

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting for General Purposes
Thursday, June 14, 2001
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-P

Anthony Chrzan-P

President - Thomas Lukasewicz-P

Jim Melody-A

Vice President - George Marushock-A

Joseph Keyasko-A

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-A

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-A

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements:

- Neighborhood Watch Presents An Evening of Dancing - "First Tango in Throop" Saturday, June 23rd, from 7:00 p.m. to ?? - \$3.00 per person / \$7.00 per family.
- Bus Trip - "Toronto & Niagra Falls" - July 27th -July 29th - Details posted.
- An Executive Session was held June 6, 2001 regarding legal and personnel matters.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Dave Palfrey-Questioned the specifics of the executive session, a specific lawsuit? Personnel, which personnel? DPW contract?

Lukasewicz-Explained the legal discussed was Marjol, the summary judgement pending before Judge Cottone and personnel discussed was a DPW employee.

Official comments:

Barnick-Mentioned a lot of people asked him why are their taxes going up and explained they are not the school board, and they (council) did not raise the taxes. He wished Dave Palfrey would

make headlines out of that because the school board raises the taxes, they're the ones raising the taxes, ours has been at 4 mills for three/four years. They're the ones giving away in excess \$540,000.00 in a busing contract which is 5 ½ mills, as far as he knew. It's a raise of 23% and people are blaming council for it.

Chrzan said the big issue was over the busing contract.

Opening of the bids "South Valley Ave. Test Borings":

Name of Bidder	Address	Bid
Minichi, Inc.	810 Susquehanna Ave. West Pittston PA 18643	\$ 9,819.00 10% BB
Site-Blauvelt Engineers, Inc.	16000 Commerce Pkwy Ste B Mount Laurel NJ 08054	\$13,650.00 10% BB
Lake Construction, Inc.	222 Packer St. Avoca PA 18641	\$ 8,500.00 10% BB

1. **Motion by Chrzan**

Seconded by Barnick

To refer the bids for the "South Valley Ave. Test Borings" to Frederick C. Spott, Borough Engineer and Louis Cimini, Borough Solicitor for their review and recommendation.

All in favor

Motion carried

Opening of the bids "Civic Center Gymnasium Air Conditioning"

Name of Bidder	Address	Bid
Antz Distributing Co., Inc	325 East Washington St Shenandoah PA 17976	\$ 79,897.00 Alt.#1 1,650.00 10% BB
Marchington, Inc. T/A The Heating People	Route 590 Box 83 Hamlin PA 18427	\$ 88,807.00 Alt.#1 750.00 10% BB
United Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.	180 Import Rd. Pittston Twp. PA 18640	\$109,000.00 Alt.#1 1,115.00 10% BB

Engineer Estimated Cost \$65,000.00

2. **Motion by Barnick**

Seconded by Chrzan

To reject the bids for the "Civic Center Gymnasium Air Conditioning" to Frank S. Westawski, P.E., Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineers and Borough Solicitor for their review and recommendation.

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To ratify Resolution # 10 of 2001 accepting the resignation of Bob Mraz as member of council as per the motion passed on May 30, 2001.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To ratify Resolution # 11 of 2001 appointing Mr. James Mellody to fill the vacancy on council created by the resignation of Robert Mraz as per the motion passed on May 30, 2001.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-He was the top vote getter for that position.

Barnick-That was only a nomination.

Lukasewicz-And he went for....

Barnick-That was only a nomination.

Lukasewicz-And there's not much more I can say on the matter.

Two in favor-Barone, Lukasewicz

Two against-Barnick, Chrzan

Tie vote Mayor-In favor

**Motion passed, then MOTION FAILED,
Refer to Motion #5**

***Joe Barone vote changed, Motion #5**

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

To allow Joe Barone to change his vote on Motion #4.

All in favor **Motion carried**

Lukasewicz-So now motion (#4) has failed 3-1.

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

To ratify Resolution # 12 of 2001 reappointing Nicholas "Nick" Rocco to the Throop Borough Planning Agency for a two year term as per the motion passed on May 30, 2001.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To ratify Resolution # 13 of 2001 reappointing John Stoffey to the Civil Service Commission for a six year term as per the motion passed on May 30, 2001.

All in favor **Motion carried**

8. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Barnick**

To ratify Resolution # 14 of 2001, appointing Rose Kaminski to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill Larry Hartshorn's term that expires on July 29, 2001 as per the motion passed on May 30, 2001.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To table Motion #9:

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 15, a resolution approving the Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement, to expand its Emergency Services Management Program by creating an Emergency Services Mutual Aid Network making emergency services of every municipality available to **all municipalities on a county wide basis**. This agreement is made pursuant to the provisions of the Act of November 26, 1978, No. 323, P.L. 1332, 35 Pa. C.S.A. §7101 et seq., as amended, known as the Emergency Management Services Code.

All in favor **Motion tabled**

Barnick-I (inaudible) review that and actually I think it should be rejected. (Everyone spoke at once.)

10. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To **DENY** the request by Chambers Environmental Group, Inc. to pass an ordinance which restricts residents from drilling private water supply wells. (Chambers Environmental represents Turkey Hill Store # 169, Sanderson St. & Dunmore St.)

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To authorize payment for the sum of \$4,000.00 to International Fireworks for the annual fireworks display at the Cow Flop. (A \$1,000.00 down payment was made in January 2001.)

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To award the bid to R. E. Lesniak for the Flashing Devices for the sum of \$29,935.00 as per the recommendation of Robert Bernosky, Engineer.

On the question:

Barnick-(inaudible) the state to do something about this. I really think Mellow's office and Gaynor Cawley's office should be aware of what we've got to spend for something that they won't do nothing about, PennDOT, but they'll give away driveway permits like they're going out

of style. They take away parking for borough residents.
Mayor-You're right, we should not have to pay for this.
Barnick-I think they should pay for it all.
Lukasewicz-Let's award it anyway, it has to be. Let's send letters to these individuals stating that.....(everyone spoke at once). A discussion took place.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 15 of 2001, a resolution to commit \$5,000.00 each year for the next five (5) years to the Interboro Libraries. (Total \$25,000.00)

On the question:

Barnick-I'd like to include in there, only if the other five municipalities....

Chrzan-Well they did.....

Everyone spoke at once, someone indicated the Blakely, Jessup, and Dickson City approved this.

All in favor

Motion carried

Motion by Barone

Motion withdrawn

To grant permission to McGregor Iron to connect to the sewer system in the Warsaw section of Throop.

Barnick-I would second it, only if I knew the facts because Jack Dolan.....I don't want to get in a bind for (inaudible, everyone spoke at once).

Chrzan-They turned Jack Dolan down right next to them.

Barnick-I mean, if it's on the record and it was turned down....

Mayor-Who turned Jack Dolan down?

Everyone spoke at once.

A discussion took place.

Lukasewicz-How about we table this until next Thursday, or the next meeting?

David Bland, McGregor- I can tell you is that when I called the Lackawanna River (Basin) Authority....

Barnick-They probably have the capacity on it.

Lukasewicz-Joe, will you take your motion off the floor and we'll just table this.....

Lukasewicz-I believe it, let's just, it's no good for anyone to vote up here not knowing all the facts and let's just table it until our next meeting and in the interim from now until the next meeting we get the facts together and (inaudible) to make a valid decision up here without being incorrect.

Barone-It's okay with me.

Everyone spoke at once.

14. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To ratify the authorization of Richard Mellow to install the 100 amp service at the Washington Street Park at a cost of \$3,980.00.

All in favor **Motion carried**

15. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

For Chilewski to re-pave the basketball/tennis courts at the Washington Street Park and file charges at the magistrate, if necessary, if letter and proof is on file.

All in favor **Motion carried**

A long discussion took place with regard to the parking for the Cow Flop at the Washington Street Park on June 24, 2001. Frank Galli was refused the use of the field, the parking lot, as was in the past. Lukasewicz asked the Mayor to contact the Mid Valley School District about the denial, and address it properly.

No Motion:

To authorize Kaminski Brothers to install approximately forty six (46) sanitary sewer clean outs in conjunction with the Sanderson Street Curb and Sidewalk Project, at a unit price of \$885.00 each plus an additional lump sum price of \$7,400.00 for additional maintenance, etc. Any test bids will be additional at \$725.00 each.

16. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize the purchase of twelve (12) additional flag banners and brackets at a cost of \$1,818.50.

All in favor **Motion carried**

17. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To adopt Resolution #16 of 2001, reappointing Walter Rakosky as an alternate Zoning member.

All in favor **Motion carried**

18. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To appoint Ufberg & Associates as the Solicitor for the Police Contract at the same rate of pay.

All in favor **Motion carried**

19. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize the Street Commissioner and the Solicitor to do whatever is legally necessary in reference to the demolition project of Hose Co. #2 Hall by Stillwater Environmental Services.

All in favor **Motion carried**

20. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barnick**

To put Gannett Fleming on hold until council directs any further investigations in regards to the Marjol site.

All in favor **Motion carried**

21. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barnick**

To contact Mr. John Ormasa to schedule a meeting with Christine Todd-Whitman, with four members of council, Joe Barone, Jim Barnick, Tony Chrzan, and Tom Lukasewicz.

All in favor **Motion carried**

22. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize Solicitor, Lou Cimini, to prepare a Resolution supporting Dunmore Borough in testing of the GNB Plant in Dunmore.

All in favor **Motion carried**

23. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Barnick**

To send a letter to DEP and EPA regarding testing Thomson Consumer Electronics, Keystone Industrial Park.

All in favor **Motion carried**

***THE TAPE WAS CHANGED HERE.
MOTION TO AUTHORIZE:***

24. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize Al Jordano to perform an audit up until the controller's resignation as required by the Borough Code, Section 1041, Subsection (g):

Auditors shall also audit and report to the borough council, upon accounts of every officer of the borough, upon the death, resignation, removal or expiration of the term of such officer.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Frank Galli, Throop Booster Club-Invited member of council and the mayor to be part of the Cow Flop Parade, they would get enough vehicles and any members should let him know.

Dave Morrell, Civic Center Commission-Asked council for permission to buy a costume needed for different functions, instead of renting.

25. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the Civic Center Commission to purchase a costume, as needed.

All in favor

Motion carried

Motion by Barnick Seconded by Chrzan
To adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary