

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, August 26, 2002  
7:00 p.m.**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Of Council:**

Joseph Barone - **P**

James Barnick - **P**

Anthony Chrzan - **P**

**President**-Thomas Lukasewicz - **P**

George Marushock - **P**

Jim Mellody Jr. - **P**

**Vice President**-Daryl Menichetti - **P**

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

**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini - **P**

**Treasurer** - Lenore Dolan - **A**

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

**Announcements:**

Throop Civic Center Talent Show - "Featuring the Summer Camp Students"  
Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. - Borough Officials are invited - Public is  
Welcome - Admission is Free.

An Executive Session was held on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. regarding  
Throop v. Gould. (Marjol Litigation).

Brian Bell, Joyce Jackman & Bell Insurers, presented and explained the borough insurance proposal for the Sept. 2002 - Sept. 2003 policy period.

**Official Comments:**

Council President discussed the negotiations for the purchase of 4+ acres for \$100,000 from Anthony Rinaldi who will then donate \$25,000 back to the civic center and/or the community. A motion would be added to the printed agenda.

Chrzan mentioned a study that was to be done in the past for Copperneck and Edgar Streets, he would make a motion this evening to ensure it gets done. A discussion took place.

Barnick thanked everyone for their support while in the hospital, he didn't know if he would feel enough to last the meeting. He discussed the borough's finances; told everyone they should open their eyes, the borough doesn't have the money that is needed, cuts needed to be made across the board, drastic changes. Everything had to be looked at, not only the police department, but all departments because the numbers are not making it and the borough would not make the end of the year. No one forecasted the landfill tonnage dropping or the insurance doubling. He spoke to Keystone Sanitary Landfill, the next quarterly check the borough would be getting would be \$250,000 less than the normal amount. Marushock inaudible, but said he agreed 100%.

There was 69½ hours of overtime for the full time police and reiterated sacrifices had to be made. *Mayor Lukowski said there was money budgeted for the police overtime.* Barnick discussed the budget again, it was gone, blown. Tony Chrzan and him both mentioned three people on vacation and with three sick, and there's 69½ hours of overtime. *The Mayor asked Barnick if he ever took a vacation.* Barnick responded one guy being on vacation was fine, but let the next guy go the next week. He wanted to know what the heck was going on and said to get people to manage the place.

Barone then asked if under the police contract the borough has the right work someone, like a part timer, to give him overtime? Would it be cheaper and could they save money? Barnick said there was no contract, council's hands are tied and can't do anything, everything was falling apart, everyone's got to start stepping up to the plate and getting together here. He wanted to know what you do with a part time employee who has 163 hours in because over 40 hours a week they are considered a full time employee and where's the benefits and everything?

Marushock asked about two working men per shift and Barnick said he's been complaining about that because when there's an incident such as a domestic, they come from all over the place (other municipalities). Marushock questioned how many times two people were sitting in the office and the Mayor asked him how did he know they weren't doing paperwork? Chrzan said they're checking seat belts, though. Barnick then asked where the citation report for the month was, where was it at? The Mayor said he did not know where the citation report was. Marushock said he's not against the police but right now we are in a tough situation and also said cuts need to be made across the board.

Barnick said he would not vote for hiring anybody else over at the civic center and that there has to be more control, start using the people more that are there instead of adding extras on. He said people needed to be removed from lists (all departments), officially remove their names if they are gone (payroll lists). If they are police, bring back their equipment, whatever they have, to this borough.

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda and motions that are to be added:**

**Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director** - Discussed civic center employees, many that were helping for the summer are now leaving to go back to school. *Barnick said they have to be officially removed. A discussion then took place with regard to the floors at the center.*

**John Skutnik, Copperneck Street** - Asked “what you guys are going to do about it” and “does it take three or six months to get the chief of police up there to look at it, what are these guys (the police) doing?”

**Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street** - Would like to see council pass the motion to buy that acreage (Rinaldi Property), the borough would save a heck of a lot more in putting up a brand new building than for what it would cost for that piece of junk (referring to the Servomation Building).

**Bette Goreschak, Meade Street** - Glad that council got to talk to Rinaldi. *Barone stated Cimini did a lot of work on the Rinaldi Property, setting everything up.*

**1. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the proposal from Joyce, Jackman & Bell Insurer for the Borough Insurance at a cost of \$ 107,207.00, policy date 9/4/02 through 9/4/03.

On the question:

Marushock: Did we receive any other proposals for this policy? *Morrell said no.* Marushock: Are we obligated to advertise for bids with regards to this? *Morrell said nobody wanted to give us any prices.* Marushock: We’ve been backing ourselves into this corner every year. *Morrell started to say if council looks in the packet....* Lukasewicz stated there has been no irregularities in what has been done and *Brian Bell, Joyce, Jackman, Bell, stated he went to the marketplace, five different companies, and this was the best price.* Barnick: This is a professional contract and it’s not necessary to bid it out as per the Borough Code.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**2. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To accept the police report, zoning report, landfill inspectors reports and the minutes of the July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meetings.

**All in favor, Barnick, except the Police Reports (he does not have them) and Chrzan, except the Police Reports**

**Motion carried**

**TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

*Administrator Morrell read the Treasurer's Report.*

*There was no activity in the Home Program Account except for interest for the month.*

**3. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

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

Unpaid bills:	<b>\$118,715.06</b>
Paid bills:	<b>21,518.96</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$140,234.02</b>
Keystone Landfill Credit:	<b>\$5,840.41</b>
Home Program	<b>\$8,880.22</b>
Revenue Report	<b>\$44,589.80</b>

On the question:

**Marushock:** From the list of bills for payment for the month of August, 2002, **I will be voting against the council member's portion of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield bill, against the amount of \$6,250 for Cimini, Scartelli Law Firm, against the \$43,312.83 for Elliott, Reihner, Siedzikowski & Egan.** I thought we were going to put some strings on this and this bill keeps escalating every month. Also **against the Gannett Fleming invoices for \$28,341.59.** The one other thing I'd like to bring to council's attention is we just did a major so-called improvements on the Short Street Project, Sanitary & Storm Sewers and on this past Saturday right after that heavy rain, I noticed we have a problem because we now have rain, the storm water, missing the catch basins and entering Pearl Street where we had a problem previously and it's also coming down missing the catch basins coming down Kossuth Street. We have a problem there, we are two days *inaudible* paving, a chance for a potential problem for flooding and stuff. Somehow we need to get this resolved. The other thing **I will be voting against is the engineering fees for this month** (until we can get this resolved). I don't know who's fault it is, whether it's the engineer's, the contractor, I don't know who, but we currently have a problem that we need to have resolved. The other thing is, I did question this, in regards to the Starr Uniform Center about the date. Elaine explained at the top from there, the actual date of that invoice in June 14<sup>th</sup> of this year. If anyone sees that out there and they question that. That is it for this time. *Lukasewicz asked Marushock if he would make Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, aware of the problems on Short Street and Marushock responded he planned on doing that.*

**Menichetti:** Elaine, that workmen's compensation invoice...*Morrell responded she did not look at the invoice. Menichetti stated she asked to have it checked and there were two different amounts due (only one on the list of bills), and could Morrell explain that. (Morrell had been on vacation the prior week and indicated said she would look into it). Morrell then mentioned*

council was aware there is a problem with Volpe Insurance and the Workers' Comp. and Heart & Lung, (at the July 29<sup>th</sup> at the meeting council accepted the proposal for both the Workers' Comp and Heart & Lung). The following day Dominick Verrastro (agent) was called, informing him the motion was accepted, who the following week informed the borough he just went to the State Fund with the Workers' Comp. on that Monday, Aug. 6 (correction, Mon. was Aug. 5). SWIF is stating that the policy is effective on Aug. 6, rather than Aug. 1 as it should be. Verrastro then turns around and states that they are not going to cover us under the Heart & Lung because of our losses. They're trying to adjust the invoice, now saying we don't owe that much because they're saying we don't have Heart & Lung coverage now. Menichetti inaudible. Morrell continued, they were adjusting the invoice, so we're still in discrepancy with them. Morrell said they give you a proposal that you accept saying that they're covering Heart & Lung, (and I think that one was about eight (8) days after the fact), then they turn around and say we're not going to cover you. She said if we make this payment we're not going to over pay it because the workers' comp. is like \$50 something thousand dollars (\$50,000+) and the Heart & Lung is \$4 (\$4,000).

Menichetti said she would rather see this money reimbursed and Morrell asked if we were then saying okay, we don't want the Heart & Lung now? Menichetti said we don't have it anyway and Marushock agreed. Morrell stated she thought we should fight it and Barnick indicated she should send them a letter saying you disallow him applying that money to our other insurance premium. Menichetti said just hold it in escrow, Barnick agreed, saying hold it for the Heart & Lung the way it was supposed to be. Menichetti said they were holding our money, like holding it in the bank.

Morrell said as per the agent, the borough needed to pay 25% on both policies and asked the solicitor for his advice on what the borough should pay (the amount). The solicitor said he was fighting with them every day, SWIF, Volpe and Verrastro, because something not stated in the proposal and that his fight with them is on a separate issue, not how they're applying the premium. He was proceeding with the fact that the coverage for us was from the date the proposal was accepted and Morrell said/asked that they should be covering us for both policies from the date it was accepted. There was a discussion with regard to the placement of the policy on August 6<sup>th</sup> when, in fact, an employee was hurt on August 3.

**Menichetti: Well, I'll be against paying them until we find out where.....inaudible.** Morrell continued, stating he tried to say he didn't have the loss runs but they were the carrier. When the insurance was advertised several months ago, she supplied total packets of loss runs. Marushock asked if the check was cashed (it was) and Morrell indicated the check was five days late getting to SWIF. Marushock questioned the date it was cashed (response inaudible). Barnick said a complaint should be filed with the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner, and mentioned going to court and getting an injunction. Morrell asked, didn't we want to pay them so they wouldn't say we were not paying the premium, it was a combined bill. We don't get two separate bills for Workers Comp and Heart & Lung. Lukasewicz asked the solicitor and Administrator to coordinate everything tomorrow (with regard to the payment). Menichetti said pay the lower amount and let the other just sit there until it gets settled, and then Morrell indicated the lower amount of \$2953.00 was not on the list of bills. Marushock said money could be refunded later but if we put the payment in now we were showing good faith and they could not say the policy was cancelling. There was too much at risk not to pay it.

Barnick again said Morrell needed to get a specific letter saying this was designated by our Budget process and according to a line item number for this specific insurance policy, please

hold that until it's determined what happens with, *inaudible*, and we'll pay the full premium that is due on the Workers' Comp. Policy and this way they could say no different. *Lukasewicz said he agreed and asked Morrell to get a letter out to them.*

**Barnick: I'm against the health insurance and the overtime on the police** and do you have a rough guess on the General Fund balance? I'm not talking about Sunny Day, nothing mixed in, just what we have. *Morrell said according to the Treasurer's note, if all the items for payment are approved this evening and motions are paid, the balance would be approximately \$484,000.* Barnick: That's with all CD's, everything? *Morrell responded, no, that's just in the checking account.* Barnick then asked what is left until the end of the year, right now with the CD's but not including the Sunny Day? *Morrell thought there was about \$1,200,000.00 in the General Fund.* Barnick then talked about outstanding amounts, Scranton Craftsmen for Short Street, the South Valley Avenue Project \$826,000, \$60,000 a month for payroll, Marjol, and the borough just couldn't make it. *Morrell said she did not know how we were going to continue to pay Marjol; there were two more bills not on the agenda received in today's mail, \$75,000 from Blazey and \$20,000 from Gannett Fleming.*

Marushock: In regards to this Marjol, I thought we approved a motion where Doug Blazey had to come before us to get approval from us and there's been no decline in the bills. In fact, this is actually for the month of June that we're paying today? *The Mayor said we questioned why Gannett Fleming was coming up on their study and being told because Blazey hired him and the \$43,312 for Elliott Reihner's bill and \$28,000 for Gannett Fleming. In fact Gannett Fleming here, they were listed through June 7<sup>th</sup> through June and July and August were still pending. Lukasewicz said to let them know we're paying bills, we're fighting and we're not giving up. We did not have a choice, the borough was into over a million dollars and we were six weeks away from a decision (with regard to Throop v. Gould), we'll fight to the end and we would not quit.* Barnick mentioned he saw something on CNN, investigating Citigroup (Citicorp).

**All in favor, Barnick & Marushock,  
except as noted, Menichetti, except  
Blazey (Elliott, et al) and Gannett  
Fleming and as noted**

**Motion carried**

**4. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

On the question:

**Barnick: For all except like I said, the overtime (police).**

**Marushock: I will be voting against the maintenance fee for the Washington Street Ball Field.**

**All in favor, Barnick & Marushock,  
except as noted**

**Motion carried**

5. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Discussion on Motion #6:

*Lukasewicz asked the Civic Center Director, Gail Ercoli, for confirmation if this Motion would just be to give her additional staff as needed and will not be any additional hours and she confirmed that it would be the same as it is. It was because she was losing some people she needed to replace. Barnick asked if there were any Throop residents and she said two out of three on the list and the one that was not was a wonderful worker this summer.*

6. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To continue the employment of Danielle Trowbridge, Daniel Nelson and David Devereaux ( civic center summer program employees) as civic center monitor/assistant group supervisor at the same rate of pay \$7.65 per hour.

**Six in favor - Barone, Chrzan, Marushock,  
Melody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz**

**One against - Barnick**

**Motion carried**

7. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution #15 of 2002, approving the President of Council as authorized representative to sign documents and Vice President of Council and Street Commissioner as alternates for the Fiscal year 2002 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Appropriations Act Grant for the South Valley Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

8. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Marushock**

To accept Joseph Perechinsky's resignation from the Throop Police Department effective August 6, 2002. (Mr. Perechinsky is full time Police Chief for Mayfield Borough.)

On the question:

Marushock: Mr. Perechinsky was a very valued officer on our force. I'm sad to see him leave but this is a chance to better himself and that's why he's doing this.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To authorize payment to PA Dept of Labor & Industry in the amount of \$25.00 for the Certificate of Operation for the elevator at the civic center.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**10. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To authorize payments to the following vendors for transcripts Throop vs. Gould (Marjol):

Filius & McLucas Reporting Services, Inc... # 997025 (Robert Hasemeier)	\$ 819.20
Filius & McLucas Reporting Services, Inc... # 996973 (Debra Plumpton)	\$ 228.80
Gallagher Reporting & Video, LLC..... #7409A (Shortz, Keyasko, Kalinowski and Morrell)	\$1,355.60
Zanaras Reporting & Video..... # 4198 (Barbara Forslund)	\$ 385.20

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

Discussion on Motion #11:

*Barnick asked if it was a requirement when hired that monthly bills must be provided and Morrell answered she was not sure. He then mentioned the project was something like \$168,000 and the fees would be 10% of that. Normally the engineer should come out with 6-7%. Chrzan said we should talk to him first and table the motion. Marushock said he believed the bill was for the whole project. Barnick said it did not matter, the bill should not be submitted all at one time two years later, it should be billed monthly. Marushock went on to say that he believed part of it involved the change in plans and asked if he wanted to table it then. Barnick said it should be tabled and to add in to supply more detail on a monthly basis (Motion #12, below).*

**11. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barnick**

**Motion #11 Tabled, as follows:**

To authorize payment to Robert Bernosky, Engineer, in the amount of \$16,500.00 regarding the Bellman St. Park Project.

**All in favor** **Motion tabled**

**12. Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Chrzan**

To require Bob Bernosky, Engineer, to supply a monthly itemized bill or statement, effective immediately.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**13. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize payment to Magdon Music in the amount of \$300.00 for the Sound & Light Production at the National Night Out.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Discussion: Light Standard, Sanderson & Cypress Streets  
*Barnick asked if Bob Bernosky did the signal lights up at Sanderson & Cypress Streets, said they've been sitting there but are still not connected and was supposed to be an emergency six months ago. Lukasewicz said we were paid from the insurance and Barnick reiterated it's supposed to be an emergency. Morrell mentioned NE Signal's proposal was in one of the packets and Kalinoski said to hold on to it until the next work session. She was not sure if it pertained to the standard. Barnick said he asked for a call down to PP&L to find out what was going on here, how much time did it take to put the service on because he thought it was from January or February. Lukasewicz asked Morrell to check with Kalinoski the following day.*

**14. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer to respond to PADEP regarding the proposed permit package for Stormwater Discharges From Small Municipal Separate Storm Systems (MS4s). The comment period has been extended to September 20, 2002.

*Barnick asked if there would be a time limit on this.*

On the question:

*Barnick: Isn't it more involved with the Sewer Authority? Morrell stated she asked Kalinoski about this and he suggested, recommended having Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Inc. look at it and make comments. Barnick: Yeah, but, I'd like somebody to look at a lot of things of mine.*

*Lukasewicz: It has to be filed..... Barnick continued: I mean, DEP is the one that sends this stuff. They want to drill a hole up there in Warsaw, we've got two mine voids up there. They don't have the money to fill the voids, they won't pay for it. We can't even get no press, the Times doesn't even come anymore, we don't have no press here. I mean, two holes up in Warsaw and we can't get the fill, we have to provide the fill for it.*

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**15. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To allocate ½ of the Budgeted amount for the Zoning Hearing Members, \$50.00 to each Richard Burdyn, Larry Hartshorn and Rose Kaminski.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Chrzan: I make a motion to develop an ordinance for the two stop signs up on Edgar and Copperrick Street and see if the one on Edgar should be removed pending the outcome of the chief's investigation.....** Lukasewicz: That should be back on the 12<sup>th</sup> (of Sept).  
*Morrell asked for clarification, three way or two way stop. Barnick and Lukasewicz both replied whatever was recommended through that study. Barnick asked if the Ordinance is going to be developed and advertised and Lukasewicz replied it would be and reiterated the report would be needed for the middle of the month meeting (Sept. 12).*

**16. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize Chief Furiosi and/or Captain Repchick, Police Department, to conduct an investigation/study with regard to the stop signs at the intersection of Edgar and Copperrick Street, recommendations to be completed by September 12, 2002. The solicitor shall then develop and advertise an ordinance with regard to the intersection.

On the question:

Barnick: Well, wait a minute, just on the question. Isn't Repchick working this week?  
*Lukasewicz and Morrell both responded he was. Barnick: Can't he just do it and submit it Louie? Lukasewicz: Sure. As soon as possible, Stanley (Mayor). Barnick: And actually that work better for him because he's living right there so he knows what's going on there all the time. He's second in command, he can handle it.*

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**17. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

**To rescind the motion to purchase the property at Bert Collins Drive located in the Keystone Industrial Park to convert into a DPW complex at a price of \$350,000 (Regular Monthly Meeting, June 24, 2002):**

On the question:

Marushock: Again, maybe right now *inaudible*, spoke with her earlier *inaudible*, all we have is hearsay right now.....*few speaking at once.* Marushock: Before anything was finalized, we put everything into place. We had, we agreed to have the surveys done, evaluations done, everything before *inaudible, few speaking at once.* Until we know what we're getting into with the other project and this come out earlier *inaudible*, the only stipulation was that there would be no pole barn on the sight. Okay, that might be a good idea but are there any other stipulations that we are not aware of? We have no formal documentation that we can act on. *Barnick and Marushock speaking, inaudible.* Marushock continued: If we could have a written proposal for the special mid-month meeting.....*inaudible.* I mean, I believe it's a good location, we talked about this for several years.....*inaudible.* I believe that we went to the Servomation sight because all we did, *inaudible*, we're talking, talking, talking and nothing's being done. All the equipment was outside exposed to the elements, again, *inaudible.* We had the approval to sign the letter of sale but we did not do that until all the bases were covered and I believe we need to *inaudible*,

jumping to a conclusion here to rescind that motion to approve that, I would think we're acting a little bit premature. *Chrzan: I call the motion.*

Barone: Let me say something. I was for that garage up there but we don't have the money and the landfill's money just cut in half, I just can't see it now.

Menichetti: How are you going to build a building then?

Barone: Well, we don't have to put the DPW garage up this year. *Both speaking at once.* The salt shed we need, the salt shed we definitely need, we're going to have to get it somewhere. Okay, he called the question.

Menichetti: We're going to do a hap-hazard real fast job and throw it together?

Lukasewicz: We're going to put a pole barn there.

Barnick: You've got the piece of land, you could budget it in next year, you can cut back on other projects for next year. The easiest way to do it and go out there and get Mellow, hey, it's election year. Hit the commissioner's up, grab them up for about \$25,000, grab them all.

Menichetti: You're not going to get much because the state is hurting.

Barnick: You'll get enough.

**Four in favor - Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz**

**Three against - Marushock, Mellody, Menichetti,**

**"I'm against until I know more about this  
other proposition."**

**Motion carried**

Barone said if Kanjorski was going to be our congressman and he was the head of the Appropriations Committee, we needed to solicit his support also.

*There was an inaudible discussion, few were speaking at once. The audible portion of the discussion started:*

Lukasewicz: Anthony Rinaldi and also to accept his gift of \$25,000 to the Throop community.

*Chrzan made the motion.* **Barnick: I'll second the motion as long as you add in it's a tentative agreement** right now until all the aspects and specifics are worked out, detailed. Make sure there's no.....*inaudible, and an appraisal. Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Lukasewicz: If this motion gets approved, forward... *Everyone speaking at once, discussing the land location.* Barnick: You're going to have to map it up, you're going to have to go to planning, so that's why I say it's a tentative agreement.

Marushock: Again, I cannot see how we can act on this when we don't have any formal document as to what we're actually buying, the location, everything.

Barnick: It's on the word of one lawyer to the other, a tentative agreement.

Marushock: Nothing formal, nothing in writing.

Chrzan: What kind of writing did you have on that building up there?

Marushock: We had nothing but before we signed the letter of sale.... *Chrzan and Marushock speaking at once.* *Menichetti: We had a Public Meeting and everything.* Marushock continued: We had a public hearing, we did studies with the removal of the tanks and had an evaluation done on the building. *Chrzan: We can tell him this is an emergency.* Marushock: You're not going to see construction before the winter.

**18. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the tentative agreement with Anthony Rinaldi to purchase 4+ acres of property, for \$100,000 pending a favorable review by a Certified Appraisal. Anthony Rinaldi will donate \$25,000 back to the community of the Borough of Throop.

**Four in favor - Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz**

**Two against - Mellody, Marushock**

**One abstain - Menichetti**

**Motion carried**

Barnick asked where the borough was at with the Ash Street Ordinance and if the borough could open the road. Morrell stated she sent out letters and was not sure if anything came in since she was away. Lukasewicz requested this be checked into.

Barnick asked is there was anything to report on all the damage done the vehicles down on the Boulevard and if anyone was caught. Barone then stated more lights were needed out in the borough parking lot. Chrzan mentioned new cameras were needed. Barone continued, Officer Paul Nardoizzi's vehicle got destroyed right out there last month and Officer Chris Granza's vehicle was trashed twice. If there was a bit more light the cameras could be adjusted. Lukasewicz requested Morrell have Kalinoski look at it and then give it to the purchasing committee (for additional lighting). Morrell thought an additional street light would serve the purpose better, Lukasewicz said to contact PP&L and Barnick said you get that stuff from the surplus.

Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director - Announced and invited council and the mayor to the talent show of the Summer Camp children, Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Chrzan mentioned there was a football game Friday night, why not have it Saturday. Ercoli said the date has been set and it was only a fifteen minute show. She mentioned the children looked really good. Barone said the kids really did look good and the director put a lot of work into the show.

Mayor Lukowski - Discussed the vandalism down on the Boulevard and said there were some pretty good leads. He said Nardoizzi's vehicle was a beautiful one, they even put a huge boulder through the window of the vehicle. They did everything under the sun that they could do and it happened right in the borough parking lot. He thought that was one reason why some of the darkness should be eliminated out there. The Mayor then discussed considering a brief ceremony for September 11<sup>th</sup>, if only blowing the sirens.

Barone mentioned the Boy Scouts were looking for ways to get more points for their badges for Eagle Scouts. Mr. Carr (head of the scouts) questioned if there were any projects whatever for Eagle Scout? He wants to know if there's any projects that we have that they could do. The Mayor said they would not get Eagle Scout on manual labor. Barone asked if there were any ideas because it still is a good deed for the borough, maybe they could paint. Lukasewicz said to have Kalinoski coordinate this.

Barnick asked what was going to be done with the vehicle now and said he hoped they were not

fixing it. Menichetti thought they were getting prices on it and Barnick said he thought it should be sent right down to Harrisburg Surplus for a \$500 bid.

Chrzan: Asked if the police were given physicals and drug tests prior to employment like they were supposed to and Morrell said they were. Barnick said the borough needed a physical fitness program where every six months officers needed to be tested. Chrzan asked if any of the officers were willing to ride the police bike and Barnick said Scranton used them all the time.

Lukasewicz said he thought the bike would be used again. Barnick thought the bike would get them into shape. Chrzan said if the bike had been out the night the Boulevard vehicles got damaged maybe they would have been caught. Barone mentioned twenty two vehicles being hit.

**Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.** - The dyke hasn't been cleaned up yet. That brush is pretty darn heavy down there. It's real bad, it's heavier now, he was supposed to seed it in the spring. A motion was made to seed it right away before all this happened and it was never done. I know they put away budget money. *Barnick: There's no budget anymore.* Rocco: Well, I'm just saying it was supposed to be done at the beginning of the season.

Barnick: That and we never had the streets swept this year either.

Discussion:

Ordinance on junk cars and the Bolus property. Chrzan asked if he had been cited and Morrell verified he had been. Chrzan went on to ask what would happen because he would keep on appealing and something had to be done. A friend of his just got buried about a week ago, hitting a car or a truck up there. The vehicles/trucks were right on the curb line and maybe a school bus would get hit. Barnick asked how the other townships get thirty days in jail. The Mayor said it was terrible and that there is going to be a disaster there with the school buses. Barnick asked about the State Police, couldn't they be called in? Lukasewicz said the State Police should be called first thing tomorrow (Aug. 29) and tell them school is starting in a few days and we are concerned that it is a safety hazard and that something had to be done. The Mayor said he had all those vehicles parked in the island because he had no place to put them. He put them in the island and it blocked everybody's vision.

Motion by Chrzan      Seconded by Barone

To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary