

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
for General Purposes
Thursday, October 10, 2002
following the 6:00 p.m. Budget Work Session
& 6:30 p.m. G.P. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Joseph Barone - P

President - James Barnick - P

Vice President - Anthony Chrzan - P

Thomas Lukasewicz - A

George Marushock - A

Jim Mellody Jr. - P

Daryl Menichetti - A

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini - A

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - P

Announcements:

October 24, 2002:

6:00 p.m. - Budget Work Session

6:45 p.m. - Public Hearing - RE: Opening the west extension of Ash St.

The monthly work session will follow immediately.

Throop Civic Center Halloween Dances:

Grades: 3-6 - October 25th - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Grades: 7-9 - October 26th - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

Council Comments/Discussion:

Barnick: There would be a motion to rescind the previous motion authorizing Mr. Cabets and Mr. Yontos to attend school (landfill inspector/host municipality), the cost of \$1,000 saved by not sending them and one backup, Dave Morrell, would be enough. Chrzan asked if Dave Morrell was at school now (he is).

Barone: Discussed council going to the Bellman Street Playground to look at the fence again, the people could not get in their yards in the back. He said council should figure out what to do with it or move the fence over, he received a few phone calls from upset people saying they're paying taxes and can't get into the back of their yards (from the back).

Chrzan: Had wanted to sell/give the land to them, it was a waste, the borough doesn't need the land and that the property owners should come up to a meeting.

Mayor: Hasn't seen the back of his yard for thirty years, thirty years he stated again.

Barnick: Asked the Mayor if he was going to make contact with the person for the cable deal and thought a motion should be on tonight to authorize to develop a resolution to negotiate with the cable company to join in on current negotiations.

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment to the Zoning Hearing Board Members and Planning Agency Members monthly through Accounts Payable and to issue 1099's at the end of each year.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 19 appointing Joseph C. Wargo as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To direct Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer to design an extension of the Warsaw Storm Sewer Project on Ollendike Street.

On the question:

Barnick: This is an extension, there's water runoff coming off Maple Street that wasn't taken care of and, according to the CDBG we do have the money, but they're going to wait until towards the end of the project to make sure that there's plenty (money). This will soon be designed and ready to go.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To accept Robert Armstrong's resignation as summer/temporary help effective October 18, 2002.

All in favor **Motion carried**

5. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Mellody**

To ratify that the Pension System State Aid Check for the Non-Uniform Pension Fund in the amount of \$61,410.34 from the Dept. of the Auditor General was sent to Merrill Lynch to be deposited in the Non-Uniform Pension Fund Account. (Please be advised that the borough does not have to contribute anything to the non-uniform plan because the state aid covers the borough's minimum municipal obligation, MMO.

All in favor **Motion carried**

6. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To approve Change Order # 6 for the Warsaw Project at an increase of \$765.00.

On the question:

Barnick: Just as long as these change orders are approved by our engineer, and recommended.

All in favor **Motion carried**

7. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Mellody**

To issue a check to PPL in the amount of \$3,800.00 for the electrical connections for the new Christmas Decorations.

On the question:

Barnick: This is all the ones for George St., right?

Morrell: George and Oleckna.

All in favor **Motion carried**

8. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To grant a six month grace period for sidewalk construction for Tiffany Estates and to authorize the Planning Engineer, Robert Bernosky, to look at the projects, speak to the developer and the Planning Agency for review and to make a punch list in regards to Tiffany Estates.

On the question:

Barnick: You know, I wanted to make it throughout the borough but could we make this specifically for Tiffany Estates? *Chrzan agreed.* Barnick continued: Being that there's so many little conflicts and stuff, it's a little different from the other homes being built.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To direct the Planning Agency to review and develop a plan for Tiffany Estates for sidewalks and request that their engineer, Robert Bernosky, do a summary report plus a punch list, as soon as possible, time is of the essence.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To authorize \$200 each to both senior citizens groups, the Over 55 and the Elite Group, for Christmas.

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To rescind the motion to send Bob Cabets and Butch Yontos to the Advanced Training Host Municipality Class that was scheduled for November, with a savings to the Borough of approximately \$1,000.

On the question:

Barone: I think all we need is one. *Few speaking at once.*

Barnick: Dave already went to class, he's coming back tomorrow.

Three in favor - Chrzan, Barone, Barnick
One against - Mellody

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize a resolution to negotiate with Adelphia Cable and to join in the current negotiations (for the current contract).

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick requested the Mayor to find out if we need a resolution.

13. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Mellody

To correct Richard Fuhr's pay rate to the same as Ralph Savitski's, \$9.29 per hour instead of \$7.00 per hour, while he's replacing Ralph as maintenance worker over the Civic Center.

On the question:

Barnick: I was talking to Gail and he's doing an excellent job over there, excellent.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To approve Application #2 for the Warsaw Project for Minichi, Inc. in the amount of \$68,361.60 to be paid out of the CDBG funds, provided the recommendations are positive by the borough engineer and the street commissioner.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: We have one more, we're going to open up a bid. It's the only one we received and it is for the vandalism that was done at the pavilion at the Washington Street Park. Some kids started a fire.

Chrzan: Mayor, was he arrested for that? *Inaudible.*

Barnick: I motioned the secretary to get three bids, being we only got one. One couldn't do it, the other one, there was not response. *Morrell: Yes, that's correct.*

Barnick: So we've got one and it's (the pavilion) got to be fixed.

Morrell: Actually, we called four because two were not able to do it and one didn't respond. We actually called four, four calls were placed - we received one back.

Barnick: We did what we were supposed to. Do you know what the insurance.., was it \$1,000?

Morrell: No, I don't remember. I'm sorry, I don't remember.

Barnick: The proposal is for \$650.00.

Chrzan: I'll make it then (the motion).

Morrell: I know it was more than that.

15. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize Frank Vitucci to repair the damage for \$650.00 at the Washington Street Park Pavilion

All in favor

Motion carried

Barone asked Joe Wargo to advise him if the Scouts were going to paint the pavilion at the Washington Street Park. Barnick said to coordinate it with Frank Vitucci, who would be fixing the pavilion.

Audience Comments:

Joe Wargo, 436 Cypress Street - Discussed a possible donation for the Boy Scouts for camping equipment, they were looking for a trailer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Asst. Secretary