

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
for General Purposes
Thursday, November 13, 2003
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Military and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Anthony Chrzan - **A**

Vice President- James Barnick - **P**

President-Thomas Lukasewicz - **P**

James Mellody Jr. - **P**

George Marushock - **P**

Daryl Menichetti - **P**

Joseph Barone - **P**

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - **P**

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini - **P**

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **A**

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - **P**

Announcements:

An Executive Session was held on Friday, Nov.7, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. and this evening at 6:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

Eric Hartshorn, Dimmick St. - Spoke on behalf of the fire departments and asked if a line item could be added to the budget for the Santa Claus Parade every year instead of having to ask every year. *A short discussion took place with regard to accountability and the auditors and keeping it as is, a request, each year.*

1. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Mellody**

To ratify the purchase of Sunny Day Fund CD # 00513001534 in the amount of \$577,033.02 on October 30, 2003 for 7 years at FNCB at a rate of 4.09%. FNCB had the highest rate, 3.60 for 5 yrs and 4.09 for 7 years; compared to First Liberty 2.85 for 5 yrs and Penn Star 2.10 for 5 yrs.

On the question:

Menichetti: Just remember, this is for several years now and I felt just at this point it's a good rate.

Five in favor - Mellody, Marushock, Menichetti, Barone, Lukasewicz
One against - Barnick Motion carried

2. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Mellody**

To donate \$250.00 to Cub Scout Pack 73.

All in favor Motion carried

3. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Mellody**

To donate \$1,400.00 to the Throop Fire Departments (c/o Ed Bocan) for the Annual Santa Claus Parade.

All in favor Motion carried

4. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Barone**

To donate \$250.00 to each Senior's Group, the "Over 55 Club" and the "Elite Seniors" toward their Christmas parties.

All in favor Motion carried

5. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Barnick**

To allocate \$1,200.00 to the Civic Center for the Annual Children's Christmas Event.

All in favor Motion carried

6. Motion by Mellody **Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize the quarterly payment in the amount of \$812.50 from the assets of the Non-Uniform Pension plan to P.M.P.S. for the administration of the Plan.

All in favor Motion carried

7. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Mellody

To authorize the DPW to secure the 48 acres access road with a gate, as quickly as possible.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Could we have the police go up there and start watching the quads?

Mellody: I think the neighbors brought it up that we put the, they were afraid the quads were going to be running through their yards. What are we going to do when it happens?

Lukasewicz: When it happens then we have to address it then. I'll address whatever is needed. I'm not going to do something and make problems for someone else. I wouldn't want it to me and I would do whatever I could do. *Few speaking at once.*

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Barone

To submit the drawing for the garage and salt shed to the Department of Labor & Industry for approval.

On the question:

Marushock: This is for the building only, correct? Any other work goes.....

Lukasewicz: This is for the building as designed by Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., as council wanted it designed.

Mellody: If the drawings are changed (do) they have to be submitted again.

Lukasewicz: Yes, exactly.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Marushock

To notify Lackawanna County Redevelopment (Authority) of the needs assessment for CDBG for the next coming year and to authorize the survey for qualifications for the CDBG for:

1. Eddy Street, Franko and Delaware Sewers
2. Mary Street

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Mellody

To authorize Attorney Cimini to send the draft letter regarding the Eddy Creek Refuse Bank property to PA DEP.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Menichetti

Motion #11 failed, as follows:

To authorize (increase) the Police Department purchasing from \$300.00 to \$500.00 before needing approval by the Purchasing Committee.

Four against - Barnick, Mellody, Marushock, Lukasewicz

Two in favor - Menichetti, Barone

Motion failed

12. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Marushock

To repeal Ordinance #12 of 2001, An Ordinance Establishing Health Insurance for Council Members, with a 30 day notice.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Bette Goreschak, Meade Street - Asked to the status of the Meade Street Project which would be handled by the Lackawanna County Redevelopment Authority (LCRD).

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St. - Discussed a path, sidewalk, along the side of Sanderson Street so people (and children) don't have to walk on the hill. He said the cars come down pretty fast and felt it was dangerous. He would like to see something done.

Larry Hartshorn, 140 Dimmick St. - Inquired about the tests being taken where the building would be put (DPW Complex) and thought it would be better is the whole site was checked now and would ease the mind a little bit because if the building was put up there and there was a mine fire, our money would be gone, shot. He asked if his road (Jones Street) would be opened because he's been trying to get in his yard for thirty years now. If he put his car and his son's car on the road (because of no parking) you wouldn't be able to get up Dimmick Street, then what? He said maybe after this election that we just had it'll get done now. He hoped so.

John Snell, Sanderson St. - Asked how successful the Agility Program was with the state because of the salt situation, an excessive amount of salt was being used. If there's a dusting of snow, our trucks go up and down (the street) fifteen times during the night, it's right by his window, he wasn't exaggerating, he said. He never sees a state truck and this is where the excessive amount of salt was being used. What do we get in return from the state? He asked why Yacavone's building couldn't be brought up to code. He said it was an eyesore in the center of our town, Sanderson Street, and even Dunmore Street. He said everyone seems to be afraid of that and didn't know why, it was an eyesore. He said council was talking about a house on Edgar Street and said this was even worse. It's right next to a business man who updated his building and he has to look at it and didn't think it was fair to him. It should be brought up to code regardless of who owns it. He said, 'you can't have double standards, I'm telling you'. He felt it was an ongoing problem that's been going

on for years, no matter who is on council. He told Lukasewicz to look at it, he's a contractor. He said it's a fire hazard and there was garbage all around the place, what a mess, it's terrible. **Larry Hartshorn, 140 Dimmick Street** - Stated he made a complaint about it 'in there' and they were talking care of it and if somebody says there was no complaints, there was.

Vince Tanana, 3 Maple St. - Spoke on behalf of the volunteer hose company to commend the DPW for helping with the placement of their flag pole monument. The hose company appreciates everything they did because it would have taken weeks to do it by hand.

Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director - Stated the basketball coaches wanted to inquire about having a program book where they could seek donations from local businesses to help defray the costs such as the uniforms, referees, etc.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary