

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
for General Purposes
Thursday, August 8, 2002
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Joseph Barone - P

James Barnick - A - (Hospitalized)

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:

An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. with Chief Furiosi regarding personnel matters and a discussion regarding the Servomation Building.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Bette Goreschak, Meade St. - It's not on the agenda but did you hear the news that Perdue chicken is looking up RCA's building? *Lukasewicz responded that he didn't. Morrell questioned if it was Perdue or Tyson, she thought it was Tyson.*

1. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Barone**

To replenish Borough Petty Cash - \$201.38.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve payment to Bosak's Choice Meats - Invoice \$702.97. (For hamburgers, hot dogs and rolls for the Night Out Program.)

On the question:

Chrzan: Why are we getting the bill for this? I thought Keith (Jones) pays that out of the money we pay him.

Morrell: Well, that's where it's coming from, we didn't give Keith any cash.

Chrzan: Oh, I thought we gave him \$3,000.

Morrell: It was allocated but we didn't give him the cash. So we're just paying the checks direct.

Chrzan: Oh, okay, all right.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve payment to Let's Roll Productions - Invoice - \$500.00 (Band stand for the Night Out.)

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve payment to Ed Conrad in the amount of \$500.00 for the rides at the Night Out. There was no charge to the children.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize payment to Lori Karluk, corner of Goodman St. & Loftus in the amount of \$48.00 for damage to her siding by a rock while the DPW were weed wacking at the Washington Street Park.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To approve application for Payment # 1 for the sum of \$61,920.00 to Scranton Craftsmen for the Short Street Sewer Repair Project. (\$45,000.00 will be paid through the grant that was obtained by Representative Gaynor Cawley and the \$16,920.00 will be paid through the Community Revitalization Grant obtained by Senator Mellow.) The application for payment has been approved by Frederick C. Spott, Engineer.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To ratify the rollover of CD Acct # 51-102186-4 in the amount of \$1,169,575.32 at FNCB for one year at 2.9 % that matured on August 5, 2002.

On the question:

Barone: That was the best deal?

Morrell: Yes.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Barone

To rollover CD Account # 40-105135-8, anticipated balance \$69,784.87 maturing on August 28, 2002, for the best rate and term.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Mellody

Seconded by Menichetti

To authorize George Butch Yontos and Robert Cabets to attend the advanced training course for host municipality landfill inspectors.

On the question:

Chrzan: I do not think we should send them, they're not employees. One of them said he couldn't make it on twenty (20) hours a week and he turned around and he sued us in court and now we're giving him another shot at *inaudible*, I'm against it.

Three in favor - Mellody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz,

Two against - Barone, Chrzan

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To approve the final payment to Adams Enterprises Invoice - \$5,453.60 - Bellman St. Park Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Mellody

Seconded by Menichetti

To hire Christopher Tully as a part-time police officer at the prevailing rates.

On the question:

Barone: I'd like to table this for him because there's too much controversy, I'd like to check into it more and find out what's really going on because I don't want no lawsuit or whatever.

Menichetti response inaudible.

Barone: Well, hey, I made the motion to table it, Neil. There's too much controversy there and..... *few speaking at once.*

Lukasewicz: Well, what we'll do is, there's a motion on the floor, it has been first and seconded. The people that made the motion and seconded, do you wish to have your motion removed at this time or not?

Both responded they did not wish to have the motion removed.

Lukasewicz: So we will vote on Motion #11.

On roll call:

Barone: I'm against as I said I'd like to have it tabled.

Chrzan: I'm against for the same reason. I think that we put a policeman on last week, we put another one on, we're going to put another one on today, I don't think we need three. We were promised that they were going to put a full timer on and that's the way I feel. Give them a full timer and we'll have no more of this with part-timers, they don't want to work, they don't want to do this. I'm voting against it.

Three in favor - Mellody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz

Two against - Barone and Chrzan, as noted Motion carried

12. Motion by Mellody Seconded by Menichetti

To hire William Hazleton as part time police officer at the prevailing rates.

All in favor Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barone

To send Dave (David) Morrell the Host Municipality Landfill Inspector's School as soon as it is possible.

Four in favor - Barone, Chrzan, Menichetti, Lukasewicz

One against - Mellody Motion carried

Mayor's Comments:

Discussed hearing that Hugh Kaufman, EPA Investigator, is back on the job full-time and the deposition of Christine Todd Whitman, EPA Administrator, if she didn't get out of the deposition somehow. In addition, Tom Voltaggio, Deputy Regional Administrator, Region III, would be there also. The Mayor stated all of this was unofficial.

Council Comments:

Menichetti: I'd like to make a motion, I'll put a motion on the floor now to do away with this extra meeting. I really don't feel we need it.

Chrzan: I think we should have it, I think we should one more.

Menichetti: I mean, I think if we need to have a meeting we can always call one.

Lukasewicz: Well, the way we have it, we have it advertised for the year. If there's no need to have it all we got to do is put a motion on the floor that we don't need it. This was very rare that it was so minute this evening.

Menichetti: No, the last time it was like this too, there's nothing.

Lukasewicz: Well, if you want to put a motion...

The following motion failed:

Motion by Menichetti

No Second

To do away with the bi-monthly meeting.

Lack of second

Motion failed

Barone: Just getting back to the police and we're having, with so much problems with part timers and you've got two guys retired and four or five are hurt, whatever, two are on emergency leave.

I think we should give the test again. Not hire anybody, just to create a list. Not that we're going to hire. *Lukasewicz: Right.* Barone: So we have a list, in case of emergency, we've got them.

Lukasewicz: What you'd like to do is have council notify the Civil Service Commission that we are interested in.... Barone: I think we should. *Lukasewicz..... that we are interested in them pursuing the proper procedures to.....*

Mayor: But they don't really need a test for the part-timers, you know that?

Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.

Lukasewicz: All right, there's a motion on the floor **to notify the Civil Service Commission that Council would like them to restart the process of administering a test and compiling a list for full time police officers.**

(Council is requesting)

Menichetti: How long is this list good for?

Chrzan: Two years.

Lukasewicz: The list lasts, I believe, for a year and then we're able to extend it for up to another six months and maybe six months after.

Chrzan: But you've got to be aware, *inaudible*, in my mind that's still eligible on that list.

Lukasewicz: That's pending litigation, that doesn't stop us from going.....

Chrzan: Well, you people better be aware of it or there's going to be another lawsuit.

Lukasewicz: Okay, is there a second for that motion?

Chrzan: Who made the motion?

Lukasewicz: Motion by Joe.

Chrzan: I'll second it.

14. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To notify the Civil Service Commission to restart the process of administering a test and compiling a list for full time police officers.

Council President asked audience if there were any comments on the motion. (There were none.)

Mayor: It takes a lot of work to set that up.

On the question:

Barone: The reason I'm doing this is because we don't know about Reed and Murcko, we don't know, I hope they come back, but we don't know.

Chrzan: He'll probably be off a couple weeks.

Barone: You know, we should have a list.

Three in favor - Barone, Chrzan, Lukasewicz

Two against - Mellody, Menichetti

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary