have money coming in that we could give back to the people of Throop, something, that's what we were giving. Marushock: Was it designed to loose one hundred and forty thousand dollars plus per year. Lukasewicz: We anticipated sixty to seventy thousand dollars loss every year. Marushock: Last year it was one hundred and forty thousand loss, and that was a better year. Unidentified: Well, why? Barnick: How do you know that? How much did you find out from the day care that was loss. Marushock: This is the total operation, everything. Barnick: Oh, no,no,no. Menichetti: That was on the financial statement. Barnick: So as far as *inaudible* just an average. Menichetti: Mr. Barnick, you brought that up in a newspaper article and it was re-butted. Shortz: You have yet to prove that they're loosing money. Have you proven that they're loosing money. Barnick: Yes. Shortz: I have to see *inaudible*...no ,I'm on this council just like you are and if you're making accusations I want to know what they are. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Unidentified: The man's got the floor here. We're gonna be here all night. Menichetti: If you make accusations that you can't substantiate....Barnick: Oh, yeah, it's loosing big time. Shortz: I want to see it. Show me. Marushock: Let Mr. Musewicz talk, please. Musewicz: Ray probably has a good idea about separate commissions to see, to look at all the programs. Menichetti: Not a commission, a consulting firm. Musewicz: And if you really look at, I think if you look at the two basketball programs, the one's for our kids from Throop, the one's that our kids play over there, the youth program for our children. And then obviously yes, the adult.

The adult program we brought in to make money to try to offset the cost of the building. So, if we look at the both programs I'd be surprised if you're loosing money in the basketball. I'd really be surprised if you're loosing money. Menichetti: When, you do when you give one banquet at the end and jackets and everything. Galli: Oh please, please, there's registration fees *inaudible*. Menichetti: Well that comes out of the profit. Galli: I'm sorry....you know what? The bottom line over there...Marushock: (Banging gavel) Mr. Musewicz , Mr. Galli. Galli: I'm sorry, Mr. Marushock, but I have to go to work. Marushock: O.K. Mr. Musewicz has the floor. I went down...Musewicz: That probably should be done a.s.a.p. I'd hate to see, I'd hate to see the programs, whether it's soccer or basketball for the children of the borough be lost because we're worrying about how we're gonna pay the light bill. The building, Tom, if you remember from day one that was never. If that was the case, you made a mistake, you should have never hired a director, you should have hired a promoter, O.K., if you wanted to make money. And you guys at that time did not want to hire a promoter, you wanted to hire a director. That was..there was never...Menichetti: You know, John, do you remember Dominick, or no Angelo Mecca? He used to come here, that little man, he used to say, "Some day that's gonna be a white elephant" and boy, he was right. He was right. Lukasewicz: He'd always say that. Menichetti: Didn't he always say that? *Few speaking at once*. Musewicz: One last thing, I've been involved with the basketball program for many, many years and the other programs. Anybody that comes in from out of town in astonished at that building and what we have in the borough of Throop, astonished. Unidentified: That's right. Menichetti: You wouldn't think so, the way everybody's knocking it down all the time. Barnick: Who's knocking the building down? Musewicz: Astonished at what we have for not only the youth, the middle-aged and the seniors. We have a lot and we should keep it. Thank you. Menichetti: Nobody ever gets credit for what they do, they're just always....Lukasewicz: There's a lot of good, hardworking volunteers in this town, that don't get paid a red cent. A lot of them, a lot of them, good volunteers. Menichetti: That's what volunteers are. That's what volunteers are. Lukasewicz: No, but don't make the statement, please, don't make the statement that there isn't, we don't have enough good volunteers. We have a lot of good volunteers, a lot, and we have a lot to show for it. The kids and the other people have a lot in this town. Marushock: Any other audience comments there from up that sidewall?

**Ann Marie Stoffey - 238 Belmont Street -** Daryl, you said my husband made your day. Well, I'm gonna make your day. Menichetti: Well, what he said was this. Stoffey: No, I'm sorry... *Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Barnick: Let her speak. *Gavel heard*. Unidentified: Come on, come on Jetty.... Marushock: Daryl...Stoffey: Excuse me, it's my turn to speak! Barnick: Police *inaudible* get her out of here. *Many arguing and yelling at once, inaudible*. Stoffey: At an executive session, excuse me, excuse me, at an executive session...Marushock: Please, let Mrs. Stoffey speak. Cimini: Please, don't discuss what was mentioned in an executive session. Stoffey: No, I'm not. No, I'm not. At an executive session we were told that nothing leaves the room. Cimini: Right. Stoffey: Correct? O.K., well how come when we go to work the next day, after Gail would be here, we would know everything, tell me. Could you tell me that? Menichetti: I don't know. Stoffey: Oh, well of course not. Barnick: Right there (referring to Menichetti). *Many speaking at once*. Menichetti: Wait a minute, he (meaning Barnick) was screaming

so loud, everybody out in the hallway hears what he says. Barnick: Right there. Stoffey: No, no, no. Marushock: All right. Let's get on with the motions. *Many speaking, gavel heard.* Barnick: Is that what it is. Marushock: Motion number one... Unidentified: Wait, I didn't get a chance... I just want to say that. Unidentified: State your name and address, please.

**Jennifer Gongliewski - 501 Sanderson Street** - With the incident that occurred on, what was it, April 16 with the child downstairs, that it already had happened with me. Now, I got a five-day suspension for it - fine - I understand that, I should have. But a five-day suspension, with pay, for this happening again where she had incidents before this as well, it's not her first, that she's just gonna, it's a vacation for her. She doesn't even come in hardly anyway. It's another vacation for her. And not only that, she left a monitor in charge while she took the kid to school without getting permission from the parent to do it. Stoffey: That's right. Gongilewski: Now how is that fair? Stoffey: That's right. Gongliewski: It's like I'm getting picked on, but it's O.K. for her to do it. Stoffey: Of course. Gongliewski: It's, it's not fair, I'm sorry, it's not. Stoffey: Of course. Marushock: I, I don't think I can comment on *inaudible*... Unidentified: One more comment, Mr. Marushock, I'm sorry to interrupt.

**Frank Galli - 609 Kossuth Street** - I've been involved with that Civic Center since it opened, I was there right from the get go, all right. As you know, I'm a member of the booster club and I'm involved with the children athletics and everything in this town. Like John said, we don't get paid a dime to do these things. We volunteer our time and we don't expect anything in return. Our, our gain will come back in years to come when these children come back to us and thank us for a job we've done for them. Unidentified: Keep quiet out there. Galli: O.K. Unidentified: Uh, they're... You gotta stop this out in the hallway here. Marushock: Who? Galli: And I know it's like, I know you people have a job to do. Unidentified: John Snell is screaming and yelling out in the hallway here. Galli: O.K., Mr. Marushock, I'm asking you, we've had problems over there and we continue to have problems, all I'm asking you to do, and I'm asking the rest of council to really consider putting a board of directors in place over there. Unidentified: Excuse me, mayor, mayor... Menichetti: Mayor, why don't you have a police officer do something about what's going on out there. Unidentified: Can you get somebody out there. There's a... *Few speaking at once.* Marushock: O.K., one minute please. Let Mr. Mayor handle that.. Galli: Mr. Marushock, *Inaudible* I mean, and like Daryl said there's nothing *inaudible* around here and I'm not here to bash my own, I'm not here to bash *inaudible* but I really think that center's a good thing in this town. It's an excellent thing, Jetty, it's a good thing, and we could keep it from being a white elephant but you know what - you can't expect somebody to run a day care, you can't expect somebody to run a basketball program, you can't expect somebody to run a Civic Center - it's just not capable, enough hours in the day for somebody to do that. But what you need to do is put what you have there and what's important a committee there that could help this, whoever is in charge there, to help make that center a better place. And I, believe me, you'll have less headaches by doing a committee than you will right now when you *inaudible* because obviously we've got nothing but complaints for the last how many months, whatever the case may be. Marushock: Even with the committee in place though we've had problems.

Galli: Yeah, you know we did, but they were minor problems, they were minor problems. Menichetti: What we knew of them, yeah. Galli: And it's a live and learn process. Because you know what, your right Daryl, Mr. Mecca did say it's gonna be a white elephant. We could prevent it from being a white elephant. There's ways that we can prevent it from being a white elephant. We could run a bingo once a month, that'll, that'll bring in revenue. That's a small games chance, it's not very expensive to do that. But it takes somebody to go there and do... Menichetti: It was looked into. Galli: O.K., was, everything always looked into. Menichetti: We'll, the equipment was very expensive. Galli: Well, you know what, that's when you ask for volunteers to come in and help out for equipment and different things. That's where a committee comes in place and does them things. A committee's not here to bash the person that's working there, the committee's there to help the person and help the building. And I'm asking everybody here on seriously to search and look and see deep inside, please try a committee and see what happens. I'm sure it will work out better. Thank you. Barone: I know one thing about a committee, when they had it, they had less complaints come over to council. Galli: Somebody in charge there. Everybody has to be accountable to somebody. U.S. council are accountable for the people that are here in the audience. Somebody's got a, everybody's got a boss. Barone: They were volunteers, they didn't get paid. Marushock: All right, let's start with the motions.

**1. Motion by Lukasewicz Second by Barnick**

To accept the zoning report for the period of 3/29/04 to 4/22/04.

Shortz: What is this motion? Lukasewicz: The zoning report.. *inaudible*. Marushock: And that had went from a pervious agenda, again, with no printed agenda being available. Pretty much the first five *inaudible* are standard... Barnick: O.K...

All in favor

Motion carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT'S:**

**Amy Hebden will now read the treasurer's reports:**

**2. Motion by Lukasewicz Second by Barnick**

**To accept the treasurer's reports as read and presented and to pay the monthly bills against the borough.**

<b>Unpaid bills:</b>	
<b>"Items for Payment"</b>	<b>\$53,397.12</b>
<b>Paid bills:</b>	<b>\$253,699.66</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$307,096.78</b>

**Revenue Report**  
**Total credit balance for Landfill Report**

(as of 4/21/04) \$8,959.32

**Total Revenue for the General Fund  
(brought in for the month of April, 2004)** \$668,950.87

**Total Civic Center Revenue  
(for the month of April)** \$9,984.25

All in favor Motion carried

**3. Motion by Lukasewicz Second by Shortz**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

On the question:

\* Marushock: I will be voting, once again, against the \$500.00 maintenance fee for the month at the Washington Street ball field, but to pay all the other one's. Anyone else on the question?

All in favor \* Motion carried

\* With Mr. Marushock at note.

**4. Motion by Lukasewicz Second by Shortz**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted including the correspondence from Atty. Fanucci.

All in favor Motion carried

**5. Motion by Barnick Second by Lukasewicz**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance for the month of April, 2004.

All in favor Motion carried

Marushock: Bear with me here as I add these *inaudible* bring it to my attention if I miss any, O.K....

**6. Motion by Lukasewicz Second by Menichetti**

To have Atty. Cimini and the police department develop an ordinance in regards to no parking on the western side of Franklin Street, from Dunmore to Steinecke.

On the question:

Barone: Read that one again. Marushock: A motion to have Atty. Cimini and the police department develop an ordinance in regards to no parking on the western side of Franklin Street, from Dunmore to Steinecke Streets.

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Lukasewicz**

To authorize payment to FNCFB in the amount of \$14,918.75 (the interest payment). Payment to be made from the general fund.

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Lukasewicz**

To (if the environmental study comes back good) have the borough have an appraisal and core drillings in the area where building is going at Chorba property.

On the question:

Barone: If this doesn't *inaudible*, where you gonna go next, to Rinaldi? Barnick: This gonna work, Joe. Lukasewicz: This is gonna work, Joe, it's got to...this has to. Barone: I hope it does. Barnick: Don't even sweat it. Lukasewicz: This has to work. *Laughter heard.* Barnick: I hope it does. Lukasewicz: This has to work. Unidentified: It better. Barone: D.P.W. guys will be running over us with trucks.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: Just, if I could make one comment. It's good to see that we've finally agreed on something for once. *Inaudible.* Especially, it's something positive. It's good to see that we've agreed.

**9. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Barnick**

To offer to pay \$10.00 per game to all soccer referee's.

On the question:

Shortz: I just have one question. Is he the only referee for soccer, there is no other? Menichetti: Yeah, and he volunteered. Lukasewicz: My suggestion... Marushock: If he turns it down, he turns it down. Lukasewicz: My suggestion is going to be to offer a rate of \$10.00 for anyone who does the officiating, if they want it. Barone: Hey, we're offering good *inaudible*. If he reduces it, he reduces it. Lukasewicz: Yeah, the money is available for officiating the soccer games, at \$10.00 a game. If the person doesn't want *inaudible*. Marushock: O.K., Mr. Barone, you made that motion. Do you want that to change that to read as such, as Mr. Lukasewicz just said? Menichetti: I don't understand what you said. Lukasewicz: The motion would be that \$10.00 per soccer game is

available for refereeing. Menichetti: For any, any.. kind of ..Lukasewicz: For any of the soccer games that are held *inaudible* there is \$10.00 available. Menichetti: What do we pay basketball refs? Barnick: \$18.00. Barone: \$25.00. Barnick: Oh, \$25.00. Barone: Yeah, they get paid \$25.00, don't they? Lukasewicz: I believe in the adult league the players pay the officials. Marushock: Mr. Barnick, are you in agreement with those changes. Barnick: Yep. Lukasewicz: The money will be available if anybody wants it. Marushock: Any one else on that question?

All in favor

Motion carried

**10. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Second by Shortz**

To pay Cathy Egan for this evenings meeting and also to hire Cathy Egan, as per her proposal, for recording of the borough minutes.

On the question:

Menichetti: Cathy, are you sure you still want it? Unidentified: Do you still want it? *Laughter.* Egan: Uh..*laughter.* Lukasewicz: This is a mild one. Egan: No comment. *Few speaking at once.* Barone: He's gotta buy the first try of pizza at Calabria's. Egan: Yeah, really. Your gonna have to wait until I try and listen to it all... Barnick: On the question, don't you have a borough manager coming? Menichetti: Yes, Mrs....Barnick: And you have a borough secretary? Lukasewicz: There's enough out of *inaudible*...Marushock: Oh yeah.

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

Motion carried

**11. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Lukasewicz**

To suspend the Civic Center director for a period of five days with pay, pending an investigation, for the incident on April 16, 2004.

On the question: Shortz: Does that motion have to say, "with pay, pending the outcome of the investigation", because I think that's a misunderstanding. We're not suspending her with pay, we're suspending her with pay until we find out what really is the problem, what really happened. Lukasewicz: I'd be agreeable to that. Barnick: That's fine, that's fine. Marushock: Pending outcome of investigation, is that what we want to change that to? Both of you gentlemen agree with that? Lukasewicz: I'll agree to that, yes. Marushock: Anyone else on the question? Menichetti: On the question, yeah. Are all of the other employees that were involved in this going to be suspended also? Marushock: I don't have..just...this only for the Civic Center director. Lukasewicz: I would assume that after a investigation...Menichetti: Oh no, not after, until...*Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: We gotta start somewhere. Barnick: ...For that incident with the child. Unidentified: Yeah. Barnick: That's the main thing right now. Shortz: I, I, excuse me but, excuse me but..this investigation is only for that? Barnick: No, it's on all three.. Shortz: But you just, you just said, "that's the main one". *Few speaking.* Shortz: In my opinion, I just want to clarify because it's gonna depend on how I vote on this. My opinion of this

suspension and this investigation is not over the child, it is over the issue with the time cards and the overtime money and whatever else. Barnick: The investigation is for the time cards, the other incident, that's an automatic...Shortz: Because the incident with the child, the incident, but the incident with the child is something that's always been handled in the past, on any other circumstance, as an executive session decision. It has never been brought for an investigation from..Barnick: Yes it was...Shortz: From the outside. Barnick: Oh, Oh I...*inaudible*..Shortz: O.K., we're talking about an outside investigation for something. So we're.. Barnick: Not for that. Marushock: This is just for..Shortz: Is this suspension for the child or is the suspension for this, for the other issue? Menichetti: Because if your gonna start bringing up investigations, I'm gonna go way back. I'm gonna investigate...*Few speaking, inaudible*. Lukasewicz: The problem is, the problem is, there's an issue at hand of where there's allegations by workers and conflicting allegations from the director, where the, the incident is unclear now and there needs to be an investigation to determine what exactly happened. Menichetti: Then you have to suspend everybody. You have to suspend everybody. Marushock: Just for the record here..Menichetti: You cannot suspend one person because first of all she had nothing to gain by what happened. She gained nothing..Barnick: Time off. Menichetti: She gained nothing. Marushock: Attention. The motion on the floor reads as follows; To suspend the Civic Center director for a period of five days, pending an investigation. With pay is pending the outcome of the investigation. Is that the correct wording? That's what's on the floor. Barnick: Five-day suspension for the April 16<sup>th</sup> incident. Marushock: O.K., this is what I'm asking, what...Barnick: ...and an investigation into the time cards and the hours. Got that? Marushock: O.K., to suspend the Civic Center director for a period of five days.. Menichetti: Yeah, who's gonna do this investigation *inaudible*, you? Barnick: The auditor. That's what you said, get an auditor. Marushock: Regarding the April 16<sup>th</sup>.... Shortz: Well, the auditor, well the auditor can't...Mr. Barnick, the auditor can't investigate things with the child and the bus...*inaudible*. Barnick: No, I didn't say that *inaudible* differentiate between the two between the two of them, didn't I. *Inaudible* try and get it right. Marushock: He's clarifying...right. To suspend Civic Center director..*Few speaking, inaudible*. Shortz: ...switching back and forth...Lukasewicz: The suspension is for the incident that happened on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Barnick: On the 16<sup>th</sup>, I just said that. Lukasewicz: There would be two separate votes. Marushock: We'll now wait a minute. Lukasewicz: Mr. Barnick wants it read that there's a five-day for the incident that happened on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Barnick: And an investigation into the... Lukasewicz: We'll, do them separately, Jim. Do them separately, then it's easier to vote on. Shortz: I think it's better. Marushock: O.K. Lukasewicz: The first one is just for the incident that happened on the 16<sup>th</sup>, he recommends a five-day suspension for the director. Marushock: That's the way the motion will read, only for the incident on April 16<sup>th</sup>, we need to clarify this for the young lady here. Lukasewicz: Yes, Yes. Menichetti: I don't know because we really didn't go into *inaudible*. Marushock: Anyone else on the question? Shortz: Did we separate these now? Lukasewicz: Yes. Shortz, This is just the suspension for the child...Lukasewicz: :Yes, for the incident.

Four in favor - Barone, Shortz, Lukasewicz, Barnick  
Three against - Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock

Motion carried

Barone: I think we ought to go to the D.A., let him come up and investigate. *Few speaking*. Menichetti: Yeah, go right ahead. Go ahead, I ..do me a favor. Marushock: O.K. Four for, three against. Now wait, yeah, on this one concerning April 16<sup>th</sup>. Barone: *Inaudible*. Lukasewicz: O.K., then you want it.. *Few speaking, inaudible*.. Shortz: I think there has to be an executive session on this. Menichetti: First, we had no executive session on it, we didn't discuss it. Barnick: Yeah, there was. Menichetti: I'm not gonna suspend somebody on somebody else's say so. I want to hear it from her - I didn't hear it. I don't know...Barnick: Yeah, you sat right there and heard it, you sat right there the other night and heard it. *Few begin to speak*. Menichetti: We didn't have an executive session. We didn't have an executive session because you and Barone left. *Gavel heard*. Marushock: O.K., wait a minute. Barone: How about when Jennifer got suspended, who's say so was that? Barnick: Her's. (Menichetti's). Barone: What's good for the goose has gotta be good for the gander. Marushock: Let me have, are we gonna have another motion *inaudible*. Menichetti: Not necessarily. Barone: No, not necessarily, just for your goose. Barnick: Have an investigation conducted into the hours, overtime hours, and falsification of records or hours, allegedly. Marushock: Into...Barnick: Alleged falsification of records. Marushock: To have investigation into alleged falsification. Shortz: By who? Barnick: By our auditor, O.K., by our auditors. Menichetti: Time cards or records? Barnick: Time cards and records, because the records follow with the time cards. Menichetti: And what records are you talking about? Barnick: Well you get all them...Menichetti: Do you want the time sheets? Barnick: You get all them time sheets, don't you, with all the hours? Menichetti: Is that what you mean by record, time sheets? Barnick: Yeah, there records, they're public record, they're official records. Menichetti: Time sheets. Barnick: Yeah. Marushock: O.K. now wait, this is a motion by Mr. Barnick to have an investigation into the alleged falsification of time cards and records at the Civic Center. We, that's the only part we're looking at, correct? I need to isolate this. Barnick: What do you got to isolate? Marushock: We don't need to investigate the police department and the D.P.W. and everything else. The only thing in question right now is hours concerning the Civic Center. Barnick: Yeah. The three or four individuals, the allegations that were made... Lukasewicz: Yes, that's all. It's very simple. There's been allegations made *inaudible* and then there's been counter-allegations by the director. Barnick: And I think it needs to be done as soon as possible. Time is of the essence. Lukasewicz: A non-partisan investigation. Marushock: O.K., would someone like to second that motion? *Inaudible*. The auditor? Barone: Who made the motion? Barnick: The auditor should do it. He's an appointed auditor or a person, he's an individual. Lukasewicz: Yeah, that's right he's a non-partisan..I'll second that motion.

**12. Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Lukasewicz**

To have the auditors conduct an investigation, within a twenty-one day time frame, into the alleged falsification time cards and records at the Civic Center including gas receipts, petty cash and other records.

On the question: Yeah, on the question. If he has to get the D.A.'s office involved, or whoever, go get 'em. Marushock: That's fine. Lukasewicz: Then put the issue to rest. Marushock: On the question, like I mentioned earlier again on this question here, payroll

year to date has been according to time cards signed and submitted by the individual employee..Barnick: No, no, no, the director is responsible. The director. Marushock: O.K. Barnick: Now, just back on the question, the other thing was the gas receipts. I forgot about them. Marushock: O.K. Barnick: That's the other investigation, government funds being used and just giving money without going by miles. Marushock: O.K. Menichetti: Do we have a policy like that? Barnick: That's a state policy. That's a law. Menichetti: It's a law. Barnick: Yeah, it's a law. Barnick: How come you never read that? Menichetti: Really, well how come I was a treasurer, how come I didn't get mileage when I was a treasurer? And I don't think Lenore got paid when *inaudible* either... Barnick: She was a volunteer. Menichetti: Oh, I was a volunteer. Was I volunteering? I don't remember volunteering. Barnick: You were a volunteer. You didn't know that. Menichetti: You didn't pay me gas money and I went to the bank every week. Barnick: We didn't tell you...*Few speaking at once*. Marushock: All right, are we gonna vote on this? Menichetti: No, I'm not doing it on gas money. Marushock: All right, what are we gonna vote on this? Time cards and records at Civic Center. Barnick: And gas receipts. Menichetti: I'm against gas receipts *inaudible*. Barone: And petty cash....missing. Barnick: What? Barone: That's what I was told, petty case missing. Marushock: Mr. Barnick, do you want this on here? Barnick: I don't know..I'm hearing this for the first time, about this stuff. Lukasewicz: Put the four of them on and let the auditor investigate and then it's out of our hands. Barnick: Do all of them. Lukasewicz: That's right, that's the easy way to get it out of our hands. Marushock: O.K., for the record so that Mrs. Egan knows what to report here, this motion has been update to have an investigation into alleged falsification of time cards and records at the Civic Center that's also to include gas receipts and petty cash and other records. This investigation is to be done by the auditors. Mr. Barnick, are you in agreement with the wording on that motion? Barnick: Yeah. Marushock: Mr. Lukasewicz, are you in agreement with that wording? Lukasewicz: Yeah, the only thing, you should include somewhat of a time frame. I know it's gonna be hard to get someone to do it, I would say within three weeks. Three weeks, are you in agreement with that Jim? Marushock: O.K. *inaudible* keep bouncing back trying to get this right. Barnick: Twenty-one days. Lukasewicz: Twenty-one days gives them the opportunity to come in. Marushock: O.K., anyone else on the question.

All in favor \*

Motion Carried

\* Menichetti: I will be for the investigation for the time cards but against the petty cash, because that's petty cash and there's receipts for it, it's ridiculous.

**13. Motion by Menichetti**

**Second by Shortz**

To secure quotes for a payroll service to do borough payroll and possibly change to a bi-monthly payroll.

On the question: Barnick: On the question, we went through this once before. We had a payroll system that really didn't work and it switched to bi-weekly or bi-monthly. We needed to speak to the two unions too. Marushock: This would have to be..Menichetti:

Well I said possibly. Marushock: This is just possibly. Menichetti: To look into possibly changing it but.. Marushock: Possibly change is the wording. Barnick: So, what's the borough manager, what's the borough manager gonna do? Lukasewicz: On the question, what would be the duties of the secretary if you're taking her job away? This is what the secretary does. So is this the beginning of taking away the secretarial duties of Elaine Morrell? Barnick: Yes. Menichetti: What are you gonna do when she's on vacation? What are you gonna do when she's sick, when she can't inaudible. Barnick: That's what the borough manager's *inaudible*. What's the borough manager gonna do? Lukasewicz: *Inaudible*. She's gone out of her way to prepare that. Menichetti: I just think that this is to secure the safety of the payroll so that we can be assured that the employees will always be paid. Barone: If they didn't pick on Christine, they, she could have handled it. Lukasewicz: We went that route one time. *Few speaking at once*. Marushock: All right. Lukasewicz: The thing is, I can't, we haven't had any problems with the payroll, so why should we change it? I, I don't understand, if you change things there's a problem, if you change to better things. If there's no problem, why change it? I just don't understand. Marushock: Right now we're getting quotes. Lukasewicz: We've tried to change so many things and it just, well I shouldn't say we, but there's been many things tried..Menichetti: Yeah, and you are totally against change Tom. It's gotta be the way it's been done for the last *inaudible* years. Barnick: We've tried that. Lukasewicz: There have been many things that have been tried...Unidentified: Yeah, if it's not broke, you don't fix it, you know? It's stupid. They wasted all this time. Marushock: Anyone else on this question?

Four in favor - Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock  
Three against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: Can I say one thing? You know, maybe, why don't you, we, wait what is it five days? We have a borough manager coming in, maybe he could have looked at this, evaluated it and made a suggestion? Why are we doing this.. Menichetti: You didn't wait for anything else, Tom. Marushock: All right, motion passed..Menichetti: All these investigations and everything. Lukasewicz: Yeah, but you have a borough manager comin', he could have done this. He's supposed to look at things. If there's no problem, he would say, "Boy, leave it as is".

**14. Motion by Menichetti**

**Second by Shortz**

To install a no parking sign near the pole on the three hundred block of George Street.

On the question: Menichetti: I don't necessarily mean on the pole but a pole. Marushock: Yeah, in the area of the pole. At this time we cannot fasten it to the pole but... Barone: Where's the sign for the pole, by your place Tom? Lukasewicz: Yeah. Marushock: We're gonna put one in place and see how it's gonna work. Barone: Will they work? Will they work? Marushock: We're gonna try one right now. Menichetti: One sign. To install a no parking sign. Marushock: And *inaudible* put away from the pole. Lukasewicz: Could you, it's not gonna do any good at the pole Jetty. Marushock: We'll, lets try it...Lukasewicz: Jetty, it's not gonna do anything, what good is it gonna do at the pole

because they're still gonna park where I can't come into my parking lot, they're gonna park where the children can't go to get on the bus, it's not gonna work. Marushock: We're leaving that sign on the fence... Lukasewicz: The sign on the fence is for my own personal... Barnick: It's his. Marushock: And this is gonna be two, right there *inaudible*. If they can't see it. Lukasewicz: Jet, one is mine, don't say two, one. Marushock: Right. Lukasewicz: What is it gonna, it's not gonna work. Marushock: There are two, bottom line. The borough has one and one is yours, that's two. Lukasewicz: O.K., so, so when I sit in my parking lot and I call the police fifty times in one day, is it O.K. with you? Menichetti: If it's on the pole it won't... I'm trying to think... Lukasewicz: Daryl, you could put a sign on that pole but if there's room for them to park, they're gonna park. You have to remember putting it on that - there is no curbing in that area. If there was curbing similar to the rest of the street they would have to park in the road. What they do is they just park wherever. Marushock: Leave it by the pole *inaudible* and let's see what happens. Lukasewicz: See Daryl, it's not gonna work. Barnick: Just on the question, I think this is ridiculous already. For one person, it benefits one person and, and that's what it's all about. It's ridiculous already. Marushock: Anyone else on the question? Barnick: I'm not finished. I'm not finished. For four years it worked fine. All of a sudden, as of January third or fifth of this year, none of it works because we got *inaudible*. Marushock: One sign worked there for many years. *Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Marushock: Anyone else on the question?

Four in favor - Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock

One against - Barone

Two Abstain - Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion Carried

Barnick: I'm gonna abstain because I'm gonna tell you why. When all this law suit and all this stuff starts going through with all this, *inaudible*.

#### 15. Motion by Menichetti

#### Second by Blanchard

To resubmit quotes for the gate at the civic center, as some of the quotes that were submitted were never received by the Civic Center director.

On the question: Marushock: And this was brought to my attention by one of the gentleman who did submit a thing who is willing to make a statement or whatever. Lukasewicz: That what? Marushock: That he did submit a proposal to a lady at the Civic Center and it was never forwarded to Mrs., Miss Ercoli, and he called repeatedly and evidently she never got messages... It's... Lukasewicz: Well then you should make a statement at the council in regards to this so that we were made aware of it... *inaudible*. Marushock: The bid, this is what I just found out, and these bids... Menichetti: I understand, I understand he called, he said he called several times and she never got the messages. Marushock: Right, she was never given the messages. Lukasewicz: Yeah, but who was it? You know, inform me. Menichetti: Lamorte Fencing. Lukasewicz: La what? Menichetti: Lamorte fencing. Lukasewicz: Were they solicited? Was their bid solicited? Marushock: I believe so. Lukasewicz: Who solicited it? Marushock: I don't know. Shortz: Did we ask for bids? Did we advertise? Lukasewicz: No, we don't advertise. We never

advertise for bids. Marushock: I think there were a total of three bids that came in.  
Menichetti: Lamorte fencing ... Lukasewicz: The director, the director was to secure bids.  
Menichetti: That's how she got it. Lukasewicz: The director secured bids months ago.  
Barnick: A year ago. Lukasewicz: A year ago, and never did. Menichetti: And this guy submitted one. Lukasewicz: And he wants to submit one now? Menichetti: No, he already did. Marushock: No, he, he...Lukasewicz: The way Jetty's makin' it sound is someone come to try and make a bid just recently, within the last *inaudible*..Menichetti: Listen. Marushock: I don't know but he, in the time frame that he submitted, I don't know, but he submitted his bid - Gail never did received it. She was never given the bid. It was handed to a lady at the Civic Center, like I said, the door was locked at that facility, he hand delivered it to a lady.....*Few speaking at once, inaudible*. It had "Attention - Gail" on the letter. It never got in Gail's possession. Lukasewicz: But a bid should be stamped when it comes in. Why didn't somebody stamp it? Menichetti: She didn't get it. Stoffey: Could I speak on this? Jetty, could I speak on this? I put a bid in that for a month ago. A month ago I put a bid in and I gave it to the assistant director, which is my wife, and she gave it to Gail Ercoli. Marushock: O.K., evidently this is about the time frame...Stoffey: A month ago. Now, wait a minute, wait a minute, let me tell you what happened now. I have, I'll show, I'll show you the phone message I have now. Now I don't know if somebody's jerkin' Tommy around or what. Somebody called me, used his name, said go ahead and do the job. I'm not lying to you, I have the phone message down there, I'll show it to you. Now maybe, Tommy said he didn't call. Now I can't get in touch with him, I can't call him 'cause I don't know his cell number or anything, right. But that, the thing is somebody said go ahead and do the job. *Laughter heard*. I think the quote was seven hundred and twenty dollars I bid on that gate, the color brown, 3/4" - 1/2" pickets - 4" on center - 38 wide, 72 high, and I turned in the quote a month ago.  
Marushock: O.K. Stoffey: A month ago. The bids were for a month ago. I turned the quote in, I don't know who else turned the quote in, there's two quotes. Marushock: O.K. Lukasewicz: Is there additional fence that goes to the right also? Stoffey: No. Stoffey: I only quoted on this. Barnick: There's supposed to be. Stoffey: I only quoted on .....Lukasewicz: A year and a half ago there was a gate with an additional several feet of fence to go to the right for the same height as the..Stoffey: I only quoted on the gate going up in between, nothing on the wall. Lukasewicz: I drew it for Gail ten times.  
Marushock: Mr. Stoffey, *inaudible* gonna ask if there's any way that that phone call could be traced to clear Mr. Lukasewicz's? *Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Lukasewicz: You don't have to clear me because if I told you to make it, it would have been made the right way. Marushock: But seriously, if someone's using your name and here's something that's wrong, it's *audible*. This bid was submitted and it was not *inaudible*. Stoffey: Did you get my bid? Marushock: Pardon? Stoffey: Did you get my bid? Marushock: I didn't get...*inaudible*. Lukasewicz: We haven't seen any bids. *Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Stoffey: I gave them to, I gave them to Gail. *Inaudible*.. She's the director. That's what they're talking about. *Inaudible*. I gave her the bid, I gave her the bid, she called me up. I went up, gave her the bid, here's my bid. Now, she was getting bids off other people. I didn't know who she was getting bids off of. I gave her my bid.  
Marushock: Right. Stoffey: All I know, and now, two days ago, I got a call, it said Tommy Lukasewicz go ahead with the job at the Civic Center. I'll bring in the paper and I'll show it to you. Want me to bring it up and I'll show you the handwriting that my

secretary's *inaudible*. Marushock: That's fine, but like I say, this other gentleman, I don't know...*Few speaking, inaudible*. Stoffey: Is somebody trying to playing tricks on me and making me make that rail and eat it? Marushock: It definitely wasn't me. I'm gonna stand right here and make that statement. It wasn't me. Stoffey: We'll somebody called, I don't know who did. *Inaudible*. Stoffey: ....down there and they spelled the name 'cause it spelled Tommy Lukasewicz. It's not easy, they spelled the name out. Marushock: We authorized the Civic Center to get proposals and to get this job done. As Mr. Lukasewicz said *inaudible*. Marushock: And the proposal's in a month ago. Marushock: O.K., I think, I think that's the time frame, I don't have it specified as when he submitted it. The way he explained it to me...Stoffey: Gail Ercoli told my wife to call me, she wanted an estimate on the gate up on the top and I sent to the guy up to measure the gate. I called back, I gave a written proposal, I have a copy down, I got the day's written when the copy was done, I got the price down, I got the color down, I got everything in writing and I gave it to my wife to give it to Gail. Now sooner, eventually she's the director, she should have got it. It had to be there, it's a big yellow sheet, you can't miss it. So I don't know what's going on. Barnick: All right...Marushock: O.K., so would you like to make that motion Daryl? Barone: Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute. I believe, I believe - these girls here - every message that Gail gets, she gets it. Now your tryin' to make it look like these girls got rid of that. I think Gail got rid of that because it's not the guy she wanted. Marushock: I don't know who got rid of it. I don't know who got rid of it. Barone: We'll your makin' it look like it's them. Marushock: He, this gentlemen told me he gave a sealed envelope...Barone: Well if he gave it, then Gail got it and she lost it. Marushock: Gail Ercoli, she, Gail she claims she never got it and this gentlemen also made phone calls to the Civic Center for Gail regarding this, I guess, and she was never given the message...Barnick: Oh yeah, Gail tells the truth. Marushock: This is why this is here. Barone: Gail's right and the world's wrong. *Many speaking*. Why don't you believe Ann Marie that she gave it to her, or whoever? Menichetti: Now if he didn't complain, this man...Marushock: Right, this would have never been brought to our attention. Menichetti: It is my understanding that it was a much lower bid. Barone: I'm not saying the man didn't give her a quote, I'm not saying that. Menichetti: It was a lower bid. Barone: Who was? Lukasewicz: Could we include in this resubmitting of bid that it be done properly this time? Menichetti: What else is properly? Lukasewicz: Can I draw it? Barnick: You did that five times. Lukasewicz: I drew it for her ten times and handed it to her. Menichetti: Oh, you mean the specs are not correct. Lukasewicz: No, he just bid on just the door instead of the fence that goes *inaudible*. Stoffey: I bid on the gate, I bid on the gate *inaudible* the wall, the top of the wall. Menichetti: I have no idea what it is. Lukasewicz: Well, we want a gate with a little bit of fence to the right of it so if they go up to the top of the steps, if can't get in the door they try to climb over the wall so we...Stoffey: I mean, that can be made. It's no problem. Marushock: O.K., Well why don't we do this thing right? Lukasewicz: It was done right about ten times. Stoffey: It was done right. *Inaudible* proposal, she never turned it in. She got two proposal's, Frank Gress and me, where do you go? Lukasewicz: You know, you know what this comes down to, you know what Gail said? She thought it wasn't prudent to waste money on a gate at the top of the steps. That was the exact words. Shortz: I think she got those. This man said he also submitted. It's not a question of not having yours, this man said he submitted and he wanted to know the status on it and she didn't have it. I think she's got

it. *Many speaking at once, inaudible.* Marushock: On the question. Barone: Is that, wait to make the new, to start over? Lukasewicz: Yeah. Marushock: Right. Barnick: How about if they send the bids over here? Stoffey: Yeah, I'll bring my bid tomorrow, I'll bring my bid tomorrow over here. Lukasewicz: Send the bids to council. Unidentified: Could they stamp it? Lukasewicz: We'll we always stamp it. Menichetti: And you know what, have them opened by the president of council. Menichetti: Can you please present that at a public meeting? I don't want to see it until then. Please present it at a public meeting in a sealed envelope when you present it. Stoffey: What's that? Menichetti: Your bid. Stoffey: My bid's, my bid's gonna come right here in a sealed envelope. Menichetti: That's what he said. Stoffey: Right here. Marushock: O.K., all right. Stoffey: Right to whoever's, the borough administrator, or whoever's *inaudible* right here. Menichetti: No, put, Mr. Marushock will open them at a public meeting. Marushock: Right. Stoffey: Right. It will be in a sealed envelope. It will be sealed and I know what you want, you want a piece on the top. Lukasewicz: Have the gate going up and you bring a bar across and you continue with another five feet of fence. Stoffey: I have to come up another three feet but not, the same height as the gate. Lukasewicz: The same height as the door, continue it across so that no one can sneak around. Stoffey: And six feet high. Lukasewicz: Yes, exactly. Stoffey: Six feet high. Lukasewicz: So you'd have another two and a half feet of fence going to the right above the door. Stoffey: I know what you want, three feet.

All in favor

Motion carried

**16. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Second by Shortz**

To allow the duplicate bridge tournament on Friday's at the Civic Center and the direction of John Burns to proceed for a three-month trial.

On the question: Barone: Supposed like, I don't know if Rocco mentioned that, suppose you only get a few people from Throop, are you gonna keep it opened for everybody else? For only about two hundred dollars a year? Marushock: This, like I say, it's only a six month trial...Barone: Don't get me wrong, I hope it goes over, you know, maybe the senior citizens will start playing. Marushock: Right, I, I don't know, but just to open the door with a six month..If this is not going to be feasible in six months then we'll probably have to eliminate the program. Barone: Yeah, but are, are you going to try and I don't know what you call it, advertise somehow or what for the people of Throop to play? Lukasewicz: I'd say we should do it for a three-month period. Let's do it, Jim, let's do it for a three-month period. Six months is ...Menichetti: I'm just wondering, if he commits to these people and you cut him off at the knees he's gotta find another place. Lukasewicz: He's has a following that goes with him so it doesn't make a difference where he goes, he just has an extra place to go to. Marushock: *Inaudible.* Lukasewicz: I know, but, I, three months is more than, Marushock: ...don't want to lock themselves in...Lukasewicz: Three months is more than long enough to see. This way you could go over there and see if it is people from out of town or if it is people from Throop.

Marushock: Mrs. Shortz, are you willing to do just the three months? Shortz: I think that's O.K. with me.

All in favor

Motion carried

**17. Motion by Menichetti**

**Second by Blanchard**

To, due to the fact that the meetings are running so late, impose a three-minute time limit on all comments from the assembly.

On the question: Barnick: Yeah, on the question, I don't think it's right. For all these years it's been runnin' fine, all of a sudden you sit here and blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.

Unidentified: We're not the one's that's takin' up the time. These guys are...Marushock: I don't *inaudible*..Barnick: Audience comments *inaudible*. Unidentified: It's not us, it's you

guys that's takin' up all the time. Stoffey: Your taking all the time up, not us. Marushock: O.K. Lukasewicz: On the question, I would assume that things are only gonna get better

from here forward. You know, I think..*Laughter heard*. Marushock: I hope your right, I hope your right. Lukasewicz: I think most of your bitterness is gone, we're gonna have a

manager here that maybe will take some of the burden off of council and I think that we should just table this for a while. Lukowski: Don't hold your breath. Menichetti: Why

don't we try it. Unidentified: Come on, it's you guys that are takin' up all the time.

Menichetti: Try it for a couple weeks, if it doesn't work we could just eliminate it. You

never know. Unidentified: By the time you get to the podium and get Yeah, it takes a

minute just to walk over there. Menichetti: You never know until you try it. Lukasewicz:

The meetings are not gonna run this long *inaudible* they're just not gonna work. *Few speaking, inaudible*. Lukasewicz: No, we've made some mistakes....*Many speaking, inaudible*.

We've got the Civic Center in hand, finally. They'll be a fresh, they'll be a fresh

start at the Civic Center, there's no need...Marushock: Motion's on the floor. Anyone else on that question.

Four in favor - Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock

Three against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion carried

Barone: Who's gonna be the timekeeper? We gotta pay a timekeeper here now, or what?

*Laughter heard. Many speaking at once. Gavel.* Lukasewicz:...Because I believe Dickson City tried to do this just a little while ago and then backed off on it, so...

**18. Motion by Menichetti**

**Second by Marushock**

To secure prices and availability on goods for the Civic Center from Schiff's, Trichilo Foods(and any other wholesale food supplier) to be delivered to the Civic Center.

Marushock: Maybe we want to change this to add any wholesale food supplier to submit us prices and availability on goods for the Civic Center. Lukasewicz: What is this, for the

day care program? Marushock: Yes, this may eliminate some of the problems with the shopping and time and have everything delivered to the door, Then this, hopefully it will streamline this thing, put some of the mileage into their *inaudible* being paid out, put to rest. Lukasewicz: I think this one here, you have a manager coming in, well maybe then his first priority should be to evaluate the day care program over there and make recommendations. He might make these recommendations to us or have better recommendations. I think...Marushock: Well maybe we can get this in place, have him look at these proposals and, and see..Lukasewicz: What's he gonna..give him something to do when he gets here. *Many speaking, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: Just to advertise? Marushock: Yes. Lukasewicz: So, we're gonna waste money. *Many commenting.* Lukasewicz: Who's gonna get the prices? Marushock: We can secure by phone, we can secure by phone. Lukasewicz: Daryl, we have a manager. Let's let the manager do these things. Menichetti: No, this is not a job for borough manager, this is a job for the director. This is her job. Lukasewicz: And who is she going to report these to, the manager? Menichetti: Yes. Lukasewicz: Hopefully she will. The manager's gonna watch everything real fine, I'm hoping. Marushock: I'm hoping too.

Four in favor - Shortz, Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock  
Three against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion carried

Barone: Who's, who's supposed to get that food, Dick *inaudible Gale*? That's another job you took off of Gail. That's her job to go get the food. The girls have been doin' it. *Few speaking at once.* Marushock: Please, I'm on the floor with some motions here. Can I have order....

**19. Motion by Menichetti**

**Second by Blanchard**

To advertise for a part-time secretary for the Civic Center to do all paperwork. The hours will be from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. when the Center is opened until 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. when the center is opened until 7:00 p.m. The salary will be \$9.50 per hour, no benefits, no weekends.

Lukasewicz: What was this move, Jack? Barnick: Advertise for a secretary, or no... Marushock: To advertise for a part-time secretary...Lukasewicz: Again, I think you should let the manager make these decisions. Marushock: The motion's on the floor. Motion by Daryl, second by Mrs. Blanchard. Lukasewicz: What are we getting a manager for? Barone: Let's make a motion to get rid of the manager. Barnick: Just on the question...Lukasewicz: Well, maybe he should evaluate and decide what the duties of the secretary should be. This manager is supposed to be aside from ..why are we still, why are we doing the manager's work? Menichetti: We should have one person doing *inaudible*, one person. Lukasewicz: No Daryl, all these motions you came up with the manager should be doing. *Few speaking at once.* Menichetti: We need accountability. We have no accountability. Lukasewicz: We will if the manager does his job. We shouldn't be doing the manager's job. Barnick: Next time, next time now we're gonna blame the secretary for not doing the paperwork, right? Barone: Yeah. Marushock: Motion's on the floor. Barnick: You talk about cost effective, this is not, for all these years that Civic

Center ran without no secretary, now your gonna put a secretary in. Lukasewicz: He's not even here and you're taking his job away from him. Marushock: Anyone else on the question.

Three in favor - Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock  
Four against - Barone, Shortz\*, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion failed

\* Shortz: I'm against because I agree, I think the borough manager needs to look at *inaudible* and make suggestions. Lukasewicz: Let the manager do his job. Can't hinder him before he even starts.

**19. Motion by Blanchard**

**Second by Lukasewicz**

To have borough engineer design, in cooperation with the borough manager, a bathroom for the Civic Center. A grant of \$10,000.00 from the state has been approved. This would be located in the basement of the facility.

Lukasewicz: Again, please let the manager look at it and check out the code and whatever the state says about a bathroom in the basement and this..Let him do his job. Barnick: Labor and Industry's gotta be in contact ...Lukasewicz: Let him, let him evaluate it. Marushock: I, I say we can get the bids and then he can have it. Lukasewicz: But we don't know what he, he might change things. We don't know, we don't know what we're bidding on. Menichetti: I under the impression that to get this grant you have to submit this within a certain amount time. Marushock: Right. Lukasewicz: Then why weren't we told that? Menichetti: We were told that. Unidentified: ...had a thing in our pack at the last meeting, Tom. Lukasewicz: She said there was no hurry. The money is there but there's no hurry, that's what I was told. *Many speaking, inaudible.* Barnick: Monday the new one's comin' in. Unidentified: You won't have to worry if he's gonna do a good job or not, he won't have anything to do. Lukasewicz: You gotta to have a design of it. Let the borough manager... Menichetti: It's a bathroom, a toilet and a sink. Lukasewicz: No, it's not that simple. It's gotta be a flush up system..Menichetti: Didn't she have plumbers in there? Lukasewicz: She had plumbers look but they never had anything to go on. You need a design of this. For anything that you do in a public building, before you do anything in a public building you have to have a design of it, for Labor and Industry. Menichetti: Well. Lukasewicz: You just can't put something ...Menichetti: What are these bids? These are designs, aren't they? Lukasewicz: No. You need to have, you have to say our engineer to design the specifications of ...Shortz: That's what we need. Lukasewicz: That's what we have to do. Menichetti: All right, I'll put it on then have the engineer design a bathroom with cooperation from the borough manager, I'll second that motion. Marushock: To have engineer design..Menichetti: Design the bathroom for the Civic Center..Lukasewicz: With cooperation from the borough..Menichetti: We'll Cindy made the motion.

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

Motion carried

Marushock: Next, we've got to look at the paving list. Does anyone else have any other streets that we were gonna add to the list to discuss? Barone: Wait, we've gotta make a motion here....

**20. Motion by Barone**

**Second by Menichetti**

To replenish the Civic Center Petty Cash in the amount of \$206.66.

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

Two against - Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion carried

Barone: Since we're doin' all the work for the borough manager..Barnick: Joe...Barone...Now wait, since we're doin' all the work for the borough manager, I'd like to rescind the vote on that borough manager - get rid of him, we don't need him.  
*Laughter.* Lukasewicz: That's not gonna pass so just forget about it. Barone: Who knows? Barnick: I'll make a motion that we defer comment until next week and make a motion to adjourn....Marushock: Hey, we didn't get done with the motions yet. Barnick: Aw, I thought we were done, come on.

**21. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Second by Barnick**

To have all exempt employees submit a weekly time sheet of their hours and days off.

All in favor

Motion Carried

**22. Motion by Menichetti**

**Second by Marushock**

To look into the possibility of turning the soda machine-servicing filling for us back to the company.

Lukasewicz: Again, can we let the manager review the paperwork from the last three years and see if it...Marushock: *Inaudible.* Lukasewicz: ..but if your making a...that's one of the things you do make a profit from. There's a good profit from the soda machines. Barnick: *Inaudible* the on-call systems..*inaudible.* Marushock: On the question...Barone: On the question, you know they've been having a lot of trouble with those machines over there. Marushock: ... it's their responsibility when they get..Barone: Now wait a minute, time out, why, we had to get a proposal from Pepsi. Pepsi has guaranteed all new machines and I think you can get, making a couple more dollars from Pepsi. I think you should table this and check into that before you go past it. Menichetti: That's what this is, to look into the possibility. Marushock: Right, they could submit us something, Joe, that we...Barone: They already did, Pepsi. Marushock: We don't have the documentation ..Barone: Because she's got it over there. Marushock: Well this is coming to here then. Let Pepsi submit it to us, borough council..Barone: They figured out, Jennifer right? Gongliewski: Yes. Barone: That Pepsi was a better deal,

Gongliewski: Yes. Barone: And they're gonna give you all new machines and they would come up and take care of that. Lukasewicz: Jesus. *A discussion ensued regarding the motion and changing of a vote by Barone.*

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

**23. Motion by Blanchard Second by Menichetti**

To waive advertising as an emergency situation to amend ordinance #19 of 1994.

*A discussion ensued. Few heard saying "sunshine law".*

Three in favor - Blanchard, Menichetti, Marushock  
Three against - Barone, Shortz, Barnick  
One abstain - Lukasewicz  
Motion fails

Lukowski: A big fat no. *Applause and laughter heard.* Barnick: Your good for another month. Lukowski: Can we put it to rest now? Marushock: Wait a minute, I got, still here...

**24. Motion by Barnick Second by Lukasewicz**

To pay American Asphalt the amount between the check that was issued in November 2003 and the total of \$20,000.00, which has been agreed upon in regards to the 1999 paving project and that this \$20,000.00 will be earmarked as payment in full. This will include a letter from Atty. Cimini.

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

\*Menichetti: I think \$16,000.00 is enough to pay them.

Marushock: We're finally putting that to rest since 1999.

**25. Motion by Barnick Second by Lukasewicz**

To hire John Petrillo, John Pollock and Ron Green for part-time summer employment as per 2003 salary.

All in favor  
Motion carried

**26. Motion by Barnick Second by Lukasewicz**

To make the annual \$250.00 donation to the American Legion and VFW.

On the question: Barone: Do we donate anything to the seniors? Marushock: At Christmas. Menichetti: We give them at Christmas. Barone: That's just for Christmas, O.K. Menichetti: What do you mean just?...

All in favor

Motion carried

27. **Motion by Barnick**

**Second by Menichetti**

To defer comment until next week and adjourn.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Jennifer Gongliewski** - ....when it came time for Gail to get a five day suspension that four were against it and three were for it. Now when I spoke to Gail over the weekend she said that somebody had told her, she didn't tell me who, that all she had to do is write herself up and that's it. Now I'm assuming that it came from the four who voted against that. Now, I don't understand how that's fair that I got a five day suspension for the same exact, well almost the same exact thing, and she got nothing but a write up. That's kinda like discrimination. Marushock: Quite honestly, Jennifer, I don't want to go into length because I don't want to bring what was discussed in an executive, going back a while....Gongliewski: I'm not, I'm just asking...Barnick: She's the one that was involved. Marushock: O.K., it's just things that were discussed at the executive I don't want to bring in here. That's the only way I can answer your question. Gongilewski: But this was brought up - I didn't say anything beyond - so I'm just asking why it was, she gets nothing, I get something. Barone: She got more votes...*inaudible* got three. Gongliewski: Can I say something? I don't understand. I think I have a right to understand why I get suspended and she doesn't. I mean in my mind that's discrimination. I'm being discriminated against. Marushock: I, I cannot go into length. There was things discussed in a Civic, I'm sorry, in an executive...Barnick: I'd like to know, too. Marushock: You were present. Barnick: No, *inaudible* I want to know ..one gets it and one doesn't . Marushock: In how the vote was done. I voted knowing what I know from information I received from executive meetings, not just the other night, just the fact, why things were done, when they were done. That's my opinion, anyone else wants to comment, fine, go ahead. No other further comments? Gongliewski: We'll isn't there someway we can discuss this further? Marushock: In an executive? Gongliewski: I think that answers the question, it can't be discussed now. Lukasewicz: You can request that it be discussed in an executive session. Gongliewski: I'd like to do that. Marushock: Prior to the next *inaudible* at the end of the month will can discuss that in the executive. I don't want to reveal any further information... Gongliewski: So when will that be? Marushock: Right now it looks like the end of, May 22 is gonna be a meeting....Lukasewicz: Jetty, *inaudible* end of the month meeting or it's gonna be another five hour meeting at the end of the month. We've gotta have one. Marushock: I'm gonna add an executive on May 20<sup>th</sup> for the end of the month work session. Gongliewski: So, be here at 6:00 May 20<sup>th</sup>? Barnick: Better start at 3:00. Marushock: Yeah, we're gonna have to. Gongliewski: O.K. Marushock: O.K., O.K. is that it? Unidentified: One question, is the borough manager

getting a contract. Menichetti: No. Marushock: I don't think he does get a contract. Right, it's not in the ordinance. This is everything being done as per the way the ordinance was. Barnick: Motion to adjourn. *Many saying wait, wait a minute.*

Unidentified: Just a quick comment. Public comments were only forty five minutes tonight, the other four hours...*many speaking at once, inaudible.*

Stoffey: No, I want to know, if an incident like that happened again with Gail, what's gonna happen? Is there anything written up over there about that? Barnick: It depends on who you know. Stoffey: 'Cause that's very unusual for four people to vote like that, 'cause Daryl tells Gail everything, you got to know that. She goes in with her tape recorder and everything, the whole meeting is done...Menichetti: That's, your making an assumption..Stoffey: I'm not making an assumption, it's the truth. O.K. Marushock: That is an assumption, Mr. Stoffey. Menichetti: You're making an assumption, your making an assumption. Stoffey: You do it all the time and it's an every word sentence. I know everything that goes on and you know what and I don't come to these meetings. They're not supposed to be discussed. I Menichetti: Everybody knows every...*Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Marushock: Mr. Stoffey, that's a false allegation, I'm telling you because...Stoffey: It's not a false allegation, because I know. Marushock: It is a false allegation because I'm the one that voted, I voted *inaudible. Few speaking.* Stoffey: ..no, I know everything that goes on because, you know why, she tells everything to Gail and Gail was confiding in my wife...well now they don't talk anymore....*inaudible.* Take it from there Marushock! Marushock: I voted the way I....*Many arguing, inaudible.* Stoffey: You don't know how to vote, you don't know how a run meeting, you don't know how to vote, you should resign from that sheath, your no good, period. *Many commenting.* You don't belong there, she don't belong there, she don't belong there. Marushock: That's your opinion....Stoffey: She's got a little bit of brains, you three don't belong there. Marushock: That's your opinion.....Menichetti: Come on, let's go. Marushock: *Gavel heard.* Audience comments continuing here. Stoffey: Four months and you do nothing for this borough. Marushock: Did I miss anybody? Continuing that row....

**Paul Legos** - I got up and spoke before. I'm glad the situation with the parking is done and I asked you to give a little respect for Elaine, she had a death in her family, that just went over your ears. You could have stopped for a second, it just went right over your ears. You don't have no respect for a person. Menichetti: Now how do you, now Mr. Legos, what do you mean we don't have respect. Legos: Well I asked you, a moment of silence, that's no respect. You didn't do nothing. Menichetti: We don't do that for everyone. Legos: Aw, come on, the lady works here, like her mother-in-law died, you can't give her a little respect? Jesus. Menichetti: Just because you have a moment of silence doesn't mean your not offering respect for...Legos: We'll you didn't do nothing when I mentioned it....Marushock: O.K., come on. Menichetti: My God. Marushock; Anyone else in the audience, comments?

Motion to adjourn the meeting - 11:10 p.m.  
Minutes by Cathy Egan