

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, November 29, 2001
after the 6:30 p.m. General Purpose Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Lukasewicz recognized the passing of Councilman Jim Mellody by saying there was a guy that wanted to be a councilman so bad, he tried and tried and tried. He got elected, his intentions were wonderful. He really wanted to help this town and sometimes things, we don't get a chance to understand and this is one of them and hopefully he's in a better place. Let's do what's right, a moment of silence would be in order.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Councilman Jim Mellody.

A moment of silence was also observed for our military and all the victims, emergency and rescue personnel, volunteers and all the families who were affected by the tragedy on September 11, 2001 caused by terrorists.

"God Bless America"

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Joseph Barone-P

James Barnick-P

Anthony Chrzan-P

President - Thomas Lukasewicz-P

George Marushock-P

Joseph Keyasko-P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements:

- Monday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. - Public Hearing regarding the opening of Franko and Catherino Streets as per the request of a signed petition.
- Thursday, December 13th beginning at 6:30 p.m.- (second Thursday of the month) Special Work Session/Special Meeting for General Purposes.

- The regular monthly work session and meeting for December is re-scheduled due to the Christmas Holidays. The monthly work session & meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2001 beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 7, 2002, 7:00 p.m. - Council Organization Meeting as per the Borough Code.

Council Comments:

Barnick-Just back to that one, the hearing, is it proper for a resident that lives in Moosic to sign a petition on a road in Throop? (Officials all spoke at once.)

Lukasewicz-Jimmy, I wasn't aware of that until you pointed it out. Attorney Cimini, please review the petition.

Mayor-What petition are we talking about?

Lukasewicz-The petition from the citizens to have a public hearing with regards to the opening of the street.

Mayor-Well, did you see the other petition?

Lukasewicz-I didn't get a chance to see it, I didn't really look at anything.

Lukowski-Wow (inaudible), at least ten of them, including store.

Lukasewicz-Irregardless of how the petitions were signed and were not signed properly or improperly, if a meeting is warranted there's no problem having a meeting. Have a meeting and have everybody hash it in front of everybody and have it over with.

Lukasewicz-In addition to the forty three (43) motions that are on for this evening, there will be one other motion, it will be Motion #44. And it will be in regards to the Civic Center, the hiring of a director.

Audience comments on tonight's (written) agenda:

Don Dolan, Solicitor, Mid Valley School District-My name is Don Dolan, I'm the solicitor for the Mid Valley School District. I'm here tonight on a motion, I believe it's #38 (inaudible) and briefly what the district is asking of (inaudible). You know we're under going a building project and we estimated through our consultants, based upon your scale of building permit fees, it will probably be in excess of over \$45,000.

Lukasewicz-\$45,000.?

Dolan-I believe it's between \$45 and \$46,000 - closer to \$46,000. We realize that, you know, that's a tremendous amount of money. We don't know if that's been earmarked into the budget or not, however, we're talking about a non-profit institution, we're talking about a public school, we're not talking about a commercial enterprise here that's making a profit that can afford to turn around and absorb these kind of costs. We did bid the project out and luckily the bids came in, not everyone's in favor of the project but that's other issues. Any money that's obviously saved with this building project certainly benefits not only the people in Throop but the other two communities that support the school. When I say benefits them, what it means is that there's more disposable income which means you do not have to go elsewhere for revenues for (inaudible) operations of the school district. In other words, we're going to be coming up with two contracts I believe next year, both the professional and non-professional staff. Nobody likes to talk about contracts. The first thing you talk about is raises and the second thing you talk about is millage increases. You certainly don't need that. There's a significant millage increase,

nobody's happy with it and we certainly don't need more. We can benefit from the waiver of this permit, obviously that will certainly be put to use so the district would not have to look elsewhere for any of those costs. They're just asking if you'd consider that particular motion and perhaps vote in favor of (inaudible). Thank you.

Barnick-Before I vote on that one, the point I want to make on that, as he said it benefits three different boroughs. If you remember back a couple of years ago, we went up to the school district and we tried to get a piece of property next to the river. (Inaudible) which would be very minimal, very minimal. Bought that property with Andy Mikulski, along the river, and they said no way. Not only that fact, they've already (inaudible), easement in place up there. The construction (inaudible) came in low bids, very low bids, and I asked at a separate meeting up there, are you going to reimburse the people at least what the excess is, and (I got) no response. Now you've got, this \$40,000 - \$45,000 it's still (inaudible). The people of this town are (inaudible) so they're going to vote for an excess of that \$45,000 if it's waived and that's not benefitting Throop residents. In a way it is, some, but you've got two other towns benefitting from this. You don't find another town that would waive anything or give anything to the school as far as just the Borough of Throop. I don't it's right, especially when it's benefitting the other towns. Put it to good use in this town is what I've got to say. That \$45,000 could be used in any one of the sewer problems we're having anywhere and then we'll know it's being used properly instead of giving it to another person that's going to be hired or, 'cause it sure isn't going to come back to the people. That's how I feel about it. That's my personal opinion. I don't think it's right.

Dolan-I think there's a misconception about excess here. This came in as, and I'm using approximate figures, (inaudible) construction project was going for 7 ½ million. That was not included (included) cost, the other 2 ½ million dollars. If you're involved in any kind of major construction, there's a lot of other expenses involved (inaudible) which was not part of construction. We've got a construction man here which is not part of the construction costs so a lot of other monies in addition to the construction certainly add up to the full amount of monies borrowed. There is no excess money.

Lukasewicz-Attorney Dolan, did the school district budget that they would pay \$45,000 to the Borough of Throop for the project?

Dolan-The monies you don't budget separately due to the bidding construction. The project was laid out and you make a rough estimate of who it is people like to hire (inaudible) gives you construction estimates and we thought we borrowed the amount of money we thought we needed to cover it. The bids came in and (inaudible) in addition to the construction costs, came within the amount of money we borrowed. So there's not a separate line item budget.....

Lukasewicz-Maybe the question I'm trying to ask, originally was it anticipated that you would pay the Borough of Throop \$45,000 in permit fees?

Dolan-It was not anticipated, I doubt it (inaudible) \$45,000, no.

Lukasewicz-But it was anticipated to pay these fees?

Dolan-It was anticipated there would be governmental filing fees, as to what that number was, I can't stand here and tell you it was \$45 (000). My knowledge of it, my input of this, would be no where near \$45,000.

Barnick-Just let me tell you something. That's not to include the 1.9 million that's carried over a year that's been in that budget. There's a 1.9 million excess up there. I mean, they'll tell you different but it's there and it's used, instead of taking any kinds of tax exempt participation loan or anything like that, it's used to cover until the taxes start coming in for the year. That's also up there.

(Dolan and Lukasewicz spoke at once)

Lukasewicz-.....come into my pocket don't get me wrong but if it's going to hurt someone from Dickson or Olyphant or Throop or whatever, are we really helping or are we hurting by taking this money or helping?

Barnick-You're helping the people of Throop is what you're doing, by taking this money. You're helping the people of Throop.

Lukasewicz-We're helping the people of Throop but we're hurting the people of Dickson and Olyphant.

Barnick-So are we up here to represent the people of Dickson and Olyphant? I'm not.

Marushock-I believe with this fee, by not waiving this, we're going to benefit the people of Throop in the long run and (inaudible) he says they borrowed just about 10 million, somewhere right now about 7 ½ million, I would agree that there are additional (inaudible), but I also agree with Jim Barnick that we went to the school board when we needed help, we get emotional, no doubt about it. But two wrongs aren't going to make a right.

Barnick-It's not the point. You're benefitting.....(everyone spoke at once.)

Marushock-But whatever costs could be saved in that project, it's going to benefit the three towns. I mean, with the school we're kind of in that a third, a third, and a third. Personally, I'd like to see the fee waived.

Barnick-Do you think that Olyphant, being that we waived this fee, that Olyphant's going to turn around and say okay, the condemnation on that piece of property we need down there, we're going to waive that. Forget about the court hearing or that one we had to file over the Eddy Creek land?

Marushock-That's a different issue, Jim.

Barnick-It's not.

Marushock-And I agree with you, it is kind of related.....

Barnick-(inaudible) the Borough of Throop.

Marushock-Correct, but we're also going to impose an extra fee here on the system.

Barnick-No you're not because.....

Marushock-I understand that there was excess but it's going to blow out the window.....reduction of taxes down the road. (Everyone spoke at once.)

Barnick-And \$45,000 is less than .5 of a mill. One mill is \$100,000. So you are not, never going to see that back. You're never going to see it and these people will never see it. But you use it for the benefit of Throop people (inaudible). There's many Throop projects out there. The Mayor alone over there, he sitting there with a sewer line or a manhole, that might be repaired now but, the line itself is a disaster.

Marushock-All right.

Lukasewicz-Instead of just going over.....

Barnick-Now we have, one more thing, they refinanced the bonds after they were first issued. They also saved more interest and money there which is excess money.

Marushock-But that's no reflection on their financial reports, correct?

Barnick-Try to get them, try to get them.

Lukasewicz-All right. Anything else, Mr. Dolan?

Dolan-I have nothing further.

Lukasewicz-Any further discussion on that?

Bette Goreschak, Meade Street-Mr. Dolan (addressing Atty. Dolan)?

Lukasewicz-It's not proper to have inter discussion like that between....you can bring up a question if it's directed to us but it's not proper to do it that way.

Goreschak-Well, he would know.

Lukasewicz-Well, you could direct it to me and maybe someone here knows and then.....(both spoke at once). At least let me go through the proper channels now and we'll get to you. Tony, can you hang around just a few seconds? (Response inaudible.) Does anyone have a problem with me going through Mrs. Goreschak next? Betty, if you have a question direct it here and I'll.....

Goreschak-Yes, did the school get the Pennsylvania Labor & Industry Reporting yet? For the Planning Commission?

Lukasewicz-Jimmy, do you know any of that?

Barnick-No, not that I know.

Lukasewicz-Mr. Dolan, do you know that?

Dolan-I can't answer that question.

Goreschak-Can you check on it, please?

Dolan-I certainly will.

Lukasewicz-Thank you, Mr. Dolan.

Dolan-Thank you for your time.

Bob Lokuta, 200 Phillips Street-Two things. Motion #10 are the appropriate audits going to be taken prior to the start?

Lukasewicz-It would only be proper to have an audit done similar to what we've done with the last director, yes.

Lokuta-All right, so that will be taken care of?

Morrell-And the other one isn't done yet, to inform you.

Lokuta-#38 on these permit fees, I feel that council should not waive them. There's a lot of elderly people in this town who got hit pretty hard with that last tax increase and I think council should find a way to get that money back and try to help these people out. If that money goes to the school district and you waive it, they're going to squander that like everything else. Whether you wanted the tax increase or you didn't or you were in favor of it, I don't think it was needed. John Stoffey proved to them one night at a school board meeting that it wasn't needed. They sat there with their mouths down. They couldn't answer his questions. I mean, it was a sham. Try to find a way to get that money back to the citizens of Throop. Now, one other thing. The Borough of Throop provides a lot of services to that school that the other towns don't and I think if we get a chance to get a little bit of a break here we should jump on it. But try to get that money back to the people.

Barnick-I totally agree.

Lokuta-At least, I don't know if it's legal and how you could do it or what the logistics would be, but find a way to get it back to the people. 22 mills was excessive.

Marushock-(Inaudible) saying that, there's been a problem trying to obtain the financial records or reports up there, does that seem to be what I'm gathering right now?

Lokuta-You don't get too much information when you ask for it. And you just arbitrarily give it away and, but they've also paid other fees. When I was still working with Robbie in the Zoning Office they did pay their fees as far as for other projects that they did.

Marushock-I think the big obstacle right here is I don't think the amount of fees was in the neighborhood or price that they are now. This is quite an undertaking on their part.

(Few spoke at once.)

Lukasewicz-They knew what the fees would be.

Barnick-Take the \$45,000 and give it to the fire companies. They said they've got to support the schools.

Lokuta-Give it to the people in Throop.

Barnick-That's what you've got to do.

Lokuta-They got hit pretty hard with these taxes.

Barnick-Yes, they did.

Lokuta-Look out for the people of Throop.

Jack Dolan-And next year again.

Lukasewicz-All right, anything else, Mr. Lokuta?

Lokuta-No, that's it.

Lukasewicz-Continuing on.

Larry Hartshorn-Mr. Lokuta said (inaudible) and you people are saying let's help the people of the town, you're going to help the people of the town if you do this. The taxes are not going up anymore. I was against the tax raise myself but you've got to understand, you've got to be on the school board and up around there to see what's going on, what the operation is and what the expenses are (inaudible). It's done, why should they go into more attorney's fees and everything else (inaudible). You (inaudible) let everything else go without having a building permit, what's wrong with the school? Nothing cause (inaudible).

1. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 28 of 2001 declaring the vacant seat on council due to the untimely passing of Jim Mellody.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 29 of 2001 appointing Jim Mellody, Jr. to the vacant seat of council.

On the question:

Barnick-I think it's the right thing to do, I'm just glad you did it this way. He held that position, one position, and I hope it works out, that's all. Out of respect for the family or respect for his father, I think he should have it.

Lukasewicz-His Dad would be proud. Your Dad would be proud.

All in favor

Motion carried

The Mayor swore in Jim Mellody, Jr. as Councilman with the Oath of Office and all wished him congratulations.

3. Motion by Keyasko

Seconded by Mellody

To appoint George Marushock as vice president of council.

Four in favor-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz

Three against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan Motion carried

4. Motion by Keyasko

Seconded by Chrzan

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 30 of 2001 changing the signatures on all borough bank accounts and CD's. (President, Treasurer, Administrator/Secretary and vice president. The vice president will sign in the absence of any of the three. Three signatures are required.)

All in favor

Motion carried

Bid Opening: South Valley Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

Frederick C. Spott, Borough Engineer - Cost Estimate \$465,135.00

Name	Address	Bid
Fabcor, Inc.	1205 Mid Valley Dr. Jessup PA	\$297,908.29 Base 10% BB Att. \$ 21,472.50 Alt. 1 \$ 81,648.82 Alt. 2 \$ 36,224.06 Alt. 3 \$ 1,946.40 Alt. 4 \$439,200.07 Total
Linde Enterprises, Inc.	RR 1 Box 1755 Honesdale PA	\$498,503.80 Base 10% BB Att. \$ 27,000.00 Alt. 1 \$117,423.15 Alt. 2 \$ 72,697.70 Alt. 3 \$ 3,865.00 Alt. 4 \$719,489.65 Total

5. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To refer the South Valley Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project Bids to Frederick C. Spott & Assoc. Borough Engineer, Louis Cimini, Solicitor and Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, for their review and recommendations.

On the question:

Barnick-Just to point, there is \$200,000 in a grant by Don Sherwood's office to help with this

project. This is well needed. Those people suffered long enough.
Lukasewicz-I believe it's ready to go, the permits are in order and this could be done in the spring time.

Barnick-Well, I don't know. Can't they start on it? Any parts of it?

Marushock-More favorable to start once the weather breaks?

Morrell-John said spring when I talked to him.

Barnick-In the meantime while you're waiting, I think you should start (inaudible) sidewalks (inaudible) 'cause there are none.

Barone-Yeah, it's bad down there.

Barnick-That's the place it's needed. (Officials spoke at once.) Do it with the project, have the engineer design the sidewalks along there.

Lukasewicz-Let's vote on this motion first and then if someone would like to make that motion to do some additional sidewalks, work there, then we'll give audience comments on that and then we'll go from there. Can we vote on number 5?

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz-Okay, Jimmy, would you like to make a motion in regards to getting some quotes in on the sidewalks to correspond with this project?

Chrzan-I'll second it.

Barnick-Yeah.

Lukasewicz-Okay, there'll be a motion by Mr. Barnick and seconded by Mr. Chrzan.

Barnick-Hey, now where's that project end, what street?

Kalinoski-From Division Street....

Barnick-To Vaughn.

Kalinoski-(inaudible) It stops short of Vaughn.

Barnick-So we got to do from Division to Steinecke.

Repchick-Go up to Dunmore, Jim. We don't have any all the way up. (Some spoke at once, inaudible conversation.)

Barnick-.....area on the other side where Scranton Craftsmen is (inaudible conversation, some spoke at once).

Lukasewicz-From Division to Dunmore, Jimmy?

Chrzan-Yeah.

Lukasewicz-From Division to Dunmore. We'll make this 5a.

Barnick-Yeah. Cost estimate and design (inaudible).

Kalinoski-What you may be able to save money on restoration costs in current sidewalks that were included in South Valley.....

Morrell-We don't have money in the budget for sidewalks.

Lukasewicz-What we'll have to do is take something from.....

Barnick-Adjust it.

Lukasewicz-..... someplace and adjust it come January.

Barnick-\$45,000 from the school.

Lukasewicz-\$45,000 from the school goes pretty damn far.

Chrzan-There you go, Jim.

Barnick-Walking up the road.....(inaudible, few speaking at once).

Lukasewicz-Audience comments on this motion?

Dave Repchick-I want to make a comment, first off I think it's a great idea and I'm going to tell

you why. I've been working here sixteen years already and I don't like to tell you how many times in the middle of the night I've had people, especially elderly people, walking on that roadway, specifically by Scranton Craftsmen where there is no sidewalks and nearly struck that I literally had to stop, put the lights on the vehicle, and get them off the road and into the car. I just want to comment that it's just a very, very dangerous area. Whether you do it or not, if you do it that area primary to do it.

Barnick-No only that, it's right there at the mountain area (inaudible) I know I had the DPW guys clean it up the one time and there's no where to walk, you're right. There's no where.

Mayor-Mr. Chairman, it's just too bad the state couldn't contribute to this project (inaudible) and it's up the borough now to put sidewalks in an area that should have been done many, many years ago. And the school buses stop all along that way, kids walking the streets, and they didn't think that was dangerous enough?

Lukasewicz-Anyone else?

5a. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To direct the Engineer (Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Inc.) to design and give cost estimate on curb and sidewalks from Division to Dunmore Street in conjunction with the South Valley Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough's Tentative Budget for 2002 with the police line item change discussed in the work session.

Morrell-The total on the General Fund Budget is \$4,548,952.33 and the Liquid Fuels is \$66,7728.10.

Barnick-With no tax increase.

Morrell-With no tax increase.

On the question:

Barnick-It's tentative, so I mean, I think they've got to be reworked, the whole budget's got to be reworked (inaudible).

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

To adopt Throop Borough's Tentative Liquid Fuels Budget for 2002.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz-I'm not going to read the entire motion, but who would like to make Motion #8 as written on the written agenda?

8. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

To advertise Throop Borough Ordinances # 1 through 5 of 2002 for adoption at the monthly meeting on December 20, 2001. The ordinances are as follows: re-enacting a realty transfer tax, occupational tax, wage tax, and re-enacting a tax on assessed valuation, setting salaries and bonds relating to officials.

Ordinance # 1, the tax rate on assessed valuation of the Borough of Throop for the year 2002, shall be as follows, for general purposes, the sum of four (4) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Ordinance # 2, the wage tax ordinance, originally enacted in 1947 and re-enacted every year thereafter, imposing a tax of one (1) percent on wages, commissions, etc. earned by the residents of the Borough of Throop, and also, on income earned in the Borough of Throop by non-residents of the Borough of Throop, with one half (½) of said tax to be distributed to the Mid Valley School District by the tax collecting agent designated by the Borough of Throop.

Ordinance # 3, the occupation tax, originally enacted in 1967, imposing a tax of ten (\$10) dollars per person gainfully employed in the Borough of Throop with five (\$5) of that tax to be distributed to the Mid Valley School District by the agent designated by the Borough of Throop for the collection of taxes.

Ordinance # 4, the realty transfer tax, originally enacted in 1968 and every year thereafter, imposing a tax of one-half (½) of one (1%) percent.

Ordinance # 5, the salaries and other compensation and the bonds of the borough officials be fixed as follows: Council - \$1,875.00 per year, Mayor - \$2,500.00 per year. Treasurer's bond - \$300,000.00, Tax Collector's bond \$521,405.00

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick-Wait a minute. Is there any requirement with that auditor to have a bond like that? A separate one? You know what I mean?

Morrell-I don't know, I can inquire.

Barnick-(Inaudible)...He may have to provide his own bond to the borough or?

Lukasewicz-Make a note for yourself, Elaine.

9. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept the resignation of Robert Lokuta, Assistant Zoning Officer effective October 29, 2001.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barone-On that, are you going to leave that office as it is right now? Is Robbie going to get any help or what?

Lukasewicz-Well, I would hope that someone would come up with a name and if we have an assistant zoning officer in there, I believe it worked well as it was.

Chrzan-I would like to say too that I think Lokuta does a good job. You did a good job, Bob. Hate to see you go.

Lukasewicz-(Inaudible) at a controversial time and he held his ground and he did a good job.
Barnick-In reference to that I know there's a letter there from Robbie in the packets. Some of the cases are still open. I don't know, Bob, if you're willing to go to any hearings that were open and we'll pay you whatever, you know.

Lokuta-If it doesn't interfere with my work schedule, I'd be more than happy to.

Barnick-Maybe they could set it up with Pesota's office to schedule a hearing.....

Lukasewicz-Yeah, the ones that Robbie had to have rescheduled.

Barnick-That you were involved with.

Lokuta-If it doesn't interfere with my work schedule.

Barnick-And we'll pass a motion to pay him whatever the hours spent.....

Lukasewicz-I have no problems.....

Barnick-Is it that fine, Bob? Yeah, because otherwise you're going to have to go through and do what? Start all over basically? (Inaudible).

Lukasewicz-It's a good idea. (Cimini inaudible)

10. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To have Bob Lokuta, if willing, to work with the Zoning Officer to handle any open hearings that were pending at the time of his resignation, at his hourly rate.

Audience comments: None

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz-Also, if someone wants to in the interim come up with a name, maybe get together and come up with an Assistant Zoning Officer. I know it's too much for Robbie to be Zoning Officer and everything else he's got to do, especially with the winter time coming.

Barnick-Robbie? Now, he's going to try to work with his schedule because he's agreed to, Bob Lokuta, to finish the cases that he was involved with. Would you, providing he accepts, with Pesota, maybe you can schedule a hearing around this. (Response inaudible.)

Lukasewicz-Can I ask you a question, Mr. Lokuta?

Lokuta-Sure.

Lukasewicz-Would you be in agreement to do even a little bit of work as Assistant Zoning Officer just in the evening or you (inaudible).

Lokuta-Do I have to answer that right now? (Everyone spoke at once.)

Lukasewicz-No, but if you could think about it and get back to me. If you could possibly just, even if it was one day a week when you could be here for two or three hours in the evening and maybe just take the applications from Mr. Kalinoski, somewhat to help him with the transition, or....?

Lokuta-I'll let you know tomorrow. I'll call Elaine.

Lukasewicz-Let the administrator now. Maybe we could work something out.

11. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept Elizabeth Luchansky's resignation as Civic Center Director effective December 7, 2001.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-She did a fine job over there as far as I know. As far as I know, there was no interference and the only reason why she's leaving is to better herself with a career that she went to school for.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the police reports, zoning report and minutes of the October 29, 2001 Council Meetings.

On the question:

Barnick-On minutes, I know we have some lengthy discussions here but a couple times you see in there inaudible or discussion ensued. What I would like to see is the minutes complete. I mean, it's hard sometimes to.....

Morrell-Sometimes it's hard.....

Barnick-.....but at least if the comments are in there, they're on the record. That's what minutes are for is to make sure we have an accurate record. I was looking at a couple of the minutes from these last meeting where it says discussion ensued, no matter, there was good points made, good, bad, whatever, we all should be part of the record.

Lukasewicz-What you would wish is that.....

Barnick-The whole record.

Lukasewicz-....as thorough as can be completed at whatever....

Barnick-I mean.....

Lukasewicz-....time, expense.

Barnick-It's a record, an official record. Minutes are.....

Lukasewicz-Whatever is needed to try to make it as official as official can be.

Morrell-That's up to council. Minutes are to be detailed on motions and on the question and it's council's discretion on everything else and some, if you get more than one person speaking at one time it's just jumbled. But we will put in whatever can be done.

Lukasewicz-Whatever you can, even if you have to go a little bit further to try to.....

Morrell-Okay.

Lukasewicz-Okay?

Morrell-Yes.

Six in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Marushock, Keyasko, Lukasewicz

One abstain-Mellody

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

13. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

To accept the Fund Statement & Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement for October 2001 *as on the written agenda:*

General Fund Checking Account	\$558,293.34
General Fund CD's	1,329,078.29
General Fund Petty Cash	200.00
Payroll Checking Account	5,329.26
Civic Center Account	250.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	250.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	1,939,991.04
Home Program State Grant	4,391.97
Community Revitalization (20-192-0947)	40,204.54
Civic Center After School Program	500.00
Warsaw Playground	27,331.01
Liquid Fuels Account	68,328.10
Grand Total	\$3,974,147.55

Six in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Marushock, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
One abstain-Mellody **Motion carried**

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

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

14. 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:	\$151,908.00
Paid bills:	47,099.81
AOL deduction	-0-
Grand total	\$199,007.81
Keystone Landfill Credit:	\$12,396.46
Home Program (As of 11/15/01)	6,151.97
Revenue Report (As posted)	112,057.28

Dolan-The Home Program started out with a balance of \$4,317.91. We paid out to contractors and residents \$14,062.00. We also had a voided check from a contractor and a resident and we had down payment to the general for delinquent costs. We also paid for rehab services \$500.00. The checkbook balance as of today is \$560,122.79. If all items for payment are approved tonight the balance will be \$408,214.79. Now, if all the motions tonight that are on this agenda are approved, the balance in the general account will be \$166,948.86. Okay? That's it.

Lukasewicz-Thank you, Lenore.

Dolan-You're welcome.

On the question:

Barnick-That Home Program, that check didn't go out yet, right?

Morrell-No.

Barnick-It's not going to go out?

Cimini-No. (Inaudible)

Barnick-I'd like that squared away because.....

Cimini-The check was signed though. Not by the homeowner.

Lukasewicz-Yeah, okay, but I did sign it so that it's at the discretion of the homeowner.

Cimini-Right.

Barnick-Yeah, but why would you sign it when you looked at it yourself? And it's not.....

Lukasewicz-Because it was said by the director of the program, Mr. Brotter, to sign the check and keep a certain retainage so I did what was suggested by the individual that ran the program for us completely, through the program, if there's a problem with it, it's his problem.

Morrell-And the check.....(Everyone spoke at once.)

Barnick-.....the girl down there that's administrating this program. It was like, well, I mean, I got an attitude partially like, well, I mean, what do you care so much? It's federal money. I don't give a d*(# if it's federal money or not, that was allocated to this borough for the use of the people and that is actually a program that not everybody's property that obtains that grant. It's for only some, just 'cause they're low income or they fall in that category it doesn't mean you go out there and do a.....

Lukasewicz-(Inaudible).....

Barnick-Exactly.

Lukasewicz-Do it properly.

Morrell-The check.....

(Lukasewicz, Barnick, spoke at once.)

Barnick-.....and you were there....

Lukasewicz-I agree.....

Barnick-.....that was a disgusting mess and still is.

Lukasewicz-I agree with you 100% but I don't want it to be said that one contractor was not signing a check for another contractor because it had been specifically said that way. A number of times, that's why we went to Mr. Brotter. He said the check is to be signed and the only thing now, if there's a problem it's their problem and the borough's problem.

Barnick-But I told him, I told him get (inaudible) go out to the house and look at himself, see if he would accept it in his own house.

Morrell-The check is still here because there was a motion passed for Attorney Cimini to discuss it with Marvin Brotter to deal, you know, to handle the situation and Louie's handling it so physically the check is still here, signed in the drawer until everything is settled with the....

Barnick-But I understand, they have their own inspectors assigned, but no matter they have their

own inspector sign. If the guy's not doing his job as the inspector for the project it's time to get an independent inspector and you're going to find out a lot more that hasn't been done and they said it was done on their contract. Because you see how many things (inaudible), just walking by the house.....(everyone spoke at once).....it's not, it's worth more than \$1,000 bucks that they want to keep.....

Lukasewicz-.....(inaudible) what was done, what should have been done.....(inaudible).

THE TAPE WAS CHANGED HERE AND STARTED AS FOLLOWS:

Marushock-(Inaudible, but with regard to voting against Elliott, Reihner, Siedzikowski & Egan, Atty. Douglas R. Blazey) on the Marjol project and ask him that we together on this and try to address this. I think these costs are getting out of hand, they've been out of hand for a while. To the best of my knowledge we had, I believe, an agreement that the only way they were going to function was with the Ombudsman's request and also **there's a bill here from Gannett Fleming in the amount of \$29,6551.02 that I will be against.** And also bear in mind we are running about two months behind. The other thing is I will vote to take it because we do need the insurance, it's our borough insurance and I would like, if at all possible, to put a motion on to at least advertise for the insurance. I believe, I've been told that I guess our new insurance policy has us to be penalized about 20% for an early cancellation of the policy but this insurance has skyrocketed. I think it's approximately a \$100,000 increase and there was some problems that developed because we were not able to be solicited on this. That's it at this time.

Barnick-To go back on the insurance, I started this thing and one thing you've got to issue right, and if I remember right, is you've got to issue a letter to each company that wants to put a bid in on it, that they are authorized to go in and quote on the insurance and it's only one company at a time they're allowed to issue this letter. Huh. We were working on that, Lou? Remember that? And then one company wasn't allowed to.....

Lukasewicz-It was never done though, right?

Cimini-I don't think so.

Lukasewicz-No, it was never done.

Barnick-And then they all got the same quote. I guess they all got quotes through the same major company which was St. Paul or something like that.

Cimini-Yeah.

Barnick-So, I mean all these agencies are going out there, okay, get us this, this, you know, but they're going through the same.

Marushock-Perhaps we could see if they're getting a lesser fee or something and.....(few spoke at once, inaudible). We won't know if we don't try.

Barnick-But at the same time are we still, are we covering the 48 acres, too?

Lukasewicz-I, Elaine, did you.....

Morrell-I did make a call that we did obtain that land.

Lukasewicz-(Inaudible) The day after we received the deed the phone call was made to obtain insurance. Okay, anyone else?

Morrell-I just have to ask Mr. Marushock what the first one was he was against because the tape whistled and I didn't hear him.

Marushock-That was (against) the solicitors fee for the amount of \$6,250.00.

Morrell-Okay, thank you.

**All in favor, except Marushock, as noted
and Keyasko, except the solicitors**

fee and Blazey's fee

Motion carried

15. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz-Elaine, are there any correspondence that needs to be read at this time.

Morrell-Not that I'm aware of.

Barnick-Oh, wait, here it is in the packet (inaudible) about those fire hydrants. Something about the difference in costs, we brought this up before. One was being charged \$37.00 and then the one higher too, 2000, from the year 2000.....they get a special price of \$9.00 (inaudible) a lot higher than what the standard rate (inaudible) and it was a discrepancy (inaudible, papers being shuffled).

Morrell-It was a letter from Archbald Borough. I believe it is posted and we have five packets and I honestly cannot tell you which packet it's in.

Barnick-I mean, we should send something.....

Lukasewicz-Okay, on the motion, we won't accept that letter at this time. I mean, do we want to accept it?

Barnick-I'm saying, (inaudible) you want to send another, maybe fax a letter, we should support in reference to that.

Lukasewicz-That was from which borough, Elaine?

Morrell-I believe it was Archbald. What I did was the Resolution, the one, the Resolution that council passed a few months back, I forwarded that Resolution to the people that they sent this letter to. So I did send out a Resolution to them.

16. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

To authorize payment # 2 to R.E. Lesniak in the amount of \$15,210.00 for the Flashing Devices Project as per the recommendation of Robert Bernosky, Engineer.

On the question:

Marushock-This is in the proper payment schedule that we have before us, correct?

Lukasewicz-I believe there was recommendations to the payment. Robbie, explain the documentation (inaudible).

Kalinoski-There's application for the payment, Tom. Application, I think there might be an application number 3.....

Morrell-One just came in today. It's not going on yet. (Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

Kalinoski-Application #2 to the best of my knowledge does not have services on (few spoke at once, inaudible).

Barnick-First of all, I think that this corner was the responsibility of the state. I mean, they say according to their survey it didn't warrant it, well, we know how it is. The Civic Center, the Borough, over at the funeral home, you've got church over there, everything's active, it should have been fixed. And you know, I'm sorry I didn't look at the whole project when it came in because I assumed it was going to yellow flashing lights right in the middle, not way down here and way down there.....(Mayor spoke, inaudible).....and to me, they're, this is a waste out here, it's a waste way up there. By the time you (inaudible) you can be back up to speed again. (Inaudible) I just don't feel they were warranted that way and I thought yellow flashing lights that's dead end center was the way to go was the way to go. I'm sorry I didn't look at them, that was my mistake here. Because I would have never voted for that.

Marushock-Mr. Barnick has a good point. We probably do need some flashing lights right here at the corners. I believe that the way they were constructed and where they are placed right now is to warn the oncoming traffic of the intersection (few spoke at once).

Barnick-But you have nothing at the intersection and you had a child over here, didn't someone get hit on a bike when they were coming to the meeting? Hit on a bike.....

Marushock-In regards, you're right, we should have the state do it. They were just giving us the cold shoulder and walking away from this so we had to go out on a limb ourselves for the expense, I agree it's an expense to the borough. I think it's money well spent.

Lukasewicz-If you.....

Barnick-Then here the same PennDOT said, wants us to take care of maintenance on the lights up by the highway.

Kalinoski-Any type of signal light intersections, the borough would be responsible for. The other two intersections.....

Mayor-What they go by is accident ratios and apparently we didn't have enough accidents to satisfy them to put up a light there and that's the same excuse they use every time. Not enough accidents, crude as it may seem.

Barnick-I mean, common sense though when you see a church.....(few spoke at once, inaudible).

Lukasewicz-There's definitely a problem and they don't want to see it.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick-Well, when are they going to be operational?

Lukasewicz-I would assume shortly because they just put them meters on within a day or so.

Barnick-Isn't it somebody, said it's going to be operated out of the Civic Center too?

Kalinoski-Yes. From what I understand it's supposed to be the following Monday.

Barnick-And? Oh, this coming Monday?

Kalinoski-No, this past Monday not the following.

Morrell-No, it wasn't installed yet.

Barnick-Anybody here from the Civic Center?

Morrell-No. No, it's not installed yet. They were making arrangements to meet to get to have it installed over there, to set a location so it should be soon. I think he was meeting yesterday.

Barnick-And that's a remote controlled site? Or something like that so, now who operates that?

Kalinoski-The Civic Center Director or whoever is in charge. The location we looked at was in the Director's office.

Barnick-But these are not going to be automatic?

Lukasewicz-They're not going to be on all the time?

Kalinoski-No. (Everyone spoke at once, inaudible.)

Barnick-But if they're not over there for it, and.....
 Lukasewicz-I thought they should be on all the time.
 Marushock-Yes, for church and everything else plus being (inaudible).
 Barnick-Then Sundays, Sunday mornings they're shut down over there.
 Lukasewicz-They should be on a cycle similar to the system that was put in at the school.
 Morrell-Can we set them to have it on all the time?
 Lukasewicz-Can you check to see if they can be kept on at all times?
 Barnick-I don't know, then you might have people complaining because it's flashing in their house like this one over here. I mean, those lights can seem pretty cranked at night.
 Lukasewicz-Let's try it like it is with the Civic Center doing it and then we'll see from there.
 Repchick-Is there another way of getting another remote so we have one? The only reason I'm asking is if we're going is that if we're the ones doing the church traffic on Sunday morning (inaudible, few spoke at once).
 Lukasewicz-Can't run wires across here to the police? You just need another remote then...
 Repchick-Can't you get another remote? (Inaudible.)
 Lukasewicz-Get another remote that would be in the police department for the police in addition to the Civic Center, when they come up here to let the people out of church they could put them on then (few spoke at once) at night when you guys are directing traffic you could put them on then.
 Repchick-Exactly.
 Barnick-(Inaudible) on the weekend, you're going to have.....
 Barone-I think you're better off (inaudible) the police.
 Repchick-I mean, how hard is it to work at switch?
 Barnick-I understand that. (Inaudible) or maybe he's on a call out of town, on a call some place..
 Lukasewicz-Can you check tomorrow to see if we can get another remote? See if we can get another remote and a cost for us and.....
 Kalinoski-And Jim, there's something, I mean, can we do something like this and have one monitor on one of the poles where the police can operate it right from the pole. Mount it in a waterproof box and.....
 Lukasewicz-Whatever. Come up with a suggestion for us.

18. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment for the sum of \$2,900.00 to Robert Bernosky, Engineer for professional services rendered, Flashing Devices Project.

On the question:

Barnick-He requested that these be placed in these areas or were they moved?

Lukasewicz-I would only assume that they were placed there as per the requirements on certain roads. Why they were placed where they were placed.....

Kalinoski-They have to be within a certain distance of the intersection. The one down here was moved slightly because equipment, it could not have been seen with the turn coming out and the over head lights, and that one was moved probably about 15 feet.

Lukasewicz-Basically, it was mandated when they went out.

Kalinoski-We went over it with them.

Barnick-PennDOT is the one that regulated where they go?

Lukasewicz-They didn't want to pay for them but they regulated them.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment # 3 to Adams Enterprises in the amount of \$49,703.69 for the Bellman Street Park Project as per the recommendations of Robert Bernosky, Engineer.

Barone-He's not finished down there, is he?
Lukasewicz-No. On the question? Roll call.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize payment # 3 to Kaminski Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$33,152.53 for the 2001 Street Paving Project.

On the question:

Barnick-Are we up to date now? Is everything good with this project, with this little project or what, Rob?

Kalinoski-This one I don't know, Jim. There were some.....

Lukasewicz-There were recommendations to make this payment so.....

Kalinoski-There were some questions on the estimate for payment and we got with the contractor last week. All the discrepancies were gone over, I talked to John today. He told me there (inaudible).

Morrell-I did not get a final bill yet, no.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To authorize payment # 4 to Kaminski Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$57,878.83 for the Sanderson Street Curb & Sidewalk Project.

On the question:

Barnick-Yeah, what's left now? Do we know?

Lukasewicz-I believe this is final.

Morrell-No, I don't think this is final. No, I know it's not final because I carried I think about \$20,000.00 because I believe that's what we carried for the next year at this point. If we don't get another bill soon.

Lukasewicz-We are all complete with the project. Correct, Rob? Just that they haven't submitted the last payment?

Kalinoski-Yes.

Barnick-(inaudible) inspection. (Everyone spoke at once, inaudible).

Marushock-Looks like we have \$26,000.00 to pay on that and \$20,000.00 to the budget.....

Lukasewicz-So that, they might send you the bill to the end of the month.

All in favor

Motion carried

22. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize Thomas J. Lukasewicz, Council President to sign Throop Borough's Request to Dispose of Residual Waste for the waste tire disposal at Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Inc. (This is a new requirement by PADEP.)

Barnick-Yeah, what is that?

Morrell-Disposal of tires now have to have a special report for residual waste.

Barnick-That form R, U, whatever.

Morrell-Whether it's an R or a U and the municipality or the contractor, whoever's disposing of the waste tires, has to complete that report or submit the report as residual waste.

Lukasewicz-It came in about a month ago and I didn't want to sign anything (inaudible) everybody wanted me to sign.

Morrell-Right.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick-Just getting back to the landfill up there, that expansion, anything coming out of that yet?

Marushock-I believe there's a (inaudible).

Barnick-No, no, no, no. That transfer that they applied for a charge currently PADEP.

Lukasewicz-We haven't received anything here. I think all expansions is put on hold.

Marushock-To the best of my knowledge, I know that.....(everyone spoke at once, inaudible).

Lukasewicz-I don't know if this (inaudible) to include it or not.

Marushock-It says, the way I understood it, the only thing that wouldn't go or divided in that bill is something that was closed in five years. We were told that in five years.

Barnick-The only thing.....(coughing on tape, inaudible, Mayor made comment on landfill). The only other thing I would ask him, we'll have to ask him about it is, is because (inaudible) 41.9 million or whatever that he received hurts, one person get it, question that expansion's gone through the planning agency in county and our (coughing on tape, inaudible) the tax assessor out there for the six acre expansion to get our taxes for that land because that is a land development under the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. If you want to play with the taxes and get the proper amount for the land? It's time to get ours. (Inaudible) valuated up there.

Mayor-It certainly is.

Lukasewicz-.....in the process of litigating it in court at all, correct?

Barnick-Yeah, they're in the process and (inaudible) they're individualizing, they should (inaudible). But at the same time you had an expansion, that's an expansion. Total different, land development. You had a land development. And I know our Planning Agency went through it and I'm just wondering what the county stand is on it, are they going to issue a permit and have a separate like, I understand (inaudible). Taxes have to come up. (Inaudible), he didn't know what to say. I just want to know if it's going to go down there for the tax assessment being that it's an expansion.

Chrzan-What do we have to do, Jim?

Barnick-Let's have it set down, have our Planning Agency send a letter down and question this meeting. (Conversation inaudible.)

Lukasewicz-I think the Planning Commission could do it on their own. We don't have to authorize the Planning Commission to do that. They have their own governing body.

Dolan (Jack)-I wasn't here.

Barnick-Just on the expansion of the landfill now. Send a letter down and ask the county if they are going to reassess that for us and what are you guys doing with the 6.3 acres of expansion before tax reassessment, that's all. And I want to see their response. A land development, right?

Dolan (Jack)-And it is. Just like at the school.

23. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize the quarterly payment to P.M.P.S. in the amount of \$750.00 from the assets of the Police Pension Plan.

All in favor

Motion carried

24. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To accept the proposal from Michael Cummings, Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services (P.M.P.S.) for the sum of \$3,000.00 renewing the annual contract for the administration and consultation for the Non-Uniform Pension Fund.

On the question:

Barnick-Isn't it \$750.00 per quarter?

Morrell-Yeah.

Barnick-Well, what are we doing? Paying the \$3,000.00 up front, or?

Morrell-No, no. This is to renew the contract. This isn't to pay it. This is for the Non-Uniform just to renew it, it runs up now. For the next year.

All in favor

Motion carried

25. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 12 of 2001, an ordinance authorizing hospital and medical insurance for the Mayor and Members of Council. Act 158 of 1992 amended by the Borough Code (1955 P.L. 1656, No. 581), to specifically empower council to appropriate such funds and make such contracts as are necessary to insure among other that the Mayor and members of Council are covered under policy of insurance covering health, hospitalization, medical and surgical service and/or accident insurance. (A complete copy of the ordinance is posted and is on file in the administrator's office for review.)

Marushock-Can we make a motion to table this until we can look at this further and look at our total costs?

Chrzan-That's been done already.

Lukasewicz-And I believe, Elaine (inaudible) and all the numbers are here at the borough building.

Dolan-He's right.

Morrell-We only have three council members who at this point would be interested. Three

possible, a possible four.

Mayor-If you have some kind of insurance you can't duplicate, in other words you can't have two forms of insurance.

Morrell-It's.....

Mayor-We've been saying people here too have coverage already as it is.

Morrell-Exactly. The people who have coverage won't need it (inaudible) the insurance company is not going to pay. Actually, it's three council members, maybe a fourth who may be interested.

Barone-But this would be like a secondary insurance.

Dolan-No.

Morrell-No, if you already coverage and you don't need coverage, you know, then you wouldn't need to be covered because the insurance is not going to pay twice.

Marushock-I believe the original estimate on this (inaudible) under \$30,000 cost to the borough?

Morrell-For those who expressed their interest. That's not for full council plus Mayor.

Dolan-It might even be more than that.

Morrell-Because I did include that on the budget anticipating that the interested council members, you know, would if this ordinance passed then we would go with it.

Barone-Complete copy of the ordinance is supposed to be here in the Administrators Office, but it has everything in it?

Morrell-It doesn't have the fees in it, no.

Lukasewicz-Okay, Tony, you want to make the motion? On the question, again?

Marushock-On the question, like I said I don't think the additional \$30,000 approximate is and it's an expense that right now (inaudible) and also the, however small it is, people (inaudible) I don't think it's the right time to do it right now.

Lukasewicz-Anyone else on the question?

Morrell-I just want to say in the budget, in the income that I did budget, we did increase the wages and also the assessed valuation is as of this weeks. Just so council's aware, I did take that into consideration.

Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz

One against-Marushock

Two abstain-Mellody, Keyasko

Motion carried

26. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To re-bid the 400 Center Street Sanitary Sewer project as per the recommendation of Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Borough Engineer.

On the question:

Barnick-(Inaudible) Did you get the easements or get the land or?

Kalinoski-The land, the railroad bed and (inaudible).

Morrell-That was the Logan Memorial Church on George.

Kalinoski-(Inaudible) He would want to give the land to the borough. Everything outside of their fence to the other side of the (inaudible) he doesn't want to give..... (conversation inaudible).

All in favor

Motion carried

27. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To amend Throop Borough Ordinance # 11 of 2000, "Zoning Ordinance" dated March 13, 2001, Article IX, Administration and Enforcement, §901 Zoning Officer, amending to require the Zoning Officer to attend a workshop every five years. (The current zoning ordinance requires attendance on a yearly basis.) The zoning officer must still possess the Certificate of Completion from the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs for attending a workshop for zoning officer within six (6) months of appointment as the zoning officer and still be able to demonstrate the working knowledge of municipal zoning.

Morrell-If council would decide how they would want that. If they would want it every other year or every five years. The recommendation was either every other or...

Lukasewicz-How do you want that, Jim? Five would be easier.

Barnick-Five? Then you won't get the latest updates.

Chrzan-Maybe two years.

(Inaudible conversation took place.)

Barnick-How about three?

Lukasewicz-Three years.

Kalinoski-The problem is if the course isn't offered in the area and we have to go down there and I don't have the course, we're going to lose some cases down at the Magistrate's because that's in the ordinance and smart attorney is going to pick that out.

Lukasewicz-So when do you want to attend it?

Kalinoski-I can go sooner than that but they can't make an issue out of it in court.

Chrzan-That was already approved, right?

Lukasewicz-Five years, Jim?

Barnick-Yes.

Lukasewicz-Okay, five years it will be. Tony, five years is okay.

(Inaudible conversation.)

Barnick-You're good.

All in favor

Motion carried

28. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To allocate \$12,500.00 to each fire department, Throop Hose Co. # 1, Throop Hose Co. # 2, and Throop Hose Co. # 3. This represents ½ of the annual budgeted allotment.

All in favor

Motion carried

29. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To allocate \$7,500.00 to Throop Community Ambulance Association. This represents ½ of the annual budgeted allotment.

Six in favor-Barone, Chrzan, Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz

One against-Barnick

Motion carried

ON ROLL CALL BARNICK'S VOTED CLEARLY AGAINST BUT HIS COMMENT(S) INAUDIBLE.

30. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To allocate \$200.00 to Jeff Granza, Fire Marshal and \$100.00 each to Ed Bocan and Jerry Barone Assistant Fire Marshals. This represents ½ of the annual budgeted allotment.

All in favor

Motion carried

31. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To allocate \$100.00 each to Richard Burdyn and Larry Hartshorn, and \$50.00 to Rose Kaminski (½ year). This represents the annual budgeted allotment (Throop Zoning Hearing Board members).

All in favor

Motion carried

32. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To allocate \$2,000.00 for the basketball referees for the 2nd Annual Richard Vinansky Memorial Basketball Tournament and the first half of the 2001-2002 youth basketball leagues. (The referees will sign receipts and they will be submitted to the borough.)

On the question:

Marushock-I'm not objecting to the payments but only requested that it be done by check in lieu of receipt.

Dolan-It can't be done by check, Geddy. Because we never know who's going to be the referee.

Marushock-I understand that but we.....

Dolan-But they get paid, ask the Mayor, he was a referee. They get paid as soon as they leave the game.

Marushock-I know but a lot of places don't, aren't like that. I just asked, I'm not against payment.....

Dolan-I know what you mean.

Marushock-.....when it could be done by a check.....

Dolan-But it's too hard by check.

Marushock-.....so we have an accurate accounting.....

Dolan-Unless they're willing to sign all blank checks.

Marushock-No, no.

Chrzan-Wait a minute. Do it the way you're doing it.

Marushock-Whatever they, whatever was there to hand in receipts of the month and when we have our meeting at the end of the month, we have it approved already, okay, we're approving it in (inaudible), whoever was there we'd like to check out, we have documentation.....

Dolan-But they don't do that. They get paid after the game.

(Marushock inaudible.)

Barnick-You are not going to get referees. If you start playing with the little pay that they get, you're not going to get them to work.....

Lukasewicz-And (inaudible), the receipts are over here.....
 Dolan-So is you voucher. (Lukasewicz speaking in background, inaudible.) They do vouchers and then you get, and then you get at the end of the tournament every person and the exact amount they were paid.
 Marushock-You have a social security number and address?
 Dolan-Yeah, well they don't reach \$600.00 Geddy.....
 Marushock-(Inaudible.)
 Dolan-.....they don't reach \$600.00. You don't get a 1099 unless you reach \$600.00.
 Marushock-All right, perhaps we, as a borough don't come up to that level but if they refereeing in other towns they're probably going to exceed that level.
 Chrzan-That's their problem.
 Dolan-But that's it, that's a, we don't issue them then, we don't have to issue them if there's less than \$600.00.
 Barnick-We're not the IRS.
 Marushock-I know, but just to be safe I would prefer to.....
 Dolan-We do, yes.....
 Chrzan-How about we put him in charge and let him make out the checks.....
 Lukasewicz-All right.....
 Chrzan-.....then we'll reimburse him.
 Lukasewicz-Roll call, please.
 Chrzan-Enough is enough already.
 Lukasewicz-We're going to do it, this is the way we've done it in the past.....
 Barnick-So I mean, is this going to work, or this tournament going to go on?
 Dolan-Yeah.
 Lukasewicz-Everything will go on.....
 Dolan-Everything's all scheduled, yeah.
 Lukasewicz-There's no problems over there....
 Dolan-No.
 Lukasewicz-We've got able people over there. Roll call.

All in favor

Motion carried

33. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To allocate \$1,600.00 to the Civic Center Director for "Breakfast with Santa" for Throop Residents on Saturday, December 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

All in favor

Motion carried

34. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To allocate \$500.00 to purchase new Christmas Decorations for the civic center.

All in favor

Motion carried

35. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To donate \$200.00 to each of the two Senior Groups at the civic center, Over 55 and Elite, toward their Christmas Parties.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barone-On that one, how soon will they get those checks? I think.....

Morrell-As soon as they're signed. Latest is Monday.

Barone-Monday?

Morrell-The latest will be Monday.

Barone-The seniors were asking, they want to get (inaudible), they could use it.

Lukasewicz-I'll be available to sign it.

Dolan-They're all done, Tommy.

Morrell-Okay. All right.

Dolan-They'll be in for tomorrow. They'll be there for you to sign tomorrow, day after.

36. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Barone

To reimburse \$105.00 to Veltri's & Sons for a sewer blockage in the main sewer line as per the recommendation of Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner. Robert Thomson Sewer & Drain Service opened the main line. Veltri's paid the invoice.

All in favor

Motion carried

37. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To excuse the Teamsters Local Union 229 Bargaining Unit Employees (DPW) and the borough non-uniform employees for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. The employees who have paid time coming will use it for those two (½) half days. Those employees who do not have paid time coming would be excused. This would allow the employees to enjoy a long weekend. If an emergency arises on those days the employees who are called in to work will work at the straight time hourly rate for the ½ days.

On the question:

Barnick-Yeah, what, (inaudible) nobody to cover nothing, that ½ day?

Lukasewicz-They'll be on call. This was a request from the union and we've worked pretty well with the union and when we needed something they've worked good with us and, hey.....

Barnick-'Cause you know something always happens on those days.

Chrzan-I know.

Lukasewicz-The guys will be available if (inaudible), there's always somebody willing to come in.....

Morrell-And they did. They agreed that they would come in at their regular straight time pay if it's during those hours that they should have been here.

All in favor

Motion carried

38. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To allocate \$1,200.00 to the Throop Fire Departments for the Annual Santa Claus Parade.

All in favor **Motion carried**

39. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Keyasko**

Motion #39 failed as follows:

To grant the request by Joseph G. Crotti, Superintendent of Schools, Mid Valley School District to waive the permit fees in regards to the Mid Valley School District Renovation/Expansion Project.

On the question:

Marushock-I know it's controversial and it's a situation (inaudible, banging heard) additional costs on taxes because about a third of this will be paid by the citizens of Throop. I've been talking to PennDOT who basically charges us a fee and everything else, there's one taxing body charging another taxing body that (inaudible) this should be overlooked in all instances. That's why I have to support it to keep the costs under control and, again, I'm in support of you guys and I didn't get plans and statements and someone (inaudible) should show up (coughing heard, inaudible), show up in that respect.

Lukasewicz-Okay, on the question....

Barnick-Yeah, on the question....

Lukasewicz-On the question, I have something to say. I have to agree with Jimmy this time. The only way that the people of Throop are going to see this money is if it actually comes to the borough and we use it for something. Because other than that, you're never going to see it.

Barnick-Never going to see it.

Keyasko-(Inaudible), they got to reduce the taxes. (Everyone spoke at once.)

Lukasewicz-Is there anything in regards to, we'll never see that money.....

Barnick-I went up there tonight for it.....

Lukasewicz-.....unless we take it and use it.

Barnick-Wait, they're going to be hiring teachers for that plan, people don't realize that.....

(Chrzan, commented, inaudible.)

Barnick-They're taxes are going to go up again. Again.

Lukasewicz-You've got to hire teachers, there's going to be ten empty rooms.

Barnick-Exactly.

Lukasewicz-Take roll call.

Three in favor-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko

Four against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz **MOTION FAILED**

40. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize payment # 4 to Adams Enterprises in the amount of \$30,115.88 for the Bellman Street Park Project as per the recommendations of Robert Bernosky, Engineer. (Please note: The amount on the agenda stated \$33,115.88, the correct amount is \$30,115.88.)

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Robbie, the only thing that's actually has to be done down there is what, the plants have to be finished? (Response by Kalinoski inaudible.) Did you meet with the homeowners to see if they were in agreement to get it signed? (Kalinoski response inaudible except for "there was?") Yeah, I told you, I asked you about (inaudible) you were going to (inaudible) and go down and meet with them and show them the agreement and they have to sign it.

Kalinoski-Which easement is that?

Morrell-Franchetti and Evans.

Lukasewicz-Franchetti and Evans.

Dolan-Yeah.

Mayor-Mr. Chairman, the borough workers did a wonderful job down there at the river.

Lukasewicz-Oh, it's beautiful.

Mayor-And in the area of the Bellman Street Project, that is so beautiful now, I'll tell you.

Lukasewicz-You can really see it from.....

Mayor-We are really heading for a tremendous beautification.....

Kalinoski-We did receive a permit from DEP last week to start putting (inaudible)...

Lukasewicz-When do you estimate doing that? (Response inaudible, few spoke at once.)

Let me ask you a question. Would any of the DPW guys be agreeable to come in on the weekends to do additional work?

Kalinoski-They may. I'll check.

(Inaudible speaking.)

Lukasewicz-'Cause it would be good to get in there to get some of that cleaned up.

(Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

Chrzan-.....they've got a new program now, guys on probation that do community work, going to (inaudible) offering one of the first shots that we want. They'll come in and do any kind of work. Painting, cutting lawns, whatever. It's a new program, just started.

Lukasewicz-Response inaudible.

Chrzan-'Cause they're not really criminals, they're.....

Kalinoski-Most of the clearing (inaudible)....

Lukasewicz-Mostly machine work now?

Kalinoski-Mostly machine work now.

Lukasewicz-Our machine's not big enough to.....

Kalinoski-(Inaudible) I think it's something like 1200' (inaudible).

Lukasewicz-Can you rent.....

Kalinoski-Well, what I may do is contact PennDOT to see if I can get something done under the Agility Program with a grade-all. Because grade-all's actually tip the Sulphur.....

Lukasewicz-Actually, now's the time to get in there within the next.....(someone interrupted, inaudible).....two or three weeks before things start to freeze.

Kalinoski-Well, I'm not worried about it freezing. I'm worried about it's sloppy (inaudible).

Lukasewicz-So, you are working on that and you're going to do everything you have to do to get in there as fast as you can? 'Cause the wait's for how long?

Kalinoski-120 days (inaudible).

Chrzan-Utilize these guys.....

Lukasewicz-Try to utilize these guys even if (voices speaking, inaudible) to help with whatever because I'm sure there's going to be (inaudible).

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick-What about, what is this here? (Inaudible)

Lukasewicz-Jim, you know what? Now is the time to ask the union again. (Inaudible) let's ask for another one month extension? Can we put a motion on to request an additional one month extension for to allow Mr. Fuhr to work for one more month for the DPW, with the DPW from the teamsters union?

41. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To send a request to the Teamsters Union to extend the part-time work for one month for Mr. Fuhr.

All in favor

Motion carried

42. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment to Rileighs Outdoor Decor in the amount of \$850.00 for three additional Christmas Decorations.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barone-I'll tell you, I got comments from people from Dunmore bragging about our.....

Lukasewicz-They look nice.....(everyone spoke at once).

Chrzan-I think Elaine did a good job.

Morrell-Thank you.

Lukasewicz-At one time we used to do George Street.

Morrell-Next year. Next year's budget we need to do more of George Street. Yes, we do.

Chrzan-How about Bush Street?

Morrell-What street? (Everyone spoke at once.)

43. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the following 2001 Budget transfers:

Budget Amount to transfer:	Budget transfer from G.L. #:	Budget transfer to G. L. #:
\$14,560.00	# 409-37301 - Improvements	# 411-50001 - Hose Co. # 1
40,000.00	# 409-37301 - Improvements	# 411-50002 - Hose Co. # 2
81,000.00	# 436-68000 - Sanitary & Storm Sewers	# 408-31300 - Engineers Expense
21,000.00	# 480-45002 - Marjol Expense	# 480-45005 - Marjol Gannett Fleming
224,000.00	# 436-68000 - Sanitary & Storm Sewers	# 480-45005 - Marjol Gannett Fleming

170,000.00	# 480-45002 - Marjol Expense	# 480-45006 - Marjol (Blazey) Elliott Reihner Siedzikowski
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On the question:

Marushock-I'll be against the last three (inaudible) we're running over the cost on that.

**All in favor, Marushock, except as noted (above),
and Keyasko, except Blazey's Motion carried**

44. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barone

To grant permission to the Throop Booster Club to use the Washington Street Park & Pavilion for their Annual Cow Flop on Sunday, June 30, 2002.

All in favor Motion carried

45. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barnick

To sponsor the Fireworks Display at the Annual Cow Flop for the pleasure of the entire community at a cost of \$5,000.00.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Jack (Dolan), get the same people if you can.

Chrzan-I think they do a very good job.

Morrell-It is very good.

Unknown-Mr. Dolan, you did a hell of a job.

All in favor Motion carried

46. Motion by Barone Seconded by Chrzan

To appoint a Civic Center Director, to hire Gail Ercoli, at the salary of \$24,000.00 per year, same package as given to Elizabeth Luchansky.

Barone-Right, I also don't know if you want to approve it in this same motion that Erica stays... (everyone spoke at once).

Chrzan-....doing a good job.

(Everyone spoke at once.)

Barone-But stays at the Director's pay and then reverts back to Asst. Director when.....

Lukasewicz-She should be paid whatever.....

Chrzan-The difference.

Lukasewicz-The difference. You don't have to get her the (inaudible), just pay her what it would be if she was.....

Dolan-Director. They want.....

THE TAPE WAS CHANGED HERE. NEW TAPE STARTS:

Lukasewicz-On the question?

Barnick-First and foremost, it should be offered to, by, and advertise it. Again, to at least the Borough of Throop people. At the very least.

Dolan-Yes.

Barnick-You just said about 15 minutes ago.....

Dolan-I hear you.

Barnick-.....that there's very, there's able bodies over there running the civic center.....

Dolan-Right.

Barnick-.....and it's running fine. So why rush it at this time.

Lukasewicz-I don't believe we're rushing into anything. This person will definitely be an attribute to that center.....

Barnick-I know that, maybe (inaudible) Throop residents. You've got people interested in there that are from Throop.

Marushock-One of the things we brought up earlier was if we could have this new, new one, new lady, start immediately perhaps work with Elizabeth because I believe Elizabeth's last day is December 7th.

Lukasewicz-The time is right.....

Barnick-I.....

Lukasewicz-.....and we'll get that center back up to the snuff and we'll move forward. We've got a beautiful building there, a great operation, and a responsible individual like this girl is only going to be an attribute. Roll call.

Barnick-Like I said, I don't think it's fair.

Lukasewicz-Your point was made.

Barnick-I don't think.....

Lukasewicz-I can understand your point and tend to agree...

(Both spoke at once, inaudible.)

Six in favor-Barone, Chrzan, Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
One against-Barnick **Motion carried**

Lukasewicz-At this time does any other councilman have any motions that they want to bring forward? Stanley, anything?

Mayor's Comments:

The project now with the sidewalks on South Valley Avenue, together with the one on Sanderson Avenue, I'll tell you this community if we proceed the way we've been in the last couple of years will be one of the most beautiful in the area, without a doubt. Because there have been so many good remarks about this project here and with South Valley, you know that's a disaster.

Council Comments:

Lukasewicz-There's been a lot of good things done over the years by everybody involved in the town.

Barone-I've got one more thing. We've got to do something about the security at Washington Street Park. The past week we had a lot of garbage thrown all over the place, tables tipped over, bent, broken. We've got to either hire (inaudible), or get some kind of security.

Lukasewicz-Elaine, notify Neil that council wishes somebody go up there and check (inaudible), watch up there real closely to find out what's going on.

Mayor-He seems to have a good idea. We may have to get to that point to hire security.

Lukasewicz-Usually in the winter time it's not as bad (both spoke at once, inaudible).

Marushock-I'd like to have a motion put on that we advertise for a borough insurance package. Get some other prices on this and let us see where we are. I kind of have (inaudible) one company which is St. Paul, they will be the ones providing the insurance even though it's through one of their agents and it's an independent agency, but all independent agencies work on a commission and if you've got a \$100,000 policy and one agency's getting 10% commission, hopefully the (inaudible) take a 5% commission to get the business. If we don't advertise, we're not going to know if that's possible if we don't try it.

Lukasewicz-We have a motion, is there a second?

Barnick-Yeah, I'll second. Elaine, I agree with advertising.

47. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Marushock

To advertise the borough insurance package.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Louie Cimini, is it (knocking heard, inaudible) have to advertise it? Is that sort of (inaudible).

Cimini I'll look into it.

Lukasewicz-The motion will be to have (very inaudible) and prepare whatever is needed to advertise for it. And Elaine, in the interim if you can check. I don't believe it was 20%.

Morrell-That's what they told us.

Lukasewicz-Did he talk like that at the meeting here?

Morrell-Um hum. The longer we wait, the less that percentage is going to be. Like, the sooner we change, the higher the rate is, the higher loss.

Lukasewicz-There's a motion on the floor, does anyone in the audience have any comments on us making this motion to advertise for the insurance package? If not, roll call.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick-You have this letter in here from our solicitor about (inaudible).

Lukasewicz-Is that requesting we have a sit down meeting.

Barnick-I think it's past that already. They still haven't provided any maps and stuff like that to have.....(inaudible).

Cimini-No, but he was, everything is completed on whether or not we'd be able to (inaudible, banging noises heard). The answer is no. Just realize that (inaudible) to avoid a very long process. This is not something that's going to away quickly, the condemnation. I mean, the court calendar is extremely crowded.....

Lukasewicz-Let's put a motion on the sit down with Olyphant Borough as per the request from C.J. Mustacchio, the Olyphant Borough Solicitor, sit down and talk and possibly negotiate in regards to the condemnation of land.....

Barnick-Providing that we are provided with a copy of the (inaudible) bill for that meeting. Condition upon.

Lukasewicz-Conditional. And the meeting would be held here and to be held in Executive Session. Okay, so the motion is by:

48. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

To meet in Executive Session with Olyphant Borough, as per the request of C.J. Mustacchio, Solicitor, Olyphant Borough, with regard to the condemnation of land. The meeting will be held in the Throop Municipal Building with Throop Borough Solicitor, Louis Cimini.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments, New Business:

Lenore Dolan-Tommy, I just want to tell you the audit will be done at the Civic Center the last day that Liz leaves and I will do it again like I did it before and I will be assisted by either the Chief or the Assistant, whoever. Last time the Chief was there. Whomever is available in the police.

Lukasewicz-However you did last time, it worked out fine.....

Dolan-Okay.....

Lukasewicz-.....and.....

Dolan-Credit, we'll make copies of credit cards and everything, all right?

Kalinoski-..... property in conjunction with that sewer project (inaudible, but with regard to the property with relation to the Center Street Sewer Project, the borough thought it owned the property).

Barnick-Why don't you do it by motion?

Lukasewicz-Do it by motion then, Jimmy?

Barnick-Let's do it right now.

49. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept the piece of property with transfer fees from Center Street To Magyar Street (along the cemetery) in conjunction with the Center Street Sewer Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick-.....property from Center to Magyar.....

Lukasewicz-Correct.

Barnick-Right? Along the cemetery.

Bette Goreschak, 609 Meade Street-I read in the paper that Dickson has appointed a committee for the Corps. of Engineers (Army), did you hear about that?

Lukasewicz-That was, I read the same article and I was confused a little bit. Actually, I asked Mr. Palfrey in regards to this and maybe, Mr. Palfrey, you can answer this best to Betty in regards to the Army Corps. of Engineers.

Dave Palfrey, The Scranton Times-As far as I know, Dickson hasn't put up any money yet. They

were allocated, supposedly allocated, a million dollars for a study and the Corps. is going to ask for more money to go ahead with that study in Dickson City.

Lukasewicz-Okay. What we should do, we should have a motion now in regards to them doing additional work for Dickson, we should put in a request to correspond along with Dickson City's request for possible funding to study the Throop side of the Lackawanna River (inaudible) the Dickson City plan.

50. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To coordinate a request through/with Dickson City Borough for possible funding from the Army Corps. of Engineers to study the Throop side of the Lackawanna River.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz-Anything else, Betty?

Goreschak-No, that's fine.

Lukasewicz-Susan?

Susan Shortz, Franko Street-(Inaudible, but with regard to Marjol)...There is going to be a Congressional Hearing next Thursday in Washington, unless something happens to stop that. (Inaudible) But in the meantime, there is a house, there is (inaudible) which is an organization that's involved in environmental issues and on the internet a letter that they're asking everybody that can have access to sign in on to support the presumption of the ombudsman's independence. This hearing is going to, it was called by (name inaudible) and it's in the Sub-Committee of the Hazardous Material and what they're trying to do is get EPA to answer, particularly (inaudible) to the GAO's report which came out that fully supported the independence of the ombudsman's office and all the delegates are behind it, etc. So.....(interrupted, inaudible)...I'll meet with you (inaudible) the e-mail address that you can pull it up and if you can get (inaudible, but regarding signatures), they're going to present this entire letter with all the signatures from all over the United States at this meeting.

Lukasewicz-Susan, did I hear correctly that you're going to attend? I think the borough should refund her?

Chrzan-Sure.

Lukasewicz-For the expenses needed to get you down there and do whatever, you're battling for the Borough of Throop. Anybody like to make a motion?

Dolan-Turn in your receipts.

Lukasewicz-In regards to that?

Marushock-I'll make the motion.

51. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

To reimburse Susan Shortz for any expenses incurred for trip to Washington, D.C. for attendance at Congressional Hearing to reinstate Robert Martin, Ombudsman, with regard to the Marjol Battery Site.

Barone-You going down, Joe?

Chrzan-I think you should give her an advance.

Barone-You going down with her? You going down with her, Joe?
Chrzan-Tommy, why don't you give her the money in advance?
Lukasewicz-Whatever is needed but, I mean, she's fighting Throop's fight for us.....
Chrzan-That's right, give her the money.....
Lukasewicz-.....for her to go.....
Keyasko-She'll bring the receipts back and get reimbursed, what the hell.
Lukasewicz-Okay, roll call.

All in favor

Motion carried

Mayor-You know, further the opportunity that Susan and whoever comes here, may be able to testify before Congress, it will be a Congressional Hearing.....
Shortz-We're looking at.....
Mayor-And Ms. Whitman, in doing what she did with the ombudsman, it's unprecedented in the annals of an ombudsman's job, to do what she did, transferred him. And she's giving him no authority now, whatsoever. But now that they've got, if you read the Wall Street Journal, this Whitman's husband owns \$250,000 share cares of stock in Citicorp which Gould has a very, very big interest in. Do you see the connection here? And why they don't clamp down on this lady is beyond me.
Barone-She cleaned her two messes up in Jersey, didn't she? Before she came.
Lukasewicz-I read in the paper today in Hometown (everyone spoke at once, cellular phone ringing).
Lukasewicz-Another cap here, it was in the paper today. EPA will cap a Hometown sight. Another site similar to Marjol, 25 acres, capping the pile will cost about 14.2 million as opposed to 30 to 60 million. So you can see this is just their way of doing things anymore and the more time that they re-establish their police, the EPA, we're getting hurt.....
Mayor-Well, you know the confidential information.....
Lukasewicz-Our only chance is when you go down there and I know if you were able to talk you should go down. (Few spoke at once.)
Andy Lisko, Sanderson Street-I want to talk about barricades and the fencing along the dykes.
Lukasewicz-Wasn't somebody was supposed to look into this?
Barnick-Yeah, Robbie.
Lisko-I spoke about this at the last council meeting.
Lukasewicz-Yeah, I'm asking the individual that was supposed to look into it.
Kalinowski-(Response inaudible)
Lukasewicz-Louie? Evidently, they haven't found anything yet. I have no idea because I didn't get involved with this because personally it's something they're trying to do against me.
Lisko-I'd appreciate it if somebody would find out.
Lukasewicz-Okay, well, Robbie and Attorney Cimini will have to look into it.
Lisko-Mr. Mayor, you're just saying how it's so nice along the river.
Mayor-It's true.
Lisko-It sure is. How come the citizens can't enjoy it? How come certain self-serving individuals (inaudible) put a barricade and fencing?
Mayor-Well.....
Lisko-I've lived in that.....I've lived....
Mayor-I'm just talking about.....
Lisko-Just a second, Mr. Mayor.....

Mayor-I'm just talking about.....

Lisko-You were the man, I remember a few years back, was going to institute the nature trails.
Am I right or wrong?

Mayor-No, I don't know what you're talking about.

Lisko-It wasn't you?

Mayor- No.

Lisko-When you first came into office?

Mayor-No.

Lisko-If I'm not mistaken, maybe I'm wrong.

Lukasewicz-Gould had anticipated.....

Lisko-Just a second.....

Lukasewicz-.....a nature trail.....

Lisko-Please.....

Lukasewicz-.....on their property as a trade off to the Borough of Throop for letting them put a cap.

Lisko-Can I finish, please?

Lukasewicz-Go ahead, Mr. Lisko.

Lisko-Thank you. Now, the people that don't live along this river, you think they don't understand the problems and the danger when that river reaches flood stage. Now, for 28 years I had two exits. Front door and a rear exit. Now I got one thanks to my friends, my neighbors who seen to put barricades up and fences. Now when that, there's water behind that house, I go out one (inaudible). I got to grab my grandchildren or whoever are with me and go out that exit. If you don't live there, you don't understand. Now, this just can't go on like this. It's not right. What does a person have to do? Now I've come up here and if you don't live there you don't understand this. Now there's a man right there and I will say stood with me during the January flooding, right there when it was two/three inches is coming up over the Sulphur Creek bank and he offered, which I appreciated at the time, to have somebody come and help me move my furniture upstairs. And the same individual a month or two later puts a fence up.
(Both spoke at once, inaudible.)

Lukasewicz-Andy, why did I tell you I put the fence up?

Lisko-Now, look it.....(both spoke at once, inaudible).

Lukasewicz-When I bought that property it was woods.....

Lisko-I don't care what reason you.....(both spoke at once, inaudible).

Lukasewicz-I couldn't get up by maintaining.....

Lisko-You had no night.

Lukasewicz-..... it at night to keep the quads out. I have a right.

Lisko-No, you don't.

Lukasewicz-Well, you don't think I do. I think I do.

Lisko-No you don't.

Lukasewicz-Well, I think I do.

Lisko-So don't ever come and say you're my neighbor.

Lukasewicz-Andy, remember something.....

Lisko-No....

Lukasewicz-.....we were friends.
(Both spoke at once, inaudible.)

Lisko-.....I'm an honest man.

Lukasewicz-I like this. That's pretty good.

Lisko-Thank you. Thank you.

Lukasewicz-Why don't you tell the people too that once you tried to buy this property but you didn't get it for some reason so you got a bone to pick because you wanted this property.

Lisko-I'm talking about.....

Lukasewicz-I'm talking about my property.....

(Both spoke at once, inaudible.)

Lisko-I'm talking about it.....

Lukasewicz-....you've got a bone with me.....

Lisko-I've never done anything.....

Lukasewicz-You've got a bone to chew, you had a dumping ground for 25 years down there.....

Lisko-Get lost.....

Lukasewicz-.....everything that I do has to be a problem.....

Lisko-You don't know what you're talking about.

Lukasewicz-I cleaned it up, I made something nice and somebody's.....

Lisko-You done something illegal.

Lukasewicz-I've got, you got jealous. I paid for it legal.

Lisko-Let me ask you a question then, Lukasewicz. Was there....(inaudible)....and you paid \$4,000 for the property.....

Lukasewicz-What I paid for that property.....

Lisko-Did you get any EPA money.....

Lukasewicz-.....was done legal.

Lisko-....or any money from the Superfund to take that property?

Lukasewicz-.....any money?

Lisko-Was there any money involved after you got that property?

Lukasewicz-Take money?

Lisko-Was there any money involved after that to clean that?

Lukasewicz-I don't understand what you're saying, Andy. I have no idea what you're saying, whatsoever.

Lisko-Was there any money involved after you paid the \$4,000.00? Did you get any money from an organization to clean the property?

Lukasewicz-Andy, I bought a property, I've expended many dollars of my own money to go down there to clean it up and make something look nice.

Lisko-I don't care.....

Both spoke at once, inaudible.

Lisko-I'm talking about the barricading and the fencing.

Lukasewicz-The barri.....

Lisko-You brought this other issue up, I didn't. I didn't bring that up, you did. I'm talking about barricades and fencing and I want to know how it keep going on like this. Just....

(speaking at once, inaudible)

Cimini-.....have the answer for the next meeting and we're going to meet with John. John made some calls, Robbie made some calls, we'll have to pull some deeds and we'll have an answer for the next meeting, I promise.

Lukasewicz-There you go.

Barnick-Whoa, in reference to that....

Lukasewicz-Get an answer.

Barnick-....anywhere you look in any town, no dyke, there's not allowed anything on a dyke system, nowhere. You can't obstruct the dyke system because if it does flood they have to be

able to get in and sandbag. The Susquehanna River all the way down. The Lackawanna (inaudible), there is nothing allowed on a dyke. You can't even, you can't even dig there on a dyke or remove the stumps and stuff, right?

(Inaudible low few remarks made.)

Kalinoski-From what we understand, Jim, there's different types. What the regulations are, is if it's not a flowing (inaudible) according to the conversation I had with one gentleman from DEP where I got the permit to clean up the sediment (inaudible) regarding the maintenance of that dyke system which varies, depending in which department from DEP it comes from. One says dig out the stumps, the other says do not dig out the stumps.

Barnick-But no matter what's, what's the overall general statement for a dyke?

Kalinoski-We'll try and find out. We'll try to find out.

Barnick-For any dyke. You don't have to, you don't have to.....

(Everyone spoke at once.)

Lukasewicz-I'm not going to interfere whatsoever. Whatever they say is what it is. That's why I haven't interfered with either one of you to this point.

Barnick-We don't have (inaudible) this is a creek dyke, hey this is a river dyke, this is a, hey, a dyke.

Cimini-We'll get the answer.

Lisko-I'd appreciate it, thank you.

Lukasewicz-Anyone else?

Robert Lokuta-Yes, I would like to publicly thank Robbie and Elaine for all the help that they gave me while I was working for the borough for the last few years.

Kalinoski-That we gave you? That you gave us.

Lokuta-It was a real pleasure working with them.

Kalinoski-Thank you.

Lokuta-And, Tommy, also I didn't expect that overture that you guys made tonight about coming in to help out Robbie and so forth but whatever you want to do, I'll go along with it.

Lukasewicz-If you can do it, I would be appreciative. Even if like I said, one day a week....

Lokuta-Well.....

Lukasewicz-Generally, whatever you can, why don't you give a proposal to us?

Lokuta-No, you tell me what you want and I'll go from there. I'm not going to give you a proposal.

Lukasewicz-We'll talk (inaudible).

Rose Kaminski-As far as the Bellman Street Project, I want to thank you. Finally, after 25 years the kids (inaudible), they enjoy it, it's keeping them off the streets. The only thing I ask, not immediately but maybe for next year, because of like we had nice weather, we're not going to have this all the time, but it gets dark real quick, so there's no lighting up there, if we can put some kind of lighting around the basketball court or someplace? Because it's pitch black there at night. You know now at 6:00 the kids still want to play up there but it's too dark.

Barnick-Flashlight.

Lenore Dolan-Consider it.

Kaminski-They have taken flashlights, Jim, (inaudible).

Lukasewicz-Is that it, Rose?

Kaminski-Yes.

Lukasewicz-Okay, Robbie?

Kalinoski-I've had some complaints about dogs running in the park up on Ollendike Street.

What I'd like to do is put up some signs similar to what we at the Washington Street Park.

Morrell-Yeah, we were supposed to get some.

Barone-I think you should put them signs in all the parks.

Kalinoski-Yeah, I've.....

Lukasewicz-Do that Robbie.....

(Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

Motion by Luksewicz Seconded by Barone

To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary