

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 25, 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-A

Jim Mellody Jr.-P

Vice President-Daryl Menichetti-P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements:

- * Executive Sessions were held Monday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. and Monday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. with Attorney Robert Ufberg regarding police negotiations.
- * An Executive Session was held Friday, Feb. 15th at 5:00 p.m. with C.J. Mustacchio, Olyphant Borough Solicitor, Olyphant Borough Council and other representatives with regard to the condemnation of Olyphant property and Eddy Creek.

Council Comments/Discussion:

Lukasewicz: We'll begin with audience comments on tonight's agenda. Barnick: Before you go on here, I think you have to go through the packet and put a couple things on. Lukasewicz: In which packet? The one that we just.. Barnick: The one we just got, yeah. Lukasewicz: The we got in front of us? Barnick: Yeah. Inaudible short conversation. Barnick: One is that deductible, what's that all about, do you know? Lukasewicz: I have no idea, that's... *speaking at*

once, inaudible. Lukasewicz continued, I have no idea and I want to put a motion on to have Attorney Cimini look into that and find out what that's exactly about. What number is that, Jimmy? Barnick: I don't know what number it is but... Morrell: #6. Lukasewicz: #6 is *inaudible* policy in regards to something and we have no idea what it is. Barnick: That's not bad. Lukasewicz: *Inaudible* Attorney Cimini will review that and make a recommendation so we know exactly what it is. The first two items, proposals for the earth moving at the 48 acres, are we going to do anything with that this evening? Morrell: I put the motion on as blank but... Barnick: It's already on there. Morrell: It's on the agenda, it's the last motion on the agenda left blank. Lukasewicz: Last one on the agenda? Morrell: Yes. Lukasewicz: What specifically in this packet, Jimmy, that you need on? Barnick: For one, you got *inaudible* for a leave of absence. Lukasewicz: Okay, that should be put on. That's Vince Cesari, III dated Feb. 23, 2002 request for leave of absence starting March 17th until June, 2002. What else? Barnick: Oh, that memorandum on the report, everybody feel that's acceptable on the.... Lukasewicz: Which one? Barnick: Citations and the parking tickets. Lukasewicz: Is that #8? Morrell: Yes. Barnick: Yeah. Lukasewicz: Atty. Cimini, do you see any problem with that? I don't believe it to be any revealing of information that should be distributed as far as I can see from what you have written there. Cimini: I actually, I did research on this the past week and there really is no case law on this, on the Open Records Act, there's nothing. It referred to police *inaudible* of public, it referred to court cases and press releases, but there's nothing at all that refers to citations either way. Barnick: Yeah, these are only done by serial number, no name, no nothing. So you want to just accept the motion, accept this as a monthly report? And I'd like to add on that thing there.. Lukasewicz: Which one is that? Barnick: Provided we're getting them now. Lukasewicz: What's the other one? Barnick: The Mayor, the one we got.. Lukasewicz: Pardon? Barnick: With all the.. *Inaudible.* Lukasewicz: Anything else in that packet that's important to anybody? Barnick: Just the last motion I'd like to put on, a request to the Mid Valley School District, county and Mid Valley School Solicitor requesting all pertinent information related to the assessed value of the landfill. The tax assessment of the landfill. Lou, you're running into a wall, right? Cimini: Yeah, they tell me they're getting information but I don't have any yet. Barnick: He hasn't got any information yet. *Inaudible.* Lukasewicz: Is the *inaudible* information is not being forwarded to you? Barnick: The appraisals are done, they're not being, I mean they are paid with taxpayers money so they're public. And I just got a feeling that they're going to end up making settlement for a set amount of a tax assessment and we're going to have no say in the fee *inaudible.* Send a letter and contact them to see if they're willing to continue forward even if the school district doesn't want *inaudible.* Lukasewicz: You want a motion on this evening in regards to that, correct? Barnick: I don't need a motion, let him find out when the proposals are put together just to see what they were charging. If Mid Valley goes and says, okay, I agree to this assessment value, where's our *inaudible,* you understand what I'm saying? Menichetti: *Inaudible* they say to us we don't have anything. Barnick: Well, no, we're still part of this *inaudible.* Cimini: I thought it was a petition *inaudible.* Barnick: I know we objected, right? So we can continue forward if we don't agree with the assessed value. Cimini: Well, there's a lot of options you have, in other words, we are continuing to *inaudible* in the current Mid Valley assessment.. Barnick: And that hearing is March 6th, just so everybody's aware of it. Menichetti: Where is that going to be? Barnick: At the assessors office, right? Or... Rocco: Is that just for the landfill

or are you going after the... Barnick: No, that's just for the landfill. That's the hearing just for the landfill and just, different things I'm getting is, they're going to come down to a value they're going to be agreeable to, all parties, and then it's going to be *inaudible* voted but, I mean.. Rocco: Yeah, but didn't you say something last month about the whole borough, all the.. Barnick: Oh, yeah, we did that, we're trying to do that. Rocco: Yeah, but why? You know you're going to hurt the people. I mean anybody's on, you know, the people's going to get hurt, not him. Lukasewicz: Okay, Rocco, later. *Few spoke at once, inaudible*. Barnick: But this has nothing to do with that. Cimini: *Inaudible* I think you should put a motion on to have the borough engineer *inaudible* temporary, permanent easements *inaudible*. Barnick: Fred Spott & Associates. *Inaudible conversation*. Barnick: Meets and bounds but I don't know if he has that, I know he has the mapping done. *Everyone speaking at once*. Lukasewicz: Anything else to be put on this evening? Okay, then we'll turn it over to audience comments on tonight's agenda. Address your concerns to myself, I'll try to answer them. If I can't, someone else will answer them for me if they can.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Larry Hartshorn, Dimmick Street - Borings, is that for that new project up there? Is that for Martarano Drive? Lukasewicz: The borings are for around Martarano's and a couple of other areas that have to have the testings done to evaluate what's there. It's not just for Martarano. Hartshorn: Well, on the way... Lukasewicz: There's three sites that they're doing them. Hartshorn: But they're on Martarano Drive, being that this is on this subject here, is it legal for the borough to spend money in a private development? Lukasewicz: I'll turn it to Atty. Cimini to answer that question. Cimini: If you want me to research it, I will. I don't a problem with it, though. If you want me to research it I will. Barnick: Yeah, if I can give you an answer on that. It's not on private, it's a paper street of the borough that we're going to up for emergency purposes. Hartshorn: Where is the street, Jim? Barnick: Catherino Road it's called. *Few speaking at once*. Hartshorn: That's been there, that's not original, that's been there since the development's there, Catherino Drive. Barnick: It was there prior. Hartshorn: No, it wasn't, no it wasn't. Barnick: It was there prior. Hartshorn: No, it wasn't. *Unknown: It's on the 1894 map*. Barnick: Huh? *Unknown repeated same*. Barnick: It's been there for, and it was also, it goes through Gould's property, right through the back side of Gould's property. So it's not, it's not in a private development. Hartshorn: Well, you have to do that *inaudible* that road *inaudible* and he has to develop that road down there along the, in fact, for the second stage so I don't see where that was a paper street. If that's the case, mine's a paper street by the title. Barnick: *Inaudible*. *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible*.

Bid Openings - Test Borings - Various Streets

Name	Address	Bid
Minichi, Inc.	810 Susquehanna Ave. West Pittston PA 18643	\$12,425.00 10% BB attached
Lake Construction, Inc.	222 Packer St Avoca PA 18641-1014	\$15,222.00 10% BB attached
Popple Construction, Inc.	202 Main St. Laflin PA 18702	\$17,225.00 10% BB attached

Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Inc., Borough Engineer's Projected Cost Estimate: \$23,000.00

1. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept the bids for the "Test Borings-Variou Streets" and refer them to the Borough Engineer, John Szczepaniak-Spott & Assoc., Borough Engineer, Louis Cimini, Solicitor and Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner for their review and recommendations and to award the bid upon a favorable review.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept the zoning report, and the minutes of the January 10th, January 24th Council Meetings and the January 28th Public Hearing with Ernie Cicilioni regarding the 2002 CDBG Program.

All in favor

Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Lenore Dolan, Treasurer will read the treasurer's reports and the totals of the paid and unpaid monthly bills.

3. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

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

Unpaid bills:	\$79,855.88
Paid bills:	\$18,891.29
Grand total	\$98,747.17
Keystone Landfill Credit:	\$9,048.91
HOME Program	\$8,692.19
Revenue Report	\$32,116.24

Dolan: The HOME Program for the month of Feb., we paid out no money to residents or contractors. We had a deposit in the HOME Program for delivery cost of \$1,260.00 and we paid Marvin Brotter for his rehabilitation service for the month of February \$100.00 which leaves us a balance in our HOME Program of \$8,692.19 (above). Now the checkbook balance as of today is \$566,664.28. If all the items for payment are approved tonight, the balance in the general fund will be \$486,834.99. If all the motions tonight, which amount to \$17,204.90 are approved, our balance at the end of tonight will be \$469,630.09. Now, I'd also like to remind council that our Keystone draw-down payment will be due, it's not due 'till April 1st but we paid it last year March 26th, and that's for \$700,000.00. Lukasewicz: Thank you, Lenore. Dolan: Your welcome.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To rollover Sunny Day Fund CD account # 40-105135-8 in the amount of \$69,014.84 that matures on February 28, 2002 at a rate of 2.25 % for 6 months at the First National Community Bank, Dunmore.

On the question:

Barnick: Don't we have *inaudible* totals? Morrell: No, no, because the general ledger was not ready. Barnick: It wasn't what? Morrell: You had to get the new year ready and it's the, and it's just not ready. The controller used to set up the new year on the general ledger and we have to do it with the budget. The budget was just passed, I tried calling the gal last week and she was on vacation. Next meeting you'll have it.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize payment to HARIE in the amount of \$13,204.00 for the workers compensation policy.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To rescind the following motion passed on January 28, 2002, additional monitors are not needed:

To advertise for two civic center day care monitors. They must be 18 years of age to work with the "After School Program".

Lukasewicz: I don't even know what this is about. Morrell: Gail says that you don't need, she doesn't need to hire two people and we did pass a motion to advertise to hire two new people. Barnick: For monitors or, not monitors, what do you call... Morrell: After school. Lukasewicz: She has enough people there now.. Barnick: *inaudible*...talk to her, the ones that are on regular and they're qualified and have got enough credits, I says, why you going to go hire a couple more when you've got them qualified right over there. Lukasewicz: That's right, if we have enough people there, there's no need. Morrell: So they just upgraded what they needed in their paperwork.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To allow PAL (Police Athletic League) to hold a dance at the civic center. The profits from the dance will go to PAL. PAL members will sell the tickets and chaperone the dance.

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To reimburse \$20.00 to the following employees for their clearances:
Ann Marie Stoffey, Carol Kaushas, Michelle Mazzucca, Lauren Leombruni, Gail Ercoli, Matt Orr, John Pollack, Jennifer Gongliewski and Michael Kulick.

All in favor **Motion carried**

11. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Menichetti**

To accept the audit proposal from Rainey & Rainey in the amount of \$ 3,975.00.

On the question:

Morrell: I just want to say his rates are the same, would be for the audit of 2001-2002.

Lukasewicz: Yeah, the same amount for the... Morrell: Yeah. Lukasewicz: ...few years in a row.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To authorize payment for Application #5 for Adams Enterprises in the amount of \$3,820.90 for the Bellman Street Park as per the recommendation of Bob Bernosky, Engineer.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To accept the proposal for the D-8N dozer from Scranton Craftsmen, Inc. at a rate of \$145. per hour, up to \$9500.00.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To approve the leave of absence requested by Vincent J. Cesari, III, from March 17 until June, 2002.

On the question:

Barnick: *Inaudible* Federal Air Marshall. Lukasewicz: Some kind of federal training, I guess.

Menichetti: What is this training for? Barnick: Federal Air Marshal. Lukasewicz: That's not for us. *Inaudible* I guess they're looking for a lot of federal marshals now. Barnick: He got accepted.... Lukasewicz: He got accepted, which is wonderful. Barone: That's almost the same as FBI, right? Barnick: Same thing.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept Directive/Policy for the Throop Police Department and forward it on for their monthly use.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To request the Mid Valley School District, the county and their solicitors to submit all pertinent information regarding the tax assessment of the landfill.

On the question:

Menichetti: Do they have to give us that information? Barnick: Public information. Menichetti: Is it public information now, or? Lukasewicz: Daryl, I don't know. Louie, are you comfortable discussing the.... Cimini: No. Lukasewicz: I'd be a little careful about how we discuss this. *Few speaking at once, inaudible*. Lukasewicz continued: It's understandable but to discuss it might be improper.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Barnick

To have Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Inc., Borough Engineer, prepare all meets and bounds for sewer lines for the Eddy Creek Project for all temporary construction and permanent easements.

All in favor

Motion carried

Council Comments:

Lukasewicz: Does anyone from council have anything they'd like to bring forward this evening?

Barone: Yeah, I'd like to talk about that Washington Street Park again. There's all broken bottles down there again, kids on some roller blades and they're not supposed to be there.

Barnick: Oh yeah, that reminds me I need to get something done now. You need to get some more signs *inaudible, few speaking at once*. Lukasewicz: The maintenance guys, our guys, they have it cleaned up that nice. *Everyone speaking at once*. Lukasewicz: We'll have to get some more signs, speaking about parks we should actually set up something for the dedication of this park down here. *Few speaking at once, discussion of WSP being locked*.

Mayor's Comments:

I'd like to spend one brief second about Adelphia's rates. I mean, you know, they have carte blanche. They're not controlled by the government anymore and they can charge whatever they want. What are we, what is the borough get out of the great profits that they're making? And then when you read in the newspapers Adelphia is charging a lot more than other cable companies in other areas. It seems that just that it's going hog wild and there's just no control. *Lukasewicz: There's no competition*. Mayor: We're kind of locked in because it's their lines and somebody new come in and just take them over. It's a weird situation but we're already discussion, the police are, our Night Out. This year's theme, it would be honor of the USA, probably concentrate on the military aspect and patriotic and be, again, conducted at the Washington Street Playground. But that's what the theme will be this year instead of the last couple of years was mainly centered on *inaudible* and that won't be the case this year. And the PAL, the Police Athletic League, seems to be going very, very well. The other day, rather yesterday, Sunday, they had a ski trip and now I guess a dance is coming up. There's fourteen children attended the ski trip *inaudible*. And the only other thing I have is just to report that the Lackawanna County Mayor's Association will meet Thursday, here at the Civic Center at 6:00. That's it.

Audience Comments:

Dave Palfrey, The Scranton Times - What was it that you approved regarding the police, a passed motion? Was that a format for a monthly report, is that what that was? Barnick: Yeah. Lukasewicz: The format was prepared. Palfrey: But that's what it was? Lukasewicz: Yes, it's just a format has been prepared that council would like to have filled out by the police department *inaudible* reporting process for the borough. *Barnick: Inaudible*.

Palfrey: I take it that Olyphant, with the Eddy Creek easements, the motion there indicates that Olyphant, that you come to agreement with Olyphant about.... Lukasewicz: We.. Cimini: We're negotiating with them. Lukasewicz: We are awaiting a proposal from them. Barnick: Here's the other one, Dave. Palfrey: With the Mid Valley School District, was it that you renewed your request for information regarding the landfill? Barnick: Yes. Palfrey: Thank you.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street - Do you know if Robbie checked out that fence on the

100 block of Sanderson? It's been brought up for months already, it's on borough property. Lukasewicz: I know he was told to do it but I don't know if he got around to it. I know he was informed to do it. Rocco: Okay, one other thing. That \$18,000 some odd dollars that was budgeted for the water, that water company is only going to charge you ½ of what you were paying. I was wondering if you could split it up between the three hose companies? Barone: What, the hydrants? Rocco: Yeah, the money saved is already budgeted. If you would consider giving it to the hose companies. Lukasewicz: What exactly did we budget? Did we budget with the regard that we anticipated it? Rocco: Yeah, that was in there. Lukasewicz: No, Rocco, I'm just asking Elaine. Did we budget it anticipating to pay less this year? Morrell: No, we budgeted it according to what we paid in the past. Lukasewicz: How is it if you take that into..... Barnick: You're going to be coming up tight. Lukasewicz: I know that, but I'm just saying, concern of Mr. Rocco's, consider that but, council will take that into consideration, Rocco. Rocco: Okay, one other thing, the reassessment thing you passed last month to send for the county to reassess all properties in Throop? I don't think it's a wise move. I mean, you guys are going to raise taxes because you feel, most people are senior citizens, but here and you want the county to do it and we're going to get nailed heavy if they do it. I wish you'd change your mind on it. *Few spoke at once.* Rocco: Yeah, but you're going after Marjol, or Keystone... Chrzan: You can't go after anybody individually, Rocco. Rocco: Yeah, but we're going to pay. You know yourself, we're going to be the guys that's going to pay. *Chrzan speaking in background, inaudible.* Barnick: If you give me a change, I'll try to explain it. Rocco: What's that? Barnick: You going to give me a chance? Rocco: Go ahead. Barnick: I'll try to explain it. The reason we're doing this is because every business all over this mountain, all over Dickson City, it's not only for Throop, this is the whole county. First of all we have three landfills in the county, let me start there. Three landfills that are being assessed as unapproved land, basically. The other two I know of *inaudible.* Unapproved land, that's like undeveloped land. Like you have a land and an improvement on your assessment bill? They're just an unimproved part. So they're being assessed real low. You know how much if they were assessed properly, your county taxes would be, real low, real low. Essentially, the value in Throop is only 4 mills. If the assessed values went up to what they're supposed to be, everybody's assessed value is going to go up. The companies that got reassessed in appeals that went down millions of dollars, Thomson's, WEA, *Inaudible,* all them got assessment values down. The School Board raised the taxes up, why? To make up for what WEA, Thomson, Harper Collins, all of them on the mountain, went down for. So you get their proper value, sure your value of your home might go up but the millage rate should come down because all these companies are going to pay what they're supposed to be paying, not this piddly amount. Rocco: It should, that's what you're wishing for. How do you know it's going to work? Barnick: It has to work, Rocco. If they do a fair assessment in the whole county it has to work. A fair assessment. There's parcels of land and stuff out there that have never been assessed. Rocco: Well, I realize that a lot of these big companies got away with it. Barnick: You're talking over thirty years. Rocco: It's the little guy that always has to pay. Barnick: You're talking over thirty years and for four mills in the borough, our four millage is what \$80,000 or \$90,000 we collect in the whole borough? Rocco: I didn't realize that. Barnick: And who it benefits the most is the school district because, hopefully you'll start bringing it down and you know, *inaudible,* going for the assessment on the landfill only if it comes out to

the right amount because I can't see them just coming out where, hey, yeah, let's agree to this, and that's it, suffocate. Everybody wants their fair share, it's time. Rocco: If it works that way but I can't see it working that way because it's the small guy gets hurt all the time. Barnick: The small guy's been getting hurt. *Both speaking at once, inaudible.* Barnick: Who's paying for that highway? All the taxpayers, that was set up a long time ago. They were going to pay that money out no matter what. Rocco: They complain now, the county, they pay Louie DeNaples we're not going to have any money to fix the streets. They get to raise everybody's taxes, you think they're going to lower anyone? Barnick: It's not raising the taxes, it's the values, Rocco. Rocco: Well, the value. They raise the value the taxes go up. Barnick: How many *inaudible* go down, three times already? All the reassessed values, didn't they go down two or three times already? Thomson alone, Harper Collins filed for appeals, they went down two or three times already. How much did we have to pay back? The school district had to pay back because they were over assessed. Over at the Viewmont Mall, Crown I think it was. They had it dropped so low, millions of dollars were lost from the school districts from the townships, they're the ones making out. The little guys were pounded on. Now if you look at it that way and they tell you the truth of what's going on, they.... Rocco: I know what's going on, I seen over the years what happened, how they got they're (taxes) down. But I'm just afraid we're going to be the ones who's going to pay everything. Chrzan: We're going to pay less, Rocco. Rocco: I hope you're right. Barnick: It's like Gould, what do you consider that? What would you consider Gould? I consider it a landfill. Why isn't it assessed as a landfill? Right now it's a hazardous waste landfill, the way I see it. It should be assessed at multi, multi, hundreds of millions in dollars, we should be collecting on that and that should be the next one we file for, assessed value on that landfill. They want to keep capping it, that's what we have to go for. Let them pay multi millions of dollars every year for keeping, then we'll move it ourselves. It's crooked, all the way up. They can't move a lead land, or this contaminated landfill out of here but they'll go and spend \$297 million dollars over in Afghanistan. Mayor: How about \$300 a day fine for conducting a... Barnick: Illegal landfill. Mayor: Which goes back 20 years. *Inaudible*, not them. Barnick: And then you got.. Mayor: And that's what *inaudible*. Barnick: Christine Whitman who is the Governor of New Jersey sending her garbage to Pennsylvania and then Pennsylvania people are paying, the county residents here are paying more in the tipping fees than the out of staters, did you know that? Did you know that? Yeah, per ton they pay less, out of staters, than the county residents. Mayor: You know the sad thing about it? The President wants to eliminate Superfund now. Did you hear about that? Barnick: Yep. Mayor: He wants the taxpayers, that would be that we have to start to get rid of that dump ourselves. We had nothing to do with it. *Inaudible*, we're going to be saddled in it, how nice, how nice. Barnick: And I don't know who gave us this, this Partner or Center for Help to Environmental Justice but, I'll tell you what, Governor Ridge, unbelievable. *Unknown person speaking from audience, inaudible.* Barnick: With 450 homes being contaminated (with regard to Hazleton). *Unknown: Is there any property in Throop that's not being assessed?* Barnick: Not aware of it. *Unknown: Because Scranton's going after the whole assessment that way, see if there's any property that's not being assessed.* Barnick: There's so many parcels that are out there that haven't been transferred and this is the way a lot of people get away with it, do you know what I mean? They're not transferred into the property, you know what I'm talking about? Because I did all the research on a lot of, just keep

them in their names so nothing you ever see transferred and they say the parcels, they're not combining the one and they're required to as a land development. So that's the way they keep the assessment value down. Lukasewicz: Rocco, anything else? Rocco: No, thank you.

Andy Lisko, 205 Sanderson Street - I want to talk a little bit about the last meeting about the council and referring to the levy system and private property. I live there and my property is involved too, alright? I can't stress on the council that *inaudible* that land belongs to the borough citizens. They have the right to inspect the work if they're maintaining that levy system. The people have the right to walk down there to see what their tax dollars are doing. I talked to some people in the Department of Environmental Protection. They assured me way back in 1957 *inaudible* still alive yet today from that year that nothing was ever done on a handshake with the taxpayers, Pennsylvania's money, nothing on a handshake. In all likelihood, the agreement that Dickson City and Olyphant have is the same one the people in Throop had. Over there in Dickson *inaudible* across the levy system but people have complete freedom on it. They were allowed to put steps up to the top of it and you're allowed to plant, on the owners side, you could plant shrubs or you can cultivate it on that side. That's the way it stands over there and that's the way it should be here. I don't want your private property, I don't want to give it to the people of Throop, I don't want them to have it, some people don't, now why? After all these years the kids, the people had their freedom on that and all of a sudden it's private property, why? You know it's, there's something wrong. *The tape was changed here and started:* Lisko: ...follow some of the leaders. That's all I have to say on the issue tonight.

Julianne Lisko, 205 Sanderson Street - This is pertaining to a February 14th meeting. I was not here and I was informed that there was a topic about low income, Throop low income housing, commonly known as Throop's Project, okay? Comments were made by a council member, more than once. Council member was heard to say, you wouldn't believe what's going on in there. Another comment, you wouldn't want to know what's going on in there, you wouldn't walk the streets by there at night. Now, as a resident of Throop, okay, and other residents of Throop at this meeting, and other residents of Throop, what is going on there? I want to know, I have the right to know and the other people have the right to know. Why does a council member that made such statements, apparently they know what's going on in there to protect themselves and their families not to walk on that street at night but what about *inaudible*, my family, and other residents of Throop that does not know what goes on in there? Now, I would like the council member that made those statements to tell me what is going on in there so I could protect myself and my family, okay? Is that on, is that on record.... Lukasewicz: What I had said is completely what you just said... Lisko: Okay... Lukasewicz: ..and I hope that the police department will inform, my concern was the police department would inform the people of Throop what is going on in there, the types of crimes is not for me to distribute to anybody, I'm not in charge of the police. I want you, I want your husband, I want everyone to know what's going on in there.... Lisko: Does council *inaudible* know that made those statements what's going on in there? Lukasewicz: I... *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: Listen to me... Lisko: Then why don't council members tell me what, I have a right to know what council member heard. Lukasewicz: Okay... Lisko: That statement made.. Lukasewicz: Let me explain it to you, please. Lisko:at a public meeting. Lukasewicz: Okay, let me explain to you. Lisko: So.. Lukasewicz: I... Lisko: Okay... Lukasewicz: knowing what has gone on in there is not for me to divulge. I'm

not in charge of the police. I'm sure a lot of these other guys up here know what's going on in there, but it's got to be distributed from the police department. Barnick: Let me answer that... Lisko: No, I'm not, excuse me, I'm sorry.... Barnick: Just one second. Lukasewicz: Maybe Jimmy could... Barnick:we passed a motion to have the Chief here at the end of the month meeting. Something's got to be done already, some kind of action's got to be taken. Chrzan: Mayor, why isn't he here tonight?

Mayor: Well, I thought Dave would be here. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Barnick: We want reports read off of how, everything that happens in the town. Lisko: But excuse me, excuse me, you did not understand my question. Barnick: Oh, I understand. Lisko: Why.. Lukasewicz: We all understand you. Lisko: You're interrupting me. Lukasewicz: I'm sorry. Lisko: Why do some people know *inaudible* and said Feb. 14th but no statements were made. I still don't know what's going on. My family.. Lukasewicz: You should know. Lisko: his family... Unknown: I don't know what's going on, nobody told me anything. Lisko: Children, children I know walk to church at night. Lukasewicz: That's right. Lisko: Why was I not informed, about what? *Few speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: I'm going to tell you, I made it clear at that meeting, I asked if the police... *Many speaking at once, inaudible.* Mayor: You going to broadcast what was done every day? I don't think you should have made that statement. Lukasewicz: Oh no, I feel very comfortable with the statement.... Lisko: I'm going to ask another question. There should be a police officer here because I will go to them and ask them and ask.. Lukasewicz: Right. Lisko: Because okay, uh, I forgot what I was going to say. Okay, now, all I know.. Lukasewicz: I know you want to know what's going on and I wish you would know what's going on. Lisko: If what's going on is illegal, why do not the proper authorities go in there and take care of the illegal problem. Do you, would you say all residents of the low income housing, these projects, are all involved in this? Lukasewicz: No, that was never said, that was never said. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: Believe me, I come from the projects in Dickson City, I know what it's like to live in a project so you don't have to, don't go that avenue.... *both speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: It was never meant that there's anything wrong with the people in the projects. Lisko: Well, why was it stated.. Lukasewicz: I lived in the projects in Dickson, for many years I did, okay? Lisko: Why were the statements made that we, we wouldn't walk the streets, then? Lukasewicz: I was trying to state there are things that have happened in there that are so *inaudible* that I wish everyone knew about them. Lisko: Why are they not arrested and us, the citizens, the residents, protected. Can anything be done about what's going on? Lukasewicz: There are, see it's not for me, I'm not in charge of the police. Can I ask for assistance, Mrs. Lisko? Attorney Cimini, can you explain what I was trying to do? Cimini: It's a matter to be handled by the police department and if you want answers you should go to the police department. Mayor: Come right up, we'll talk to you. Come right up. Now, in one instance just about two weeks ago, one of our policemen went to Ohio to pick up a person who beat up a seven month old child. Lukasewicz: That's what I'm trying to say but it's not for me to tell, it's for them to tell you. Mayor: Brought him back to Northeastern Pennsylvania..... Lisko: Then if such council members did not make that comment, we would be still walking the streets at night, which I do. My children would be walking the streets at night and we were not knowing of this.... Lukasewicz: Now you do, hopefully, by me trying to bring it out. Lisko: Oh, thank you, thank you. Lukasewicz: I didn't do anything... Lisko: I didn't say you did anything wrong, all

I'm saying is... Dolan: She's thanking you. Lukasewicz: I'm trying to bring it out the best way I could without being illegal in what I say. Lisko: Well then something should be done to protect the residents of Throop. Lukasewicz: What I asked that evening, was that the police department would make a statement in regards to the dealings in there to let people know, plus even to go as far as to even contact the people that run, the Lackawanna County people that run the projects, to make them aware of what's going on in there and to ask for additional policing in there by them, by the county. Lisko: And, excuse me, did you find out if that was done? Lukasewicz: Letters have been sent to the county, yes. Lisko: Okay. Lukasewicz: At least it should have, well it should have been, we directed it by motion. Lisko: you don't know if it was sent though? Lukasewicz: I asked the police that meeting to make a *inaudible, few speaking at once...* that meeting I asked the police to report to us, no one reported *inaudible* but I'm not in charge of the police, I'm a councilman, I don't, the police are separate from council. Council can't tell the police what to do. Barnick: Oh yes, we could. Lisko: But listen to me..... Barnick: Oh yes, we could and it's not being followed. Lisko: Councilman have made that statement, it is not, it is not correct for someone to know and the other person doesn't. Do you understand what I'm saying? Lukasewicz: I agree with you, I agree with you 100% everybody should know what's going on. I only hear rumors and the rumors I hear I don't like that's why I'm trying to let people know what's going on.

Dave Repchick, Throop Police Department - If I can answer, I don't know if everybody has their packets, I put it in there a little while ago. Did you get the monthly reports? Everybody's got a monthly report, look under your packet. Okay, we could give certain offenses and certain things we can't give. What Tommy is talking about is there is a problem, it is not only in the projects, it's in the whole town, it's in every town. We are doing our best to try to resolve some of the problems. The only problems I can give you and tell you about are the ones that are already adjudicated. The ones that aren't I cannot give you an answer on. You read it in the paper, you saw about the person in the paper with the infant. That was on the news. I can tell you about that except I can't tell you who is involved because it's an infant. There are other similar things that happened down there, there are very serious domestics that occur down there. There's other activity that right now I can't tell you about, there's other activity in other parts of the town, in fact, I talked to Dave about this last week, the reporter when we had the meeting. I can't just go out and make a blank statement to you that the project is one problem, it is one of many problems, okay? There are more than just what goes on there as far as problems are concerned. Some of the investigations that we were working on and things we were doing, it's not that I don't want to tell you, I don't want to tell you because I don't want it out until we see what the end result of it is, okay? We have people keeping up on it. If it got to be where it was a problem where it was a threat to everybody in the community and I was able to tell you? I would absolutely tell you. If you have children, all I would tell you is just keep an eye on them, try to keep them, I hate to say this it's going to sound like you've seen on tv, talk to them about drugs, talk to them about smoking, that's how we're going to resolve this problem and the residents can help us resolve this problem by them seeing something that they know is wrong and give it to us. We can't do it all on our own. Any help the police can get, we'll take, that's why we work on the crime prevention programs, the PALs program, all of these are to get our department more interactive within the community, we need the community to interact with us some too. But I

know Mr. Lukasewicz made that statement and he's partially right on what he said because if you go by numbers, by numbers, if you said to me three years ago how many domestics did I have at this location? Well now I might have 50% more than them figures, you know how many more that might be? Ten more a year than three years ago, okay? So there is some problems for certain reasons and I think part of the reason is that if anybody here that knows this, there's a lot of people that have problems with their neighbors, everybody here knows it. Live right on top of each other and these people change every three, six, seven, eight months, you know what's going to happen when your kid goes next door, the little one, and does this? The neighbor's got a problem and then they retaliate and it just, it festers.

Lisko: I know anywhere you have to be on alert, anywhere. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Mayor: Miss Lisko, Miss Lisko, you know this is not confined to Throop right here, it's every one of these projects. I'm very, very familiar with this and it's a situation now where we could take that over or at least abolish the darn thing. Barnick: Did we find the contract? I've been looking for it for awhile, did we continue to look? Morrell: I didn't even know what you.... *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Mayor: Just find out the problems, they are still human beings.

Lisko: Yes, they are.

Repchick: I was down there twice tonight. Once was an arson call and I'll tell you, I'm not going to tell you names, two five year olds poured gas on the side of the building and someone lit it. I can't prove the five year olds did it but I can prove they poured the gas. Now this was just down there tonight. Okay, that's what I'm just telling you *inaudible* follow up investigation on that call. I've already found out who did it. They're five year olds, what do you do with a five year old? You have to go after the parents. Where are they? Why aren't they watching them? I mean, if you have a five year old, I have one, I don't want my kid near gas let alone lighting it, I don't want him to touch it but on the other hand, about a year ago I had that happen up at the playground where a five year old lit off the log, he got burned. So that's what I'm telling you, it's not just here, it just *inaudible*. I would tell anybody sitting here things aren't like they used to be fifty years ago. Don't leave your doors unlocked, make it look like somebody's living home, things are changing, okay? There's a lot of problems, there's a lot drugs, not just in Throop, everywhere. Olyphant, Dickson, it's not just us but everybody has it. Everybody's got this heroin problem, you probably just recently saw it. I'll tell you what, I didn't know how bad it was until I got home and those investigations that were on the news. Our department started that investigation if you saw the task force, we started it. We started pulling the information together and went to the task force, the very next day we arrested four people. There's more to come but all I'm saying to you is can you say that well these same people were traveling Throop, Olyphant, Dickson. Mayor: But the point is they can't make all this public, not till these arrests are made. Repchick: Right, now the stuff that is, that.... Lukasewicz: Well, you have to let people know that things are around us. Repchick: That I don't have a problem with. Lukasewicz: That's all I'm trying to say. Be conscious things are around us. Repchick: Exactly. Lukasewicz: And the things that are around us are not the everyday types of crimes that you, they're vicious, and that's all I tried to.... and, hopefully... Lisko: Thank you. Lukasewicz: Hopefully, it was worthy.... Mayor: I will say to you, please, come up to the station and we'll have a talk. Lisko: Okay, thank you. Lukasewicz: Okay, Mrs. Lisko? Lisko: I'm done, thank you. Lukasewicz: You're more than welcome.

John Stoffey, 238 Bellman Street - I just want to reiterate on what you said, I had drug dealings across from my street. Lukasewicz: I remember. Stoffey: I called the police up right? Neil, and I kept my name out of it and then we had the DA come down there and cuff the guy. Lukasewicz: It was handled. Stoffey: Take him away, and that's what you got to do. When you see stuff going on... Lukasewicz: Exactly. Stoffey: Your name doesn't have to be mentioned anywhere. You just do it, I had Neil come in, surveillance at my house for an hour, *inaudible*, neighbor's the house next door, and caught the culprit and now there's no more drugs. Lukasewicz: That's what you've got to do. Repchick: Can I just add one thing, Tom, to what he's saying? Last week I had a burglary, Thursday night, again, I can't tell you names I will tell you I caught the ones that did it, they were all juveniles, all right? The neighbor at 5:30 watched the three of them go in through the side window of the guy's house, at 5:30 in the afternoon. I got a phone call at 10:00 at night when the victim come home and found \$500 missing. If you see somebody crawling through the house, you've got three kids, you know what? Something's wrong, I don't care what you tell me, something's wrong. If it is somebody that belongs in there, I can determine that, that's what I get paid for, call me, I'm more than happy to respond and check it out. And that's only one example, about five years ago and I'll give you the victim, Jerry Barone. Jerry Barone belongs to DER, Tony? Chrzan: DEP. Repchick: The forestry, right? The forestry service. Parks his truck close to his house on the street, I'm not kidding you, this is a true story. In the back of his truck he has saws, you know, chain saws, things like that. He come home the next day, they were all gone. Come to find out an elderly woman was looking out at the window, watched the guys go in his truck, take everything. We went and said, why didn't you call us? I didn't think anybody was on duty. We're on duty 24, somebody better be on duty. But I'm just saying, if it looks suspicious to you, you live in your own neighborhood. You know who should be there and you know who shouldn't. Most people, I mean there's a lot of changing times but most people do. If it doesn't look right.... Mayor: Dave, another thing, they're afraid to tell the police or they don't want to get involved. Repchick: That's exactly right, they do not want to get involved but nobody should be, but I'm going to say should be and if it happens I want to know about it, if you call comm center, if you're afraid, just tell them don't give my name out. The only time I need a name is if... Chrzan: Excuse me, Dave, I did that *inaudible*. Repchick: I know. Chrzan: Well.. Repchick: well, it better not happen, that's all I'm going to say, it better not happen. Chrzan: I said please don't mention my name. Repchick: That's why I'm saying it better not happen. Chrzan: I thought police wouldn't lie because I didn't call about a beer party, I called about the four wheelers. Repchick: Well, that's why I said it better not happen. Chrzan: And then the girl at the restaurant says, I heard it on, we have our own scanner. *Few speaking at once, inaudible*. Barnick: ...complaining about a driver going down the road speeding and everything else and what happened to him? He gets the dirty stare every time the guy goes down *inaudible* and then the ticket gets lost. *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible*. Mayor:...that guy's company.... Repchick: So did the Chief. Mayor: He backed over Jack Dolan's lawn and I immediately called the company. Barnick: Well Mayor, what happened to the ticket? Mayor: Oh, I don't know anything about..... Barnick: Withdrawn. Withdrawn. Gone. Mayor: This guy speeds all over the place. Barnick: And that's not done with yet. Chrzan: You'd think the guy would call the driver of the truck, you know? Yeah, am I right, Joe? Lukasewicz: Okay, Dave. Mayor: This guy's really a.....Lukasewicz: All right, Jack.

Jack Dolan, South Valley Avenue - I have something I have to bring up to the Mayor being he's in charge of the police. If, I don't know, if somebody steals something in the borough you go to the police, right? Say I went in your yard and stole your lawnmower, where would you go? You'd go to the police department. Mayor: What's the point? Dolan: Well, I had something stolen in this borough, the Chief wouldn't accept it. He had to shift the charges down to the DA. It sat down the DAs office for two, three weeks. The court case came up, everything was found against the gentlemen but on the screw up of the Throop Police Department, Neil, in fact, sent it down to the DAs office, the case was thrown out. It was thrown out simply because they were the wrong charges filed. Why? Why would Neil *inaudible* that happened in this borough *inaudible* why are we shipping down to the DAs office in town? Mayor: Dave, you can answer that one. Dolan: Politics, maybe? Repchick: I knew you were going to make me answer that one. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Barone: Dave would have handled it. Chrzan: Dave would have handled it. Dolan: Dave knows about it, he was there. Chrzan: Why didn't you go to Mr. Repchick? You know he always does his job. *Inaudible speaking.* Barnick: Have the police department re-file it. Hey, I had enough charges filed against me for no reason, what the heck. Chrzan: Yeah, but they were minor. Barnick: Yeah, I wanted to *inaudible*, they lost. Dolan: *Inaudible*, I would like Chief to re-file them again on another charge because *inaudible* DAs, filed the wrong charge. Repchick: My understanding is, and I'm going to say my understanding in case I make a mistake because I didn't do it but when this occurred and again, I think so I'm not going to quote, but you might want to talk to the Chief about it, that his reasoning at the time for asking Jack to go to the DAs office so it wouldn't show that there was any impartiality and politically with the department. There's a lot of problems and I think everybody here knows it, I'm not picking on anybody, at least for a while there's two separate clear factions of this council and if we did it this way, you were chastised and if you went this way you were chastised, it was a no win situation. I'm not telling you that this *inaudible* because I know what he's referring to, I know that, that s the one that was given, I was there for the hearing but I think that was his reasoning to say, let's go to the DAs office and *inaudible* but wash their hands of it, they don't want to get involved and Pesota is going to do the same thing because he don't want to get involved so the question is, where does it go back to, nobody wants to take the stand. *Voices raised, inaudible, few speaking at once.* Barnick:everybody else that wants to put up a sign, do something wrong in the town, do we have no protection..... Repchick: I think we had an issue with that to begin with. I know there's was *inaudible* I don't have an answer, *inaudible*, is I heard comment that since they were illegally placed that, that was a problem. Now, I don't know, I don't even know which signs were taken or where they were taken from but if that is the case, then anybody that puts up a political sign has got to, cause I've seen... *Few speaking at once, inaudible* political signs..... Barnick: Exactly. Repchick: And that is illegal. Barnick: Right out here..... Repchick: Right in front of the police station, you're absolutely correct. Barnick: And I guess the borough....*both speaking at once, inaudible*.... Barnick: Because we've got no parking signs and stuff all over, all over poles and stuff, you've got.... Repchick: That's the only thing that's accepted, the no parking signs are the only ones accepted. Barone: Isn't the Welcome to Throop sign is on....*everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* Repchick: If they were there prior to a certain date, they are. *Everyone speaking at once.* Barnick: Who's the sign control, then? Repchick: As far as who puts them up? Barnick:

Who's going to regulate them now? Repchick: What do you mean? Barnick: Who's going to prevent anybody from going and ripping anybody's off? Repchick: That's a good question. Barnick: Because the police didn't do their job? *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* Repchick: Well, the question is then the DA should have told Mr. Dolan when he went down, should have said that, again, I'm going to say this is public, first off it's not a criminal mischief charge. Mayor: But that gives.... Barnick: And I thought that from the beginning, didn't I? Repchick: And somebody should have said..... *Everyone spoke at once, inaudible discussion took place.* Chrzan: Then why was *inaudible* by the police doing your investigation and then if you feel there's something wrong then you hand it to the DAs office but your job is to do the investigation *inaudible.* Repchick:file the charges.... Chrzan: He said he didn't want to handle it. It's his job to investigate a crime. Repchick: Without mentioning names, who obtained the statements on the witnesses? Without mentioning, we don't need, everybody here doesn't need to know right now, without mentioning names who... Dolan: A couple of people in the Throop Police Department... Repchick: But somebody in the department obtained the statements, right? So the only thing that wasn't done is, and I didn't the report, on the report does it say that for whatever reason after this was obtained it was passed on? Dolan: No, just, I don't remember. He called me and told me, that's what he did with it 'cause I kept calling and inquiring for a couple of days. Barnick: Dave, if you get a *inaudible*, what do you do? Repchick: Make an arrest. Chrzan: Yeah, but suppose it's a politician, what do you do? Repchick: Make an arrest. Chrzan: Hand it over? Well, that's the answer I wanted from you. Make an arrest. Whether it's political or not, it's not for you to decide. Repchick: We arrested an ADA so I guess the answer to you is yeah, we did it. Barnick: So then why was this put through the District..... Chrzan: Then why was this treated different? Repchick: Again, I can't give you exact, I didn't make that decision. Chrzan: Why isn't the Chief here? Why isn't the Chief..... Repchick: He called me earlier and said he was sick, that's all I.... Chrzan: Again? *Inaudible, speaking at once.* Chrzan: My God, he's always sick. *Inaudible, few speaking at once.* Chrzan: I think you should make him come here for his paycheck on the night of the meetings. Dolan: In my book, he don't deserve a paycheck for not doing his job. Repchick: I guess he would have a right to know, Mayor, why the reasons are that it was passed on, and if I passed something on I give a reason, I know what the reason was.....but I'm not, I didn't make the reason *inaudible, few speaking at once.* Repchick: That was my understanding of why he did it, just because of political reasons is the reason he decided that. *Speaking at once, inaudible.* Barnick: You're second in command, though. Chrzan: Because the Chief is always sick. Barnick: You're in charge, the Chief's in charge, and I still want to know why that ticket was withdrawn. Repchick: I, I think..... Barnick: I want to know about, a solid reason, why the ticket was withdrawn. Mayor: Well, I know what I did with *inaudible*, I called his chief right off, the same day, *inaudible*, this guy's had a problem all over town. Chrzan: Why was the ticket withdrawn? Mayor: Why? I, he's not here. Chrzan: Well, you're the Mayor, you should know... *Mayor response inaudible.* Chrzan: Dave, will you find that out for us? Barnick: Then we want raises and more money in the contract. Lukasewicz: I'm talking to Jack, have your concerns been answered for now? The Mayor will look into that for you. Dolan: I hope so. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz:.... ask the Chief. Dolan: I will. Barnick: Watch your family, now. Your daughter's not driving *inaudible* or nothing, is she? Mayor: Oh, boy. Lukasewicz: All

right, anyone else?

Paul Legos, 513 Cypress Street - What kind of progress is made with that South Valley and Scranton Craftsmen on that project? Lukasewicz: The.... Legos: The houses, the land and that stuff, what kind of... Lukasewicz: Well they're, the Borough of Throop, we are proceeding with the Eddy Creek Sewer Line. We have a couple of avenues of how we could proceed, if we have to go through condemnation or if we're going to reach an agreement with Olyphant Borough. We're awaiting a letter from Olyphant Borough to see where we go in the next step. It is anticipated that, that line will be put in, hopefully this year. It's been on our wish list from last year, the money was there to get going. We still have money available, hopefully, to do it and I anticipate that being done this year. With that being done, I would anticipate that Scranton Craftsmen would go ahead and put their development in also. Legos: Okay, one more question. On the corner of Cypress and Line Street, that sign up there, that's been sitting there quite a while. Lukasewicz: Correct. Legos: *inaudible*, about the taxes, that is chasing people out of the borough. My daughter was going to buy a piece of land in the development down there (Tiffany), now she's decided to go somewhere else. Chrzan: Why, because of that sign, Paul? Legos: That's right. Chrzan: Come on. Legos: I think that sign should be removed. Chrzan: Come on, Paul, get lost, will you please? Legos: Tony, Tony, you don't take people out of the town that wants to build houses. Chrzan: That sign stopped your daughter from buying a house? Legos: That's right. Chrzan: You want us to believe that, Paul? Legos: You talk to anyone, Tony. Barnick: Paul, where could she find a school district that has lower taxes? Legos: *Inaudible*, the sign, the school is still being built... *everyone speaking at once*. Legos continued: That sign should be down already, that's a political sign, ain't it? Chrzan: Taxes are going up again this year, Paul. *Few speaking at once*. Chrzan: Tell her to go somewhere else then. Legos: ...still say that sign should be moved, it sat there too long already. Chrzan: No kidding. Legos: It's a political sign.... Chrzan: I'm really surprised at you, Pauly. Legos: It should be removed because after election all sign's are supposed to be removed. Chrzan: I'm surprised at you, Pauly. Legos: You don't have to be surprised, Tony, I'm speaking. Chrzan: I thought you had problems with *inaudible, speaking at once*.. Legos: That is problems..... Chrzan: *Response inaudible*. Legos: That's right, and other people asked me about it. Chrzan: No kidding. Legos: Right, no kidding, right. Chrzan: I was going to *inaudible*... Legos: And Let me ask you another question, when is that sign going to be removed? Chrzan: How would I know? It's not my sign. Legos: Well, who's sign is it? Nobody's? Then I could go up and remove it right now then, it's nobody's sign. Barnick: That seems to be the thing, you could do whatever. Chrzan:investigate anyway because they didn't investigate on his. Legos: I'm not talking, I'm talking about that sign up there. Chrzan: Yeah, but.. *few speaking at once, inaudible*. Legos: Who put it there? Chrzan: How do I know who put it there? Legos: Then let's get the borough to remove it then. Nobody knows nothing. Cimini: I can tell you that I sent a letter to PennDOT because it was questioned whether or not that sign, and all, some signs in the borough were in PennDOT's right of way and today's mail I received a letter from PennDOT that if it in fact is in a borough right of way that they won't touch it until at least June when they have help from college students. Until then, I should have brought those with me tonight but I'll send them to the borough tomorrow, they said until then, pretty much don't bother us with right-of-ways, any signs in the right-of-way unless there's a hazard, unless there's a hazard to traffic or the

community in general. Legos: I think that sign should be removed because it's a political sign. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Chrzan: It has nothing to do with taxes, huh, Paul? Legos: Huh? Chrzan: You don't mind paying more taxes, do you? Legos: That's right. Chrzan: Well, that's what the sign is all about. Legos: It's to improve the school up there. Chrzan: It's a reminder, Paul, it's a reminder that you're paying big taxes today, and it's going up again, Paul. Legos: Wait, it's that school that they're going to pay for, you're going to have a nice school up there, aren't you? Chrzan: What does that have to do with the school? Legos: Well you have the sign there, high taxes. *Inaudible, both speaking at once.* Legos: You have the names on there and everything about the high taxes. Chrzan: We didn't raise the taxes. Legos: I didn't say you raised them, Tony. Chrzan: Go up to the school board, find out why they raised them. Legos:the sign out of there because nobody knows whose it is. Hartshorn: Because they're not getting big money like the borough is getting. *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

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