

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, October 30, 2000  
7:00 p.m.**

**The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Of Council:**

Joseph Keyasko-**P**

Vice President - Anthony Chrzan-**P**

George Marushock-**P**

Robert Mraz-**A** (Out of town)

James Barnick-**P**

President - Joseph Barone-**P**

Thomas Lukasewicz-**P**

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski-**P**

**Controller** - Daryl Menichetti-**A**

**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini-**P**

**Treasurer** - Lenore Dolan-**P**

**Announcements:**

- Tuesday, October 31, 2000 - 6:00 p.m. at the Olyphant Municipal Building. Executive session with Atty. Lou Cimini, Olyphant Borough's Solicitor, and Olyphant Council & Throop Council RE: Sewer line connection to interceptor.
- Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 p.m. - Public meeting - RE: EPA Grant - S. Valley Ave. Sewer Replacement Project - John Szczepaniak will explain the project. The Special Monthly work session and meeting for general purposes will follow.
- Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - Budget Work Session
- Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session followed by the Monthly Meeting (Change due to Thanksgiving and First Day of Deer Season)
- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - - 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Work Session followed by the Monthly Meeting (Change due to the Christmas Holidays)



**Michael Goffer's invoice for \$187.00.** I also have a question, I was hoping to seeing Mr. Kalinoski prior to this meeting and get an answer as to why the new Peterbilt was already towed in the amount of \$225.00. Morrell-We will be reimbursed under the warranty of the vehicle. The borough is paying it and we will get reimbursement.

Marushock-I will vote to pay it with the upcoming reimbursement in regards to that. The other thing would be **against Frederick Spott & Associates, the total amount of that is \$17,818.50.** That is it.

Barone-Can I ask one question?

Marushock-Yes.

Barone-Why are you always voting against Lenore's pay? You voted against the lawyer, the Solicitor's pay, then you turn around and ask him for an opinion. Louie, Louie, don't give him no opinions, come through me first, this guy is getting ridiculous.

Keyasko-What do you mean, he's got a right to ask for an.....what's the matter with you, Joe?

Barone-Why? He asks for an opinion and then he votes against the guy's pay?

Everyone spoke at once.

Chrzan-Wait a minute.

Dolan-What bills from the Civic Center?

Chrzan-She doesn't have any bills from the Civic Center.

Keyasko-Well she gets paid from over there.

Everyone spoke at once.

All in favor, except

Marushock-As noted.

Keyasko-The Solicitor's bill and against Lenore's bill for the Civic Center over there.

Lukasewicz-except Attorney Goffer's bill. Motion carried.

### 3. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To pay the monthly employees.

On the question:

Barnick-(unclear) restrict some of the pay but I'll vote for them all.

**Keyasko-Against the Solicitor's bill and the Blue Cross Blue Shield and I'm against Lenore's.**

Dolan-I don't get paid monthly, I get paid weekly.

Chrzan-This is monthly employees only, Mr. Keyasko.

All in favor, except

Keyasko-As noted.

Marushock-With the exception of Mrs. Dolan and Mr. Shevchik.

Motion carried

Dolan-We get paid weekly.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

**Morrell-Read correspondence from Mrs. Meredith Wolverton, dated October 5, 2000 expressing appreciation to the Throop Civic Center and staff for the wonderful job they have done. The After-School Program that has been established is, by far, the best program she has ever experienced. She is a parent of four children. She commended the attention, school work, tutoring, and supports and endorses this program.**



**7. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To renew the contract with Michael Cummings (PMPS) Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services for administrative services of the Non-Uniform Pension Plan at an annual cost of \$3,000.00 and to authorize the quarterly payment in the amount of \$750.00 from the assets of the plan.

On the question:

Barnick-I believe this hasn't changed for years.

Morrell-That's correct.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

**Motion changed**

To direct Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor to prepare a lease agreement between Throop Borough and Throop Booster Club allowing the Boosters to run Games of Chance at the Civic Center.

On the question:

Barnick-I'd like to go for an amendment on that motion. To authorize a Blanket Lease Agreement for any non-profit organization that wants to run a game of chance or raise some money for their organization. Instead of just the Throop Booster Club it could be the Lion's Club, it could be the Senior's, whatever.

Chrzan-I'll go along with that.

Dolan (Lenore)-Any Throop organization, did you say?

Barnick-Throop organization.

Dolan-Thank you.

Barnick-Like the Fire Departments, any one of them.

Marushock-At a work session the other night it was addressed that perhaps the thing that may also be included and (unclear) called games of chance and stuff. However I seen in the Pocono paper on Friday morning that when bingo's are created, when bingo's happen in the Pocono's there must be a name of the individual, I believe they're called a coordinator or something and I guess this is in regards to the tax status of that organization running that. Who would be responsible for all of this or is the borough being liable or do we need further research on this that the borough would not be liable.

Barnick-I'm satisfied the way it is.

Chrzan-I am too. I call the motion.

A discussion took place.

**8. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To direct Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor to prepare a lease agreement between Throop Borough and Throop Booster Club allowing the Boosters to run Games of Chance at the Civic Center and to authorize a Blanket Lease Agreement for any Throop non-profit organization that wants to run Games of Chance or raise money for their organization.

Four in favor-Chrzan, Barnick, Lukasewicz, Barone

Two against-Keyasko, Marushock

Motion carried

**9. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To direct Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor to prepare an ordinance in regards to health insurance for council members.

On the question:

Marushock-Is this going to be an additional burden to the taxpayers of Throop for an office where we were elected by the people at just the fixed salary we receive without benefits? When I assumed office, when I ran for election, that's all I was asking for the people was my salary, no additional benefits. Do we have the authority to make a change to benefit ourselves at this time?

Barone-I think we're entitled to it.

Chrzan-Elaine, could you explain that to this gentleman?

Morrell-You can by the Borough Code. Have health insurance.

Chrzan-I believe Dickson City and Blakely already have done it.

Morrell-There are several municipalities.

A discussion took place.

Mayor-Is there an estimated cost on this?

Chrzan-We just got to look into it.

Mayor-What would it cost monthly, what would it cost annually?

Marushock-This would only be the preliminary stages, correct? This is not to award anything at this time?

A discussion took place.

Four in favor-Chrzan, Marushock, Barnick, Barone

Two against-Keyasko, Lukasewicz                      Motion carried

**10. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To grant permission to the Mid Valley Chapter Basketball Officials to meet in the Throop Municipal Building every Sunday from 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. from November through February as they have done for the past several years.

On the question:

Barnick-Does this even have to come into the Council, can't the committee just handle it, coordinate all this?

Chrzan-That's up to Jamie, Jamie why don't you do that?

Morrell-C-council has voted every year and...

Everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-I thought it was over there.

Morrell-No, it's here.

Chrzan-They've used it here before, didn't they?

Morrell-For several years.

Chrzan-The last several years, but what's the problem?

Lukasewicz-If we formalize it, it's over with, you're scheduled for it.

All in favor

Motion carried

**11. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Keyasko**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 35 a resolution appointing Robert Davis, Charles Street to the Throop Planning Agency for the remainder of Adam Ambrogio's term which expires on July 1, 2002.

Marushock-I'd like to emphasize on that Mr. Davis would have been here this evening, however, a prior commitment, he was involved in a planning agency for (unclear) this evening in Pike County, the Borough of Milford, that is why he's not here this evening. A resume can be submitted if he is approved. Thank you.

Three in favor-Keyasko, Marushock, Lukasewicz,

Three against-Chrzan, Barnick, Barone

Tie Vote

Mayor Lukowski-In favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize reimbursement to Lucille Willard & James Gibson for the sum of \$135.00 paid to Rossi Rooter for costs incurred due to sewer problems at 830 Dudley St.

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize reimbursement to Mary Budzak for the sum of \$135.00 paid to Robert Thompson for costs incurred due to sewer problems at 826-828 Dudley St.

All in favor

Motion carried

**14. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To advertise for bid for air conditioning in the Throop Civic Center.

On the question:

Marushock-I believe Mr. Lokuta a while back was going to look into the possibility of obtaining a grant from the state, do we know the status of what that is at this time?

Barnick-We just got \$40,000.00

Marushock-Is that to be used for.....

Barnick-It's for, used for, whatever, it's \$40,000.00. We were pushing this for months now.

Marushock-I was not aware that that grant was going to be applied to this project, I.....

Barnick-(unclear) it's \$40,000.00, period.

Marushock-Okay, is this, am I reading this motion correct? Are we adding to it that that \$40,000.00 is going to be applied to this?

Barnick-Where do you get \$20,000.00 in this motion?

Marushock-You said that the \$40,000.00 grant that just came.....

Barnick-You're talking about applying for a grant. \$40,000.00, we just got it. We're accepting it tonight.

Keyasko-Is that for the 48 acres or is that for the Civic Center.

Barnick-For whatever.

Chrzan-Explain it to him, will you Joe?

Barone-We can do whatever we want with it.

Chrzan-I call the question.

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To direct Robert Bernosky, Planning Engineer to continue on Underwood Realty Subdivision.

All in favor Motion carried

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

To allocate \$1,000.00 to Throop Fire Department for the Annual Santa Claus Parade.

On the question:

Chrzan-Is that enough, \$1,000.00?

Barone-Is this one fire company?

Morrell-The three get together.

Chrzan-The whole town.

Barnick-Just hopefully we'll get enough advertisement out there to get everybody out.

Keyasko-Is this going to be one fire company going through the whole town?

Everyone spoke at once.

Marushock-We distribute that \$1,000.00 allotment equally to three fire companies, is that what we're going to do?

Dolan (Lenore)-Ed Bocan gets the \$1,000.00, he deposits it and he gives it to Throop #1 and #2.

Marushock-And the other company.....

Dolan-And he was here Saturday.

Marushock-Okay, that's all.

Morrell-I don't know if they distribute it to #1 and #2.

Dolan-That's what he told me.

Morrell-I think they purchase all the candy as a group and they do turn in slips and all that.

Everybody spoke at once and a discussion took place.

Morrell-They work together, all three fire departments work together, all three trucks go out. They work together on the Christmas Parade.

All in favor Motion carried

Barnick-Let me say one thing, Fire Departments are totally different than Veteran's organizations. Under the Borough Code, you're limited to that certain amount you can give Veteran's organizations in the town. If you read the Borough Code you'll note that. And for monuments and.....(unclear). Fire Departments, emergency services, you could raise taxes (unclear) if (unclear) didn't have the money.. Just so you understand that.

Keyasko-They're free charters, (unclear).

Barnick-We never had a problem before, they always went out and took care of the town. Let them keep going the way they're doing it, why make it difficult?

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

To authorize payment to SCL A-1 Plastics Ltd. for the sum of \$2,334.00 for the green recycling containers.

All in favor Motion carried

**18. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize payment to Fruehauf Trailer Services for the sum of \$700.00 maintenance on two spreaders.

All in favor

Motion carried

**19. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To allocate \$500.00 to Jamie Shevchik, CC Director to purchase additional games, toys, supplies, etc. for the After School Program.

On the question:

Keyasko-How much did you get towards that program so far?

Barone-I don't know.

Chrzan-Ask the Controller, oh, she's not here.

Barone-Does anybody know? Jamie? Do you know how went into that program so far?

Dolan (Lenore)-How much we spent?

Shevchik-How much we spent?

Dolan-\$3700.00. The grant money.

Keyasko-No, on the toys.

Dolan-Yes, we bought some.

Shevchik-From a grant, we had money from a grant.

Dolan-He wants to know how much we spent?

Chrzan-What kind of toys did you buy, Jamie?

Everybody spoke at once.

Keyasko-I'm not in any hurry. What kind of toys did you's buy?

Marushock-At a work session Thursday evening I questioned Mr. Shevchik in regards to the enrollment in that after school program. I believe his answer Thursday evening that we were told of fourteen children involved in that program. Based on projections which Mr. Shevchik hinted to me that (unclear) prior to this program opening. The income and expenses break...(unclear) whatever we want to break that down as. That was based on I believe a total occupancy of about thirty children. I cannot understand how we can be in the break-even point, at least, with an occupancy at this time of fourteen children. Another question I forgot to ask here tonight was are these all Throop children that are involved in this program.

Everyone spoke at once.

Dolan-Less monitors.

Marushock-Do you have a breakdown in regards to Throop vs. out of town children.

Dolan-Your controller will. If your controller posts them, she'll have it.

Marushock-We discussed this at a work session Thursday evening and like I said I don't where this is running. If it's running in the red now, I mean, I don't want this program to be a burden to the taxpayers.

Everyone spoke at once.

Shevchik-We'll stop it, Mr. Marushock, just for you we'll stop it. I'll send all fourteen parents over here to talk to you.

Everyone spoke at once.

Four in favor-Chrzan, Barnick, Lukasewicz, Barone

Two against-Keyasko, Marushock

Motion carried

Shevchik-Can we make sure we get that in the paper?

Chrzan-I thought we, we're not supposed to make money on that. I thought it was for the citizens of Throop. Marushock-(Unclear) to just break even.

Lukasewicz-Will there be a period of time say in two months or three months from now when the committee will report back to council in regards to the program.

Dolan-It's in your, it's already there.

Lukasewicz-I'm asking in two or three months will they report back?

Dolan-Oh, every month we do it Tommy. It's in your report that says Civic Center, if you open it up I give you one every month.

Lukasewicz-I didn't mean a monthly report I just mean in two or three months if the committee members would give us a complete overview of what they think the program is, if it needs any recommendations to make it better or what changes are necessary, that's all.

Lokuta-At our next monthly meeting we'll discuss it, Tommy. We'll take your concerns to.....

Lukasewicz-I don't have any concerns at this time, I'm just asking if in time.....

Lokuta-No, no, no, we'll discuss it and formulate whatever they feel they want to do and we'll get back to you. I have to reiterate, we hide nothing across the street. We're completely open, we welcome anybody to come to our meetings.

Lukasewicz-That wasn't the point I was trying.....

Lokuta-Well, I had to interject that Tom, I just had to do that, I wasn't referring to you.

Lukasewicz-Okay, but it just seemed that way.

Lokuta-No, I had to put that it.

Lukasewicz-You're saying that at some you'll make a recommendation to council.

Lokuta-We'll take a look at it and get back to you.

Lukasewicz-I understand it takes time.

Barnick-Just one comment, nothing against (unclear). All I got is good report back from the Day Care Center. The people I met over there, they think it's great. They're doing a good job.

**20. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize payment to Rileighs Outdoor Decor for the sum of \$6,697.91 toward the Christmas Decorations.

All in favor

Motion carried

**21. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Keyasko**

To authorize reimbursement in the amount of \$169.23 to Dave Magliocchi for (2) two tires that were damaged due to a starter post sticking out of the ground from a stop sign that was down.

Chrzan-Is the police investigating this, Dave?

Repchick-Yes, as a matter of fact I ended up doing a report on that.

Chrzan-What happened?

Repchick-Apparently someone struck the stop sign a couple days prior to that, broke it off at the base. There was about this much sticking out of the base of the stop sign and it is close to the roadway just because I guess they had to move the stop sign from where it was by J&G. He didn't see it, when he turned and he went around the corner the tires, the rear tires, went over the.....

Chrzan-Both tires?

Repchick-Yes, both tires on the right side.

Marushock-Is that normal procedure?

On the question:

Barnick-I don't have to abstain but I will abstain due to it's a relative. I'm not required to....(unclear).

Repchick-Can I just say something pertaining to Mr. Marushock's question regarding whether that's standard procedure?

Barone-Go ahead.

Repchick-Normally the borough, if there's a problem that the borough's responsible for, it does pay. I've seen it happen, many times, many reports. For example, if there was a pothole and the borough was aware of it and they didn't repair it and somebody got a flat tire, the borough has repaired it. When they put the tar on the roads, I don't know if you guys remember five or six years ago, and people drove through it and the tar got in the tires, it ruined the tires, since the borough did it the borough had to take responsibility. This would be the same type of case, I just wanted to answer your question. There is a report on it because I did do a report, it is documented.

Five in favor-Keyasko, Chrzan, Marushock, Lukasewicz, Barone

One abstain-Barnick

Motion carried

**22. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To send letters to Dunmore Borough and the City of Scranton in regards to the tires dumped along I-81.

On the question:

Mayor Lukowski - How does this affect Throop.

Mr. Barnick - The environment.

(Tape ran out) A discussion took place

All in favor

Motion carried

**23. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To accept the proposal from Widmer Sign Company in the amount of \$3,600.00 for a single face illuminated changeable copy sign to be installed in front of the Civic Center.

Barnick-We also have a \$1,000.00 commitment letter from the bank for this sign.

Mayor-That will be a great (unclear), it really will.

Barnick-Reduce it down, \$1,000.00, \$2,600.00, and this is about the best sign they come up with I guess.

All in favor

Motion carried

**24. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve the change order in regards to the Blvd. Project for the sum of \$16,470.00 for 366 l.f. 18" pipe. (Leeward Construction)

All in favor

Motion carried

**25. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize the placement of the TOD signs (Tourist Oriented Directional Signing) by Reilly Associates on Marshwood Rd. in Penn Dot's right of way. The placement of sign is to be made in coordination with Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner.

All in favor

Motion carried

**26. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To send an apology to Rick Barbolish, Chief, Throop Volunteer Hose Co. # 3 and all Throop Fire Fighters in reference to the comments made by George Marushock.

On the question:

Marushock-I don't understand why an apology is necessary. I did not accuse anyone, all I asked for was an accounting of the money that was spent. I don't know where my constitutional rights have been taken away that I don't have a right to ask for an accounting of the money. The big word here is accountability. I voted in favor of that camera for the benefit of all the citizens of Throop. All I was asking for is receipts to verify model, serial number, cost, of exactly what was purchased and I also believe that a copy of those records should be a matter of permanent record in the borough files and also a copy of that should be given to each of the other fire departments. I don't know where people see I am failing. If I ever have any questions, I believe I was elected by the people to oversee the financial management of this borough. If I don't ask questions I feel I am not doing my job.

Lukasewicz-I tend to agree with Mr. Marushock. I don't feel there is actually a need for an apology. It may have been taken out of context how he asked a question or whatever at that meeting and I believe that the firemen involved in this borough are above this apology nonsense. I hate to say it but it's nonsense that I really feel there's no need for it. If anything this is just (unclear) another thorn into the side of Throop the very (unclear) of it all between one and another. Let it die as it did and it's over with. I will be voting against an apology.

Barone-Well, if you want to let it die, that's up to the firemen if they want to let it die.

Lukasewicz-I'm sure the firemen are not looking for an apology.

Barnick-Yes, he is.

Everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-I am willing to vote for an apology to what was quoted and especially the quote that was made that you're a non-resident, he's a non-resident. That has nothing to do with the camera whatsoever, whatsoever.

Lukasewicz-If there's an apology that has to be made why does it have to come from council?

Chrzan-Because Mr. Barbolish asked for it, he said I want an apology.

Everyone spoke at once.

Three in favor-Chrzan, Barnick, Barone

Three against-Keyasko, Marushock, Lukasewicz

Tie vote

Mayor Lukowski-in favor

Motion carried

**27. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize the purchase & installation of a Seagate TapeStor Travan 8GB Tape Backup Unit for the computer in the administrators office at an approx. cost of \$375.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

**28. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 38 of 2000 authorizing Joseph Barone, President of Council to sign the grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Washington St. Park.

On the question:

Marushock-I believe we applied for \$100,000.00 grant which the borough would have to come up with \$50,000.00. Do we see fit coming up with that \$50,000.00, sir?

Barone-For that park?

Marushock-Yes, sir.

Barone-Yes, sir.

Marushock-For the year 2000?

Barone-Yes.

Marushock-I don't know where the money's going to come from, I really don't.

Barone-Well, we'll find out.

All in favor

Motion carried

**29. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize Marvin Brotter to seek information related to Grants for the development of the 48 acres of land known as the Eddy Creek property including "Growing Greener Grants".

On the question:

Marushock-Again, I believe we're opening up a can of worms there. That property was turned down by the school district because of problems. (Unclear) other citizens to go up there on a snowy day and see where there's still heat escaping. Some of that fire has not been totally eliminated. Also with this we're looking to spend \$250,000.00 of the borough's money for the next three years. Are we inheriting the mine fire, that's the big question, I will be voting against that tonight. Thank you.

Barnick-This land we have been pushing for since 1993, I believe. And there has been no problems for almost twelve years, maybe longer. It's a perfect place for our DPW garage which is well needed for equipment to get it out of the weather. We have \$25,000.00 secured, we see another \$40,000.00 coming in. This area needs to be developed and it will be developed into a recreation area beside the public works. It's quite a coincidence that we're receiving this piece of property and all of a sudden there's a fire up there last week. I mean, that's a coincidence to me.

Unknown-Tape Unclear.

Barnick-A little bit of garbage burning. It's a lighted area and needs to be fixed up. That's where a lot of parties been held, I know. I know the police have been down there on several occasions, numerous occasions and you're going to turn that whole mountain around. I know I took time for the deed, according to letter within a month or two. We will ensure that it's going to be checked for any type of fires or whatever and guarantee that we're not going to take over a mine fire. I don't believe they would be giving up a piece of property though without ensuring that that fire is completely out and they also have test pits up there I believe yet that they monitor.

Marushock-I believe they'd be happy to get rid of it.

Barnick-Through there progress, progress continues.

Repchick-Can I answer the question as far as the fire is concerned, because I was there last week. That was an external fire that appeared to me was either done by just what he said, either a party because they do party and

it's very hard for us to get to by vehicle or even by foot. What it does is (unclear) smoke over on the Dickson City side but what it was was garbage that was dumped. Shingles, some tires, it was not a fire that came from the ash dump itself, it was an external source.

Mayor-But the point is, here is the point. It all shows that a fire no matter how it started can erupt there and you know what's close to that place? Marjol. I was up there twice, I called DEP and I called EPA, I said now EPA what are you going to do now? That has been my cry for years that a fire could erupt there and Marjol is 1/8 of a mile from where that fire was. Yes, the kids are going up there and doing whatever with their ATV's and this, that and the other but that is the key right there and we could be in peril. You mix lead and mix (unclear) together, and that's instant death and there's a way of getting it extinguished in a fair amount of time so something has got to be done. Now, I'm not saying anything about the 48 acres, we have the 48 acres, we should take the 48 acres and run. Take it. I know there's kind of rough terrain up there from what we saw. Because we all know where that 48 acres were going to go.

Barnick-Mr. Marushock wasn't here through the battles and what we were fighting through on this thing but now we got it, we take it. The other thing I'd like to add to that, the fire that happened last week Dave, if you could put it on, I don't know how many fire companies were involved but if you could a little note there. Chrzan-Jessup and Olyphant.

Barnick-All the fire departments that helped extinguish the fire.

Repchick-I'll tell you what, you should give a letter to the DPW because if they didn't come up with the backhoe and remove it so it would be extinguished it still would be going.

Chrzan-Olyphant come up with that big tanker they got.

Everyone spoke at once.

Marushock-Still on that 48 acres I'd like to also add. I have some information from years ago, I mean that was part of a thing with (unclear) with my Dad, had been arguing point back and forth with the construction of that new school. I have some documentation and some papers that had come from my Dad as to why the new school and everything should not be built there, that's where I based my decision on that 48 acres based on the possibility of a mine fire re-erupting.

Mayor-Well, it was not only that. It was the close proximity Marjol. Now, I was at, I covered all those meetings, it was the close proximity of Marjol and the possibility of a mine fire. We know that the fire raged there for years and years.

Marushock-I'm waiting right now for the first snowfall so I can go up and visibly see.

Mayor-The point is now and what I've been saying for years and years. There's always the possibility regardless of garbage, whatever the case. You have that mine (unclear) of what we call (unclear). If that's the case we're in deep, deep trouble.

Barnick-But that's anywhere a mine fire could start. It happened up by the school, it happened over here, I mean....

Mayor-It was the same thing.

Marushock-(unclear) we had a fire there, a big fire.

Keyasko-On the school's information, based on what their findings were, if you're going to build a building there you've got to really, really reinforce the ground for this building. They set specifications there, you've got to reinforce everything before you build on it because of the.....

Mayor-Joe, we've got to take the land. We can't give it away, because there's a lot of vultures out there and we know who they are that want that 48 acres.

Everyone spoke at once.

Keyasko-Mayor, you're going to go spend a lot of money and then it's going to go to waste, right?

Barnick-Is it going to go to waste?

Four in favor-Chrzan, Barnick, Lukasewicz, Barone

Two against-Keyasko, Marushock

Motion carried

**30. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To submit a grant application of \$40,000.00 to Department of Community Development and send a letter of appreciation to Senator Mellow's office.

All in favor

Motion carried

On the question:

Barnick-I think it's great and I hope we can get more over the next two years. Pretty much it was a promise \$40,000.00 next year and \$40,000.00 the year after.

Chrzan-Mellow was responsible for that?

Barnick-Yes, we had a long heart to heart talk (unclear)

**31. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To appoint by Resolution #34 Frank Galli to the unexpired term of Rich Ceccacci on the Civil Service Commission.

All in favor

Motion carried

Chrzan-Congratulations, Mr. Galli.

Galli-Thank you.

Unknown-Congratulations.

Chrzan-I know you'll do a good job.

**Audience comments:**

**Dominick Rocco**-I'd like to commend the councilman, whoever voted for the project down at the Boulevard, it's starting to look real nice. Another thing, Tommy, I think you ought to get more involved, you know. Instead of sitting there and smirking every time something is brought up. Maybe if you come to the work session to get involved a little bit you won't sit there with a smirk on your face every time. That's it.

**James Barnick**-Just to reiterate on that job, I mean, it looks great down there. At the same time we're going to need some speed traps, absolutely. Already a bunch of residents have been complaining they're shooting through the stop sign on Pancoast Street and they're flying across Boulevard and going down Pancoast Street. They're saying they're even going through the stop sign at Bellman and.....

Everyone spoke at once.

**Barnick**-Just a reminder, I know we suspended the Ordinance restricting the trucks from that road, should we remove that suspension now being that the road is completed?

Everyone spoke at once.

**Mayor**-Even though they were in violation we felt it was safer. It's a ticklish situation. It just brings to attention that maybe we should develop that road that you've been talking about. It's got to be done because you go down that street where you live and there are no sidewalks, tractor trailers try to negotiate those turns and it's very, very difficult and there could be a disaster one of these days.

**Barnick**-If we have to review that Ordinance we only suspended it, are we going to go through the procedure and, repeal the Ordinance now or just remove the suspension. That's my question.

Everyone spoke at once and a discussion took place.

**Keyasko**-Joe, Mayor, on Kossuth Street on the hill, the kids, the four-wheelers, roller skates, the boards, they go right through, if somebody's coming up that street they're going to, somebody's going to get killed. I mean they go right through. The cops are down there I can't say nothing about that, they're down there.

**Barnick**-It's not only there, it's George Street, it's the Main Streets, it's everywhere you go.

**Barone**-When you guys get a chance, patrol a bit more Rebecca and Bellman Street, a lot of kids wait for the school bus there. They're not stopping for that sign, they're going through it.

**Barnick**-Oh yes, the trucks fly through there.

**Barone**-You know what happens, a lot of the kids are breaking into the Church Parking lot. They come flying around that turn too quick.....

**Chief Furiosi**-I just want to add a point here on the skateboarding and the rest. It would (unclear) looking into that to possibly should pass an Ordinance in the town prohibiting that. Prohibiting skateboarding, roller blading. Everyone spoke at once.

**Morrell**-Well, why don't we just get rid of the kids, ship them out of town.

**Furiosi**-Other than them running a stop sign what are you going.....

**Morrell**-It's not a motorized vehicle.

A discussion took place.

**Jack Dolan, South Valley Avenue**-Mr. Marushock and Mr. Keyasko, not paying my wife, not paying the solicitor, not paying the Blue Cross and Blue Shield, not paying for the Civic Center, par for the course. They don't want to pay for anything, they're worried about how much money each fire company is going to get for the Christmas Party. Mr Marushock, he doesn't want to get that 48 acres for some reason. He's been against it since he's been on the Planning Commission, he said that and we had too much recreation in the borough. They must be against everything for the kids in this town, because there's nothing in the First Ward for the kids really except a little playground in front of Marjol but every time something comes up, you don't want to vote for it. That's your prerogative.

**Keyasko**-Then what are you complaining about?

**Dolan**-Mr. Marushock, I just wonder if he paid any money on his paving liens he still has against him. If we could look into that, the Controller might be able to look into that.

**Marushock**-That is a false statement and if your wife was accurate and she know her.....

**Dolan**-My wife's very accurate.....

**Dolan, Lenore**-Excuse me.....

**Dolan**-.....Mr. Marushock, a lot more than your Controller.

**Dolan, Lenore**-I gave you a copy of what you owe.

**Marushock**-You check and you'll see.....

**Dolan, Lenore**-I checked.

**Marushock**-You will find that the property is not in my name, not on my property, not on my lot, never has been

**Dolan, Lenore**-Yes it is. Well it was checked not by me, by someone higher up. Everyone spoke at once.

**Dolan, Lenore**-It's on his name.

**Marushock**-That is a false statement. Elaine?

**Morrell**-It's not on George, Jr.'s name, he'd have to be about fifteen years old.

**Dolan, Lenore**-Well, you want to get the books out?

**Morrell**-It's on George, Sr.

**Barone**-Let him come and straighten it out.

**Marushock**-I tried. Mrs. Dolan don't believe that, sir.

**Barnick**-Can I say one thing? To get on the recreation, Warsaw, it's really starting to shape up. They got the little playground going there, they were paving today, they got the parking lot paved and he figures he'll be out this month and that playground is going to be mulched and seeded and ready to go. It's about time they got a

playground up there.

**Chrzan**-Every resident up there is smiling.

**Barnick**-Yes, they are.

A discussion took place.

**Jamie Shevchik, Civic Center Director**-In regards to Mr. Marushock's statements about the After School Program. The program's like two months old. We were anticipating 30 people, that's max. Right now we do have almost half. Again, you're going to talk to the 14 parents and you're going to tell them that we may be operating in the red and I want you to tell them exactly what you're saying here today. You read the letter that we got today, I'll get you fourteen more of them, alright? One big problem we have at that Civic Center is your criticism, in the papers, everything else, your criticism of that Civic Center hurts that Civic Center, every program we run. As far as you voting against my paycheck, my whatever, I can care less, I don't like you either Mr. Marushock, don't worry about it, that's understandable. One more thing, over the last couple meetings a lot of the councilmen said that you're doing nothing for this town. A lot of people in the audience are saying the same thing. You are doing something. Little by little, you're proving to everybody what a big mistake they made.

**Marushock**-Well, I'll tell you what. When that thing is operating in the red almost to the tune of a quarter of a million dollars.....

**Shevchik**-What you're suggesting is.....get it out.

**Marushock**-You want me to have 4,000 people which is approximately the Borough of Throop pay for the fees of 14 children, is that what you're telling me?

Everyone spoke at once.

**Shevchik**-Put that in the paper.

**Marushock**-We should have that facility operating in the red for the benefit of 14 people, 4,000 people to suffer.....

**Shevchik**-You want to shut it down? Keep the kids on the street?

**Marushock**-All I'm asking for is accountability, if it's operating in the red, I don't think we should continue.....

**John Stoffey**-Mr. Marushock, how could we take it out of red? You answer the question, you know all the answers, how can we take it out of the red?

**Marushock**-I don't have an answer, but I.....

**Stoffey**-Well then shut your mouth because you're not taking it out of the red. Why don't you come to the meetings when we invited you, the commission invited you over two, three times, you never showed up, why?

**Marushock**-You're right.

**Stoffey**-Why?

**Marushock**-I, because I know.....

**Stoffey**-Well tell me why.

**Marushock**- .....I know it's going to be just like this because.....

**Stoffey**-Because you don't want to know what's going on over there, you never went over to see the Day Care Center, you didn't go downstairs to see what's going on.

**Marushock**-You people want a blank check, you want a rubber stamp from me just to go ahead and do whatever you people please.

**Stoffey**-No, no, we're not doing everything we please. Everything we do over there this council votes on, remember that.

**Marushock**-You want me just to look at your interest in that facility, okay. There's family members employed over there by you people, I cannot rightfully respect the wishes of the people who put me there on council and give you people a blank check to do whatever you wish to do and when I see wrongdoing of the financial management of that facility, I will be speaking out about that.

**Stoffey**-Yeah, but why, but how do you know it's in the red? How do you know it's in the red?

**Barone**-You talk about the Civic Center, the people you represent, all the people that voted for you. Did they agree what you're doing to the Civic Center?

**Marushock**-I believe during the election, Mr. Barone....

**Keyasko**-We voted against everything for the Civic Center, what are you talking about?  
Everybody spoke at once.

**Dolan**-All I want to know is how does he know it's in the red? Because it's not in the red. How does he know that? Because all we have to do is ask the Controller.

A discussion took place and everyone spoke at once.

**Keyasko**-What's the status of the investigations over there?

**Barone**-He said when it's over he will send Neil a letter. It's not over.

**Keyasko**-Well why don't you have everything investigated then if it's not over.

**Barone**-What do you mean have everything investigated.

**Stoffey**-Getting off the subject now, we have our Vice President coming, Mr. Gore. I think he's going to be here Wednesday. Now, Mr. Gore is supposed to be an environmentalist, I think Mr. Palfrey should put in the paper why doesn't Mr. Gore come down to Marjol and look at Marjol instead of worrying about, you know, he's supposed to be an environmentalist, right? He's trying to carry the State of Pennsylvania which I think he was here two or three times already. Why didn't he come to Marjol, he's an environmentalist now, he's talking about this and about that.

**Mayor**-John, he's been formally invited and, furthermore, we got a voice mail from the democratic, from his headquarters.....

**Stoffey**-Never mind going down the City of Scranton, they're going bankrupt, they should come here.

**Mayor**-.....that said that the campaign is ending now and if he could he would try to get up but he's been here twice and he.....

**Barnick**-(unclear)...the Democratic Committee, several times I met with this representative out here, don't know which way to vote because he can't even make an appearance here, how many invites he has.

**Donna Barnick, 203 Adams Court**-I'm not even going to bother asking Mr. Marushock, cause now (unclear) and you obviously don't even want to bother with it. When the Civic Center was built, what was it built for? Was it built for profit or was it built for the people in Throop? And I also want to thank you for the ones that did vote on the 48 acres, thank you for voting for it because we do need it.

**Jack Monahan** -There's no catch basin in the 600 block of Sanderson Street and all the water comes rushing down there, washes the dirt down to the lowest point there. I mentioned it to the Street Commissioner and he says it's a state road, he says for me to call the highway department. I asked him why he didn't call them. He says he doesn't get any response so if he doesn't get any response how should I get the response? The way the (unclear) road is the water jumps the curb. Also, I'd like to compliment Mr. Lokuta there, I had some dealings with him, he was professional.

**Bill Shevchik**-As far as that, it's a vendetta Mr. Marushock's got against my son, Jamie, that is true.

**Barone**-I've got to say one thing. A couple of meetings ago Mr. Palfrey was picked on. Mr. Mraz got mad at him for some reason for something in the paper. Well, the way I look at it the man's a reporter, he reports it. If anything that's causing him to report negative against this borough, it's caused by the council.

**Mayor**-A motion that we talked about at the work session, striping the car and the shield, said it would cost about \$500.00 to conform to the other Throop Police cars, this is 27-2.

**Repchick**-We want to make them all look the same. (Unclear) for a while it would cost a total of about \$500.00. That's taking the old one off, the cost of the stripe for putting the new one on the top. I talked to Mike Reid about it, he said he would do it. I'd like to keep them all the same; the Expedition, the new car, and the old one, I don't like having one that looks different.

**Marushock**-Are we going to get rid of that within a year though?

**Repchick**-If we get rid of that it won't be until after next year, we don't have it in the Budget for a new car so that's going to be around.

**Marushock**-How many miles are on that right now, Dave?

**Repchick**-78,000.

**Marushock**-This would be up to be disposed of right after the beginning of....

**Repchick**-If it was going to get disposed of you'd probably be looking at around April of 2002. Around that ball. (unclear) I would ask for another new car by the time we picked it up it would be April or May before another one would be on the road.

**Mayor**-It's been brought up the police have investigated this matter, trucks coming down and trying to exit from Sanderson. I know we talked about this, onto Dunmore. Creating a lot of hazard, creating a lot of damage. Signs that we put on Cypress and Sanderson and Dunmore and Sanderson. Use the Industrial Highway, that's what it was built for. I know they want to have their coffee on top of the road but in the interim they're damaging our roads severely so let's put the signs up. At least you might save a lot of damage.

**Barnick**-(unclear) remember Mr. Mayor, Mr. Marushock was going to be the lead on that and was supposed to get all the information from PennDOT on what had to be done. That was several months ago, never heard nothing on it.

**Marushock**-I made the suggestion, that would be the people coming down the O'Neill Highway entering the whatever industrial park they call it, Keystone Industrial Park, (unclear) and that would have to be taken up by the state. First of all the Throop Borough don't have the jurisdiction, maybe it does, the sign would be posted in Dunmore and we would have to divert the traffic through Dunmore. I don't know exactly where Throop would have the authority to place up the sign.

Everybody spoke at once.

**Marushock**-Where the borough is being involved (unclear) the roads are continuing down Cypress Street and with the expansion it's the most direct (unclear) when they look at the map that's the most direct route into that industrial park.

**Mayor**-Well, let's consider it down the road I mean after all, we're going to end up with a lot more damage. I think we could confer with PennDOT and get some sort of decision.

**Repchick**-Part of the problem is, everybody here probably knows it, there's a lot of trucks, Dave just mentioned it to me and I didn't even think about it until he mentioned it. For example, Olyphant's always complaining for trucks coming down Cypress Street that are lost coming into their jurisdiction as well. You hit Cypress and Sanderson there's no sign that says Industrial Park This Way.

A discussion took place.

**Keyasko**-Let's try to get the state to put overhead (signs).

**Barnick**-You've got to meet with them first, Joe.

**Mayor**-Extra patrolman out today and tomorrow to curb vandalism which has been happening, as everybody knows, at Tiffany Estates. It's been a target it seems and there are some leads.

**Repchick**-There will be arrests pending on that.

**Mayor**-Soon, right?

**Repchick**-It's already being taken care of.

**Barnick**-The concrete was destroyed.

**Repchick**-That was bad, I have photographs of that.

**Barnick**-The last house that's in there near the wooded area they drew all kinds of obscenities around there, right in the concrete.

**Repchick**-(unclear)...vandalism, just talking to Officer Reed too. I know Officer Murcko were on, we already got written statements on who did the damage to the house he was referring to with the concrete and stuff. They're all juveniles so I can't state the names. They will be arrested. As a matter of fact we have the sneakers.

**Barnick**-At the same time there's vandalism where stuff was stolen from Pazzaglia's house, that was Friday, and I was out and about at 1:15 in the morning and I did see three people were out in front of their house.

**Repchick**-Same people we were talking about with the other vandalism.

**Barnick**-They stuck out because it was the hair color.

**Repchick**-Okay.

**Barnick**-They had all their tools and everything stolen.

**Mayor**-The other thing I want to bring up is I read the Herald once in a while and here's a guy, David Hawk, of Gertrude Hawk, he says that the questions, David Hawk, President and CEO of Dunmore based Gertrude Hawks. Does anybody know what this Planning and Zoning Commission went through to get this guy to locate here in Throop? But he's a Dunmore based Gertrude Hawk, he answers five questions. I'm going to pass this around so you could digest this. (The Mayor read from the article in the Herald, with reference to the location.) The other thing is the Postal Service in Washington, D.C., we'll take them on too, why not. It says, you know, you guys don't need a zip code because you don't have any problems. Well here again in the newspaper, here's a map put out by Atlas and I'll pass this around. Now I see on this map there's Dickson City, there's Olyphant, Jessup, there's not Throop, but this same map lists, does anybody know where Kuttown? It's right next to Elmhurst, Kuttown, I'll bet you they don't have three people there.

**Barnick**-Never heard of it.

**Mayor**-How about Lake Winola is listed, Glenburn is listed but Throop is not listed. Now there again, I would say that's the fault of the zip code. What about the zip code in the recycling? Where were the recycling monies going? They were going to Dunmore and Olyphant.

**Barnick**-That's getting straightened out right now.

**Mayor**-That's getting straightened out. What about our wage taxes? Now the zip code doesn't mean anything according to the postal service and a few postmasters around the area.

**Repchick**-What about Lackawanna County Communications Center?

**Mayor**-And that, dispatching the wrong people.

A discussion took place.

**Mayor**-There's only one other thing. The Boulevard Project is wrapping up and it's beautiful but don't you think now we are in the negotiations.

**The tape was changed here.**

**Frank Galli**-The Throop Civic Center over there, Mr. Shevchik is doing an excellent job running that center, there's a lot of things coming into that center. I think the next thing that's seems wrong with that center is a disgrace to everybody on this council. You shouldn't be bad mouthing that center over there. There's a lot of good things that go on over there. The Blood Drive just went on over there, there's always something for the children to do over there.

**Mayor**-People came from all communities and said this is beautiful.

**Galli**-That is the crown jewel of the valley. There's no other civic center in this area that is run and I should know because I go around to different areas. Our civic center is something you should be proud of. You should all try to work together to make it the best civic center in the area.

**Dave Morrell**-CNN today, I was listening to it up at work, they said they're estimating now, they're predicting that whoever carries Pennsylvania is going to win to be the president. It seems as though 4,000 votes in this town, I think you know like, it should have a little push one way or another on (unclear) take a look at the Marjol thing.

**Barone**-That's what we've been trying.

**Mayor**-The Kennedy/Nixon battle was less than 100,000 votes.

**Morrell**-You've got Hillary Clinton, she's born and raised in this area, she loves it here, she wants to do community service after her husband retires. Where does she go? She moves to New York to clean up New York.

A discussion took place.

The meeting was adjourned

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary