

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2003
following the 6:30 Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Military and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Anthony Chrzan - P

James Barnick - P

Vice President- Thomas Lukasewicz - P

President-James Mellody Jr. - P

George Marushock - A

Daryl Menichetti - P

Joseph Barone - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini - P

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan -P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - P

Announcements:

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Throop VFW Post #7251 and Park at 11:30 a.m. on Mon., May 26, 2003. In addition, The Throop American Legion will hold Memorial Day Services at the Municipal Building at 8:30 a.m. and will proceed to the local cemeteries for services. The American Legion and VFW will then meet for services at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building. All members and citizens of Throop are encouraged to attend.

Mayor’s presentations:

Ralph J. Policichio, Eagle Scout Award - “In recognition of attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout in the widely acclaimed Boy Scouts of America. His fortitude, demeanor, hard work and vast knowledge were the prime ingredients in his gaining this rare honor.”

Bob Sember, National Book Co., Inc. - “In recognition and appreciation for exceptional performance in Throop Borough’s Commercial Recycling Program”. National Book Co., Inc. produced and generated more than half of the total borough commercial tonnage. As a result, the monetary amount for the borough has increased more than one half.

There were no audience comments on tonight’s agenda.

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the zoning report, landfill inspector's reports and the minutes of the April 10, April 28 and May 8, 2003 Council Meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

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

2. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

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

Unpaid bills:	\$87,955.58
Paid bills:	19,165.82
Grand total	\$107,121.40

Keystone Landfill Credit	\$10,238.52
Home Program	1,933.86
Revenue Report	\$89,789.87

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS:

5. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance for the month of April, 2003.

General Fund Checking Account	\$796,777.28
General Fund Petty Cash	200.00
Payroll Checking Account	5,865.18
Civic Center Account	250.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	250.00
FNCB Escrow Acct. Throop vs. Gould	200,969.73
Sunny Day Fund CD's	2,333,416.89
Home Program State Grant	1,933.86
Civic Center After School Program	500.00
South Valley Ave. Grant	81,139.70
Warsaw Playground	28,270.59
Liquid Fuels Account	134,159.28
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$3,585,515.61
(Interest Free) LOAN Balance: Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Inc. (Two payments in the amount of \$262,500.00 each will be paid during the next two quarters, 2003.)	\$1,925,000.00

All in favor

Motion carried

6. 6a. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To submit a request to Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economical Development (DCED) in regards to a one year extension on the \$25,000.00 grant Contract # 21-192-1551. The grant expires on June 30, 2003.

All in favor

Motion carried

6b. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize the Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Inc. prepare specs to open for a gravel access road and a gate to the 48 acres.

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

One against - Menichetti

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 5 of 2003, a resolution to execute the “Consent for Right of Way Agreement” granting the Government, PADEP, a right of entry to conduct project activity consisting of “Performing a Mine Reclamation Project as described on Job Description”. The PADEP proposes to reconstruct the Eddy Creek Stream. The purpose of utilizing the borough property (48 acres) is for the disposal of drainage excavation and contouring of material.

On the question:

Barnick: To ensure the grade off is nice, have the borough engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Inc., perform periodic inspections.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To allocate \$200.00 to Eric Viola towards meals and expenses that are not covered for police training course. Receipts are to be provided.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment to Scranton Craftsmen for Application of Payment # 6 - S. Valley Ave. Project (from the EPA Grant) in the amount of \$16,657.20 as approved by the Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Assoc.

On the question:

Barnick: It’s going to look excellent.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Barone**

To authorize payment to Scranton Craftsmen for Application of Payment # 6 - S. Valley Ave. Project (from the Borough General Fund) in the amount of \$31,057.20 as approved by the Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Assoc.

All in favor Motion carried

11. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To grant permission for the civic center and borough maintenance staff to attend the free floor maintenance seminar sponsored by Penn Paper.

All in favor Motion carried

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

To accept the proposal from Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company for the sum of \$2,200.00 to re-coat the civic center gym floor.

On the question:
Barnick: When will the work be done?

All in favor Motion carried

13. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To direct the Civic Center Director, Gail Ercoli, to obtain phone quotes/proposals for a gate in the mezzanine (2nd floor of civic center) in order to lock up equipment. The gate is to be placed 6 to 8' back from the top of the stairs.

All in favor Motion carried

14. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To approve the Scranton Craftsmen, Inc. Change Order # 6 for the South Valley Avenue Project in the amount of \$2,016.00 (increase) as per the recommendation of the borough engineer and street commissioner.

Five in favor - Barnick, Lukasewicz, Menichetti, Barone, Mellody
One abstain - Chrzan Motion carried

15. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To approve the Scranton Craftsmen, Inc. Change Order # 7 for the South Valley Avenue Project in the amount of \$3,646.00 (increase) as per the recommendation of the borough engineer and street commissioner.

Five in favor - Barnick, Lukasewicz, Menichetti, Barone, Mellody
One abstain - Chrzan Motion carried

16. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To approve the Scranton Craftsmen, Inc. Change Order # 8 for the South Valley Avenue Project in the amount of \$803.50 (increase) as per the recommendation of the borough engineer and street commissioner.

Five in favor - Barnick, Lukasewicz, Menichetti, Barone, Mellody
One abstain - Chrzan Motion carried

17. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barnick**

To amend Ordinance #12 of 2002, An Ordinance Designating Alternating One-Way Streets to Alleviate Traffic Jams in the Area of the Washington Street Park During Special Events, to include (6) Center Street will be one way in a westerly direction and as per any recommendations of the street commissioner and chief of police.

All in favor Motion carried

18. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To hire David Cheplick as part time DPW temporary summer help at a rate of \$7.00 per hour.

All in favor Motion carried

19. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To declare Leeward Construction, Inc. in default of contracts with regard to the Boulevard and Crawford Court Phase II Projects and, therefore, all pending work items may be contracted out.

All in favor Motion carried

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

To adopt Resolution 6 of 2003, a resolution appointing William Tarby as Emergency Management Coordinator (Civil Defense) for Throop Borough.

On the question : Obtain an inventory of the equipment.

All in favor Motion carried

21. Motion by Menichetti **Seconded by Barone**

To authorize the civic center director to schedule Summer Recreation Program days at each of the borough parks: two (2) days at Washington Street Park and one (1) day at each of the following parks: Bellman Street Park, Warsaw Playground and Woodlawn Street Park.

Three in favor - Menichetti, Barone, Mellody
Three against - Chrzan, Barnick, Lukasewicz
Tie Vote : Mayor Lukowski - In Favor Motion carried

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

To remove the Throop Community Ambulance from the borough's workers compensation policy, and any other borough insurance and to provide thirty day notice of same, with the opinion of the borough solicitor.

Three in favor - Barnick, Chrzan, Barone
Two against - Menichetti, Mellody
One Abstain - Lukasewicz (Not enough information) Motion carried

23. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To direct the Civic Center Director, Gail Ercoli, to submit any civic center revenue to the borough treasurer at the municipal building once a week, namely, every Friday.

All in favor Motion carried

24. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To direct the Civic Center Director, Gail Ercoli, to provide the borough administrator with the combination of the civic center safe for safekeeping.

All in favor Motion carried

25. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize Chief Neil Furiosi to purchase ammunition for the annual qualifications at a cost of approximately \$1,300.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

26. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To direct the Chief of Police, Neil Furiosi, to provide a list of officers that have not qualified or received Annual Certification within 30 days and to notify each officer if they have failed, they must provide their own ammunition.

All in favor

Motion carried

27. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To send a letter to the Scranton Times requesting a reporter be present at a minimum of one per month, to keep the public informed.

All in favor

Motion carried

28. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Menichetti

To contact the proper utility companies for price quotes to have water and electric service at all three parks, Bellman St. Park, Warsaw St. Park and Woodlawn St. Playground. (Washington Street Park is equipped with utilities.)

On the question: Joe Barone said he will contact the utilities.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Jack Dolan, S. Valley Ave., stated that two school buses were speeding on Underwood Rd.

Mayor Lukowski commented on people speeding on S. Valley Ave..

Dave Morrell, George St., stated that people speed on Clinton Ct. next to his house. He said there are young children in the area including his nephews and grandson.

Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes by Christina & Elaine. The tape recorder did not work at all. All minutes from notes taken by Elaine at the meeting.

Christina Sullivan
Assistant Secretary

Elaine Morrell
Administrator/Secretary