

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Work Session
followed by a Special Meeting
Tuesday, November 16, 2004
6:30 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance.

"God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition"

Roll Call:

Members of Council:

Joseph Barone - A

Vice President - Susan Shortz - P

Thomas Lukasewicz - P

President - George Marushock - P

Daryl Menichetti- P

Cindy Johnson - P

James Barnick - A

Solicitor - John J. Brazil - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - A

Treasurer - Mary Anne Paulic- A

Borough Manager - Ken Novack- P

Assistant Secretary - Christine Hartshorn - P

Announcements:

A Budget Work Session was held at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss the 2005 Budget.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda.

Marushock: Everyone is aware of the printed agenda. Is everyone aware of the additional motions that we have before us this evening? Approximately 10 additional motions. Audience comments...

Dominick Rocco. 110 Sanderson Street - I'd like to see council vote in favor of the motion to present the moving of the fence on Bellman Street playground. I think it's a waste of \$10,000.00 + and I don't think we should give up any land. They have at least 200 back from their house. If they feel it's that important let them give up their 10 or 15 feet. They have plenty of land back there. Menichetti: You know this was always the, the opinion of the council here and all of a sudden things have changed and now they want it moved. I mean this is always been the way *inaudible*. I don't understand like the...Marushock: Yes. Menichetti: ...the about-face on this. I

just don't understand it. Marushock: O.K. Rocco: Yeah but I don't think we should give up the land. I mean that's gonna cost, by the time their done, over \$10,000.00 besides. And they got lot of land behind their houses. If it's really that important to them let them give up 10 or 15 feet. Marushock: I know the lowest estimate I think is like \$7,700.00. Menichetti: Yeah it's gonna cost us \$10,000.00 to do it. *Few begin speaking.* Rocco: Yeah but I mean pavement and do whatever else you they to do. You're gonna run into money. Menichetti: Then you're gonna have to maintain it all. Rocco: And they have a lot of land behind their house if they really think it's important. Marushock: Mr. Rocco do you have anything else this evening? Rocco: No that's all. Thanks.

Bob Cabets, 929 Mary Street - Keystone Landfill - \$233,000.00. How many payments have been made to these people already? Marushock: This is the 3rd payment for the year 2004. The \$700,000.00 that was due April 1st...Menichetti: We make 3 a year. Marushock: ...we did not have the financial capability to meet that payment. Menichetti: We make 3 a year. It's \$700,000.00 a year. Cabets: How much money did they borrow? Marushock: 3.5...Menichetti: 3.5 million. Cabets: 3.5 million. Was there any interest on this? Menichetti: 5 years. Unidentified: No, no interest. Menichetti: No but you had to pay it in 5 years. Cabets: Excuse me I'm asking council please. Menichetti: You had to pay it in 5 years. There was no interest. It was interest-free. Cabets: No interest. Menichetti: Yeah. Marushock: As we sit here this evening...Cabets: And they're claiming they don't have no money, you don't have no money. I mean they spent the 7 million, 3 million dollars where, on sewers and everything? Menichetti: 3.5...Marushock: Yes. Menichetti: Yeah the Boulevard. Marushock: As we sit here this evening...Menichetti: But it's, it's hard to pay it in 5 years, you know? Marushock:...on that loan we have a \$700,000.00 balance which is *inaudible*...Cabets: Yeah, so that's part of your budget that's gone every year that people are *inaudible*...Menichetti: Yeah. Marushock: Yeah. Cabets: ... that you're not doin' nothing. O.K. Marushock: We have 1 more year to pay on that. Menichetti: We have 1 more year to go. Cabets: O.K. Shortz: Next year we not only have the \$700,000.00 due in April again which we probably won't be able to do and have to split up but then we are now also paying interest on the 1.5 million dollar loan...Menichetti: Yeah. Shortz: ...and start paying the principle in August of next year which is almost another \$300,000.00 that we're gonna have to come up with. Menichetti: So it's a million dollars in loans. Cabets: Because I was punching in one morning and Mr. Dexter asked, he was looking for his money and I said, "What money?" I know, I thought maybe I owed him money and I didn't know about it. Menichetti: We owe him that money. Marushock: It's paid. It's paid. Shortz: It's paid now. Marushock: Yes. Cabets: Thank you.

1. Motion by Shortz

Seconded by Johnson

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Johnson Seconded by Shortz
 To accept the minutes from the September 27, 2004 Council Meeting.
 All in favor Motion carried
3. Motion by Shortz Seconded by Menichetti
 To pay Cathy Egan \$284.37 for Transcription services for the September 27, 2004 meeting.
 All in favor Motion carried
4. Motion by Shortz Seconded by Johnson
 To authorize payment to PAL (Police Athletic League) in the amount of \$3,000 representing their annual allotment with receipts for expenditures.
 All in favor Motion carried
5. Motion by Shortz Seconded by Johnson
 To authorize payment to Middle Atlantic Inspections, Inc. in the amount of \$1,200.71 for inspection services for October 2004.
 All in favor Motion carried
6. Motion by Shortz Seconded by Johnson
 To authorize payment to SWIF (State Workers Insurance Fund) in the amount of \$27,847.00.
 All in favor Motion carried
7. Motion by Shortz Seconded by Johnson
 To allocate \$1,200 to the Civic Center for the Annual Children's Christmas Event.
 All in favor Motion carried
8. Motion by Shortz Seconded by Johnson
 To donate \$250.00 to each Senior's Group toward their Christmas parties.

All in favor

Motion carried

Marushock: I believe there's a total of 2 groups here which is a \$500.00 expense.

9. Motion by Shortz

Seconded by Johnson

To ratify the loan payment in the amount of \$233,000.00 to Keystone Sanitary Landfill.

All in favor

Motion carried

Marushock: That's already been made and delivered.

10. Motion by Shortz

Seconded by Johnson

To advertise for bids for the Sulphur Creek cleanup.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Menichetti

To hire Jennifer Sibio as a Civic Center substitute monitor at a rate of \$7.65 an hour.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Menichetti

Seconded by Shortz

To authorize Kriger Construction to replace 1 hydrant on Meade Street at a cost of \$800.00

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Shortz

To have Tiffany Estates remove and install sidewalks and fence as per the agreement.

Marushock: By doing this what this means is that they are to remove the sidewalk that's in the wrong place and the fence that's in the wrong place as previously discussed this evening. So actually this motion is going to need for them to remove it and install it as per the agreement.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Shortz

To rescind the motion number _____ dated _____ for relocating the fence at the rear of Pendall Street.

Menichetti: You have to have a motion number on that and a date so if you would enter that into the record even if we have to do it at a later date, O.K.? We should have a motion number and a date...Marushock: Mr. Novack can you please find out what motion this was where we approved this and as part of this evenings record that we enter into this record of this evenings minutes the motion number and the date of such motion. Novack: Sure. Marushock: On the question. Johnson: I just want to say I agree with Rocco that we shouldn't be giving up property. Is this the one you were talking about? Marushock: O.K.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Shortz

Seconded by Johnson

To pay Atty. Krowiak \$4,755.25 for invoices July 1st through October 22, 2004.

In favor - Shortz, Johnson*, Marushock
Against - Menichetti

Motion carried

*Johnson: I'm for except the part where the secretary, paying for the phone call for the secretary to remind him of the meeting. Whatever the price was for that.

16. Motion by Shortz

Seconded by Menichetti

To pay Gannett Fleming \$691.50 for the period August 21 through October 1, 2004.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Menichetti

To have Christine Hartshorn attend a seminar on January 26, 2005 at a cost of \$149.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Shortz

Seconded by Johnson

To pay Council of Government dues for 2005 in the amount of \$262.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Shortz

Seconded by Johnson

To have the Borough Manager hire a firm to bring records up to date and balance treasurer's books asap.

Shortz: Shouldn't it say treasurer's books? Johnson: Treasurer's books, yeah. Marushock: Yes - to balance treasurer's books. I'm sorry about that.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Menichetti

To accept and sign DPW contract along with Atty. Brazil's memorandum dated October 25, 2004.

Menichetti: Is it to accept and sign? Marushock: Yes, to accept and sign DPW contract. Marushock: On the question. Johnson: This will be fine with them Mr. Brazil? Brazil: Yes. Yes. Marushock: Yes. On the question the one thing here is that we hopefully have in place now is some wording in place that we can address the health care cost in the future years of this contract. Brazil: Right. Marushock: O.K.?

All in favor

Motion carried

Marushock: Next is a motion to have Civic Center job description entered into the agreement and to have all employees...Menichetti: Into the record not the agreement. Marushock: It's been a long night. O.K. to have Civic Center job description entered into the record and to have all employees sign a copy of agreement. The copy of signed agreement placed into employee's file. Menichetti: It's not an agreement Geddy. It's just a job description. Shortz: To have all Civic Center employees sign a copy of individual job descriptions...Menichetti: Read and sign and place into the employee file. Have them read and sign it and place into the employee file. Marushock: Cathy you got the wording on that O.K.? Egan: Um hum.

21. Motion by Shortz

Seconded by Menichetti

To have Civic Center job description entered into the record and to have all employees read and sign their individual job description and have the signed copy placed into the employee file.

All in favor

Motion carried

22. Motion by Menichetti

Seconded by Johnson

To allow Atty. Kalinoski to review tape of Civic Center activities with Chief Furiosi present.

All in favor

Motion carried

Marushock: O.K. That's all the motions we have at this time. Menichetti: One thing Mr. Chairman, Mr. Novack if you would ask Atty. Krowiak - I'd like to talk to him about the...
Novack: Krowiak? Menichetti: Yeah, and if he charges me for the phone call
inaudible...Laughter. Shortz: ...when we did get those handbooks signed by all employees. Are we keeping up with the new employees as they're coming in that they're receiving one and signing it? Novack: We did have, the last one yeah. But I have to give this new girl one. Shortz: O.K. Just so that continues on because those are technical policies. Menichetti: Um hum. And their sheet should be in the employee folders right? Every employee that signs that. Unidentified: Should be. Menichetti: It should be. Marushock: A copy of that yeah. Hartshorn: I'm not sure. I know I'm giving Melissa the handbooks but I'm not sure if she's having them sign, there's a sheet attached to the handbook itself...Marushock: Mr. Novack could you please check on that and make sure that all employees have that and that there is a file on each one? Johnson: Maybe you could send Melissa a reminder or something, you know? Hartshorn: O.K. Menichetti: Yeah because now we have that harassment policy in there and everything and I think it would *inaudible*. Marushock: O.K. Anyone else here on council have anything to address this evening? Mr. Mayor do you have anything this evening? Lukowski: Nothing. Marushock: Atty. Brazil? Brazil: Nothing. Shortz: I just have one - I was asked to participate, last year Jessup had a Relay for Life for cancer, the American Cancer Society. It's different than the whatever, the one with the pink, for breast cancer. Unidentified: Yeah, right. Shortz: This is for general, for cancer, and it's actually a relay with people walk. You form teams and people walk for 24 hours. There's always somebody from that team walking. They did it in Jessup last year and they're expanding it to include all of the Mid-Valley this year and I was asked to kind of coordinate for Throop in that process. So ultimately you will be seeing fliers out there in businesses in the area, in churches and stuff. They're gonna be putting literature out regarding it. So as things start to develop I'll let you know but if anybody's interested in thinking about a team. It's gonna be next July - I believe it's the 23rd and 24th...But they're starting to plan now to get things organized so kind of wanted to keep that date in mind if anybody's interested in participating start looking for the fliers or contact me for more information. Menichetti: I think that's a great idea and there's something else I wanted to bring up. Christmas is coming and Mayor you remember we used to have the tree lighting ceremony over...Lukowski: Yep. Menichetti:...and the live nativity scene? Lukowski: We had that though before the Civic Center was built. Menichetti: Why don't we do something like that? Do you think you could coordinate something with maybe the Civic Center Director and...Lukowski: We could. Yeah. Menichetti:...and we could get the kids involved. Lukowski: We could try it anyway. Lukowski: That tree was outside, you know? Menichetti: Yeah, well you know we could improvise. Unidentified: That would be nice. Johnson: How long ago was that? *Few speaking.* Marushock: Turn the switch on for the lights at the Civic Center. Menichetti: We had a living manger. Remember the boy scouts did it? Lukowski: Oh, it was really...Menichetti: It was really... We served cocoa and hot dogs I think. It was really nice. Lukowski: But as I said it was all done outside then, remember? Menichetti: Yeah, it was nice. Lukowski: There was no Civic Center at the time. Johnson: I'll help you mayor if you wanna give it a shot. I mean I don't even think I lived in this town when you had it but...Menichetti: We have the parking lot we could use. Lukowski: We could do it in the parking lot is right, yeah. Menichetti: I think we

should do something. Lukowski: Probably inside would be better though because we didn't have a building at the time. Menichetti: We did nothing with the beautification so maybe we should have a little, like something for the holidays. Do you think you could coordinate something? Lukowski: Well see what we can do with it. Marushock: O.K. Lukowski: Tree lighting, we called it a tree lighting ceremony at the time. Menichetti: Yeah, it was nice. It was nice. Johnson: I'll help you out Mayor if you want with it. Lukowski: All right. Sure. Johnson: O.K.? Lukowski: Yep. Marushock: O.K. Opening up new business, audience comments on this evenings meeting.

Unidentified: I just hope, Meade Street is a mess. You should go over there and see it. Marushock: Hopefully Betty we had discussion on that today. Hopefully before the snow flies...Unidentified: Half my sidewalk is gone. Oh...if they don't put the sidewalks in for me. It's a disaster. Marushock: What they were doing today as you see is the road is quite a bit below grade. We are moving the existing...Unidentified: Half my sidewalks gone. Marushock: I know we had discussion. The curb is going to be reinstalled...*Few speaking*...the road paved. And hopefully it could become real this year. Bottom line is projected right now the worse case scenario as we see it right now is that we may only have the base coat of the blacktop in place. Depending on this happening the topcoat will go on in the spring. It depends on how long the weathers cooperative, how long the blacktop plans are opened. Unidentified: Geddy I'm not talking about the road I'm worried about my sidewalk and how the curb is down deep. Marushock: I know the curb is part of the project. I don't know, I believe the sidewalks need to be reconstructed as to where they were before. Unidentified: Because they put the curb down deeper than it was before. I'll get back to you again on it. Johnson: Could you have Robbie go and look at it? Marushock: Yeah, because I do know we did have a discussion with that today. Again we'll touch base with Mr. Kalinowski and we do have a representative from KBA overseeing the project right now. Unidentified: Because I don't want somebody to fall and get hurt in front of my place and I'm responsible for it. Marushock: Anyone else with audience comments?

Debbie Rimosites, Copperneck Street - I'm not very good at public speaking so if you don't mind I'd like to read something. Marushock: O.K. Rimosites: My concerns today involve my youngest child, who is 6 years old. She enjoys cheerleading so much that we listen to cheers even at the dinner table. The problem is the year she cannot cheer because the director of the Civic Center said that, "They cannot accept any more applications, registration is closed, all filled up". I partially blame myself because I got the registration form in August but never submitted it until I heard that practice had started. Now being basketball doesn't start until late November early December I figured I had time to register. I did see the ads in the paper but there were no deadlines, no deadline date that was advertised in the paper. Maybe it was posted inside the Civic Center but the marquee outside the Civic Center also did not post a deadline date. I understand that the turnout for cheerleading was great - I reason being last years squad did look great and we had a lot of fun and the parents commented that they would like their daughters to cheer the following year. I know this because I was the advisor last year. Now you say my daughter cannot participate in a community function run by a community center supported partially by my taxes. On the matter of advisor I understand after Michelle Mazzucca resigned the program was left without an advisor and as your director has told me, "All Avenues were exhausted. People were

asked and asked if they knew of anyone". Well I never received a phone call and if the employees of the Civic Center were asked they knew me and they knew, they knew my phone number and nothing was, and they would have mentioned it to her. I cannot believe that you have given the O.K. to hire an advisor for a salary, a position that has been done on a volunteer basis for as long as I can remember. As a volunteer advisor I had 1 squad of 20 to 25 girls. The paid advisor has 2 squads of a total of 31 children and she says that that is enough. I have offered my time to help since she thought it was getting too large of a group. I believe no child should be turned away from a community function especially a child that is a resident of the town where the function is being run. I understand there are girls from Olyphant on the squad. You might say, "Only a few". But I say, "It is 1 too many when a child that is a resident is turned away". And the ads did not only give a deadline they also did not say, "First come, first serve". And as far as having to, that they had, you know they had to stop the registration because uniforms had to be ordered - I was there the day to register my daughter the day they were, that there would have been no problem with uniforms because they were sizing the girls that same day for the uniforms. Menichetti: Mrs. Rimosites it was my understanding I may be wrong, maybe I heard wrong but the uniforms had already been ordered... Rimosites: No. Menichetti: ...and if they had added anymore children they would have been without uniforms. Rimosites: No I was there, I was there that day, the same day that they were sizing the girls and I had even talked to Melissa on the phone. And they were sizing the girls that same day. Marushock: Mrs. Rimosites I believe you contacted me at home in the evening. Rimosites: No I didn't call. Marushock: O.K. Rimosites: It might have been, because I know there were a couple other girls turned away. Marushock: I did see the letter regarding this of Mr. Novack's...Menichetti: The reason the girls from Olyphant are there is because they don't have a basketball team. I guess its included in Throop so...Rimosites: No I realize that. I do realize that. Menichetti: ...that's why they were. But they're the rest of the girls who, how many ever they have, they're all from Throop. Rimosites: Yes. I mean I know because like I said I was the advisor last year and I know we had girls from Olyphant on the squad. Johnson: Will your daughter be able to be on the basketball one though, there's cheerleading for the basketball? Rimosites: That's what this is... Marushock: That's what this is for. Johnson: That's what this one is right now? *Few speaking*...Johnson: For some reason I'm thinking football. Yeah. Marushock: The best I understand now *inaudible* was that part of the problem this year with the deadline was with ordering the new uniforms. That we receive the new uniforms prior to the start of the season. Lukowski: But she didn't list a deadline though and she shouldn't be persecuted for that. Marushock: I agree... Rimosites: I mean if there was a deadline... Lukowski: Something's gotta be done in this case. Rimosites: If there was a deadline posted at the Civic Center that I didn't see because I wasn't in there to see it but it's always on the marquee outside and there was never a...Menichetti: When you picked up your application did they tell you there was a deadline? Rimosites: No there was no deadline. Lukowski: It should have been on the board or the publicity. Menichetti: Now when did you pick up your application? Rimosites: I picked it up in August. I had stopped there in August...Menichetti: So Michelle was still here then. Rimosites: I had talked to Michelle at the time and I had even offered to help her. She even said you know if you wanted to help out with the girls that I could help out. Menichetti: Well Michelle was gonna do the program herself. Rimosites: Right, at that time and then, then one day after church my daughter's girlfriend was saying well she's going to practice. So we went up that same day and

that was the day they were sizing the girls for the uniforms. Menichetti: I'll to check on that because I was told that they were already ordered. Rimosites: O.K. that I know for a fact they weren't, at that time. Lukowski: Was your, your daughter was she on the team last year? Rimosites: She cheered last year. Lukowski: And that was her first year? Rimosites: It was her first year, yes. Marushock: Mrs. Rimosites is there a phone number, you don't need to make it public, if you could give Mr. Novack that or myself that we can look into this and get back with you to make contact? Again you don't need to reveal your phone number. Rimosites: Sure. Marushock: If you could do so after the meeting that would be fine and we will find out and the get back to you regarding this. Rimosites: O.K., sure. Marushock: Any other audience comments?

Ray Jarosh, 832 Pearl Street - At the last meeting I had made the suggestion about possible getting an email list together to get the minutes since they're delivered electronically. I can't get here during normal operation hours so I can't get the briefing and I would like to read them. I enjoyed reading them when I was laid off and I came over here. Just wondering if there is any progress...Menichetti: What would we have to do Mr. Jarosh? Jarosh: The minutes come in I assume a word document? Egan: Yeah. Well I give a hard copy and then I download a word document to Christine...Jarosh: O.K....Menichetti: On a floppy... Egan: On a disk yeah. She has a hard copy and also a...Jarosh: I, we do have an Internet connection, we're hooked up through Adelphia so I don't think that will be a problem. Menichetti: Um hum. Jarosh: And it's just a matter of sending an email. And if you have a list of 20 names you put them in a group and just say email to this group and it goes out to all 20 people. Menichetti: Yeah we could do that. There's no problem. Jarosh: All right. And the second thing I'd like to say - I'll pay for the uniform and the extra cost and the shipping to get this women's daughter on this squad. I think that was totally ridiculous. I was there the day they were sizing and I did see her and her daughter in the building that day. Menichetti: Well I'm gonna, I'm gonna get to the bottom of it. Jarosh: So they could not have ordered if they were just sizing the girls. Menichetti: I'll check on that. Jarosh: It's, here we had a lady who volunteered her own time...Menichetti: No I understand. There's no problem. We'll check on it. Jarosh: Thank you. Johnson: Thank you Mr. Jarosh.

John Musewicz, 2 Mruck Street - I agree with Debbie. Now Debbie was a standout last year. Gail needed help, nobody came forward. Debbie came forward and donated her time last year. It hasn't been in practice, maybe it's a procedure over there now and if it isn't maybe we could advertise to the residents of the borough that any future programs that are gonna be put on over there there will be deadlines put on. Maybe we could advertise it as a borough advertisement. Maybe in the papers. I'm not to sure that its a procedure over there. I know...Shortz: I think she has them in Advantage sometimes, those I don't think it's the Times but...Musewicz: Because they're still signing the kids up for the basketball. The basketball league did not start yet. The basketball league, the games will not start until December. I'm not sure of any indication that, of anybody knew how long the uniforms to order. Menichetti: John I really don't know. I can't answer your questions. I have to check with them, O.K.? I mean I will do that but I just, I don't have answers to your questions, you know? If they were here I could ask them but I don't know. I was just told they were already ordered. That's all I was told. Musewicz: I'm not saying...Menichetti: When I got the letter I asked them. Musewicz: I'm not saying that deadlines

aren't good for certain things. Maybe that's a practice that we wanna go with over at the center for all programs. Menichetti: And Mrs. Rimosites if you are willing to donate your, you know, your time I mean that's great. All you would probably have to do is go over there and let them know...Rimosites: Oh I *inaudible*...I mean I know, I know it's not easy to take care of, that is a large group and it's not easy...Menichetti: Yeah, it's a large group yeah. Rimosites: ...but she's not taking care of, I mean she's, they're not all together. But I said I'd help. I mean I told her that day that I wanted to register. I says, " If it's because it's too many girls I'll help. I've done it. I will help". Menichetti: In all fairness to Melissa this program was initiated by a former director and she just kind of got in the tail end of it and proceeded to go through with what already had been planned. And I don't know. I was just told that the uniforms had already been ordered. That's all I know so I'll have to look into that and I will, O.K.?. Rimosites: O.K. Marushock: O.K. Musewicz: Did we make any progress on the audit for the programs for the adult and the youth from Rainey and Rainey? Marushock: No not as we're speaking this evening right? Novack: No. Menichetti: Yeah Mr. Musewicz are you gonna get us those receipts or...Musewicz: I'm have to bring it up in a booster meeting. I noticed on the stipulation, you had a, I was just curious I mentioned to Ray, how you're donating money to the seniors with no stipulation for receipts on the motion. Shortz: But again, as we said perviously, your money was given specifically for 2 purposes. Musewicz: I understand. Shortz: At this point it still have not been done. You have not made any attempt to even say it's going to be done and that money was spent without prior approval...Musewicz: I understand all that. Shortz:...and that's why we're asking for it. It's not that, it's not just a donation given. Musewicz: I understand that. Shortz: I mean we're giving them \$250.00 for a Christmas party - that's what we anticipate it's spent on and they will... Musewicz: I saw one motion stipulating receipts that you...Marushock: Correct. Shortz: Yeah and they normally, the Civic Center normally *inaudible* receipts...Musewicz: The PAL motion stipulated receipts the senior motion didn't stipulate receipts and that's a program. Marushock: Big difference also the dollar amount of the *inaudible*...Musewicz: No I'm just curious. Marushock: Yeah really we should have receipts for...Musewicz: It only falls back to our claim that you're just singling out a few different groups. Marushock: It's not that we're singling anyone out but again, as the motion was read and the money was approved in 2001 I believe and still the expenditure as approved has not been done...Shortz: ...and it doesn't appear as though it...Marushock: ...and the admission that there was money, that that money was taken and spent elsewhere. Quite frankly we have an obligation to the taxpayers for an accounting of this money. 3-1/2 years and we still can't get...Musewicz: I understand that. Has there been any progress on the clean up down at the Little League from the former salt *inaudible*? Marushock: Evidently there's no guideline as far as contamination. I know part of the report indicated seepage from the telephone poles, the creosol or something from the telephone poles that kind of was an issue that may need to be addressed. But evidently as far as the guideline for the salt contamination due to the fact that there are no wells in the immediate area...Musewicz: It did stipulate that it possible could have been draining down into Sulphur Creek. No? All right, maybe I misread it. Marushock: Evidently no readings were high enough to cause any alarm regarding that. Again...Musewicz: Has the council set a president then, then they're not moving forward at all? Marushock: Evidently not due to the report that did not suggest it, any action needed to be taken on behalf of the borough. Musewicz: So that's just a little thank you for the 4 or 5 years tons of salt was stored wide-open...Johnson:

Well 3 council-people haven't been here all night. We could have asked them too. Menichetti: I'm wondering if we couldn't ask just the D, what do you need it just scraped up and ...Marushock: No because it, well then you're gonna, it depends on what...Menichetti: Why couldn't we have the DPW...Marushock: #1 - we did the report, we had a report conducted on the site. The findings of the report...Menichetti: Yeah well not any great, I mean you're not gonna dig up the entire area but like I mean just take the top layer off or something. Musewicz: I think if you go down and take a look at a large area the grass, the grass has been, a large area of the grass has been deadened and I'm sure that's not for the creosol, from the poles that have been there for borders. There was a, you guys say the pictures, there was a ton of seepage on that gravel. Just a normal clean up. I mean we're not asking for the whole property to be...Menichetti: Right. And Mr. Musewicz as far as you saying that that's the thank you I mean we do try and help you guys down there. I mean we send our DPW guys down there, dig holes for you and everything. I mean it's not like we're not trying to help you. Musewicz: Well you could, you can understand my point when you're forcing issues from your standpoint...Menichetti: Well yeah...Musewicz: ...I mean what do you expect? Shortz: Well I think, I think that that's starts to being a tit-for tat. We are responsible for the taxpayers in this town. \$20,000.00 was given to your organization to do 2 construction jobs specifically. Musewicz: We have...Shortz:... It wasn't a donation to you and you didn't do it and we have to account for a it. Musewicz: We have approximately anywhere from 175 to 200 kids that we, that we supply programs to... Shortz: I fully understand that but that's not what that money was given to you for. Musewicz: We understand that. Shortz: If you needed money for those issues that you actually did come...Musewicz: It really sounds...Shortz: ...you actually did come to borough and ask for money for that *inaudible* money was given. Musewicz: Susan it really sounds like it's personal. Shortz: Well you can interpret it that way but I'm just telling you did come to us for money, and money, not me I wasn't on council then, but money was given for the trip. And then \$8,000.00 was used out of that money on the trip in addition to that...Musewicz: We understand. We understand. Shortz: ...without ever, you never came back to council and said - listen we're in a bind, we need to use this. You just used it. Musewicz: Susan we've heard it. Shortz: *Inaudible*. Menichetti: John don't want the money back we're just asking for the...Marushock: The other part of this Mr. Musewicz...Menichetti: So we have a record to present. Musewicz: We understand. Marushock:...this money was given over 3-1/2 years ago. Musewicz: We understand. Marushock: There is still no accounting to date. Musewicz: We understand that. Marushock: That's what we're looking for. We're not taking the money back. Musewicz: And just 1 quick thing on the Civic Center only as a taxpayer - those, the hours of operation over there are very flexible. That seems to be my understanding. They were closed Thursday, they were closed early on Friday, they were closed early on Saturday. It seems...Marushock: On Thursday...Musewicz: The little bit, the little bit of knowledge that I gained from it it all had to do with staffing. Marushock: O.K. On Thursday the part that I'm aware of, this past Thursday was Veteran's Day. In our employee handbook it shows that Veterans Day's a holiday for the borough employees. However that holiday pertains to full time employees. It was an oversight where we advertised and informed participants, primarily the Day Care not the *inaudible*...Musewicz: That's not a problem...Lukowski: But that was, it never happened before. Marushock: I understand it mayor. It was an oversight...Lukowski: But somebody should have checked it out. Somebody should have checked it out. Marushock: *Inaudible* after...Menichetti:

It wasn't the end of the world. It was closed for 1 day. Lukowski: It never happened before. Marushock: It should not happen again. We learn by our mistakes. Lukowski: Good. Johnson: And there is 7 council members not only 4 to answer to any of these questions. Marushock: Yeah I mean we, it was an oversight. It was. Hopefully it's not gonna happen again. Musewicz: I don't have a problem with that but is it possible that we could set some hours that are sort-of permanent over there? Marushock: Yes. I believe there's a schedule already posted with the hours that we're opened. Unidentified: There are... Musewicz: You know sometimes we open at 11:00 on Saturday, sometimes we open at 1:00, sometimes we close at 5:30, sometimes we close at 9:00. Marushock: What we are going to have to also do... Musewicz: I think you need help with assistant directors. I think you need to, you're putting a lot of pressure on 1 assistant director. Marushock: Well one other thing I know we've discussed with Melissa... Musewicz: And it's only, it's only a suggestion. Marushock: O.K. One other thing I know we've discussed with Melissa is a set schedule of days that the Civic Center will be closed. Just right off the top of my head would be namely like New Years Day, like family day, Memorial Day, 4th of July. But we need to document that in writing that that would be posted. Musewicz: This is... Shortz: That actually, that actually should be in when you sent, when you know how we had to send that in, the fee schedule, etc. Marushock: Right. Shortz: You had to state on there what were your holidays that you were gonna be closed. Menichetti: To the state. Shortz: To the state so that should already be in place. Johnson: That's in that main... Shortz: Yeah. It called for that right in that paper that you had to... Johnson: The book that you have Mr. Novack. Down there, that main book. Shortz: We have to notify the state in advance what day we're taking off. And then the only additional days we'd take would be like a snow day. Musewicz: But traditionally since the building opened this, you could know it, this is the busiest time of the year for the Center. Marushock: Yes. Musewicz: This is the busiest time. Traditionally since the building opened this is the busiest time of the season for the center not only for the kids but for the adults. I think we have to look into, I say we as a borough, I think we have to look into getting a little more help as far as an assistant director. If something happens to that assistant director the building's gonna be closed. Menichetti: We're in the process of doing that now Mr. Musewicz: Musewicz: You know, it's a good idea if you do. Menichetti: We're in the process of doing it. Lukowski: Is there an assistant director over there now? *Few heard saying Yes.* And you say she's being overworked? Shortz: Well no. She works, she works Saturdays and Sundays but she works an 8-hour day on Saturdays and Sundays. She adjusts the hours to accommodate whatever activities are going on in the, like if there's an early party or a late game or whatever, adjusting it that way. Musewicz: But that falls back on your hours of operation. If she comes in at 11:00 she's only gonna work 8 hours and then... That's a good idea to get her some help. If something happens to her the building's shut down. Lukowski: If something happens to the assistant director the building's to be shut down? Marushock: O.K. Is there anything else Mr. Musewicz? Musewicz: No I think that's enough. Marushock: Continuing with audience comments new business, anyone else? Motion to adjourn? Motion? Motion by Miss Johnson.

Meeting adjourned - 10:00 p.m.
Minutes by Catherine Egan