

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, November 23, 2004
6:30 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance.

"God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition"

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Joseph Barone - P

Thomas Lukasewicz - P

James Barnick - P

Daryl Menichetti - P

Cindy Johnson - P

Vice President - Susan Shortz - P

President - George Marushock - P

Solicitor - John J. Brazil, Esq. - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P

Treasurer - Mary Anne Paulic - P

Manager - Ken Novack - P

Assistant Secretary - Christine Hartshorn - P

Announcements:

There was a Budget Work Session held this evening at 5:00 p.m.

Marushock: Our next scheduled meeting, work session is for December 14. The work session should get underway at 6:30 p.m. followed by our mid-month meeting and the end of December work session meeting will be held Tuesday, December 28, with the work session beginning at 6:30 immediately followed by the meeting. Also at this time the Throop Borough officials and employees would like to wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving.

Marushock: At this time can I please have audience comments on tonight's agenda? Before I do that I probably should address all of the additional motions that we have before us this evening. We have 8 on the printed agenda; we go up to 22 - 23 motions. I will read the additional motions that I have at this time. Motion #9 will be - To donate \$100.00 to the Mid-Valley basketball booster club. #10 will be a motion - To adopt the tentative budget the year for 2005 as per the draft copy. Motion #11 is - To authorize \$850.00 for cutting edge expenses for DPW. Motion #12 will be - To adopt the resolution granting approving the conditional use request for the Rossi-Buretti townhouse complex. Motion #13 will be a motion - To have KBA Engineers review the possible Jones Street construction. Motion #14 will be a motion - To grant Mr. Kalinoski and KBA Engineering authority to secure temporary construction easements for the

levee maintenance. #15 will be a motion - To have the borough solicitor along with the borough street commissioner and engineer secure permanent easements for access to the dyke along the Lackawanna River and also the dyke along Sulphur Creek. Motion #16 will be a motion - To add Steinecke and Dudley Streets to the 2005 base bid for the 2005-paving project. #17 will be a motion - To have Mr. Novack discuss a 30% buyout for all full-time employees regarding the health insurance buyouts. #18 will be a motion - To have George Scaramuccia placed back into the Civic Center programs. Motion #19 will be a motion to change the title from assistant, assistant secretary, am I correct on this, I'm sorry...Johnson: Yes, from assistant secretary to executive secretary. Marushock: O.K. - To change the title for Mrs. Hartshorn from assistant secretary to executive secretary and increase her salary to \$25,000 effective January 1st, 2005. Johnson: And that was from \$21,840.00. It's a little over \$3,000.00 for the year. Marushock: O.K., next is a motion - To have the borough manager apply for a 1 million-dollar grant under the Hometown Streets and Safe Routes to School Program. Motion #21 will be - To have \$40,000.00 allocated to the 48 acres for an access road and to authorize Mr. Novack to check into the grants for recreation areas. Motion #22 will be - To adopt the list of scheduled closings at the Throop Civic Center. Motion #23 will be a motion - To advertise for an Assistant Director to cover additional hours of operation at the Throop Civic Center. Barone: I'd like to *inaudible*. I'd like to make a motion to buy Chorba's property for the DPW complex. Marushock: Motion #24. Lukasewicz: Joe would that be at the price that was *inaudible* back in January? Barone: Yeah. Marushock: Do you have a number on that? Barone: One-sixty or something. Lukowski: I think you're right, yeah, I think it's one-sixty. Marushock \$160,000.00. Brazil: Geddy the solicitor bill's not on the agenda either. Marushock: You wanna get paid too John? *Laughter*. Brazil: Huh? Lukowski: It's on the items for payment. Brazil: Right but it's in the package. Johnson: But usually it's been specific though, hasn't it? Brazil: It was in the package. Huh? Lukowski: No, as long as it's on the items for payment. Johnson: Is it on here? Brazil: Oh is it. It's usually, it's usually specific. Lukowski: It's on the items for payment. Menichetti: It's on the items for payment. Lukasewicz: I saw it on the items for payment. Menichetti: So we'll pay it along with all the others. Lukasewicz: Mary Ann was there anything *inaudible* items for payment? Paulic: No. No. Lukasewicz: So there's inactivity again. Paulic: Yes. Marushock: O.K. Mary Ann it is in there for Attorney Brazil to be paid? Paulic: Oh yes it is. Marushock: Yeah. I apologize. Marushock: O.K. audience comments on the printed and the additional motions....

Audience Comments:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street - Not that I'm against paying her - it's #8 - because she already spent it but would be cheaper if council gave her own phone and paid the bill? I think you could get a cheaper plan then this. This is \$75.00 a month. Lukasewicz: There was a phone for the assistant director. What happened to it? Marushock: She did but actually she already has a plan in place and this would be a savings vs the borough plan I believe. I discussed it with Mr... Johnson: I do remember the last director returning one in an envelope and taking...Did Melissa ever have the original phone from here? Lukasewicz: We always had one. Johnson: Not that I knew of. *Few speaking*. Rocco: \$75.00 a month seems, I mean if it comes out to \$75.00 a month it's 4 months...*Few speaking at once*. *Unidentified: Shhhh*. Novack: Melissa, when Melissa was interviewed for the job she was told, "You're gonna need a cell phone." She thought when that was told to her that she had to go and get one. She did so she's on a plan now. So that's why she submitted her bill. There is a phone for her - yes. But she already, she's locked into a plan for

here. If you wanna buy her plan out is one thing and then put her on ours. But that's what happened. She misunderstood. The thought she had to get a cell phone on her own when she was told...Johnson: She thought that she was responsible for...Novack: Right. She thought that she was responsible. Johnson: I don't know *inaudible* if she is calling parents or something...*Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Lukasewicz: No there's no problem with it. There's no problem with it but I'm just saying that we had our own phone and we had our own plan for her already. Johnson: Yeah. Marushock: Is there an option that we could cancel...Unidentified: I'm sure...Marushock: ...the Civic Center director's part of our plan...Johnson: Yeah...Marushock: ...to *inaudible* the savings from that over to this plan? Rocco: Yeah but still you've spent a lot of money on her plan. \$75.00 a month...Lukasewicz The plan that we have for the mayor and everyone else, it's around \$1,100.00 a year anyway so it's, it'd probably be the same...Marushock: About the same. Lukasewicz: Yeah. Just pay hers and that's that. Johnson: And just tell her when she's done...Lukasewicz: Tell her when she's done with this plan that we'll provide the phone as we have been in the past. Marushock: But just in the meantime to avoid the additional cost to the borough could we turn in the Civic Center director's phone back to Nextel so that we are...Lukasewicz: I would hope that we're not still paying on it. Marushock: We probably are. *Few heard saying "No - it's off - it's inactivated."* Lukasewicz: When hers is up we'll give her the phone back and we'll pay for it. Marushock: O.K. Mr. Rocco anything else. Rocco: No that's it. It's just gotta be cheaper if you pay for it.

Bob Bolus - Yes on #8 - A lot of times we have phones and you have to go back to the user. Generally they'll work with you depending on the circumstances to cancel a plan. So you know it may work if you try it - to cancel it and use the phones you already have. What, you know at least give it a try. You know, I mean I'm sure Melissa did what she thought was the right thing and you know I don't think she should be penalized for *inaudible* because of the phone being *inaudible*. The other part - #10 - on the budget. You know to sit here and listen tonight that people didn't show up for something as important as a budget in this borough that has all the financial problems that it has and then to see people criticized by those that didn't show up, I think it's appalling. Your responsibility is to us not to yourselves to show up here and conduct business as business should be conducted, in the best interest of the people of this town. Bolus: And you should be here...Lukasewicz: Bob, could I address that? Bolus: Pardon? Lukasewicz: Could I address that for one second? Bolus: Absolutely. Lukasewicz: It's pretty hard to put a budget together when you're working off a budgeted revenue and expense statement that doesn't balance out. None of the books have been reconciled I believe in the borough of Throop since I believe August or September. There's a big problem there. Shortz: So we need to fix it Tom, all 7. Lukasewicz: Could I finish? Barnick: Here we go. Here... Lukasewicz: Could I finish speaking? Johnson: Yes I'm sorry, finish. I'm sorry. I am sorry Tom. Lukasewicz: All right. Bob, how could I sit down and put a budget together when I have no realistic idea of what was spent up to today in each individual program? There is no way for me to put a correct budget in place because I do not have the figures in front of me. I came to the budget work session about a week ago. At that time nothing was available for us. This evening nothing is available for us. I only have 1 way to vote on the budget - against the tentative budget because there is no way for me to put a budget in place. That's why I wasn't here this evening because there's no, you can't construct a budget without the figures in place. Bolus: I agree. Johnson: Now may I say something? Bolus: And this may have been an issue...Lukasewicz: Well it's an issue that, I don't

know how it got to this point but there's a big problem in Throop when there's nothing reconciled since August. Bolus: I agree with you and you know...Lukasewicz: I don't understand how you could...Johnson: May I add to that Tom? You stressed you've been here 11 years constantly. You have the same access we all do to Mr. Novack, to the treasurers, to the filing cabinets, everything. You can come up here and look. A part of our job is doing it...*Few begin arguing at once.* Lukasewicz: Cindy there is a majority of 4 people, there is a majority of 4 people in Throop...Johnson: No, you think there's a majority. Come up with good ideas and we'll...Lukasewicz: ...that have changed, that have changed the borough of Throop in a way that...Barnick: Changed everything. Johnson: ...for you 3. For you 3. Barnick: The whole integrity of this borough...*Many continue arguing...* Bolus: Woe, woe, woe, woe. I don't want to be in to this kind of a contest here, O.K.? I mean...Johnson: I'm sorry Mr. Bolus. I just...Bolus: ...this is what I'm questioning is being civil to each other. We're adults...Johnson: I know. I understand that Mr. Bolus. Bolus: O.K.? And what's available to each and every one is fine. The same issue is going on in the city of Scranton where they want to approve a loan and they have no clue what the loans for or how you're going to pay it back or why you're even getting it. These are assumptions... Lukasewicz: Bob I just want to ask Cindy 1 thing. Johnson: O.K. Lukasewicz: For 10 years, this time of year...Johnson: Right. Lukasewicz:...everything was balanced to the point where we could put a budget together very simple. Johnson: O.K. Lukasewicz: There is a big problem here in Throop this year that we cannot put a budget together. Johnson: Well let's fix it Tom. Bolus: There you go. That's exactly it. Lukasewicz: You broke it. For 10... Johnson: I broke it? I broke it? Lukasewicz: For 10 years...Johnson: I broke your *inaudible*...Lukasewicz: The people were fired that did things properly. Johnson: But you had to know it was going on. What'd you do just say yes and no? You have to look around. Lukasewicz: Cindy. Cindy there is nothing I can do. Barnick: Everything jived. Lukasewicz: Everything jived from the prior year. Johnson: You are saying this has been going on for months yet why didn't you bring it up months ago? Bolus: Tom...Lukasewicz: There is nothing I can do. I keep asking and it's not done...Unidentified: Please...Johnson: ...should have *inaudible* months ago not today to make yourself look good Tom. *Gavel heard.* Bolus: Maybe a suggestion would be simple. This is something that should have been discussed a month, 2, 3, 4 months. There's been plenty of meetings. Lukasewicz: It's been tried to be discussed. Bolus: O.K.? And maybe some people are fired and they're not here. That's the past. We're in the present right now. We have to resolve a problem and you do it intelligently. Numbers are numbers. If you take the numbers and you put them together they come out black and white. It's as simple as that. You have books, you have an accounting system, you know what your numbers are, you have a business manager, you have accountants - then 7 people here should have figured out and what if you have the numbers. They're black and white. Lukasewicz: Yeah but its too late Bob. Bolus: *Inaudible* it's too late. Lukasewicz: You can't do anything when... nothing has been accounted for for several months. Bolus: Well no, I think you have stuff accounted for Tommy. Lukasewicz: *Inaudible*...Bolus: There's things accounted for. I've come to meetings - there are things accounted for. It's just a matter of how you put them together. Lukasewicz: You can't. Nobody put them together. Bolus: Well then, guess what?...Johnson: Maybe you never...Lukasewicz: No, no. You have, you have a, I don't wanna put a blame someplace but if the treasurer's not reconciling the books well then we have a borough manager...Bolus: Yeah...Lukasewicz:... that's supposed to reconcile the books. Bolus: Remember what the borough manager stepped in to is what somebody else left

over...Lukasewicz: No. The borough manager was brought on to make sure that this did not happen. Bolus: Tommy where this was heading before the borough manager got here...Lukasewicz: No, there was no problems with...Bolus: The borough manager should have an accountant in here. In 5 hours he should be able to figure out if everything was done properly before that. It's very simple. It's called accounting. Lukasewicz: It didn't happen. Marushock: Can I add to this please? Bolus: You do your checkbook and you do things and I mean you have to sit here and, you know, start paying attention. Well maybe that's what you have today but you guys could have had...Lukasewicz: Same thing I had, same thing I had last week Bob. Bolus: But maybe you should have been working toward this. This just doesn't happen today. Lukasewicz: We should have been working on a budget 2 months ago. It didn't happen. Bolus: Well he guys, I listen to you guys scream and yell at each other around here. *Inaudible* start to resolve. Lukasewicz: ...always started in September and October to do a budget. It didn't happen...Marushock: Can I just add to this? Lukasewicz: ...and I don't know why. Well I know why - because there was nothing to work with back then and it just escalated that there's nothing to work with today. Bolus: Well unfortunately you're in a situation now...Lukasewicz: In dire straits. Bolus: You guys gotta resolve it. Marushock: Ladies and gentleman this budget that we have before us this evening as our proposed tentative budget for 2005 has been placed before us this evening with the best of the borough's capability at this time. Yes there are some problems that are being resolved right now by the auditors. And I know Mr. Novack has been going nuts the past couple weeks trying to see, to have these numbers as accurate as he possible can, looking through past expenditures, past receipts and everything to try to give us some solid numbers that we could present to the public this evening. Again to the best of the boroughs availability at this time and I believe it's very, very close. This is what we have before us this evening as a tentative budget. Barnick: All right Mr. Marushock...Marushock: Yes. Barnick: It's not even close. I'll go to 1 - Civic Center director's salary - \$26,200.00 listed in the budgeted revenue and expense statement, November 4th. This is the actual vs the budget. They're saying you have \$13,298.72 left to pay her. There's 1 month left in the year. Marushock: Mr. Barnick...Barnick: Now, let's, wait. Let me finish. Let me finish please. Johnson: One I'd like to know why you picked the Civic Center director, not somebody else here. Barnick: I'm going, I'm going...please. Johnson: It was just off the top of your head right...? Barnick: That's the first page. How 'bout that? Johnson: Yeah. That's about as far as you get the first page. Barnick: How 'bout that? You don't like that do you? That's too bad. *Gavel heard*. Barnick: Chief of Police - \$47,000 - here's his pay now for the year...Bolus: Well Mr. Barnick hold it...Barnick: Now half of the pay - \$24,000.00 - don't tell me hold it... Bolus: No I'm telling you hold it because...Barnick: \$24,282.00 he was paid this year and that's... There's only half of his pay accounted for. *Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Marushock: Mr. Barnick, please. Barnick: The same thing for Kalinoski, the same thing for the landfill inspectors. Only half the pay is accounted for. Marushock: One minute...*Gavel heard*. Unidentified: Would you let the man talk please. Bolus: When you're done rambling. I asked a simple question. Marushock: If Mr. Barnick, Mr. Bolus please let me clear the air one minute...If Mr. Barnick attended the work sessions he would know that we could not go by that budgeted income and expense... Unidentified: That's right. Marushock: ...that we have before us this evening. It is wrong. Johnson: You missed 3-4 work sessions and how many budget meetings? Barnick: How are you adopting a budget? Johnson: Help us out Jim. Barnick: How are you adopting a budget when you're carrying over a balance? Previous year balance carried over \$87,000.00. You can't do it. Marushock: ...as Mr.

Novack has before us right here in the draft copy of a 2005 tentative budget. These numbers are the best that Mr. Novack was able to... Barnick: Where are you getting the \$87,000.00 carried over budget? Johnson: Well if you were here go look into the filing cabinet. Barnick: Where are you getting it? Barone: Let's get back to Mr. Bolus will you please? Barnick: Wow. Bolus: Thank you. This was only the simple question - were you here now - is what I asked. It should have been avoided. Like where the heck was everybody a couple days... Marushock: Exactly Mr. Bolus. Bolus: ...then coming to a meeting and babbling about what should have been. You should have been here. Instead of part of the problem why can't you start becoming part of the solution? Marushock: All 7 of us are part of this problem... Barnick: They created the problem Bob. *Many begin responding, inaudible.* Unidentified: No you walked out of a ... Barnick: They created the problem. Bolus: Hey you created it when you brought issues up about money with the landfill. You criticized the owner. Barnick: Oh here we go, his buddy, here we go. Bolus: *Inaudible* dollars and cents. It's dollars and cents what could have brought money into this... Barnick: Yeah. O.K. We need more to screw up the books. Bolus: And you, *inaudible* and others... You guys just didn't give a darn about the town. Barnick: And this is no reflection on Mary Ann 'cause she just started. I know her, know her from before and she did a good job so... Bolus: Hey I've decided where it is and hey, look in the mirror, place the blame where it is... Barnick: ...but we went through about 4 or 5 treasures. Somebody should have figured out something, you know, it should've *inaudible* right there. Bolus: Well you should have been part of it. You should have been part of the solution instead of continuing to be part of the problem. Barnick: Part of the solution. Oh yeah. Bolus: Spying on the Civic Center to see whether they're *inaudible*... Barnick: Why would I spy? Spy on the Civic Center. Bolus: Sure you're a spy. You guys are waiting there at 6: 00 in the morning. Barnick: I couldn't care. I watch kids get denied from going in there that's all I do. Bolus: You guys know everything. You ran them out before she... Barnick: Yes we did. Oh yeah. Bolus: You guys should get down on your knees and be glad you got a person of her creditability... Barnick: We never spent this kinda money on nothing. Bolus: No. You'd like to see where it was. When somebody does their job you don't like it but when you were in the majority guess what? You put it where it is too. *Clapping heard.* Bolus: *Inaudible.* Barnick: Bob you know what, you're never gonna have a chance to be in a majority. You know what Bob, you're never gonna have that chance to be in a majority or a minority will you? Bolus: Hey you don't have to care... Johnson: Might be surprised. Elections are comin' up Jim. I don't think you're gonna be this year. *Few speaking, inaudible.* Bolus: No, no Jim. Not this guy. You're not even in my league. Johnson: And I don't think I'm wrong. I'd bet my last dollar on it. Barnick: Oh boy. Here we go. Johnson: I'm close to my last... Barnick: And I'm worried. Bolus: Hey Jimmy you guys ran this place before... Barnick: You 4 people in 11 months ran this borough into the ground. Johnson: And what were you doing for 11 months Jim? Barnick: 11 months. Watching you run it into the ground while you're sneaking around doors, sneaking and hiding behind doors making your deals. *Many begin speaking at once, inaudible.* Unidentified: Come on Geddy, lets go. Marushock: Mr. Bolus. Unidentified: Shhhhh. Marushock: Mr. Bolus can you please continue? Johnson: I am so sorry Mr. Bolus. Bolus: I simply brought out an issue about revenue. Everything's gone up. We let a landfill that's bringing outside garbage here raise their rates and this borough gets nothing. They could of, a long time ago when the new contract came up, put in a fee that this borough wouldn't owe a dime today. And it's not the landfill paying it it's everybody puttin' their pollution in our back yard and they patronize the landfill owners and they should take responsibility of why we're here. And that's the

way it is whether they want to hear it or not. Unidentified: Who was in charge then? Bolus: I thought Mr. Barnick was in...oh and Mr. Chrzan was here. Weren't they the guys? Barnick: Yeah. You're right. The only one that negotiated a new landfill agreement for the life of the landfill. How 'bout that Larry? *Many begin speaking.* Barnick: But where you sittin' with the county right now? 48% tax increase. They didn't negotiate though did they? Bolus: Hey but we're not getting no more from the landfill are we? You did a hell of a job... Barnick: You damn right. Too bad Bob you couldn't get none. Unidentified: Shhhh. Bolus: Hey you didn't try. You guys were in charge O.K.? Just remember where the blame is. Bolus: And as far as the child, discussing a child here tonight publically about what's going on over there. I think it's totally inappropriate and it's wrong. Unidentified: Yep. Bolus: This should be an executive session. What a parent wants to do with their child is their business if they want to put their kids name in. But you never see a juvenile by any authority putting their name in the paper and Mr. Barone you're totally wrong if you wanna do that. Barone: Well...Bolus: You sure wouldn't put my kids name in the paper. Barone: It was in the paper. Bolus: I don't care. Barone: It was in the paper. Barone: What do you mean you don't care? It was in the paper. Bolus: You have no right in a public meeting...Barone: How 'bout my 2 letters, they didn't read them out in no executive session like they should of...Bolus: Go over the Times. You go challenge them. This is a public meeting about kids. What do you mean challenge the Times? Daryl's the one that put it in there. *Laughter heard.* Bolus: Yeah Daryl put it in. Menichetti: I put it in there. Barone: You're the one that told her. Menichetti: Told who? Barone: Yeah. You're the one that said she's doing such a good job and it was right that she....Menichetti: Joe, Joe...*Many begin speaking at once*...Menichetti: Joe you give me too much credit. Johnson: ...called the Times. Barone: You shut up already. *Many speaking at once, inaudible.* Bolus: ...you don't discuss a kid without the facts. Come on guys, grow up. Menichetti: Joe, you give me too much credit. I don't deserve it. Bolus: If you don't like what's going on over there that's too bad. She's doing a heck of a job. Barone: That's your opinion. Bolus: It is and I think that it's a lot of other peoples. Barone: That's your opinion. Last week...Bolus: And guess what? I'm welcome to it. Barone: Well here, last week it was put in the paper right? She was getting credit for all the different programs that started over there. She got credit for the canned food. That was Tony Chrzan. *Many heard reacting, saying "Oh". Laughter.* Barone: She got credit for the blood drive. That was the mayor. *Many continue to react.* Barone: She put it in there, her. Johnson: Joe, here put this on the record...*Inaudible. Many continue speaking at cone. Gavel heard.* Marushock: Can anybody hear this thing banging on the table? *Laughter.* Marushock: I'm serious. I'd like to get some order. I want to continue. I want to get home before midnight. Unidentified: Yeah. What a laugh. What a laugh. Marushock: Mr. Bolus, continue with the audience comments. Bolus: I just simply brought up an issue that I thought should be out here in the *inaudible.* You guys could fight later...Johnson: I'm so sorry Mr. Bolus. Bolus: Next as far as the Chorba property - you got 48 acres, that's where you should be going. You already own the land don't loose it. If you lose a piece of gold like that I don't care who in this borough is for or against but you give up a piece of land that's sitting out there is the most foolish mistake you could possibly do. And I own a lot of real estate and let me tell you something - I don't give land away. And anybody who gives this land away is foolish. You don't go spend money when you already got it sitting. Unidentified: That's right. Bolus: Now one of the things that I think we need to do here, and I've done this for Throop, I spoke to channel 61 Mr. Finnegan. If we have someone in here video these meetings...*Many begin to speak.* Bolus: I'm asking channel, this council tonight to pass the

motion to allow the camera in here and Channel 61 will televise your meetings. Marushock: That'll be a best seller for them. *Laughter.* Johnson: Yeah. Bolus: You're absolutely right but I could tell you what the decorum in here you'd never expect. And I ask that you make the motion tonight to allow that to happen. 61 will do it if you agree to do it. It's time to put this place on the map. Johnson: I'll go for it. I have nothing to hide. Unidentified: You got everybody talk, laughing at us now Bob... *inaudible.* Soon as they hear the... *Many speaking at once, inaudible.* Bolus: Guess what Rocco? It's the real world. It's the real world. Johnson: I'll put the motion on. Bolus: So that's #1. And as far as the... Menichetti: Can you imagine? Bolus: ...audio, listening to people over here at the Civic Center that we heard tonight *inaudible* I think as long as it involves children and people in that building - absolutely. When these children could be having a problem or somebody could be abusive I think she's well within her right. And if nobody knows different in the *inaudible* that gives her any other right I don't think they have the right to criticize until you know it. These are about kids and that's what that center's about. You know the last thing here is I think, and I've raised it in other areas, this city, this borough needs money. You have to generate an income. It's within this borough's authority, and I think Mr. Brazil could research it, is to put an impact fee or a maintenance fee into this borough. And what they gave away you will be able to get back, O.K.? And I think that it should be looked into. And that will generate money that they would no go for, if you could find an avenue to get it, that pulls this borough back to where it is to pay the maintenance and expenses that we're incurring from it. And that's what they do. And last thing I think you need to get an appraisal or approval from the state regarding the 48 acres. Let Mr. Brazil call them, get black and white where you are instead of assuming this is in the contract or this is gonna happen. It's a big assumption. Mr. Brazil I'm sure could get you a definitive answer and know exactly where the heck you're going here. Unidentified: That's right. Bolus: And stop moving this pea around the plate and finish it once and for all. Know what you're talking about. And also last but not least because of the respect I think I have here for Melissa and what she's doing over there I'm prepared to donate \$200.00 to your Christmas fund to see that that does get what it needs over there. Thank you. Johnson: Thank you Mr. Bolus. *Clapping heard.* Marushock: O.K. continuing with audience comments on tonight's agenda.

Larry Hartshorn, 140 Dimmick Street - I'm all for you know Mr. Bolus donating that \$200.00... *laughter heard.* Bolus: ...\$200.00 bucks Larry. Hartshorn: I'll match yours. Bolus: You're on. Hartshorn: All right. Unidentified: Mr. Hartshorn thank you. Johnson: \$400.00 bucks for Melissa. Thank you. Bolus: Do we have any other takers? Hartshorn: But you're talking about a space to keep your salt now, you're all worried about that and your demon over here or the place that you're gonna have to prepare for that when you could go up here, save yourself some money, go up a buy the Chorba land. You could go right up there and put your salt there. That land is level up there in spots or 48 acres or 40 acres or whatever you got down there. But please if you go down there make sure that there's no fire underneath that land down there. And make sure that, if there is one, that the borough's not gonna be responsible for it otherwise I thought you would go right down there. But I'm tellin' you Chorba's is the piece of land to buy. And I would like to thank Cindy for tryin' to get my road opened. I don't have anyplace to park my motor home that I bought. Johnson: Well do our best Mr. Hartshorn. Hartshorn: Thank you. Johnson: You're welcome. Hartshorn: That's all I have. Marushock: Mr. Chorba just to, yeah Mr. Hartshorn just to clarify our 2004/2005 salt storage at this time it's going to be back at the Penn

Dot shed again. And they have on site loading there and *inaudible* a monitor with a scale, the scale right on the loaders so we know exactly what we're putting in and we got a weight ticket and we know what we're drawing back out of it. So we're going to continue with that. We will not have salt storage within borough of Throop for this year. Hartshorn: What is it costing you? Marushock: It's through the agility program, it's minimal very minimal. Hartshorn: Minimal, what is it going to cost you? Marushock: I wish Mr. Kalinoski was here 'cause he had the figures but again it is minimal for what we're doing on that. And at the same time we are eliminating any potential problems for any salt storage that would ever exist on either site. Hartshorn: Mr. Marushock you know you people should get together up there and start working for the taxpayers rather than the minimal things and different things. Let's get up there and work for some of the taxpayers. They deserve something. They're paying taxes in this town. Marushock: O.K. Is that it Mr. Hartshorn? Hartshorn: That's it.

Maureen McGraw - My child goes to the Civic Center and no I am not in support of Melissa by any means at all. Johnson: Can I ask why? McGraw: I don't feel that she is qualified to even run the center. I walked in on November 1st I find out they're closed on the 11th. I'm short on vacation time. I have to juggle things around, I am a single mom, to try and get my child care. He's 9 years old. Prior to that I signed a contract and that date was not on it. They posted that on it. Working moms we have to rely on care. Second of all I signed a contract. He is there after school, I drive him to school and it was stated that he would have a snack and a drink after school. That was taken away from him. I'm paying \$8.00, which is minimal - I'm not complaining, but the bottom line is I don't really think a drink and a snack is all that much to ask for an after-school program. Where, as a Throop resident, what can't I just let him get off the bus for free and let him go in there and attend the Civic Center? It is for the children, right? But I'm paying for a program. Menichetti: When did we take off the snack and the drink? Marushock: That was the summer program. Johnson: As far as I... McGraw: No lunches were eliminated. Johnson: O.K. yeah the lunches but I mean when you said snack I do know there's some... McGraw: She told me she pulled my contract and she said some went in without it and some went in with it and it was the council that decided let them use the snack machines here. Johnson: No that was never made a motion or anything... Menichetti: Yes it was. McGraw: Well that was a quote from Melissa. That was a quote from Melissa. Johnson: And made a motion to use the snack machine? Menichetti: No to eliminate the lunches. Johnson: Oh, all right. Come on. O.K. not use the snack machine. Marushock: No the snacks and drinks are... McGraw: I'm getting \$8.00 for an hour and a half and he can't get a drink of Gatorade and...? Johnson: As far as I know... McGraw: Well he's not getting one. Johnson: No I am not arguing with you whatsoever. I was just going to say that at the last meeting I thought that was brought up or we were talking to Melissa about what was going on and every child was still, not a lunch per say - something hot - but it a was sort of a snack and drink. McGraw: No he's not getting one. When it was addressed at one point I brought it up. All the staff got a letter in their, with their paychecks saying, "Any parents that have a problem see me at the office. You're not allowed to discuss anything with the parents." Now these are the people that are in charge of my child. I would like to discuss how my son, she's in this glass booth. She doesn't see what he's doing. And that is, I, that was even followed from what's her name *inaudible* the assistant center director. She said, "You're right." That note did go in their paychecks. Johnson: You know we could discuss it with Melissa. For a long time there was things going on over there just with different

employees - like I don't want to get into it, you know? I mean we just hope everything is fine over there...McGraw: I understand but let me ask you. Now she's putting you want to put an ad to hire somebody. Why are you cutting all the people that work there that have been their for a long time, their hours? Johnson: We could discuss it with Melissa. I mean nothing was just brought up about...McGraw: I couldn't talk. Johnson: No. I'm sorry. I'll look into your little boy...Menichetti: This is not on the agenda...Johnson: But I still want to answer...Menichetti: ...the hours from the Civic Center employees...Johnson: But as far as that 11th I do know it was a mistake...McGraw: But why is the 29th now, why is the 29th now, why did you all of a sudden throw that back in? I already scheduled that off and now all of a sudden you have it on the thing that you're like opened now. *Few speaking.* Menichetti: No. We're opened Monday. Unidentified: It's on our contract we were closed, you guys were closed and I have a copy of the contract. Johnson: Tonight we're...McGraw: Now all of a sudden you're opened. It's like...Marushock: This is why we're, these hours were fluctuated back and forth that's why...Johnson: Because the rest of the borough employees had off on the 11th, she because she's new, I'm just, all right because of just getting hired she assume that the whole borough pretty much closed down, the center too, for the holiday like some of the schools did. That was an error on, her mistake. McGraw: But the whole thing is the schools are closed the kids should have a safe place. Johnson: Yes I totally agree with you. Barone: She still had plenty of time...Johnson: It was an error and her mistake. Barone: But she still had plenty of time to open it. Unidentified: Shhhh. McGraw: I complained on the first, when I found it. Marushock: But another thing is, just let me explain, with the summer holidays that we have in place we provide staff to cover the people in place and then they call at the last minute and don't fulfill their work obligations. Barone: You weren't even...Marushock: ...and what is sent to the state is a list of the set days on basically what the facility will be closed. Barone: Any day that kids are off....Unidentified: Shhhhh. McGraw: I understand that and they have to be given some subsidized date they're *inaudible* if you want to contract with the state. Marushock: Correct. McGraw: And I believe that Veteran's Day was on that contract. Johnson: It could have been. We're not saying you're wrong because it was an oversight on her part. We...McGraw: All right. Johnson: I agree with you. We, she just, you know what I'm trying to say? Because it's...McGraw: I know what you're trying to say but do you see my point as a parent? Johnson: Yes I do, I most certainly did. Were you reimbursed for that day? McGraw: Things have changed since she has come in to play. Johnson: All right. Good. McGraw: I don't believe she has a relationship with the staff that she should have. Johnson: I think maybe she's just trying to get everything so you know, because of different things that happened in the past, that she really wants to...McGraw: I didn't have a problem with *inaudible*... Johnson: How long have you been there? McGraw: 2 years. Johnson: 2 years? Were you reimbursed for that 11th, that day? McGraw: I didn't pay for it. Johnson: You didn't have to pay for it? McGraw: *Inaudible*... Johnson: O.K. I mean it doesn't take away what happened but at least you did...McGraw: No I understand but I had to juggle my life around to try and get care for my child. Johnson: All right. No, I'm sure. I'm sure. O.K. But tonight on the agenda there is for the minutes, or not, on the minutes of doing the motion for the days right? Marushock: Yes. Johnson: And that would be put into the parent's packets. McGraw: What about the snacks? Johnson: Pardon? McGraw: Like the contract I signed he was supposed to get a snack and a drink after school - I've been packing him one. And that's fine but you know what...Johnson: And I'm surprised *inaudible* because...like let us know what's going on....Johnson: Sure. McGraw: You know what I mean?

I can't, I got a little boy here that I'm sending here...Menichetti: You know I'm sorry you didn't ask these questions when she was here because...McGraw: All right one more thing. I went in to pick him up the other day. I signed him out in the game room. I went into the gym, there was a young women in there and I don't believe that she was qualified or trained properly, playing cards with a child. I said, "Excuse me". I said, "Where's Christopher McGraw?" I'm looking all over the place. I don't even know who he is. Now I'm a mom leaving work and this girl is in charge and doesn't even know who my son is or who I am. Menichetti: May I address that? Johnson: When was that? Menichetti: May I address it? Johnson: O.K. Menichetti: That girl was working in, with that child O.K.? She was not assigned to your child. McGraw: She should be, she should know the children. Menichetti: She was not assigned to your child so she is not expected to know where your child is at all times. McGraw: I beg to differ. Menichetti: You, you should have gone to the office and inquired there where your child, where your child was. McGraw: O.K., I believe that any person that's in charge of...Menichetti: She was working in a different part of the building with another group of ...McGraw: ...and they should know who the children are. Menichetti: No, no, no, no. You're being unreasonable. You're being unreasonable. McGraw: I don't believe so. Menichetti: They can't be expected to know their whereabouts of everyone in the building. She was assigned to a group of children...McGraw: A group, a group. It was probably 10. Menichetti:...and that's what she was responsible for. She was not responsible for your child therefore she would not know where your child was. McGraw: Isn't that nice. So I'm paying ...Menichetti: And I happen to know what happened. McGraw: ...I'm paying for what, so they don't know where my kid is? Unidentified: No, no. Menichetti: You're being unreasonable, you really are. Marushock: The instructor that was in charge of your child knew where your child was. McGraw: No I'm not. Menichetti: Yes you are. You're being unreasonable. McGraw: No I'm not. Marushock: Because we do have multiple programs over there running all at one time...McGraw: I understand. Marushock:...so the individual, and I did check into that because you did call me at home...McGraw: Yes I did. Marushock: ...and I did follow up on it... Menichetti: And I also followed up on it. Marushock: ...and that was what happened. McGraw: And I'm not being unreasonable. I'm paying for a service. Menichetti: Well you got the service, your child was taken care of. Just because that particular employee didn't know where your child was at that particular time doesn't mean your child wasn't taken care of. You're taking it totally out of context. Marushock: That individual who you were questioning who did not know where your child was was involved with a different aspect...McGraw: I know, a card event. She didn't even put the cards down *inaudible*...Marushock: ...with that specific child. It's a totally different program and I did follow up on that. Johnson: And I'll, I'll find out for you what the snack situation is because I actually thought they provided...What's going on. Unidentified: Oh my God. Oh my God. Marushock: All your child has to do is ask. Johnson: That was what we all thought didn't we all? Well we voted on... Marushock: The drinks and snacks are available. Anything else Ms. McGraw?

Melissa Yasko, 430 Cypress Street - About the motion about them hiring another assistant director, why can't they promote within? There is girls there that have been there for ages. They know what they're doing. They know the insides and outsides. Why can't they just be promoted instead of hiring somebody outside? Barone: And I understand she's from Scranton. I don't know for sure. *Many begin speaking at once*. Unidentified: They didn't advertise yet. Johnson: How could you know something Joe when we don't even know who it is? They didn't even put

the ad in yet. Barone: What do you mean you don't know? You hired her. Johnson: ...a new assistant that...Barone: How many didn't you hire from Throop, put it that way. Johnson: How many do you keep saying we need, we need, we need. Barone: I didn't say we need. Johnson: You've said it. Look at tonight. Go back...*Many speaking at once, inaudible*. Barone: I asked her how many she needed. I asked her how many she needed. Marushock: We're advertising Joe for the assistant director... Barone: Yeah because you got enough static from the last 4 people from out of town you hired. Johnson: Yeah or maybe you drove them away. Menichetti: And you know what Joe - they're doing a good job. *Few continue speaking at once*. Barone:...not qualified. Menichetti: They're doing a really good job too. Marushock: O.K. let's, let's...Barone: They only pay taxes in this town, live in this town but they're not good enough to work in it. Barnick: Nope. *Gavel heard*. Marushock: O.K. Unidentified: You gotta be qualified Joe. Menichetti: That's right. Marushock: Please. Let, let, O.K., please...Menichetti: And trustworthy. Marushock: Let this lady continue with the audience comments. Yasko: I'd just like my question answered. Marushock: Pardon? Yasko: I'd like my question answered please. Johnson: But I'm sorry would you repeat the question please? I'm sorry... Yasko: The motion about hiring a new AD. Why can't they promote from within when there's people over there that are qualified for the position? Johnson: As an, maybe you would know this, as an assistant do they need qualifications? I'm sorry I'm asking her because maybe she might know... Menichetti: I don't know, I don't know of any.... Johnson: I mean have some sort of college degrees or some credits. Yasko: I know people over there that were AD's in the past that are not AD's anymore so I don't know, why can't they be promoted back to that position? Johnson: I guess they could actually apply for it just like other things we've done. When the, there's supposed to be an ad in the paper. They could apply for that position too. Menichetti: It depends on availability and scheduling. Johnson: I don't see why they couldn't apply an application for it too. Seriously you know that they would want the job fill out the application. I think we did, do have a motion we made about advertising for jobs too, right? You know. Unidentified: I think in Scranton they get 5 minutes. Johnson: But I don't see why they couldn't fill out an application that they want that position too, people from within, O.K. Marushock: All right. Do you have anything else to add to this evening? Yasko: No.

Ray Jarosh, 832 Pearl Street - Just a question on the motion about Christine. Nothing against Christine - I'm sure she's doing a fantastic job. Did we just change her from hourly to salary by saying that it's gonna be \$25,000.00 a year? Johnson: No. No. Jarosh: O.K., so if that 's still an hourly rate we just gave her a \$1.50 an hour raise. Johnson: Right. I, that's fine by me. Everyone has to vote on it, that's what I think she's worth. I see what she does every day. Jarosh: That's 14% - I think that might be a tad excessive. Johnson: Well you'd have to come in and spend the day to see what she does. All day answering phones, not even answering phones that's, I could answer phones. Jarosh: I completely understand that. Johnson: She does way more than that. Jarosh: I completely understand that and the last assistant secretary did the same things. Johnson: But she's making way less than she did too. Jarosh: O.K. I... Johnson: No I'm sorry, I'm just loud now. Mr. Jarosh you know I know you, it's nothing personal. Barnick: She was paid the same thing. Lukasewicz: The same salary. Unidentified: How 'bout the maintenance men - they got a raise? Johnson: No we're not talking about the same... Jarosh: They got *inaudible* over. Unidentified: How much? Over a period of what? Jarosh: Right? Marushock: O.K. wait... Johnson: It comes, it comes to three thousand and some over a period of a

year...Marushock: Please let Mr. Jarosh...Johnson: \$3,000.00 over the year. Jarosh: I'm sure she's probably worth it, I don't know. I just said to me 14% seemed high - that's all. Unidentified: The other secretaries wasn't doing the job she's doing now. Marushock: O.K. Please let Mr. Jarosh continue. Johnson: I do have a comparison of different things that she is doing too and it is a lot more work. Jarosh: And if that's the case then fine, I don't have a problem... Johnson: I mean if anybody wanted to see it I could make copies one day just to even show you what she's doing, of the difference of more that wasn't even on the job description. Seriously. Jarosh: The other 2 things I had are not on the agenda but they were brought up at a meeting last week. Johnson: Yes. Jarosh: Am I allowed to bring them up now or not until the end. Marushock: Let's ...Jarosh: ...take the old business this week. *Laughter.* Unidentified: Very old. Marushock: But it, let's address that, let's try and stay focused on the audience comments on the agenda then we will open it up to audience comments on the new business O.K.? Jarosh: O.K.

Ed Bocan - I'm with, I'm representing the Throop Volunteer Hose Company #3 tonight. The first thing I'd like to say is I want to thank everybody for your past contributions to the fire department and for your continued support. The first thing I'd like to say is we're looking to update our building at 401 Dunmore Street where the truck bay is, where the, with all of the apparatus. The floors cracking, the roof is leaking, there's no insulation. It's nowhere beyond efficient to today's standards. Our heating costs are astronomical in there so we have to do something. We already have taken the steps to start the project. We've had our land surveyed. We've hired an architect, Emmet Masenelli and John Rebar is, we're working with John Rebar a lot. We've talked with Paul DeGrazio for a land subdivision next door to us. There's a parcel, we want to straighten out our property line. He said that he will do it. He will donate it to us for \$1.00 so we're working, that thing is in the works now. Also we went, we have submitted some applications for zoning and ordinances that had to be done for what we want to do with the building. We're in the process from securing grants from D.C.E.D., senator Robert Mellow's office, the federal government, agriculture U.S.D.A. grants and also private funding. We've already, I know for a fact we've already secured the one with Mr. Mellow. The amount we don't know as of yet be we are definitely getting money from there. We're talked with 2 banks. They are willing to work with us also. The federal government, through the agricultural grant, is probably gonna be, if we have to take any loans, it's probably gonna be through them. They will give us a grant but it may be minimal. But they said they will give us a grant. But they do have like loans and they loan us out it's anywhere from 30 years to 40 years. Their percentage are the lowest. I mean it's like anywhere from 2 to 3 - 4% and you could get it over any one of those periods of time. Our project estimates right now they're on the high side and like I said we didn't figure anything out but they just gave us a ballpark figure and it's in the area between \$250,000.00 and \$300,000.00. I just want to let you know we are financially responsible. 4 years ago you cosigned a lease with us for air packs. As of 11/8/04 - this month- it's been paid off. All our books are in order. We have compilations done every year by a certified public accountant. We do have all the records that are available anytime you want to see them. What we're asking for right now is if you could just put something aside, you can determine it, something in the budget for next year. I know I came to you now. I didn't think about it like last month or something like that so I might be late. If you could put anything aside, whether it be \$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00 anything towards this project in addition to our yearly budgeted fee, whatever it is, we would appreciate that. And I do have a couple more things but I'll bring that up in new

business but that's all I wanted to say is whatever you can do. And I mean if it's \$5,000.00 its \$5,000.00 more that we don't have towards that project. Marushock: Is that it? Bocan: That's it for that. Marushock: All right. If we could get on with the meeting please.

1. Motion by Barone Seconded by Shortz
- To accept the zoning report and the landfill inspector reports.
- All in favor Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Mary Anne Paulic, Treasurer will read the treasurer's reports and the totals of the paid and unpaid monthly bills. Marushock: Thank you Mr. President. In order to, I wanted to bring council right up to date up until today so there is a difference in the figures that's on the agenda and I will read you the updated figures, which I did provide for council before the work session. (Figures read). And I'm sorry if that caused any inconvenience to council or to the members of the audience but I wanted to update council right to the, right to this evening.

2. Motion by Shortz Seconded by Johnson
- To accept the General Fund Statement, Borough Revenue Report, Civic Center Revenue Report, Keystone Landfill Credit Report and to accept the Items of Payment as submitted by Mary Anne Paulic, Treasurer.

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	\$41,405.07
Paid bills:	\$342,832.67
Revenue Report (Deposits made to the general fund)	\$57,271.11
Keystone Landfill Credit (Total for the tires and the quarry).	\$6,672.76

All in favor* Motion carried

Lukasewicz: Mary Anne everything you did is proper but still nothing reconciles correct? Paulic: Well Mr. Lukasewicz the report that I've given does not include any type of reconciliation of any funds or any ledger books. I've only submitted to council the bills. I have taken care of the monthly bills for the borough, that is paying the bills and posting them and also making the deposits, which I have records of everything for the month of November up until this point to date. But now I have not given council any kind of reconciliation so that wouldn't be what you'd be voting on, if that eases your mind. Lukasewicz: I'll be in favor of the work that Mary Anne has

Johnson: Just when the contract is up she could start using the boroughs and whatever, you know? Marushock: Yes. Lukasewicz: On the question also if Mr. Novack could maybe coordinate with Melissa and they could contact the provider and they could get her out of it now that she could be put on the policy with the borough for now. Marushock: I mean if that, if it's not feasible...Lukasewicz: If it's not feasible whenever, but I mean if they could try...Marushock: ...to cancel the borough's plan at this time, whatever it's gonna be...Lukasewicz: But I'm saying if they can try to get it changed now that would be good. This way it seems more proper that she's got a borough owned phone than her own phone.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Barone

To donate \$100.00 to the Mid-Valley basketball booster club.

Menichetti: Is this as a patron? Johnson: Yeah. Marushock: Pardon? Menichetti: As a patron? Marushock: Yes. Lukasewicz: It's for advertising correct? Marushock: Yes...Barone: What's that, the Mid-Valley basketball? Lukowski: Booster club. Marushock: Yes.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Shortz

To adopt the tentative budget we have before us this evening for 2005 as per our draft copy.

Marushock: On the question. Johnson: Mr. Brazil, you said I could vote on this tentative budget...Brazil: Right. Johnson:...but when it comes time to vote on something that I have on here because it's not included in this budget right now...Brazil: Right, right. But that, you can vote on it but you're ultimately gonna have to vote on it again on the final adoption. Johnson: O.K. I'll do that. It's just, that has to be that way correct? Brazil: Right. Johnson: O.K. Thank you. Marushock: Anyone else on the question?

4 in favor - Menichetti, Johnson, Shortz, Marushock

3 Against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion carried

11. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Barone

To authorize Mr. Kalinoski to spend \$850.00 for cutting edge expenses for our borough snow plows.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Johnson

To adopt a resolution granting approval by borough council for conditional use request for the Rossi-Buretti townhouse complex.

Brazil: I have the resolution prepared here. Do you want me to read it? Marushock: Yes Mr. Brazil. Johnson: Would you please? Brazil: That's no problem. You don't need the where-as-is's, just the *inaudible* part of it? O.K.

That the council of the borough of Throop hereby finds as follows:

That the proposed use as requested by the applicants is in an R1 zone and is allowed as a conditional use. That the zoning officer had no objections to approving the conditional use. That the proposed use will not jeopardize the objectives of the comprehensive plan. That public service and facilities such as street, water, sewers, police, and fire protection shall be adequate for the proposed use. Existing and future streets and access to the sites shall be adequate for emergency services for avoiding undo congestion and providing for the safety and convenience of pedestrians and vehicular traffic. That the relationship of the proposed use to other activities existing are planned and the vicinity is harmonious in terms of the location and size relative to the proposed operation and nature and intent of the operation involved. The relation of the proposed use to other activities existing or planned in the vicinities harmonious in terms of the character, height of buildings, walls and fences so that other properties are not impaired. That the proposed use is not more objectionable in it's operation in terms of noise, fumes, vibrations, smoke, flash, or lights then would be the operation of any permitted use in the district. That as a result of water run-off directly abutting the property of the applicant the council of the borough is concerned about future flooding that may occur as a result of the construction. That the council hereby finds that granting this conditional use subject to the conditions here and imposed is in the best interest of the residents of Throop and comports with the intent of the zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan. That the borough of Throop hereby grants the conditional use request subject to the condition set forth herein. That as a condition of approving this application the developer agrees to allow the borough, if needed, a 20 foot easement along the property line for installation of a storm water line together with an easement to discharge water into the developers pipe. Storm line to be constructed by the borough up to the storm water line and installed by the developer. Further, council shall advise to the developer if a larger storm water pipe is needed and if requested the developer will install provided the borough will reimburse the developer for any added costs associated with the increased pipe. Further, that these easements and conditions are conditional upon the project going forward and the applicant building the townhouses as per the request in the proposal.

Brazil: I'm going to type this up and add it in later but it's just something I drew up. And that's...Marushock: That will be on the record. Brazil: Right. Lukowski: Nice job.

6 in favor - Barone, Barnick, Menichetti, Johnson, Shortz, Marushock
1 abstain - Lukasewicz

Motion carried

Paulic: Mr. President before you make another motion may I please be excused? I don't want to

Marushock: I don't know if we could do it but we'll try. Because of the holidays I know there's some people on vacation but... Johnson: Well I mean your best, you know, I know it's the holidays. Marushock: Roll call please. Barone: This the one you were talking about, \$3,000.00 buyout and all that? Marushock: Yes. Johnson: Um hum.

3 in favor - Menichetti, Johnson, Shortz
4 against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick, Marushock Motion failed

18. Motion by Barone Seconded by Barnick

To have George Scaramuccia placed back into the Civic Center programs.

Marushock: On the question. On the question; I would prefer that we discuss this with our Civic Center Director before acting on this. Johnson: And I absolutely refuse to vote not on the fact that I don't think that it's important but if you know the rules and laws of the state you cannot discuss a child in public like that. That is my reason why I will not vote. If it's held in private I will - with the parent, and Melissa, and our attorney, and council, whoever needs to be there but I will not vote on it *inaudible*. Marushock: O.K. Menichetti: On the question; I wasn't there but I trust her judgement and I feel that whatever she did was the right thing so... Marushock: Anyone else.

3 in favor - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick
3 against - Menichetti, Shortz, Marushock
1 abstain - Johnson
** Vote is tied ** Lukowski in favor Motion carried

Novack: A tie right? Brazil: Tied vote. Johnson: I wouldn't wanna break that one. Brazil: It's up to the mayor. Lukowski: It's up to me? Johnson: Yes. Lukowski: To return him to the Civic Center? Marushock: Yes. Lukowski: Yes. Barone: Thank you. Lukowski: Do you want a reason? It's outrageous, it's outrageous to dismiss a kid that's 10 years old or whatever the case may be. Johnson: Mr. Mayor I just, my reason for abstaining was because the child's name was brought up in a public meeting... Lukowski: Yeah I know. I know Cindy, I do. Menichetti: Well he's gonna be responsible if anything happens, that's all have to say. Marushock: Moving on. Johnson: And I, that has to go through the director I hope. That we follow the process again. The child does not just walk in the door like here I am. It has to be worked out at some sort of meeting where the child goes and... Lukowski: Well yes. Johnson: So we better figure that out in the next motion or *inaudible*... Marushock: Next is a motion to... Rocco: Council don't tell her what to do? Johnson: Pardon? Rocco: Council don't tell her what to do? Marushock: Mr. Rocco, please. We're on the motions right now. *Gavel heard*. Marushock: Next is a motion to change title of assistant secretary.... Menichetti: If there is 1 incident over there, just 1 with that child, Mr. Mayor you are going to be held personally responsible. Marushock: Back to the motions please. Lukowski: My eye. My eye. Barnick: Oooooo. Marushock: Please. *Few begin commenting*. Menichetti: It won't be so funny... Marushock: Continuing with the motions.

19. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Menichetti

To change the title of Assistant Secretary to Executive Secretary and increase the salary of Mrs. Hartshorn to \$25,000.00 effective January 1, 2005. This salary increase is from the present amount of \$21,840.00.

Marushock: On the question. Barone: On the question; This is not in the, in the budget yet, right? Brazil: No. Marushock: Not as we speak. Barone: Well if it's in there January 1st I have to vote against it 'till it's in the budget. Marushock: But we can put this in Mr. Barone if this motion passes. There will be time for them to do that. Lukasewicz: Yeah, on the question... Barone: Who seconded that? Marushock: Ms. Menichetti. Lukasewicz: On the question; She is doing a tremendous amount of work, which I don't think anybody thought she was supposed to do. I never thought that she was supposed to do the type of work that she's doing so I would assume that someone else should be doing the work and they're not doing it or whatever happened here. And it's nothing against her performing the job or not - I can't see increasing it because she should not have been doing these jobs anyway. Marushock: O.K. Anyone else on the question? Shortz: I, I will be voting against it today. I think she is doing an excellent job and I'm not adverse to her getting a pay raise but I think until we have all of the numbers accurate as far as what money's come in and we know for sure, you know, where we're at expenditure-wise and what money we have to go further I would prefer not to vote on this until we have that information so I will *inaudible* tonight.

2 in favor - Menichetti, Johnson

5 against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick, Shortz, Marushock Motion failed

Unidentified: Give them the books back. Let them do it.

20. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Shortz

To have the borough manager apply for the 1 million-dollar grant under the Hometown Streets and Safe Routes to School Program.

Marushock: On the question. Lukasewicz: On the question; It's a matching dollar amount that the borough will have to come up with? Marushock: Yes... Lukasewicz: Where would we get that and where would we budget it? Marushock: It's 80-20 match. The state would provide the 80%, the borough would provide the other 20. Lukasewicz: We'd have to come up with \$200,000.00. Marushock: \$250,000.00. I'm sorry \$200,000.00.... Johnson: ...not to interrupt but Robbie does know. Robbie real quick wasn't it 2 parts of the, of that. Shortz: It's \$200,000.00 but there's \$250,000.00 already in that loan for sidewalks... Marushock: Capital improvement projects... Shortz:... and this grant allows you to do... Lukasewicz: I believe that it was earmarked to pay for the other sidewalks that we put in. Shortz: That's right but it's already earmarked for sidewalks in South Valley. This loan - you can use the money to put in sidewalks. So we've already got \$250,000.00 budgeted for sidewalks... Marushock: Correct. Shortz: ...so we could use that as... Lukasewicz: Now that was for additional sidewalks for South Valley then? Is

that what that was for? Shortz: Right. Marushock: And hopefully for the business district and stuff like that. The exact streets and everything, correct me if I'm wrong Rob, have not been ironed out. Shortz: No, it says South Valley. Kalinoski: No, then that would be up to council. Marushock: #1 it would be an extension to South Valley Ave., taking that money and branching to wherever we could go. Dunmore Street was talked about, George Street, perhaps Center Street. Some of Cypress maybe, depending on the cost...*Few speaking at once*. Barone: I is earmarked for South Valley finishing up? Shortz: Yeah... Kalinoski: I believe the funding targets the main through fares, business districts, upgrades to curbs, sidewalks, benches, planters, street lights, anything like that. Lukasewicz: That's good. That's a good idea. Marushock: Yes it is. Lukasewicz: If you get that much money... Marushock: It's a million dollars and *inaudible* this whole thing right now that we could use... Anyone else on the question?

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Barone

To have \$40,000.00 allocated to the 48 acres for an access road and to authorize Mr. Novack to check into the grants for the recreation areas.

Marushock: On the question. Lukasewicz: Kenny if you get any information on grants for recreation areas within the next few weeks or whatever let me know on it so I could look in at *inaudible*... Unidentified: Where you getting the money for this Mr. Barone? It's not in the budget. Barone: Huh? Unidentified: It's not in the budget Mr. Barone. Where you getting the money... *Gavel heard*. Unidentified: Shhhhh... Marushock: O.K., O.K., wait. Woe, woe, woe. Please lets stay here on this - council on these motions right now. Shortz: On the question; I'll be voting against this also because I don't want any additional expenses. We have over \$850,000.00 in loan payments due next year and until I see what actually we have, if money's available, and whether our budgeted *inaudible* I don't want to add anything *inaudible* expenses. Marushock: Anyone else on the question? On the question; I will be against the \$40,000.00 expenditure but I will be supportive of Mr. Novack checking to see if there are any grants available for recreation areas.

3 in favor of both - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

4 against \$40,000.00 allocation but in favor of grants - Menichetti*, Johnson*, Shortz*, Marushock* Motion failed for \$40,000.00 allocation - Carried for grants

*Menichetti: I will be against allocating any money for the same reason that #19 was voted down because the money is not budgeted but I would be applicable to looking into grant money.
*Johnson: Ditto. The same thing Daryl said. She said it perfectly. *Shortz: I'll agree with that. Against the money but I will get recreation grants at this time. *Marushock: Again as I mentioned previous - against the \$40,000.00 expenditure but in favor of the grants. I don't know what that tally was... Menichetti: It's only for the grants.

would be helpful. Johnson: I'm sure I could. Lukowski: I wish you would. Johnson: I'd like to make a motion to rescind my vote - is that how I should start it Mr. Brazil? Menichetti: No, you have to rescind the motion. Johnson: I'd like to rescind #18...Brazil: Right. Johnson:...as of right now. Is that how I should do it? Brazil: Right. You have to rescind it. Marushock: Motion to rescind motion #20. Brazil: 18. Johnson: 18. This isn't a joke, this is children.

25. Motion by Johnson

Seconded by Menichetti

To rescind motion #18.

Marushock: Before we take a vote I need to do audience comments on this please. Johnson: Sure. Unidentified: Yes, I believe that kid should be brought back. I think he should be given a second chance. Marushock: Anyone else on audience comments on this motion before us? Unidentified: Why can't the boy be brought back on a probation, a probationary period - just saying yes or no. Marushock: Quite honestly I really don't have time to go into any discussion on this child at this time. Johnson: I just feel really uncomfortable talking about children in a public meeting. It is a law you know. Unidentified: Well when the mother was here stressing that he's been here for a couple years...Johnson: No I understand. I'm not saying that, that's not even the way I'm thinking of the child not coming back. I just don't feel comfortable in general taking about children like that. It is a law. Unidentified: We're not talking about children we're giving the ...Johnson: No I understand. I hear everything that you're saying. Unidentified: ...Civic Center and the mother willing to bring this boy back she should have the option whether he could come back or not. Johnson: I know. I just don't like the way it's gonna be done. I mean I'm not saying...Barone: That night the mother was here she brought it up herself. Marushock: O.K. Let's continue with audience comments. Unidentified: We're not saying bringing up nothing about the child we're just saying he should be brought back. Barone: No. Marushock: O.K., continuing with the audience comments...

4 in favor - Menichetti, Johnson*, Shortz, Marushock

3 against - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Motion carried

*Johnson: For, for the reasons that I said.

Johnson: Now I guess I need to make another motion to correct, that I would like to vote on #18 again. Mr. Brazil? Lukasewicz: No. You rescinded it...Johnson: I rescinded it so that's it? I just don't feel uncomfortable, I mean I feel uncomfortable until we all sit down Mr. Brazil. Do it that way. I feel it's best for the borough, I feel it's best for the child. Barone: We're talking about 6 months...wait so long for? Johnson: I'm not saying...Marushock: Let's not discuss this any further. *Gavel heard.* Lukowski: Touchy situation...Johnson: Talk about kids like *inaudible* and politics. You're crazy. Marushock: Does anyone else up here on council have anything else to bring up at this time for new business? Mr. Mayor do you have any comments? Lukowski: Yeah I have one. Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus and we'll have a ceremony on Sunday at 5:00 - lighting of the tree. And Mr. Kalinoski our ingenious DPW director has come up with a button we could use and that will light the trees. Kalinoski: At least one. Lukowski: I would think the council President and Vice President should do that. And I think we could get a pretty good

response. There's already commitments from the boy scouts and the fireman and maybe even resurrect the choral group. We might have, see them sing a couple songs and the fireman, fire police and V.F.W. and Legion. So we should have a pretty good turn out. 5:00 - just as it gets dark. Sunday, this coming Sunday. *Few speaking at once.* Marushock: ...officials and employees would like to wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving. Barone: Geddy, one more thing. Did we *inaudible* the Christmas decorations, buying more? Unidentified: They're gonna get some. There's some donations...Marushock: The expenditures should be minimal...Lukowski: Yeah I, that's done every year I think...Marushock: Motion to adjourn..Oh wait, I gotta do audience comments new business. O.K. audience comments new business to the audience please.

Eric Hartshorn - Just so it's on record; As of tomorrow if my wife comes in and does the job description that you gave her when she was hired she will not be reprimanded for anything else that's not being done there. Could I have that word from your mouth, Mr. Marushock?
Marushock: I am not commenting because I don't know exactly what you are talking about...Hartshorn: Is she gonna be reprimanded if she does nothing but what you hired her for on her job description? Marushock: I'm not commenting Mr. Hartshorn. Hartshorn: Anybody else?
Barone: She shouldn't get reprimanded 'cause she's doing too much work. That's my opinion.
Hartshorn: And as of tomorrow she could take her medical insurance? Why did you say, "Once she opted out she can't take that?" So as of tomorrow I wish that she'd come in and take her medical insurance. *Inaudible* how much it cost ...Marushock: Part of the way that we've left it, her not taking the medical coverage. Am I correct people, can you help me? Hartshorn: No. No you know that wasn't the way it was read. Marushock: I believe her wages reflected her not taking medical coverage. Hartshorn: Well Sullivan got, you just said, "Mrs. Sullivan was paid the same with medical coverage. Am I right Mr. Marushock? Am I right on that? Marushock: At the time the wages were negotiated she rescinded the medical coverage. Hartshorn: So tomorrow if I come up and get the motions it would be in there that that's how she was hired - with the wage that she made without medical. You're telling me that, on record tonight, that's the way it'll be. Marushock: From what, I'm rephrasing my statement again, when she was hired the wages reflected her not taking the medical coverage. Hartshorn: But as of tomorrow she will not be reprimanded for nothing else but what she was hired to do? Marushock: I cannot comment...Hartshorn: Mr. Brazil, Is there anything that could be done about that? They gave her a job description that she's gonna follow and if she doesn't, if they ask her to go beyond that could she be reprimanded? Brazil: Well clearly I mean an employer could reprimand his employee for, if he feels he's not doing the job. Hartshorn: Even though she has a job description? Brazil: Sure. Sure. I don't think councils gonna do that but you're asking me...Unidentified: Just do what you gotta do and let them try and fire you and we'll find out. You might as well get another suit for the borough. We've got 23,000 of them now. Marushock: O.K. Mr. Hartshorn, is that it?
Hartshorn: I've got nothing else. Marushock: O.K., continuing....

Ray Jarosh - My question was - last week there was a women in here asking about the cheerleading and whether or not her daughter could be added an council said, "They would have to look into it." I'm just wondering if you made any progress on the...Johnson: As far as, I'm pretty sure she's...Marushock: That's been resolved. Johnson: Yes. Marushock: That's been, I know that's been resolved. Jarosh: Has she been added? Marushock: Yes. Jarosh: Thank you. I was just curious about that. Johnson: Well only the 1 mom *inaudible*...Menichetti: 2 kids dropped

out so they had 2 openings. Jarosh: Just for the record; I was never against any kid from any other town being in there. Johnson: I know. I know. Jarosh: I just didn't see why we just couldn't add 1 child. Marushock: That's been resolved. Jarosh: All right. Thank you.

Larry Hartshorn: Yes my daughter-in-law, when she was hired in Mrs. Sullivan's place, what did her job consist of? **Marushock:** I don't have job descriptions in front of me. **Hartshorn:** Well you don't have, nobody's lookin' now... She's only gonna do what Mrs. Sullivan done or Miss Sullivan, or whatever. And I don't want to see council up here firing her because she's not doing her job. Just remember that. I want that on record. **Marushock:** Actually I think we did make some changes. We took the payroll away, that's now from an outside source. **Hartshorn:** You didn't have, you didn't have any duties on there. **Marushock:** The minutes of the meetings are now being done by an outside source. I think we actually lightened it. **Unidentified:** *Inaudible*. It's come around a little more Geddy and look, *inaudible*. You got a table out there 8-foot long. **Hartshorn:** You better pay attention to what's going on around here that you're president of the council. **Marushock:** I understand that and we've been to the best of my knowledge. **Hartshorn:** Yeah, you've been. You've been - to your, in your case. **Marushock:** Right. Things aren't going your way right now Mr. Hartshorn I understand... *Few speaking at once*. **Marushock:** Pardon? **Unidentified:** You forgot who put you there huh? You forgot who worked for you huh, buddy. Guess that's what favors you get once in a while. **Marushock:** A lot of people *inaudible* and I am trying to act in the best interest... **Unidentified:** Oh I know you are. **Marushock:**... of everyone in this borough. **Unidentified:** This ain't Roadway you gotta remember that. **Marushock:** I am very much aware of that. I am very much aware of that. **Unidentified:** O.K. **Hartshorn:** You're lucky your father ain't living yet. **Marushock:** How quick people forget. How quick people forget. I have an obligation to vote with my conscience in best interest of the borough of Throop and I intend to do so. If you people planned on putting a puppet up here you voted for the wrong guy. *Laughter*. **Hartshorn:** We put a beauty up there I'll tell you that. **Marushock:** That's your opinion. Are you done Mr. Hartshorn? **Hartshorn:** Yeah, done. You better believe I'm done. You remember that.

Ed Bocan - Once again for the volunteer hose company. As you know we are going through with this project. We would appreciate your help. One thing we do ask, on behalf of the fire department, we're asking if you would forgo or excuse our fees as far as zoning or ordinances. We did give Rodney a check for the \$300.00. If we could be reimbursed or you would forgo those expenses we would appreciate that at the least. And I mean like I said if you could do anything for us as far as the building goes we would appreciate that also, O.K.?
Now... **Marushock:** I think Mr. Bocan whatever we can do along that line legally I don't see that being a problem for any of us as far as fees and things like that. Again, as we discussed earlier this evening, considering the numbers that we have before us I can't see any further expenditures right now. Please bear with us. Again I'm not going to say we cannot do something in the future but at this meeting this evening I don't see that happening. **Bocan:** O.K., like I said just keep it in mind. Like I said whatever you could do we'd appreciate it. I just wanted to just let you know.
Marushock: Well keep that in mind and address that in the future but... **Bocan:** And another important note - As Assistant Fire Marshall if I didn't bring it up I would probably be neglecting my duties. In the past 2 weeks we've had 3 very serious accidents here in town. I'm sure you're probably all aware of them. 1 on Sanderson, Cypress and Sanderson, Cypress Street just by Scranton Craftsman, and the 900 block of South Valley Ave., all right? The last one, 900 block of

South Valley Ave., it probably took anywhere from the neighborhood of 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours from start to finish, from the State Police investigation until when we were cleaned up and out of there. The reason why I'm bringing it up is years ago it was passed to open up Franko Street to get another access up there to those other people up there that live in that development. South Valley Ave. was closed for approximately an hour, it was shut right down. Then they opened it up to Ash Street and they sent cars up in Ash to go over Clay, Bush Street and come down Division. That was working and then a tractor-trailer had come up from South Valley from Olyphant, went up Division, blocked it all off. Now there's no traffic coming that way. In the event of an emergency whether it be heart attack, fire. If that accident was 100 feet or 50 feet this side of Ash Street you had no access to that at all up there. Once again the fire department, our company at least - I'm sure #2 and #1 would be in agreement with me - I'm not speaking for them. Something has to be done. I feel something has to be done. Whether you open up Franko Street to Ridge Street, which was proposed 2 years ago, which the engineering was done and all that but like I said I don't know what happened with that. I know it was passed. I don't know what happened. I'm not saying open up that road I'm just saying we need another access road to that part of the area. I don't think the people up there, we did sign petitions. I think everybody signed it. I don't think there was anybody, nobody declined it. I don't think those people should suffer. They all pay taxes. If, like I said, in the event that accident was 50 feet this way we had no access to that development. Yes we do have Dickson City and we do have the highway but if there's something else going on in Olyphant. Like I said I can't read, you know we don't have a ball or nothing like and I could guarantee there's gonna be more accidents in here because Lackawanna County did have, they did have their D.U.I. set up on South Valley. I think it was South Valley and Dunmore Street and Cypress right there, that intersection. I think from 1:00 or 12:00, I think they stopped about 1:00 or something like that because of the weather. And I think they already had 16 D.U.I.'s at that point and time. I'd have to go back and get the records for that. It is a haven for drunk drivers. For some reason they do come through there and I just don't want to see. Like I said I live on Martarano Drive and I'm not speaking for Martarano Drive I'm speaking as the Assistant Fire Marshall for a safety thing. Open up a road there. Put signs there - Emergency Use for Emergency Vehicles Only - but give us something else. I know there was property damage done up on Martarano Drive. I don't know if anybody came for it. I'm not gonna speak for nobody. I'm not... Marushock: I did *inaudible* to a resident on Martarano Drive... Bocan: I'm not gonna say any names or nothin' like that but I know there was a truck that went up in there... Marushock: Tractor-trailer. Bocan: ...and ran over their, some of their yard. Marushock: Right. Bocan: Know what I mean? Now like it's minimal. Like I said a house could be replace if it burned. That's fine and dandy, I don't care about that. But if you if you have an entrapment, a child, anyone, elderly, that's, that's uncalled for. I mean something has to be done. I know, like I said 2 - 3 years ago council did pass an ordinance for that road to be opened. They did work up there. Engineers were taking core samples. I guess they gave the evaluation or whatever it was. Like I said if it's not that road open up something else. Take it into the 48 acres or something. Behind the development, whatever. Open up someplace. And that's all I want to say. Like I said I'm acting as the Assistant Fire Marshall. I mean that's my concerns. I just hope council and everybody could put everything aside and do it for those people that lived there. Marushock: Mr. Bocan I think, as I explained when *inaudible* before is I probably could support something with a gate across that roadway that's not used every day with the fire department's and emergency personnel having a key for that as a temporary roadway in the event of an emergency only. But as far as opening it up for through

traffic and I know even to try to address it to the local residents we cannot restrict it to the local residents. Again for me to personally support a temporary roadway with a chain across and not a through street only for emergency purposes I could see something maybe coming together for that but not to have that with unlimited access and/or being used say buy the residents of that area. But we could not restrict it to that. I believe we've had lengthy discussions along that line. Bacon: Well what would happen like as far as the traffic goes, like if there was a problem along there? They'd just have to turn them around? Marushock: I know that the tractor-trailer, I think *inaudible* the cars and everything flowed smoothly however 1 tractor-trailer especially with the spread axil and the long trailer where he had a big problem turning around. I've been made aware of some damage on the 1 lawn I believe or outside along the curb area. There's some new grass planted. That caused a major thing and quite honestly a tractor-trailer up on *inaudible* Street could pose a problem. I mean it's almost to the point you gotta get the tractor-trailer out of the way. But again I don't know because every emergency situation is different, how well you know. Bocan: Um-hum. Marushock: As far as then the rest of the vehicles they navigated that without any problem, the *inaudible* being turned around and diverted elsewhere. Bocan: See my main concern is, like I said, if for some reason that accident was right at the intersection of Ash and South Valley, right? Marushock: Yes. Bocan: That section of town had no fire protection from us. We could not get any vehicles this way. Dickson was already on scene from us. So now if we have other companies coming from other, be if from Dunmore or Archbald or where ever or down Moosic, depending on what you needed. Like if there would be a ladder truck or rescue they would have to take the highway, at best the highway, or Dickson City and come around the backside of Olyphant. Marushock: I kind of would hope in that situation that Olyphant can respond and be on that side of the accident. Bocan: See but there is a lot of things that can happen here. Marushock: Oh yeah, there's no doubt about it. Bocan: You know what I mean? That's the thing. We can't always rely on Olyphant being there because if they have an incident the same time as us... Marushock: Yeah, I mean it's... Bocan: ...their in the same boat. Like if they have an incident on South Valley Ave., just down from the turn there like on their, it's just right at the border line - Division and South Valley - which is Olyphant and we have our accident here, which very well can happen. Because like I said we had that 1 accident, there was a couple of them, the 1 was at Scranton Craftsmen then the major one was down where we were at. Marushock: O.K. Bocan: If it was there now you've blocked off both sections of the thing. Those people in that area are suffering. And I mean now I'm gonna go and talk as a father. If for some reason 1 of my child or anybody in my family or anyone up there gets sick or something happens to them majorly, now I'm not talking for the fireman I'm talking as a parent living up there. If something does happen and there's if there's an incident down there that can't go through I will see a lawyer and I could guarantee you there will be lawsuits in the town because we're not making access for that town. We're are, I'm *inaudible* to that. I pay taxes like everybody else. I don't know, I'm not saying I pay the most taxes but I do pay taxes and I'm being deprived of another access to that development. I mean like I said I don't care if it's Franko Street or whatever. Open it up through Marjol. Go up through the back road. We have 48 acres, put a road up in through there. Like I said I don't know why we can't do something like that. Barone: Not only that you're right because if they had to go down the highway, the new highway, supposing something happened in Olyphant. What's he gonna do back track? Where's he gonna go? Bocan: I appreciate your comments Joe. Bocan: Like you said it could happen. Bocan: Like I said there's a lot of variables that could happen. We have to look at everything. You know what I mean? You just can't sit one thing over. We're gonna

have a lot of traffic you know what I mean, or one thing. I mean, I just, all I want to say is just keep an opened mind like amongst yourselves, the 7 of you, the mayor, everybody. Keep an opened mind and see what's best for the people that are up there. That's all I'm asking. You know what I mean? Like I said...Marushock: We do have to take that under consideration. Johnson: You said that this was already passed, to open it? Bocan: There was...Marushock: We've got to take a look at it...Johnson: No, I'm just asking if it was passed at one time. I'm just asking...*Many speaking at once, inaudible.* Marushock: But again having an opened mind that we can...Bocan: That's all I'm asking. That's all I'm asking. Marushock: ...I will do this. Bocan: And I thank you for your time. Marushock: O.K., thank you. Motion to adjourn please. Shortz: I make the motion.

Meeting adjourned - 10:35 p.m.
Minutes by Catherine Egan