

September 21, 2004

To: Christine Hartshorn/Ken Novack
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RE: Revisions to minutes from Throop Council Monthly Meeting of 6/28/04

Christine,

I have reviewed the tapes from the meeting listed above per Mary Zenkus's request at the 8/30/04 council meeting. Attached are revised pages 4 and 5 that resulted from that review. I've numbered the changes with sticky notes, which can be easily removed after they've been reviewed and approved by council. The summary of the changes is as follows:

<u>Original</u>	<u>Revision</u>
#1 - Marushock: More, more additional testing.	More guidance and perhaps more additional testing.
#2 - Zenkus: Well they're working.....	Unidentified: Well they're working...
#3 - Marjon	Marjol
#4 - Zenkus: But, um I'm almost sure...	Unidentified: But, um I'm almost sure...
#5 - My <i>inaudible</i> I live right next door...	Myself, I live right next door....
#6 - at least <i>inaudible</i> inches of black stuff ...	at least 1/4" of black stuff...

Along with both pages I am also including a revised disk from this 6/28/04 meeting and returning the 2 hard copy tapes I used for the review.

Any questions please call or fax me asap.

Thanks,



it's effecting my. That was the inside of my home. The outside of my home - it says approximately 60% ash and 10% pollen. Now when I spoke to Kevin Stewart at the Lung Association, he's in Lancaster, he says that it was a gross testing, he said it wasn't tested properly, he says because - what is ash? He told me - is it a byproduct? That it, it, I mean you should, it should be tested properly to find out exactly what's in the air. And he say's, "Why is quartz in your home? Where's it coming from that it's not healthy to breathe"? So, I mean to me something else should be done so that the quality of our air can be tested and nobody else gets ill or has a bad result from what's going on in our outside air. The D.E.P. really didn't pay much attention to me after they gave me these results. They told me to see, um, allergists, which I am. I have an appointment in July but as far as that goes that doesn't correct what's in my home and I can't live in my home anymore. Like I says I'm partly living in my car and I don't know how long I could do this - winter's coming and I've been in my car so many months and this is a terrible predicament to me. Marushock: O.K. Barone: We should find out who we could contact *inaudible* check the other parts of the town too. Marushock: Right. Well like I say the D.E.P. actually did sent the test results back but we could notify them that the borough is aware of that and that we are asking for more information. Lukasewicz: Additional testing. ¹Marushock: More guidance and perhaps more additional testing... Zenkus: Well I wish they would test in my home and, and, you know, find a more definite answer because I'm in a worse predicament. I mean I don't know what to do. Menichetti: Where, where, did they give you any indication where the quartz would come from? Zenkus: Um, he didn't tell me anything. He says, "I don't know what else I could do for you". He says, "See your allergist". That's what he told me. Now I don't know if an allergist could define if quartz could bother you like that but if... there is a white mist in my home with black little specs. And I mean I'm susceptible of this taste, this salty taste. Even when I wash my hair, if I go in and I wash my hair and take a bath it's so bad that I can't, I can't stay in my house and.. I mean, it's just like, sticks to my clothes. That's how it effects me. Menichetti: Have you had any changes in your home lately? Zenkus: Um, uh Tom did work in my home, what was it, last summer at about May or June but he didn't see nothing in my home and I'm sure, you know, if I haven't done work in my home it's not gonna bring quartz in. It has to be in the air because it would come out of this ash, that's why this ash has to be defined more better. What is in that ash that's coming over? Menichetti: Well we don't have any, uh, stacks burning or anything like that around here that would omit ash. ²Unidentified: Well they're working across the highway on the ³Marjol column dump there. They're leveling it off. I don't know what they planning on doing there or building there ... Marushock: We could notify ⁴Unidentified: But, um, I'm almost sure there, that's ash from the burning column dump, I'm sure they're disturbing that, I don't know how they're handling it. Zenkus: Or if that ash could be broken down. I spoke to that, um, Kevin and he said it should be spun to see if they could, I don't understand what he means, spin out the quartz and see if it turns the ash to quartz. But if it's just coming in our house in that way and settling in the home. Menichetti: Um, Hum. ⁵Rochinski: You know, there's a lot of neighbors that are experiencing uh, different illnesses and that. ⁵Myself, I live right next door to her and since December both my husband and I, it seems like we have a cold, a runny nose. My nose, it just starts dripping just like that, a little bit and then it'll stop and then it'll start. And uh we were to our doctor in April and he was askin' how we're doin' and I says, "Fine". I says, "It's just that we have runny noses". I says, "It's probably just the change in the weather from the winter to the spring." But now, and I don't

feel any sickness or anything, any cold or that, just that the nose is dripping. And another thing, in since December I had, experienced like there's something in my throat and I went to the doctors and I was sent to Dr. Mariotti and he put the scope in my nose and said there was a little irritation there. So I was on medication for three months, then after that he says if there's no *inaudible* to have the endoscopy done. My doctor made an appointment for me, I went and I had that done and they says they can't find anything there and I'm still experiencing that. I mean I could swallow and everything but it still feels like there's something in my throat and, uh, it's been since December. So then when Mary said she was having problems I just let it go at that but then different ones were saying their sinuses were worse this year than last year and uh people with asthma, their uh they have more problems with their asthma this year than ever before. Zenkus: Lorraine saved my life. She took me in her home for a while. She did because she felt sorry for me. But I experienced the same salty taste in her house as mine. So it can't just be in my own home and it has to be in the air. Rochinski: Now see I don't get that salty taste so maybe everybody is susceptible in a different way. I, I don't have that. Barone: Mary, anybody else's home has that stuff you had? Zenkus: Charlie says he has the mist in his house also and his wife's asthma is worse. She has the salty taste. Unidentified: And all the window sills on the outside, at least 1/4" of black stuff all along the window sills. Barone: I think we should get those, somebody in here real quick and find out what that is. Marushock: Well we're gonna do it by motion. Barone: Yeah. Lukasewicz: George, can you have Chuckie speak? I think he has something in regards to this. Marushock: Mr. Reed. Reed: Yeah, uh as you know I spent two weeks in the hospital with pneumonia and basically what pneumonia is; it's an inflammation of the lungs and the lining of the lungs. And my, my right lung was just full of all lesions and uh pulmonary specialists, all the doctors, I have uh blood samples sent all across the country, they can't figure out what happened to it or why it started. My symptoms started just as she has written in this paper; the runny nose, the sore throats, the eyes watering. I spoke to uh Kevin Stewart today, I spoke to the doctor today and uh Kevin Stewart recommended that council write a letter to the D.E.P. demanding a air quality study done in Throop. Lukasewicz: Just in that area down there. Reed: Yeah, there's a, he had half a dozen calls today alone. Lukasewicz: Half a dozen calls? Reed: Yeah. So there is something going on in this area. Quartz, which was found in her house, causes pneumonia but the fact that I had it. I also had elevated liver functions and uh kidney problems and that's a byproduct *inaudible* with fly ash. So if there's uh, when they're excavating over there or if uh the landfill or whatever is causing fly ash, *inaudible* real problems. I strongly suggest that it uh, I beg that council *inaudible*... Lukasewicz: Well, I'm sure we'll put a motion on this evening to make it a priority to contact *inaudible*.... Menichetti: Excavating can cause that? Excavating can cause that? Blanchard: Yeah. Lukasewicz: It, it can. Blanchard: Dust, little particles. Sure. Lukasewicz: You know, there's a lot of byproducts from the old mining over there where they were excavating the *inaudible*. Blanchard: And their making that strip mine down the Boulevard. They're doing that too. Lukasewicz: Exactly. That could be causing it. Blanchard: A lot of things. Menichetti: But they've been doing that for a long time.... Lukasewicz: No, it's only within a year. Zenkus: Um, The more people that call this Kevin Stewart 717-397-5203, he said that they would get funding also, to help to get funding to help this area. So that's 717-397-5203. Marushock: O.K. That is gonna be on as a motion... Blanchard: O.K... Marushock:... to notify D.E.P. and hopefully we will have quick results. Egan: Excuse me. Um, the women's name next