

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2000
(Following the Special Work Session)**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Joseph Keyasko-P

Vice President - Anthony Chrzan-P

George Marushock-P

President - Joseph Barone-P

James Barnick-P

Robert Mraz-P

Thomas Lukasewicz-P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Controller - Daryl Menichetti-A

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-A

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - A (Vacation)

Announcements:

- An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
- Saturday, November 11th - 11:00 a.m. - Veteran's Day Services will be held at the Municipal Building.
- Wednesday, November 15th - 6:30 p.m. - Budget Work Session
- Tuesday, November 21st - 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session followed by the Monthly Meeting (Change due to Thanksgiving and First Day of Deer Season)
- Monday, December 18th - - 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session followed by the Monthly Meeting (Change due to the Christmas Holidays).
- The Throop Civic Center will be holding a Toys for Tots Program which will benefit needy children in our area from November 9th - December 21st. Children's ages must be between infant and 12 years old. All toys must be new and unwrapped. If anyone is interest in donating any toys, please contact Jamie Shevchik, Civic Center Director, at 383-7906.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

6. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barnick

To approve payment in the amount of \$8,280.00 to Bob Bernosky, Engineer, in conjunction with the Cambria Court Project.

All in favor Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barnick

To approve payment in the amount of \$7,500.00 to E.R. Linde (Leeward Construction) for the paving along the Little League Field (Sanderson Street).

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Jimmy, does it work properly now that they redid it?

Barnick-Yes.

Lukasewicz-Is there a need for a curb also in the...near the fence? I'm just saying if you get a really heavy storm is there a chance of it going over?

Barnick-Not according to them.

Lukasewicz-Thank you. (tape inaudible) tear it up again and redo it. It looks beautiful I just wanted to (tape inaudible),

Chrzan-No, we talked about that.

Lukasewicz-We should be alright then? It looks beautiful. Thank you.

All in favor Motion carried

8. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Chrzan

To approve additional work on the Boulevard Project at 151 Boulevard Avenue for the installation of approximately 62 feet of 6 inch SDR-35 Sanitary Sewer Lateral at approximately 12 feet deep for the amount of \$3,850.00

All in favor Motion carried

**Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Lukasewicz
Motion changed:**

To award a project to Scranton Craftsman in the amount of \$68,090.00 for the Dudley Street Project, being an emergency.

Lukasewicz-I'll second that if I could add something to it, Tony.

Chrzan-Alright.

Lukasewicz-To add to it that it should be approved by the engineer and the solicitor and that the solicitor give us a letter stating that it was indeed an emergency and it warranted being done as an emergency.

9. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To award project to Scranton Craftsman in the amount of \$68,090.00 for the Dudley Street Project, being an emergency, as approved by the engineer and solicitor, along with letter stating it was indeed an emergency.

All in favor

Motion carried

Kalinoski-Discussed at the DPW being dispatched for a sewer problem to 915 Sanderson Street, the line backed up the better part of the week. Roughly halfway across Sanderson Street it is blocked solid and believe the line is either crushed or broken done. We will need a permit from the state and I believe PennDOT is closed tomorrow because of the holiday. If the line is deeper than four feet the work would have to be done by someone else.

Lukasewicz-Recommended it be addressed with PennDOT, to secure a permit, as an emergency because of the traffic on the road.

A discussion took place.

10. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Chrzan

To obtain quotes and permits on the area of 915 Sanderson Street for emergency sewer work to be done.

All in favor

Motion carried

Council comments:

Borough officials talked of an article in the Scranton Times with relation to the Police Department. Everyone spoke at once, a long discussion took place, tape inaudible.

Audience comments:

Mrs. Chapman, Debbie Cesari, and Becky Bukowski all discussed and had Police Department issues. Melanie (Resident)-Brought to discussion a child being hit by her on a skateboard. Why are children laying on their backs after they are told by officers not to do this. The child hit her car hard enough to break the strut (brand new), the quarter panel was in. What can we do?

A discussion took place about the children, a place needed to skateboard and roller blade.

Renee Marushock-Asked why they couldn't do something with the park off of Clark and Woodlawn Streets? There's no walking trail, no senior citizens, and why don't they make it a bike park, a skateboard park, something for the kids. They don't need the slides, they don't need the swings, they need a park to go to.

Matt Cortazar-Mentioned a park made for older and younger people, different parts are separated and to make a park safe for the children with somewhere to go.

Donna Barnick-Agreed and said Mr. Marushock said Throop has way too much facilities and recreation

for children. You could never, never have enough to keep them off the streets. Wilkes Barre has a nice skating thing down there for the kids.

Marushock-Mentioned we probably have the best recreation facilities of any town of the valley. He said he will volunteer his time to have that.

Jack Dolan-Mentioned a place in Pittston, an area for the children with skateboards, etc.

Bob Lokuta-Spoke of liability concern from a boxing match from the Civic Center and who will assume the liability of building this dangerous place. About two months ago the issue was brought up from concern and it was never addressed. Let's provide something that's safer for the children. He questioned Mr. Marushock. Nobody wanted to listen a few months ago and major concern of liability and we should be consistent on this liability issue.

Marushock-Said he would like the solicitor to develop something, get the kids off of the street.

Lukasewicz-Mentioned the interpretation he got from people in the room want something for these kids to do. and these children have different interests. They may not be basketball, that's why they're not there, or baseball, they have an interest in skateboarding and there are a lot of them and there was no place for them to go.

Barnick-Indicated the borough no way, ever would forego it's liability.

Unknown audience-Question officials if the children are on the street, who's liable if they get hit by a car, and they would rather see the kids in a park where if they fall maybe they'll break an arm instead of seeing them get hit by a car and possibly die.

Motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary