

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
for General Purposes
Thursday, August 14, 2003
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Military and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Anthony Chrzan - P

James Barnick - P

Vice President- Thomas Lukasewicz - P

President-James Mellody Jr.- P

George Marushock - P

Daryl Menichetti - P

Joseph Barone - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - A

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini - A

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - P

There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.

1. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 16 of 2003, a resolution opening the “Throop Borough Capital Projects” checking account at the First National Community Bank. This account was opened on August 1, 2003 and the \$1,550,000.00 loan proceeds was deposited in this special account. The \$1,500.00 fee to Oliver, Price & Rhodes as per the FNCB loan agreement was automatically paid from the new account.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Barone

To ratify the approval of Scranton Craftsmen change orders as per the recommendation of Fred Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer and Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner. (Council voted at the July 28th meeting to approve Scranton Craftsmen’s change orders and retainage when approved by the Borough Engineer and Street Commissioner.)

Change Order # 11 - South Valley Ave Project	Increase	\$925.00
Change Order # 12 - South Valley Ave Project	Increase	\$16,397.00
Change Order # 13 - South Valley Ave Project	Decrease	\$32,193.15

Six in favor - Barnick, Lukasewicz, Marushock, Menichetti, Barone, Mellody
 One abstain - Chrzan
 Motion carried

3. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Barnick**

To ratify the payments to Scranton Craftsmen for the following invoices:

Application # 8 Retainage - S. Valley Ave. Project (Local Funding)	\$26,025.25
Application # 8 S. Valley Ave. Project (EPA/Local Funding)	\$13,862.70
Application # 9 Retainage - S. Valley Ave. Project (EPA/Local Funding)	\$40,063.85
(EPA Grant is \$200,000.00 - <u>Final reimbursement from EPA</u> is pending the Army Corps of Engineers inspection.)	
Application # 3 Curbs & Sidewalks	\$985.58
Application # 4 Curbs & Sidewalks Retainage	\$23,881.09
Total paid to Scranton Craftsmen on August 8, 2003	\$104,818.47

Six in favor - Barnick, Lukasewicz, Marushock, Menichetti, Barone, Mellody
 One abstain - Chrzan
 Motion carried

4. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To amend Throop Borough Zoning Ordinance regarding permits for signs: No Permits for signs will be required for non-profit organizations.

All in favor Motion carried

5. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To donate \$250.00 to Throop Hose Co. # 2 towards their celebration of 100 years of service to the Borough of Throop.

On the question:

Chrzan: Is there going to be booze served there? *A discussion ensued, few speaking at once.*

Six in favor - Barnick, Lukasewicz, Marushock, Menichetti, Barone, Mellody
 One against - Chrzan
 Motion carried

6. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Barnick**

To ratify the bid award to the lowest most responsible bidder, Scranton Craftsmen, Inc., for the Dunmore Street Emergency Repair Project in the amount of \$36,900.00.

All in favor Motion carried

A discussion took place with regard to PennDOT fixing the storm drain on Dunmore Street, various storm drains in the borough and a request was made that a letter be sent to PennDOT.

7. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To direct Atty. Louis A. Cimini to intervene for Throop Borough as a party at the Court of Common Pleas level in regards to Gould Electronics land use appeal, Gould Electronics, Inc. vs. Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Throop.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Chrzan

To reimburse Elaine Morrell \$461.77 for health coverage costs from January 2003 to July 2003 in lieu of health coverage with the Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

Council requested the reimbursement be made monthly.

9. Motion by Menichetti

Seconded by Marushock

To accept "The Traditional (Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania) Plan with the Three Tier Prescription Plan" and "Access Care II" with a \$150. Deductible. Employees have until September 11, 2003 to change to Access Care II if they choose. The plan year begins 10/1/03. (A prescription plan was not an option with the "Traditional Plan" in the past.) (The choice of the **Traditional** and the Access Care II will stay in compliance with the union contracts. They can stay with the traditional if they choose to do so.)

All in favor

Motion carried

A discussion took place with regard to health insurance.

10. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To reimburse Charles Reed for prescriptions, \$184.01.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Barnick

To respond to Excalibur that the Borough of Throop does not have any modified duty.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To notify the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lackawanna of the problem regarding the curb on Line Street (Marshalek's) and to do whatever is necessary to alleviate the problem.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To have a party for the Big League District 17 State Champions Baseball team.

On the question:

Morrell: Are we putting a monetary amount here or something and what kind of a party? *A discussion took place with regards to a monument or plaque, many speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: Let's just give permission to plan, to schedule, and have it all ready to go. Barone: And maybe organize a little parade.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barnick**

To hire Mark Urso for full time DPW Unskilled Laborer, in accordance with the guidelines of the union contract effective Mon., August 18, 2003.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To advertise for part-time DPW help, at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Marushock**

To raise David Cheplick's hourly rate to \$8.00 per hour, effective Mon., August 18, 2003.

All in favor

Motion carried

Council requested status on Eddy Creek, a cost estimate for removal/clearing with regard to Rinaldi's property, and estimates from Chorba's and Scranton Craftsmen's land with regard to a DPW salt shed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary
Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary