

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
for General Purposes
Wednesday, July 10, 2002
following the 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing & Work Session**

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 - A

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - P

Announcements:

An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. regarding legal matters, Gould litigation and a real estate purchase at Bert Collins Drive.

2002 Annual Blood Lead Screening Program at the Throop Civic Center:

Tuesday, July 16th - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 18th - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 20th 12:30 p.m to 2:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St. - Tonight he would like to see council vote against buying the building, rescinding the motion.

Bette Goreschak, Meade St. - Said while watching Channel 61 she learned some City of Scranton Council members were in their non-uniform pension plan. (*Throop Council members were not members of the Borough Non-Uniform Pension Plan.*)

Susan Shortz, Franko St. (Citizens Review Committee) - Not on the agenda but announced there would be a Congressional Hearing in Washington on Tues., July 16.

Bids - 1997 Ford Crown Victoria		
Name	Address	Total Bid
Grace Quality Cars	Morrisville PA	\$ 2,667.00
Alex Gruzny Government Cars	Miami Fl	\$ 3,333.00* Please Note: Bid Stated 1998 Ford Crown Victoria. Bidder was contacted. He thought he was bidding on a 1998 and would not have bid that price on a 1997.
Jeanette Morrell	Archbald PA	\$ 625.00
Grace Quality Used Cars	Revere MA	\$ 1,264.00

After opening the first bid (Grace Quality, Revere Mass.):

Elaine Morrell mentioned a gentlemen came to the borough building sometime around 11: 35 this morning and wanted to see the car before he submitted the bid. Robert Kalinoski had the car with him at the office of the Borough Engineer on Keyser Avenue where he had an appointment. Elaine contacted Robert on the cell phone, asking if the gentlemen could see the car. Elaine asked Robert if he then would accept the bid over there. Robert stated he didn't know if he could do that and Elaine asked Robert to please accept it over there. Elaine indicated he did because the car was not here at the municipal building. Lukasewicz indicated that was fine.

Prior to opening the second bid (Alex Gruzny Government Cars):

Chrzan mentioned advertising and Elaine discussed faxing the ads to a few dealers whose names were kept on file in the municipal building from prior bids on vehicles. She didn't know if any of the dealers were connected to anyone in Florida.

Discussion on opening the second bid:

Lukasewicz: It says 1998 Ford. Morrell: It should be... Mayor: Oh, wait a minute. Everyone speaking at once. Morrell continued: What does the envelope say, Tommy, the corner side of the envelope? Inaudible, few speaking at once, Morrell responding, '97, alright. Barnick asked to make sure to make a copy of the envelope and put it with the letter. Morrell responded okay. Everyone was speaking at once.

1. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept the bid in the amount of \$3,333.00 from Alex Gruzny Government Cars for the 1997 Ford Crown Victoria.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Bid - 1992 Plymouth Acclaim		
Name	Address	Total Bid
Jeanette Morrell	Archbald PA	\$350.00

2. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept the bid in the amount of \$350.00 from Jeanette Morrell for the 1992 Plymouth Acclaim.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Lukasewicz: Only if the stickers stay on it for six months. *Few speaking at once.*

Chrzan: I should get my money back, I want you to know I donated all that.

Morrell: You donated, okay.

3. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To accept the proposal from Terminix in the amount of \$414.00 for pest control (ants) at the municipal building.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the quarterly payment in the amount of \$750.00 to Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services from the assets of the Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To allow Stanley Gongliewski (Landfill Inspector) to purchase and pay into the Group Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan and he will pay the premium each month either by payroll deduction or by submitting payment directly to the borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To grant Nick Rocco a leave of absence from the Throop Borough Planning Agency until January, 2003.

On the question:

Barone: Do we have enough people to cover?

Bette Goreschak, Vice-Chair of Planning Agency, responded yes.

Barone: Okay.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To reimburse John "Doc" Veltri for the replacement of the sump pump damage by the blocked sewer at 310 George Street in the amount of \$365.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To allocate \$3,000.00 for the National Night Out which will be held the second Tuesday in August (August 6, 2002).

On the question:

Barone: Is that what we gave last year, too?

Lukasewicz: I believe so.

Morrell: Last year I think it was \$2,500.00.

Mayor: Yeah, I think it was, right, \$2,500.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

Motion #9 failed, as follows:

9. Motion by Menichetti

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To authorize the purchase and placement of benches, planters and trash containers at the intersection of George Street and Sanderson Street at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00.

Everyone speaking at once prior to On the question.

On the question:

Barone: Explain this to me again now. *Lukasewicz: This is the beautification plan that Stanley*

and... Morrell: Jack Pochas. *Few speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: *I believe we allocated.....*
 Mayor: \$20,000. *Lukasewicz continued: In the budget we allocated \$20,000 to start the beautification of the downtown area. They've been working on it and they've come up with a \$5,000..* Chrzan: How about other sections of town? You just got all new sidewalks there.
 Mayor: *That's why.* Chrzan speaking, inaudible. *The Mayor continued: He said they're going to fit in well, you could secure them.* Chrzan: How about the other people? Mayor: *That will be done when we can.* Chrzan: If you're going to give it to somebody, put it down on Center Street or somewhere. Come on, Mayor, you're favoring this one intersection here. Mayor: *Not really.*
 Chrzan: Other people live in town. Mayor: *I didn't even think of that.*
 Barnick: Anything that's, it's allocated in the budget but I just can't vote for it no more after, until we know where our finances sit. *Inaudible, I'm sorry.* Mayor: *Well, I'll tell you what. If you don't vote for it, you know something? Forget it. I will not submit another one.* Barnick speaking, inaudible. *But if I see, for Blazey's bills like that I'll tell you what, I'll holler to the high heavens.* (Barnick said, I agree.) Chrzan: Inaudible, what about the other people in town? Mayor: *We'll get to it.* Chrzan: What do you mean you'll get to it? When? Mayor: *Annually.*
 Chrzan: You were crying about sidewalks on South Valley Avenue, you couldn't walk. Mayor: *No, no, no, no, no. Then both speaking at once, inaudible.* Barone: Where, exactly? *Everyone speaking at once, mention made location/area (corner of Sanderson George Streets), hand-drawn sketch, in packet.* Barnick: I agree but on financing we don't have it to make it. We're not going to make the end of the year. Mayor: *It would hurt you to handle the \$5,000?* Barnick: Everything I'm voting against, Mayor. Everything because we cannot make the end of the year. You can't have the numbers to make it. Mayor: *But you got to start somewhere. You've got to beautify this community.* Unknown: We just did the Boulevard.
 Chrzan: Mayor, you just put all new sidewalks. People had sidewalks, they tore them up and put new ones in. Mayor: *That's exactly why they're going there, Tony, first.* Chrzan: Why not down George Street somewhere? Barnick: *We've got Christmas, new Christmas decorations last year.* *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* Chrzan: Do what you want but I'm not voting.....

Five Against - Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Marushock, Melody

One in favor - Menichetti

One Abstain - Lukasewicz

Motion Failed

(Everyone speaking at once on roll call.)

Motion #10 failed as follows:

10. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To rescind the motion to purchase the property at Bert Collins Drive at the Keystone Industrial Park a.k.a the Servomation Building in the amount of \$350,000.

On the question:

Barone: What I'd like to do first is go through the Planning Commission (Agency). We have until the end of the month, see if we could find some land before we go rescinding this motion.

Chrzan: *We'll bring the motion up next month.* Barone continued: Well, in that case, that's my reason. If you guys can't wait until the end of the month? Let's look for land, get some media, a chance to find some land. *(Dominick Rocco spoke, out of order.)* Barone continued: Oh, yeah,

we could find some land in two weeks. If we don't find it.... *Chrzan: Then you make the motion in two weeks.* Barone: Yeah. *Chrzan: So you rescind it now.* Barone: No. *Chrzan: Otherwise we're stuck with it.* Barone: No, we're not. *Chrzan: Yes, we are. Do what you have to do, I don't care. Everybody speaking at once, inaudible.* Barnick: He has the authority to sign the contract. *Barone: Who?* Barnick: Tommy can sign the contract right now. Right now he can sign. *Barone: Well, he was against it.* Barnick: So I'm making the motion to rescind. *Chrzan: I second(ed) it.* Barnick: 'Cause I know that contract must be here some place. *Lukasewicz: There's a motion on the floor to rescind.* Barnick continued: The way they operate here. *Lukasewicz: To vote in favor of rescinding, that means that we're not buying the building. (Dominick Rocco was speaking, out of order.)* Barone: Yeah, and we still have the right to refuse it. *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: There's a motion on the floor to rescind the vote. There's a first and there's a second, there will be a vote taken. A vote for, to rescind, it means you will not be voting to purchase the building.

On roll call:

Barone: Well I gave my reasons. I'm against this rescinding right now.

Lukasewicz: I'll be against for the same reason I stated when I voted against it originally. I still believe it's \$100,000.

Barnick: I agree, he's right.

Lukasewicz: My vote is yes to rescind, the same way I voted originally.

Three in favor - Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz

Four Against - Barone, Marushock, Mellody, Menichetti

Motion Failed

Everyone speaking at once, inaudible, and a discussion ensued.

11. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Mellody

To increase Ralph Savitski and Ted Warney's hourly rate at 9.2%.

On the question:

Barone: Now they can't get retroactive? Lukasewicz: No, it can't be retroactive.

On roll call:

Menichetti: Well, I voted against all the others, I'm going to have to vote against this also.

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

Two against - Marushock, Menichetti

Motion carried

A short discussion took place, inaudible.

There were no Audience Comments or New Business.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary