

1 THROOP COUNCIL
 2 THROOP, PENNSYLVANIA
 3
 4 IN RE: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
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 7 DECEMBER 22, 2005
 8 6:00 P.M.
 9 THROOP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
 10 436 SANDERSON STREET
 11 THROOP, PENNSYLVANIA

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 13 COUNCIL MEMBERS:
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 15 THOMAS LUKASEWICZ, PRESIDENT
 16 JAMES BARNICK, VICE PRESIDENT
 17 JOSEPH BARONE
 18 JOHN MUSEWICZ
 19 MAYOR STANLEY LUKOWSKI
 20 LOUIS CIMINI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR

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 25 Mark Wozniak

1 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance
 2 was recited.)
 3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: First of all, the
 4 members of Throop Borough Council would like
 5 to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a
 6 happy, healthy New Year. May God bless our
 7 borough and our military serving stateside and
 8 abroad.
 9 An executive session was held prior
 10 to this meeting regarding personnel matters
 11 and litigation matters.
 12 Announcements: There is a blood
 13 drive in the memory of Louis Cimoni Thursday,
 14 December 29, 2005 at the American Legion
 15 Raymond Henry Post 327 in Olyphant. Donation
 16 times are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 17 A reminder, the Throop Municipal
 18 Building will close Friday, December 23, at 11
 19 a.m. and reopen Tuesday, December 26, in the
 20 observance of the Christmas holiday.
 21 Throop Borough Council will hold
 22 their annual reorganization meeting on
 23 Tuesday, January 3, 2006. The meeting is
 24 scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.
 25 Hubert, before we open the sealed

1 bids let's have a roll call.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Ms. Johnson? Mr.
 3 Barnick?
 4 MR. BARNICK: Here.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 6 MR. MUSEWICZ: Here.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Marushock? Mr.
 8 Barone?
 9 MR. BARONE: Here.
 10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mayor Lukowski?
 11 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: Here.
 12 MR. HEGEDUS: Ms. Menichetti?
 13 Attorney Cimini?
 14 MR. CIMINI: Here.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Ms. Sullivan is here.
 16 Mr. Hegedus is present.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Present. All
 19 right, the first thing we will do is, Betsy is
 20 here as a representative from Spott &
 21 Associates. You gave us a brief summary of
 22 our ongoing project. Would you like to go
 23 through them?
 24 MS. HYNAK: Sure. The first one I'd
 25 like to address is the Throop maintenance

1 garage. Rob met with Dan Rochon on Tuesday of
 2 this week and they made some revisions to the
 3 design of the building. And Rob also decided
 4 to change the orientation of the building to
 5 accommodate any future expansion.
 6 I'd like to introduce you to Brian
 7 Swanson. He's an associate with our company,
 8 with Spott & Associates, and he's going to be
 9 handling all of the site development for the
 10 DPW complex.
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You'll be the point
 12 man.
 13 MS. HYNAK: Brian is a professional
 14 engineer and he has a tremendous amount of
 15 experience in that field.
 16 MR. SWANSON: I've been working with
 17 Fred for about a year and I've been in the
 18 area doing this kind work for about 12 years.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It's good to know
 20 we have somebody that's dedicated to moving
 21 this project forward and we expect it to be a
 22 reality shortly. Whatever we need to do to
 23 expedite this. It's very important.
 24 MS. HYNAK: The other thing I wanted
 25 to address was it just came to my attention

1 that council didn't realize that we had the
 2 property surveyed at least six months ago.
 3 Bob Mendola had done it. And I had forwarded
 4 copies of the property survey to the borough.
 5 I'll have more copies made and I'll send those
 6 just so you're aware of it.

7 I also have Joe Lednovitch's
 8 schedule to do a topographic survey of the
 9 property next week so that we can get all the
 10 contours and everything so that Brian can
 11 begin.

12 MR. BARNICK: You don't have to do a
 13 fly over?

14 MS. HYNAK: No. We're going to
 15 concentrate just on the area basically right
 16 where the building's going to go for right now
 17 because of the weather, and then after we will
 18 continue, you know, the rest of the property.
 19 There's also streets and that.

20 MR. BARNICK: You're the point man.
 21 My concern is that we get these drawings and
 22 everything done as quick as possible -- done
 23 right, but we need new conservation, new E and
 24 S plans into our planning, into our zoning,
 25 and get them in so we can break ground very

1 quick.

2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Early on in the
 3 year.

4 MR. BARNICK: March 1, if we can do
 5 it, depending on the weather. If we can open
 6 bids before March 1 it would be great.

7 MR. CARR: We'll do a good job for
 8 you, but like Betsy said, the topo is
 9 scheduled to be done next week. As soon as we
 10 have that we can incorporate Rob's design on
 11 the site and know where it belongs. But we
 12 need the topo to do the grading, parking
 13 areas, storm water management facility. And
 14 since the municipal building is a permanent
 15 use in that zoning district we don't have the
 16 zoning issues to go through with the exception
 17 of storage on the facility. But we'll have
 18 the land development plan and we'll go through
 19 all the steps and we'll submit it to the
 20 conservation district and keep those going.

21 We also need to make arrangements to
 22 connect all utilities, so as soon as we get
 23 the topographic information that let's us
 24 proceed with the detailed site design.

25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Brian, my concern

1 I'd like for you to keep in mind, I know I've
 2 been approached by residents up in the Warsaw
 3 section. It's important to me and I believe
 4 it's probably important to the rest of council
 5 that we leave as much of a buffer zone as
 6 possible to the abutting properties up in
 7 Warsaw. I'd like to see as little disturbed
 8 up that way --

9 MR. KALINOSKI: Right now we don't
 10 anticipate going anywhere beyond the fence of
 11 Yellow Freight. That should be the rear of
 12 the salt shed.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Make sure that
 14 nothing is disturbed up the higher end. When
 15 we spoke to them we submitted to whomever we
 16 are not going to disturb anything up there.

17 MR. KALINOSKI: When we spoke
 18 yesterday, what we're going to do is
 19 concentrate on that area from the fence
 20 forward and that's it. The rest of the site
 21 isn't going to be developed yet. If we do
 22 five, ten years down the road for something
 23 else then that's up to council.

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: This way if there
 25 are any phone calls, Robert or Robert, from

1 any of the citizens up there tell them we did
 2 discuss it here this evening and we have no
 3 intention of encroaching on their buffer zone.

4 MR. KALINOSKI: The only thing we
 5 may do up there, Tom, is there is some debris
 6 that's been dropped off over the years.

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Clean up things.
 8 That's understandable.

9 MR. BARNICK: The other thing is,
 10 when you do put this package together and
 11 everything is all ready to go for bids try to
 12 give us a cost estimate in a separate
 13 envelope, sealed, the day when we open bids
 14 from you guys. We tried to come in where you
 15 guys recommend this is what the price should
 16 be around. We always did that before, in the
 17 past, but they haven't been doing it the last
 18 couple years.

19 MR. KALINOSKI: Just so I can
 20 explain, I don't know if you're familiar with
 21 the civic center. They'll be doing site
 22 work. The building design is coming from
 23 design and build.

24 MR. BARNICK: They're coming through
 25 them. Right?

1 MR. KALINOSKI: Yeah, separate,
2 though. It's through them but separate.

3 MR. BARNICK: Is he billing through
4 them?

5 MR. KALINOSKI: Do you want him to
6 prepare something on the building, too?

7 MR. BARNICK: Separate for the
8 building and separate for the --

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Site tract.

10 MR. KALINOSKI: Does council want
11 the building itself separated for electrical,
12 mechanical, plumbing or all one package?

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Separate it. Get
14 the best value we can get.

15 MR. BARNICK: Include all the
16 inspection fees, too.

17 MS. HYNAK: The next one is Tiffany
18 Estates. We have never received anything from
19 Mr. Summa regarding this. I called him a few
20 times and he was still waiting for his
21 engineer, Russell Bilby, to complete the
22 design.

23 MR. BARNICK: I know who he is.
24 This is yours. Do you have a copy of this
25 thing? Tiffany Estates. This is for a storm

1 work. Or are we taking that on and they're
2 going to pay us?

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I have no idea.

4 MR. KALINOSKI: I was under the
5 impression, Jim, that they were going to do
6 the work.

7 MR. BARNICK: Fine.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Okay.

9 MS. HYNAK: Okay. Eddy, Franko and
10 Delaware.

11 MR. BARNICK: Before I forget, Lou,
12 also get a hold of Andy Summa, the Warsaw
13 property, so we get that off our books, too.

14 MS. HYNAK: The other thing, too, at
15 Tiffany, before we go on, Rob, was anything
16 ever done with the sidewalk and the fence?

17 MR. KALINOSKI: The sidewalk was
18 completed, the fence was completed about maybe
19 a month ago, three weeks to a month ago. That
20 is completed.

21 MS. HYNAK: I just wanted to make
22 sure. Eddy, Franko and Delaware streets, Bob
23 Padfield is working on the plan and specs for
24 this project. As a matter of fact, I asked
25 him today if he was positive that it would be

1 water plan.

2 MS. HYNAK: There's a major water
3 runoff problem in Tiffany Estates.

4 MR. BARNICK: I don't want to deal
5 with that man.

6 MS. HYNAK: We had given them
7 preliminary designs as to how to route the
8 storm runoff. Andy Summa, who is the owner of
9 Tiffany Estates, his engineer is Russell
10 Bilby. He gave him the preliminary design
11 that Bob Padfield in our office had designed
12 it. He was supposed to come up with a design
13 and give it back to us for review and we
14 haven't heard anything yet, and I called him a
15 few times.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Accommodations were
17 made with the development down below to take
18 the storm water.

19 MS. HYNAK: That's correct.

20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The pipe is there.

21 MR. BARNICK: All we need there is
22 the design --

23 MS. HYNAK: And outlet it into the
24 Lackawanna.

25 MR. BARNICK: They have to do the

1 done by the end of January so that we can try
2 and get everything together so that March 1 we
3 can send everything out for bid or as soon as
4 we get it.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: If this is ready to
6 go for bid in January --

7 MR. BARNICK: Let it go.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We want to put this
9 out for bid as soon as possible so we don't
10 forget that. The end of January I can't
11 anticipate it ready for bid?

12 MS. HYNAK: Uh-huh.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Betsy, probably the
14 beginning of the year we're going to have a
15 meeting every two weeks and possibly every
16 week.

17 MR. BARNICK: Until we get caught
18 up.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You can anticipate
20 whenever you have something ready to go, give
21 it to us and we'll schedule a meeting that
22 week or whatever. We're not going to lay down
23 on anything. We'll move forward quickly.

24 MS. HYNAK: Okay. The mast arm, I
25 have a call in to PennDOT to find out what

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1 permits we need to begin this project. I'm
2 waiting for them to get back to me. I wanted
3 to call him today and I just didn't get a
4 chance. I will call him first thing tomorrow
5 morning.

6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The sign is already
7 done. I believe they even marked the site
8 where it's going to go. So once the permits
9 are secured this can be done.

10 MS. HYNAK: Go right ahead.

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Just so we know the
12 status of it.

13 MS. HYNAK: Okay. The next is Meade
14 Street, the sanitary and the storm sewer
15 project.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I believe someone
17 from the county is going to come in on the
18 12th.

19 MR. KALINOSKI: The 12th. Michelle
20 will be available on the 12th. She just
21 wanted council to know that the bids, she can
22 hold them until the 24th of January.

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: They're going to be
24 here on the 12th. We'll have a lengthy
25 discussion on that on the 12th.

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1 MR. KALINOSKI: We've got a meeting
2 set up, myself, Betsy, Ernie, Michelle on the
3 5th, so we'll have answers for council.

4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Here?

5 MR. KALINOSKI: Here.

6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Let me know or
7 Jimmy or any of the other councilmen.

8 MR. BARNICK: Give us a reminder the
9 day before, at least.

10 MS. HYNAK: Kriger is still owned
11 for the final payment on Meade Street.

12 MR. BARNICK: They're going to be.

13 MS. HYNAK: I'm holding the
14 payment. I haven't released it yet. The
15 reason I haven't released it is because there
16 are still ongoing problems. But they were
17 supposed to test those lines, and in lieu of
18 testing they were supposed to video them and
19 they haven't done it. So that's the reason
20 that I am holding back that payment. I
21 haven't released it yet, just so you're
22 aware.

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Don't release that
24 until we have this meeting on the 12th, at
25 least.

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1 MS. HYNAK: That goes through the
2 county. And I've been talking to Michelle on
3 that also, so she is aware of it.

4 MR. BARNICK: I think they know
5 where we stand, too.

6 MS. HYNAK: I talked to Jim at
7 Kriger and I've also been talking ongoing with
8 Michelle down at the county, so she's aware of
9 why I'm withholding payment.

10 Sanderson Street, the storm sewer
11 extension, when Rob and I had looked over
12 those we decided to change a few of the items
13 so that we could try and get this project to
14 be under \$10,000 so we could do it with phone
15 bids. These changes are currently being
16 completed.

17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: This is another one
18 that we should hear by the end of January?

19 MS. HYNAK: Oh, yeah.

20 MR. BARNICK: If you can't
21 incorporate enough changes to come under
22 \$10,000 don't waste much time on it.

23 MS. HYNAK: No.

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Has there been a
25 motion to put this out for bid?

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1 MR. BARNICK: No. They won't need
2 it if they go under the \$10,000.

3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Okay, Robert. So
4 there will be a motion to advertise for bids
5 for Sanderson Street storm sewer extension.
6 If the projected is over \$10,000 it has to be
7 put out for bid. This is one we can start
8 probably early March. This one is not very
9 big. It can be done very easy. It's got to
10 be done, hopefully before storm season
11 starts.

12 MS. HYNAK: The next one is the
13 industrial park retention pond and bank
14 stabilization. Rob, was that ever put out?

15 MR. KALINOSKI: No.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Behind Bolus'?

17 MR. KALINOSKI: Yes. We've been
18 talking about that --

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Didn't we have it
20 rechanneled to bring the water in.

21 MR. KALINOSKI: No, all the water
22 washed out in that one storm.

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Over the bank?

24 MR. KALINOSKI: The whole bank came
25 down into the channel. The bank roughly

1 behind Gertrude Hawk's, that all washed out
2 and filled part of the basin and the channel.
3 Now, we've talked about that since May and
4 it's been brought up four or five work
5 sessions in the past. It was never put on for
6 a motion.

7 MR. BARNICK: Is it over ten?

8 MS. HYNAK: Oh, yes.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: What you need here
10 is to go in and take all that sediment out.

11 MR. KALINOSKI: Take the sediment
12 out and reshape that bank.

13 MS. HYNAK: In the basin is all the
14 debris from the bank washed down.

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I understand that,
16 but I remember something at one time --

17 MR. KALINOSKI: There is still a
18 fisher in that basin.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You need special
20 equipment to work in it and not go into the
21 retention pond. Are you aware of that?

22 MS. HYNAK: Uh-huh.

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It can be done
24 immediately?

25 MS. HYNAK: Yes. All the

1 construction drawings are done. Just bid
2 documents are being worked on. We can have
3 that for you next session.

4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We'll pass a motion
5 this evening to advertise for bids for the
6 industrial park retention pond and bank
7 stabilization project. As soon as you have
8 your specs ready put it up for bid.

9 MR. BARNICK: Find out what we need
10 to close this one.

11 MS. HYNAK: Gangi Pizza.

12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Are we ready with
13 that one?

14 MS. HYNAK: Just about. The
15 drawings are completed, but Rob and I were
16 discussing this the other day, and they want
17 to come in with the equipment off Crawford
18 Court. So I need Joe, when he comes out to --

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That's behind
20 Freddy.

21 MR. KALINOSKI: Behind Freddy and
22 the hose company, that's the way they're
23 probably going to come in with equipment so
24 that they can reach beyond Gangi's. There's
25 no way they're going be able to set in that

1 hose company lot because of the wall and
2 everything that's there. They won't be able
3 to get close.

4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: A lot of it will
5 have to be hand dug.

6 MR. KALINOSKI: Some of it will have
7 to be hand dug, but most of it we think will
8 be done with a machine. So what we're looking
9 for is a temporary construction easement to
10 come in off that alley and be able to get in
11 through there.

12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Did you ever look
13 to see if attorney Brazil or were you made
14 aware that attorney Brazil possibly had
15 easements? Did you look into that yet?

16 MR. CIMINI: I talked to John. He
17 said that Betsy was working on them.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: So there are no
19 easements in place yet?

20 MS. HYNAK: No, there aren't. I had
21 forwarded them to him, but when I talked to
22 Rob the other day about this -- of course
23 we're going to need that additional temporary
24 construction easement.

25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: From Crawford

1 Court.

2 MS. HYNAK: Right, so I'm sending
3 Joe Lednovitch up because I need the location
4 of the garage there, the edges of pave so that
5 I have the correct areas.

6 MR. BARNICK: There's a new owner in
7 one house.

8 MS. HYNAK: So all of those
9 easements that I did prior, they're going to
10 have to be revised with the new name. So as
11 soon as I have the name I'll revise those and
12 get them down to attorney Cimini.

13 MR. KALINOSKI: That should include
14 probably three properties.

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: So if we get those
16 we can move forward on that. Robert, can you
17 get a short letter out to Carl from Gangi and
18 tell him that it was discussed this evening
19 and the plans are basically in place. We're
20 awaiting the securement of a few easements and
21 we anticipate moving forward with the project
22 shortly.

23 MR. BARNICK: Have you spoke to the
24 new owners of that house? Everybody else
25 agreed. Right.

1 MR. KALINOSKI: I have nothing to
 2 show them yet, Jim.
 3 MR. BARNICK: Did you even mention
 4 to them what we plan on doing down there?
 5 MR. KALINOSKI: No, only Bobby
 6 Armstrong.
 7 MR. BARNICK: Why don't you go down
 8 and give them a heads up. At least you'll
 9 know where they stand they'll know where we
 10 stand, too.
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: They might have
 12 some concerns about the drainage coming in
 13 their yard that we might be able to pick up
 14 somehow.
 15 MS. HYNAK: We had discussed that,
 16 too, because you're going to tear down --
 17 MR. KALINOSKI: Hose company number
 18 one should be coming down right after the
 19 holidays. Contract was awarded.
 20 MR. BARONE: Who got that?
 21 MR. KALINOSKI: Chorba.
 22 MR. BARNICK: You could make an
 23 underground retention basin if you had to to
 24 let the water out slower where it fills up
 25 down in that corner. Isn't that pipe elevated

1 MR. BARNICK: We might be able to
 2 control that whole corner because that's a
 3 mess with them storms. If we did have a
 4 retention pond that ran -- you know what I
 5 mean?
 6 MR. KALINOSKI: Yeah.
 7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: If you can put a
 8 retention pond there and a green area.
 9 MS. HYNAK: Okay, Cypress Street
 10 manhole. The survey work is done on that.
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I have no idea what
 12 that is.
 13 MR. KALINOSKI: Cypress at Goodman,
 14 part of the manhole was missing at the
 15 bottom. And there's also a section of pipe up
 16 on Cypress Street, I think a four-foot section
 17 that was missing that had to be repaired or
 18 replaced.
 19 MS. HYNAK: As soon as Rob can he's
 20 going to get the invert so we can design
 21 that.
 22 Then the other one is the Kossuth
 23 Street sanitary. Survey work is also done on
 24 that and Rob's going to get the inverts for
 25 that one, too. Just so council is aware of

1 the wrong way in that one part?
 2 MR. KALINOSKI: That was repaired,
 3 Jim. I think what's happening, you have the
 4 box culvert that crosses the road. Where the
 5 pipes tie in to the box culvert is right at
 6 the bottom of the invert of that box culvert.
 7 What happens, when we get these heavy storms
 8 that box culvert fills almost halfway up and
 9 the water can't release into that box culvert
 10 from these inlets and the pipes. It goes down
 11 very slowly. That's why it ponds there.
 12 So what we plan on doing is coming
 13 around the other side and we can drop it into
 14 the system from the top and we don't have to
 15 worry about resistance from the capacity of
 16 what's already in there.
 17 MR. BARNICK: What's Chorba going to
 18 do, just seed over the top?
 19 MR. KALINOSKI: No, just modified.
 20 That's what we talked about for a parking
 21 area, just put modified on top.
 22 MR. BARNICK: Tell him don't do too
 23 much until we know what we're going to do.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Don't do much of
 25 anything.

1 it, because of the way the sewer line runs
 2 that a portion of the sidewalk and the curbing
 3 is going to have to be replaced.
 4 MR. BARNICK: That's slate or stone
 5 curbing?
 6 MR. KALINOSKI: No, I think it's
 7 bituminous.
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: One other thing, we
 9 discussed it, Mr. Rocco, you were asking about
 10 a pump to be placed in the storm drain down
 11 there across from the project. What street is
 12 that.
 13 MR. KALINOSKI: Bellman Street.
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: When the Lackawanna
 15 gets too high it discharges. Robbie, do you
 16 want to -- I believe you can explain it better
 17 than me.
 18 MR. KALINOSKI: There's a system
 19 that parallels the Lackawanna River at the
 20 bottom of Sanderson Street where we're going
 21 to tie this. It runs in a southerly direction
 22 with the flow of the Lackawanna. Where it
 23 outlets -- it outlets, I'm going to say, maybe
 24 a foot above normal flows of the river. When
 25 the river comes up there's a flap gate. The

1 flap gate closes, the whole system fills up,
2 doesn't release. We have to pump it out
3 manually.

4 There's been discussions about
5 putting an automatic pump right in the inlet
6 so when it does come up to a certain level the
7 flow kicks on the pump and actually pumps it
8 out.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Can you look and
10 see if that's doable?

11 MS. HYNAK: We'll check into it.

12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Robert, put a
13 motion on to have Spott & Associates review
14 the situation that we just discussed about a
15 possible pump being installed in the existing
16 inlet of the storm system on Bellman Street.
17 There are some concerns with the new
18 development going in and all that is closed in
19 now that this storm pipe doesn't actually
20 handle everything. You know, we'd like to get
21 that down there this spring. So this is
22 something we can look into as soon as
23 possible.

24 MS. HYNAK: That's all I have. Just
25 as Rob said, that the paving program will

1 probably start in the spring, 2006 paving.
2 That was something else that's going to be
3 coming up. That's the only thing I'm aware
4 of.

5 MR. KALINOSKI: I haven't put a list
6 together yet.

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The list that we
8 have right here that's been in progress for
9 two years and never got started. I'm just
10 visualizing all this happened all at once.
11 Robert, you have some things for Betsy or
12 anything?

13 MR. KALINOSKI: No.

14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Betsy, Brian, thank
15 you. It's a pleasure having you on, Brian.
16 Anticipate a lot of phone calls from Jimmy and
17 I to you. The garage, we want it to be a
18 reality. We don't want another winter without
19 a DPW complex in place. Thank you.

20 MR. KALINOSKI: The Vaughn Street
21 pump station, I think everybody's aware that
22 we have a pump down. Pumping solutions, who
23 have done repairs in the past, will be there
24 next week. The pump will have to be pulled.
25 We called Roto Rooter to come in with their

1 tripod and everything and they're going to
2 pull the pump and clean it out and send the
3 pump out. In the meantime we still have one
4 that's operable.

5 Gibbons Ford, the 2006 F-350, we
6 were contacted, I think, Monday of this week
7 from John Sheerin from Gibbons that he
8 mistakenly omitted the cost of the plow in his
9 proposal. Council relied on his number, which
10 was 31,999, to award the '06 F-350 to
11 Gibbons. The cost of the plow is an
12 additional 3975, which makes Gibbons the
13 higher bidder. But when you go back and you
14 look through the bids and the options Gibbons
15 has probably \$1,010 worth of options that
16 Phillips Ford doesn't offer. Phillips Ford
17 has \$85 worth of options that Gibbons doesn't
18 offer. Phillips Ford has an eight and a half
19 foot Fisher plow, Gibbons has an eight-foot
20 Fisher plow. There's about \$500 difference
21 between the two of them.

22 Both of them have different
23 spreaders. Phillips Ford has an Air Flow
24 model stainless steel spreader. Gibbons has a
25 Swenson model stainless steel spreader. About

1 \$700 difference in price.

2 I spoke to John Sheerin yesterday
3 regarding negotiating the price. He said he'd
4 come down roughly \$1,000. It's not quite
5 \$1,000. He can come down on the price to
6 34,990. He said that's the lowest he can go.

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Just have to do
8 that.

9 MR. KALINOSKI: The 34,990, just so
10 council is aware, does not include the Rhino
11 lining that we asked for and it won't include
12 the extended warranty. I spoke to John today
13 about the extended warranty. He will have a
14 cost for me tomorrow.

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Make a motion to
16 increase the price of the F-350 to Gibbons
17 Ford by the amount -- that's how much?

18 MR. KALINOSKI: The total will be
19 34,990 less the Rhino lining and the extended
20 warranties.

21 MR. BARNICK: When can they get that
22 to us?

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It's ready to
24 come. Do everything to get that truck here
25 tomorrow, as soon as possible.

1 Attorney Cimini, I don't think
2 there's any problem with this legal wise, it
3 was just a mistake by whomever.

4 MR. CIMINI: Right.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Nothing was ever
6 done with the intention of deceiving anyone.

7 MR. CIMINI: No.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Make the
9 appropriate phone calls tomorrow, Robert, and
10 have it delivered.

11 MR. KALINOSKI: Bert Collins, the
12 emergency sewer repair, that came in. Just so
13 council is aware, it was over \$10,000. At
14 council's recommendation we got an opinion
15 from Mr. Cimini, since it was an emergency.
16 And it also fell under the one exception for
17 advertising for contracts since it was an
18 existing line that's being replaced. That
19 started today. We did one test fit, started
20 to install the spur and saddle on the main,
21 one length of pipe, and we also did the test
22 fit over the gas and water main which we
23 should clear and be able to get about one and
24 a half percent slope from the existing --

25 MR. BARNICK: What was the total?

1 MR. KALINOSKI: Sixteen and change.
2 There should be something in your packets with
3 Louie's opinion, the bid results, and the
4 notice of award and notice to proceed.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We'll put a motion
6 on to ratify the proposal from Scranton
7 Craftsmen at a cost of how much?

8 MR. KALINOSKI: Sixteen-something,
9 Tom. There should be something in your
10 packet. I thought there was a motion on to
11 approve it to award it to the lowest bidder,
12 the one that I received.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We did do that, but
14 just to have it on record.

15 MR. BARNICK: As an emergency repair
16 by the solicitor's opinion.

17 MR. KALINOSKI: There were three
18 quotes that were solicited. They were from
19 Scranton Craftsmen, Pioneer and Fabcor.
20 Scranton Craftsmen came in at 16-something,
21 Pioneer came in at 17-something, Fabcor came
22 in at 20.

23 The last thing I have is I put in
24 for the remainder or balance of my personal
25 time, vacation before the end of the year but

1 there's no way I'm going to be able to take it
2 before that. Scranton Craftsmen is going to
3 finish that job up on Bert Collins on Tuesday
4 of next week, I have Roto Rooter coming in on
5 Wednesday for that line up at the end of
6 Linwood that we've been getting complaints
7 on.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Did you ever get
9 back up for Maid-Rite?

10 MR. KALINOSKI: That's where it
11 happened originally, Tom. Now, we've checked
12 the line a couple times and there's no
13 grease. We had it flushed two weeks ago and
14 jet vacked two, three weeks ago. The flow
15 seemed fine. I don't know what's wrong. But
16 the resident says every time they have cold
17 whether that they have sewer smell. I looked
18 at the vents on the house and the vents look
19 like they might be two-inch vents or inch and
20 a half, they may be freezing. And the
21 complaints started when we did get that cold
22 spell when the temperatures were down in the
23 single digits.

24 Now, as far as vacation and
25 personals, would I be able to carry that over

1 into next year?

2 MR. BARNICK: How much is it?

3 MR. KALINOSKI: Two and a half
4 days.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Do it by motion to
6 authorize Street Commissioner Kalinoski to
7 roll over two and a half days of comp time for
8 next year.

9 MR. KALINOSKI: That's all I have.

10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Robert, the motion
11 to adopt the budget, that's not on here?

12 MR. HEGEDUS: No.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion number eight
14 would be to adopt the 2006 operating budget.

15 MR. BARNICK: We're on 14 now.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: What we'll do,
17 Robert, when it comes time to read the motion,
18 you'll read the motion because you have a copy
19 of them there.

20 MR. BARNICK: All right, 14.

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: He's got some
22 changes to the budget first.

23 MR. BARNICK: Before I begin, I know
24 it was asked before, this yellow page ad, did
25 we ever find out where that went to?

1 MR. HEGEDUS: We had a bill that we
2 found and we found a pay stub, and Mr.
3 Musewicz submitted a letter to Ms. Hartshorn
4 and I never received a response on it. She
5 gave us the blue pages.

6 MR. BARNICK: Supposedly they were
7 paying \$300 for a yellow page ad.

8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Throop Borough has
9 a yellow page ad?

10 MR. BARNICK: Yes.

11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Why?

12 MR. BARNICK: I don't know.

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It's a shame, but
14 there's so many things that we're finding out,
15 monies that were wasted, bills that still
16 haven't been paid. We get invoices coming in
17 every other day from bills that weren't paid.
18 It's hard to believe.

19 MR. BARNICK: The place is a
20 disaster, two years.

21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: What else?

22 MR. BARNICK: I don't know how the
23 rest of you feel on it, but I'd like to see an
24 ordinance adopted for the \$52 EMS tax. I
25 can't see where people in this town are going

1 \$12,000 exemption if you choose to. If you
2 choose not to have any exemption you can do
3 that right now. But if the senate passes the
4 mandatory \$12,000 exemption then it's
5 mandatory.

6 MR. BARNICK: I want to put it at
7 \$12,000. Add this revenue to streets and
8 sewers.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Revenue can be
10 designated for streets and sewer repairs.

11 MR. CIMINI: Don't you want to vote
12 on it before the end of the year?

13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We have to
14 advertise it.

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Does it have to be
16 enacted before the end of the year?

17 MR. CIMINI: I don't think to so.

18 MR. BARNICK: It's not a
19 requirement.

20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We'll do it at the
21 January 3 meeting.

22 MR. CIMINI: Are you going to vote
23 the January 3 meeting?

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Yes.

25 MR. BARNICK: That's the

1 outside this borough working and they have to
2 pay the tax, and the people coming in working
3 are scot-free, with the exception of the
4 \$12,000 salary cap.

5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You want a salary
6 cap, if it's under \$12,000 people don't have
7 to pay it?

8 MR. BARNICK: Right, they're exempt
9 if it's approved by the senate.

10 MR. CIMINI: The ordinance will be
11 drafted so it has to be adopted by ordinance.

12 MR. BARNICK: Advertise the
13 ordinance.

14 MR. CIMINI: Advertise the ordinance
15 to enact the EMS tax.

16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: At the rate of \$52.

17 MR. BARNICK: The rest of the towns
18 are doing it. I know Olyphant's got it,
19 Dickson's got it.

20 MR. CIMINI: You're going to have to
21 advertise this immediately.

22 MR. BARNICK: Immediately. You're
23 going to have to draw it up tomorrow or
24 whatever and get it right to the Times.

25 MRS. MORRELL: The borough can set a

1 reorganization meeting. All right, the next
2 one is to retain the services of attorney
3 William Jones as outside special council at a
4 rate of \$125 an hour to file whatever
5 necessary action to demand strict proof of
6 residency for council person Cindy
7 Johnson/Blanchard.

8 Number 16, to authorize a committee
9 of three persons appointed by president of
10 council to negotiate any contract negotiations
11 with the bank.

12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Which bank is
13 that?

14 MR. CIMINI: First Fidelity Bank?

15 MR. BARONE: Three plus the mayor.
16 Mayor, do you want to be on it?

17 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: Sure, why not.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We'll make sure the
19 mayor is on it. He's been watching that like
20 a hawk.

21 MR. BARNICK: Just for obtaining
22 that building as a borough building, as a
23 borough-owned building.

24 Seventeen, to amend the current
25 budget to eliminate landfill inspector

1 positions and transfer any sums for any
2 revenues -- salaries, that would have to be,
3 to the streets and sewers, too. We need every
4 bit we can get. They're dumping in Dunmore
5 and we've been taking care of all the landfill
6 inspectors. With the money we have to spend
7 to get these financial problems in order and
8 everything else, the mess that was created in
9 the last two years it's going to cost us some
10 money. The landfill has its own inspector
11 that's on duty all the time and the state does
12 the weekly, monthly inspection up there. All
13 them extra residual waste and all that stuff
14 you see, it's not like it's signed off by the
15 landfill inspector. They're actually signed
16 off by DEP. They're the ones that allow it
17 through the codes.

18 Eighteen is to authorize the
19 president of council to issue subpoenas acting
20 under quasi-judicial function of council for
21 all records, worker's comp insurance claims,
22 employment finances, et cetera for the Throop
23 Community Ambulance. A lot of taxpayer money
24 was used over there. I think we need to find
25 out where it went. You have almost \$250,000

1 just to the bank. Where's the funds that they
2 were collecting? Where's all the rest? We
3 need to know as taxpayers. So much was
4 donated for so many years. Not only that, I
5 guess, what was it, '94 or something like that
6 there was about \$200,000 that was used to
7 build that building.

8 MRS. MORRELL: Then another \$75,000
9 for an ambulance.

10 MR. BARNICK: So \$275,000. That
11 association was clean up until 2003. It was
12 totally --

13 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: This is a
14 catastrophe. It really is. For three years.
15 It's a catastrophe.

16 MR. BARNICK: I want to extend my
17 appreciation to Dickson City Ambulance for
18 covering us right now. We'd like to sit down
19 with you guys and see what we can work out.

20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We actually have to
21 solicit bids, correct, for ambulance?

22 MR. CIMINI: It's a service. I
23 don't think you do but I'll look into it.

24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Look in for sure if
25 it has to be solicited by bidder or can this

1 be done by sitting down with the entities.

2 MR. BARNICK: There are people in
3 this town that paid membership dues there.

4 EMS MEMBER: We're accepting their
5 membership.

6 MR. BARNICK: You're not really
7 required to, but being we're out of an
8 ambulance it's not there. We need to know
9 where this money went.

10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Thank you.

11 MR. BARNICK: I understand your
12 response time has been great the last 14
13 times. It's great.

14 MR. BARONE: Where does this ALS
15 come in? Are they going to keep going with
16 ALS?

17 MR. BARNICK: No. You are the main
18 provider for Throop. They have no authority
19 to really go to the Throop residences.

20 (Joseph Wargo inquired about the
21 present ambulance situation.)

22 MR. BARNICK: At this point just
23 hold on until we can sit down with these
24 people and try to talk with them. I'd say no
25 more than about 30 days.

1 EMS MEMBER: Until council takes
2 permanent action we will consider every
3 resident of the borough a member until council
4 takes further action.

5 MR. BARNICK: One thing that really
6 upsets me is that for the last two years we've
7 been trying to get Throop Ambulance over here
8 for a meeting and they just snowballed us and
9 snowballed us, this past majority. It's upset
10 me. That loan was taken as soon as this past
11 majority took over, January of 2004.

12 MR. BARNICK: Notify the
13 Pennsylvania Department of Health of the
14 ongoing situation of the ambulance because I'm
15 sure they're not aware of it.

16 Number 20, to amend the pay of
17 Christine Sullivan. There was a mistake I
18 made at the last meeting. We passed it at \$13
19 an hour, it's \$13.50.

20 Terminate the position of Brian Carr
21 as civic center director effective
22 immediately.

23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: All right. Let's
24 take audience comment on the printed agenda.

25 MR. BARNICK: I just got a couple

1 things I have to ask. I know there's planning
 2 fees. What I need to know is have our fees
 3 been collected over the past two years? Most
 4 of the time the way it used to work was people
 5 would come in and give their plans to the
 6 planning agency. They actually wouldn't get
 7 billed until their plans were approved, and
 8 they submitted so much money up front, I guess
 9 it is, stuff like that. But we would have to
 10 collect that, what's owed for the engineer
 11 hours and stuff like that, at the end. Has
 12 anybody been -- you guys know of any bills
 13 been sent out on this for the past two years?

14 MS. SULLIVAN: I know it was
 15 zoning. I really did not get the chance to
 16 check the planning.

17 MR. BARNICK: But you need to verify
 18 to the secretary that we are getting
 19 reimbursed for all of our planning engineer
 20 fees associated with the ordinance. He
 21 submitted his bill, Bob Bernosky, because we
 22 get reimbursed so much. If he was doing stuff
 23 for us it's different, but if he was doing it
 24 for people, engineering review and everything
 25 else, they're charged that, and I don't think

1 that was ever billed.

2 MR. HEGEDUS: I haven't seen any
 3 revenue collected except for the variances.

4 MR. BARNICK: Twenty-two -- well, I
 5 don't know if you have to do that by motion
 6 for the planning fees or notify by letter.

7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Just do it by
 8 letter.

9 MR. BARNICK: Let the secretary know
 10 she's going to have to get this together,
 11 Cathy Reilly. She's going to have to get it
 12 together and review for the past two years,
 13 here, if we ever had fees collected. But
 14 she's going to have to start issuing a lot of
 15 letters.

16 And 22 is going to be notify DEP for
 17 the inspection of Maid-Rite.

18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The air quality
 19 associated with the discharge from Maid-Rite
 20 located in Dunmore Borough. I've been
 21 contacted by numerous citizens in the Warsaw
 22 section that have complained throughout the
 23 year to the DEP about odors and health
 24 problems associated with the discharge that
 25 comes from Maid-Rite. And I believe there's

1 been quite an investigation by Gaynor Cawley's
 2 office, and I'd just like a complete review
 3 and a status report from the DEP of exactly
 4 what has transpired up there throughout the
 5 year so council knows what to expect in the
 6 future.

7 MR. BARNICK: Last one I got is,
 8 Lou, you said a search was done on this
 9 property?

10 MR. CIMINI: No, I didn't say it was
 11 done. It should be done by next week.

12 MR. BARNICK: Our motion to purchase
 13 it, was it effective or did we make the
 14 purchase?

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Yeah, everything
 16 was done.

17 MR. BARNICK: So he can just sign
 18 off once the search is done.

19 MR. CIMINI: That's all.

20 MR. BARNICK: I know it's within 30
 21 days. I want to make sure. And that money's
 22 going to be here. It was already authorized.
 23 That money is coming from the capital
 24 improvements fund.

25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Yes.

1 MR. BARNICK: That's the way the
 2 motion is listed? All right, that's all I
 3 have.

4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Elaine, do you have
 5 anything that you want to let us know about,
 6 what you've done with the books or whatever
 7 that's important right now?

8 MR. BARNICK: A brief summary.

9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Do we need to act
 10 on anything?

11 MRS. MORRELL: I don't know that you
 12 need to act on anything. Things just aren't
 13 any better the month after the last report.
 14 There haven't been entries in the computer or
 15 the financial system for the payroll. That is
 16 not at all, or for the transfers from the
 17 general fund to the payroll account. There
 18 were no entries.

19 I believe I mention that some of the
 20 guys that were heart and lung were actually
 21 listed under payroll to ADP. That was totally
 22 incorrect. They would have received W-2s if
 23 we didn't catch that.

24 We're pretty well up to date on
 25 Lenore's and I -- Lenore's bank

1 reconciliations. We did entries but there
2 were still -- we had -- the checks weren't
3 bouncing. The bank did not bounce the checks
4 but there were still several overdrafts with
5 NSF charges. Some of them were recovered.

6 But the whole financial system is
7 not any better than the last two months as it
8 was for the whole beginning of the year. In
9 fact, there were not many entries at all, if
10 any.

11 MR. MUSEWICZ: Most of the
12 outstanding bills, Elaine, are they paid?

13 MR. MORRELL: Most but not all.

14 MR. MUSEWICZ: Those fuel bills that
15 we had from --

16 MRS. MORRELL: There were several
17 bills that Chris and Lenore have been going
18 over to try and see what was outstanding and
19 what has been paid. It actually was a
20 nightmare because there were invoices and
21 bills all over the place.

22 MR. BARNICK: Pittney Bows was
23 cutting us right off. But I said send an
24 apology letter for what had happened in the
25 past two years and hopefully they'll restore

1 our credit and stuff like that because it's
2 ridiculous what was done here. They destroyed
3 this borough.

4 MRS. MORRELL: It really is a
5 nightmare. It's going to take time to go
6 through everything. A lot of the bills and
7 statements they did go through but not
8 everything yet. So the items that we did go
9 through, the girls went through, were on for
10 payment, but it's still going to take time to
11 go through everything.

12 MR. HEGEDUS: Well, we've been
13 working on that Berkheimer. You asked me to
14 investigate about the EMS tax not being
15 reimbursed for the first quarter. I found out
16 today that the money was deducted from the
17 paychecks but Berkheimer was never
18 reimbursed. The money was deducted from the
19 February 17 paychecks, so all that money
20 should have gone into our payroll account and
21 then transferred to the general fund and
22 subsequently to the Berkheimer.

23 MRS. MORRELL: ADP does not pay
24 Berkheimer directly?

25 MR. HEGEDUS: No. They said it's

1 the client's responsibility.

2 MRS. MORRELL: Well, then, the
3 occupational tax was never submitted.

4 MRS. DOLAN: You're telling me they
5 didn't know for two years?

6 MR. HEGEDUS: It's dated for the
7 first quarter of '05, and obviously the money
8 was deducted in February.

9 MS. DOLAN: In '05 they charged --

10 MR. BARNICK: I can't believe it. I
11 just keep hearing more and more and more.

12 MRS. DOLAN: I just want to thank
13 the people for voting who they voted in.
14 You'd have another four years of this.
15 Another four years of this. It is so bad. It
16 is really bad. But we have the best
17 equipment. We have the best equipment.
18 Top-notch chairs, top-notch computers, but no
19 work is done.

20 MRS. MORRELL: It's really sad when
21 the borough appoints Berkheimer as their tax
22 collector and the borough doesn't pay the tax
23 that they collected.

24 MR. BARNICK: Did we get our cable
25 fees?

1 MR. HEGEDUS: No, we didn't get the
2 second half. We got the first half but not
3 the second half.

4 MR. BARNICK: Check into that. See
5 if we got it last year.

6 MR. MUSEWICZ: Tom, let me make some
7 adjustments to the schedule over at the civic
8 center to get through the holidays, as far as
9 I'm hearing some complaints that we may not
10 have enough staff. Some of the employees may
11 be over 32 hours during the holiday season.

12 MR. BARNICK: Let the director run
13 it. Pass a general motion authorizing whoever
14 the director is to --

15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Accommodate the
16 situation as needed.

17 MR. MUSEWICZ: Just so we can stay
18 open.

19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Okay, John? All
20 right, audience comments on printed agenda
21 items or items discussed in the work session.
22 First row? Second row? Third row? Fourth
23 row?

24 (Joseph Wargo requested that the
25 record of past affairs of the Throop Booster

1 Club be closed.)
 2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We'll investigate
 3 that for sure.
 4 MR. BARNICK: We have to find out
 5 first.
 6 MRS. MORRELL: I have a question
 7 that's not on the agenda. There were two
 8 girls over the civic center -- three girls
 9 over the civic center, I'm sure you will
 10 recall, who were asked to work and not punch
 11 the clock but to cover for the director. This
 12 goes back to over a year ago. Were those
 13 girls ever paid for that time that they
 14 actually worked?
 15 MR. BARNICK: I doubt it.
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That we have to
 17 check.
 18 MRS. MORRELL: There were three
 19 girls that worked quite a bit of hours.
 20 MR. BARNICK: Two of them are gone.
 21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Christine, you can
 22 look into that. Who else? Coming cross the
 23 back? Towards the open doorway? Coming down
 24 my left?
 25 (Vince Tanana commented on the odors

1 (Joseph Tropiak discussed the
 2 situation with his property.)
 3 MR. BARNICK: We're waiting to see
 4 what we come up with in the budget. We still
 5 don't have the real numbers. We won't have
 6 the real numbers until Elaine and them finish
 7 these books. We don't even have a carry-over
 8 number right now from the previous year, if we
 9 have the carry-over number after all the bills
 10 are done. But that's what we're waiting for
 11 to see what can be done with your situation.
 12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You haven't been
 13 forgotten. We're just trying to see what kind
 14 of monies we have available.
 15 (Mr. Tropiak inquired about the
 16 cable contract and fees.)
 17 MR. BARNICK: I think it was a
 18 15-year contract and franchise fees.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: All right. First
 20 thing we're going to do is open up the bids
 21 for the F-350 pickup truck, sealed bids.
 22 Robert, as far as you're aware all bids came
 23 in on time?
 24 MR. HEGEDUS: Yes, sir. I think all
 25 of them are time-stamped.

1 from the Maid-Rite company.)
 2 MR. BARNICK: I don't think they're
 3 changing the filters the way they're supposed
 4 to.
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I heard they cut
 6 the filters in half because it was too heavy,
 7 so they reduced the filter size and put it up
 8 and DEP said it was okay.
 9 MR. BARNICK: Did they put more than
 10 one filter in?
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: They used a smaller
 12 size filter than what they were supposed to
 13 use. We're going to ask for a complete
 14 investigation and status report so we know
 15 what's going on. If we have to we'll bring
 16 someone in from DEP.
 17 MR. BARNICK: We have to bring our
 18 own person in to start monitoring what's going
 19 on.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I guess now in the
 21 winter it's not as bad because the windows
 22 aren't open in the house as much. But from
 23 what I've heard, when it discharges in the
 24 evening in the summer the elderly up there,
 25 they have breathing problems or whatever.

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: All right. The
 2 first one is from Scranton Sheet Metal. Their
 3 bid is \$9,000 and they have a bid bond of ten
 4 percent, \$900, in place.
 5 The next one Milana Baron from
 6 Morrisville, Pennsylvania, \$3,757.
 7 The next bid, it doesn't say who
 8 it's from. Dave's Auto Sales, \$14,100.
 9 Dave's Auto Sales, 831 Main Street, Simpson.
 10 The next one is from David
 11 Presteys. The total is \$4,158.
 12 The next one is from R.L. Lee
 13 Enterprises, \$7,210. They have a bid bond
 14 also.
 15 The next one is from DeNaples Auto
 16 Parts, \$2,800.
 17 The next one is from Jersey One Auto
 18 Sales, Incorporated, Jersey City, New Jersey,
 19 \$4,331.07.
 20 I believe that's all of them.
 21 MR. BARNICK: I'll make a motion to
 22 accept the bid of \$14,100 from Dave's Auto
 23 Sales, 831 Main Street, Simpson.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 25 Barnick. Second?

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1 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
 3 Barone. Is that on the agenda or not?
 4 MR. BARNICK: No, that's going to
 5 be --
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion 24. When
 7 the time comes that will be on there. Any
 8 audience comments on motion number 24 to
 9 accept the bid of \$14,100 for the truck? All
 10 right, Robert, whenever you're ready, if you
 11 want to read the motions and we'll go through
 12 them, please.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: First motion, motion
 14 to pay the final installment the borough
 15 pledged to the Valley Community Library in the
 16 amount of \$5,000. This is the final
 17 installment of a \$25,000 pledge dating back to
 18 2001.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion number one?
 20 MR. BARONE: I'll make it.
 21 MR. BARNICK: I'll second.
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 23 Barone, second by Mr. Barnick. On the
 24 question? Roll call.
 25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?

1 cash fund in the amount of \$131.64.
 2 MR. BARNICK: I'll make it.
 3 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 5 Barnick, seconded by Mr. Barone. On the
 6 question? Roll call.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 8 MR. BARNICK: For.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 10 MR. BARONE: For.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 12 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number four is
 16 a motion to replenish civic center petty cash
 17 in the amount \$323.12.
 18 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll make that
 19 motion.
 20 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 22 Musewicz, second by Mr. Barone. On the
 23 question?
 24 MR. BARNICK: Just on the question,
 25 what's the limit on their petty cash? What's

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1 MR. BARONE: For.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 3 MR. BARNICK: For.
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 5 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 8 MR. HEGEDUS: Number two, a motion
 9 to pay all employees of the borough of
 10 Throop.
 11 MR. BARONE: I'll make the motion.
 12 MR. BARNICK: I'll second.
 13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Barone,
 14 seconded by Barnick. On the question? Roll
 15 call, please.
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 17 MR. BARONE: For.
 18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 19 MR. BARNICK: For.
 20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 21 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 24 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion three is a
 25 motion to replenish the Throop Borough petty

1 their limit set at?
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: I don't know. I don't
 3 know if they had a limit or not.
 4 MR. MUSEWICZ: What was the previous
 5 limit?
 6 MRS. MORRELL: I think it used to be
 7 \$300.
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Replenish at \$300.
 9 Agree, John and Joe?
 10 MR. MUSEWICZ: Yes.
 11 MR. BARONE: Yes.
 12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call, please.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 14 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 16 MR. BARONE: For.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 18 MR. BARNICK: For.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 21 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number five is
 22 a motion to except the minutes of the Throop
 23 Borough Council meeting held Thursday,
 24 December 8, 2005.
 25 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll make it.

1 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 3 Musewicz, second by Mr. Barone. On the
 4 question? I didn't even review them.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 6 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 8 MR. BARONE: For.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 10 MR. BARNICK: For.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number six is a
 14 motion to pay all bills against the borough of
 15 Throop.
 16 MR. BARONE: I'll make it.
 17 MR. BARNICK: I'll second.
 18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 19 Barone, second by Mr. Barnick. On the
 20 question?
 21 MR. BARNICK: On the question, I
 22 want to designate that we pay all the bills,
 23 even the ones that are going to be coming up
 24 here, to try to close the books out because
 25 we're not going to have another meeting before

1 MR. BARNICK: No new contract,
 2 nothing between this. Make sure you talk to
 3 Tommy about everything.
 4 MS. SULLIVAN: I just discussed it
 5 with Robert in the hallway. Rob Bernosky,
 6 because of the fact that the billing was still
 7 behind. That's probably the reason why the
 8 planning agency fees were not done, because we
 9 didn't have the bills to do them. I just
 10 discussed that with Rob Kalinoski.
 11 MR. BARNICK: Well, we probably had
 12 two years of bills and they should have been
 13 on top with Bernosky's and send a bill
 14 monthly. If you're going to do this motion,
 15 I'll make the motion and include in there that
 16 he bills monthly from this point forward.
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I thought we made
 18 that clear --
 19 MR. BARNICK: But nobody was
 20 following it.
 21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Include a letter to
 22 him notifying him that he must bill monthly.
 23 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that motion.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 25 Barnick.

1 the end of the year. So the authorization
 2 for -- as long as you guys are -- make them
 3 all out, everything's verified, Lenore, so we
 4 can try and close out the books for the year.
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: On the question,
 6 P.J. Lavelle's bill, is that included in
 7 here?
 8 MR. HEGEDUS: No, not yet.
 9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Do you want to
 10 close that one out also?
 11 MR. BARNICK: You can't.
 12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I'd abstain. You
 13 don't have four votes.
 14 MR. BARNICK: It would be considered
 15 a non-quarum. All except that one.
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Everything except
 17 P.J. Lavelle's.
 18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 19 MR. BARONE: For.
 20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 21 MR. BARNICK: For.
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 23 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 24 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.

1 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
 3 Barone. On the question? Roll call.
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 5 MR. BARNICK: For.
 6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 7 MR. BARONE: For.
 8 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 9 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 12 MR. HEGEDUS: Number eight is a
 13 motion to advertise to bid Sanderson Street
 14 storm sewer extension if the project does not
 15 exceed \$10,000.
 16 MR. BARNICK: I'll make the motion.
 17 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by
 19 Mr. Musewicz. On the question? Roll call.
 20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 21 MR. BARNICK: For.
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 23 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 24 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 25 MR. BARONE: For.

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1 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 2 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 3 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number nine is
 4 to advertise for bids for the industrial park
 5 bank stabilization and detention basin
 6 project.
 7 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that.
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 9 Barnick.
 10 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
 12 Barone. On the question? Roll call.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 14 MR. BARNICK: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 16 MR. BARONE: For.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 18 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 21 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number ten is
 22 to have Spott & Associates survey and design a
 23 pump system for the storm inlet on the 300
 24 block of Bellman Street.
 25 MR. BARONE: I'll make it.

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1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: To investigate
 2 and --
 3 MR. BARNICK: Make recommendations.
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: So they have to
 5 investigate it first to see if it's even
 6 possible to do.
 7 MR. BARNICK: Not to design it yet.
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Not to design it
 9 but -- well, if it can be done we might as
 10 well authorize design also. So they're going
 11 to investigate it and, if it's possible, to
 12 design it also. Motion by Mr. Barone.
 13 MR. BARNICK: I'll second.
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
 15 Barnick. Roll call, please.
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 17 MR. BARONE: For.
 18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 19 MR. BARNICK: For.
 20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 21 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 24 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion 11 was to
 25 increase the price to \$34,990 based on the

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1 revised quote to Gibbons Ford to purchase the
 2 F-350 pickup.
 3 MR. BARNICK: I'll make the motion.
 4 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 6 Barnick, second by Mr. Musewicz. On the
 7 question, just for the record, there was never
 8 anything done to deceive anybody with the
 9 bidding process. It's just the way it panned
 10 out. Roll call, please.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 12 MR. BARNICK: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 14 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 16 MR. BARONE: For.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number 12, a
 20 motion to ratify the proposal by Scranton
 21 Craftsmen for emergency repairs to Bert
 22 Collins Drive. The cost is \$16,743.
 23 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that motion.
 24 Is that included in the motion --
 25 MR. HEGEDUS: Included was on the

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1 recommendation of Solicitor Cimini.
 2 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 4 Barnick, second by Mr. Barone. On the
 5 question? Roll call.
 6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 7 MR. BARNICK: For.
 8 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 9 MR. BARONE: For.
 10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 11 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 12 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 14 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number 13 is a
 15 motion to authorize Robert Kalinoski to roll
 16 over 2.5 days to his 2006 benefit time.
 17 MR. BARNICK: I'll make it.
 18 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 20 Barnick, second by Mr. Barone. On the
 21 question? Roll call.
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 23 MR. BARNICK: For.
 24 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 25 MR. BARONE: For.

1 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 2 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 3 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion 14, to
 6 advertise an ordinance to enact the EMS tax of
 7 \$52 with the exemption of a less than \$12,000
 8 salary with quarterly payments. The revenue
 9 to go to the street and sewer repairs.
 10 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that motion.
 11 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 12 Barnick. Second?
 13 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
 15 Barone. On the question? Roll call.
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 17 MR. BARNICK: For.
 18 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 19 MR. BARONE: For.
 20 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 21 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 24 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion 15, to retain
 25 the services of attorney William Jones as

1 negotiate any financial obligations to obtain
 2 the Throop Ambulance Association building as a
 3 borough-owned building.
 4 MR. BARNICK: Building and the
 5 property which was the ambulance stuff. It
 6 was included with that mortgage, I believe.
 7 MR. CIMINI: Just some ambulances.
 8 MR. BARNICK: Just include that in
 9 there. Whatever was with the mortgage. And
 10 I'll make that motion.
 11 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 12 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 13 Barnick, second by Mr. Barone. On the
 14 question? Roll call.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 16 MR. BARNICK: For.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 18 MR. BARONE: For.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 20 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 21 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 23 MR. BARNICK: It's a sad day for
 24 something like this to happen after they were
 25 clean and free since 2003, and they just start

1 outside special counsel at a rate of \$125 per
 2 hour to file necessary paperwork to demand
 3 strict proof of residency of council person
 4 Cindy Johnson-Blanchard.
 5 MR. BARNICK: I'll make the motion.
 6 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 8 Barnick, second by Mr. Barone. On the
 9 question?
 10 MR. BARONE: On the question, I
 11 think this lady deceived this borough long
 12 enough. It's time to get after her. Either
 13 she lives in Throop or she doesn't.
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 16 MR. BARNICK: For.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 18 MR. BARONE: For.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 20 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 21 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 23 MR. HEGEDUS: Number 16, to
 24 authorize a committee of three persons
 25 appointed by the president of council to

1 with all these mortgages. It was predicted
 2 right here in these council chambers that it
 3 was not going to work and nobody would
 4 listen. The former majority wouldn't listen.
 5 We tried to have meetings after meetings after
 6 meetings and they turned a blind eye.
 7 MR. BARONE: The mayor predicted it
 8 was going to cost us a bundle.
 9 MR. BARNICK: We're going to pay for
 10 a building twice, is what the taxpayers of
 11 this borough are going to do.
 12 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: And then some.
 13 MR. BARNICK: Not including whatever
 14 legal fees we're going to go through and
 15 everything else. And then whatever is going
 16 to happen to them with all the other liens
 17 that are out there that are going to be coming
 18 after us.
 19 MAYOR LUKOWSKI: This community is
 20 going to suffer for all that.
 21 MR. BARONE: I want to ask you a
 22 question. This building, right now they're
 23 not operating. Is this building locked up?
 24 MR. BARNICK: Joe, we have no say in
 25 this matter.

1 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It's up to the
 2 bank, the bankruptcy court.
 3 MR. BARONE: We should find out
 4 because those people might go in there and
 5 destroy it.
 6 MR. BARNICK: Joe, there's nothing
 7 you can do about it. The bank owns it, then.
 8 They're not the owners right now. The bank
 9 association.
 10 MR. MUSEWICZ: What was the original
 11 cost of the building back in -- what year was
 12 it built?
 13 MR. WARGO: The building, to build
 14 that was \$275,000.
 15 MR. BARNICK: Exactly what the
 16 borough gave them, too.
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call.
 18 MR. BARNICK: Lou, is there a way to
 19 talk to the bank that they can lock them out
 20 of there, being they filed bankruptcy?
 21 MR. CIMINI: I'll talk to the bank.
 22 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number 17 is to
 23 amend the current budget to eliminate the
 24 landfill inspector position and transfer any
 25 salary to the streets and sewers.

1 be to have council president on advisement by
 2 borough solicitor.
 3 MR. BARNICK: Lou, you're going to
 4 get the subpoena and everything and get it all
 5 typed up?
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: You're agreeable to
 7 that, Jimmy and John?
 8 MR. BARNICK: Yes.
 9 MR. MUSEWICZ: Yes.
 10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call, please.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 12 MR. BARNICK: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 14 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 16 MR. BARONE: For.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 18 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 19 MR. BARNICK: The reason I did that,
 20 I have to explain it a little bit. There was
 21 a correspondence or actually a teleconference
 22 with one of the secretaries with a person that
 23 was claiming some workers comp back in March
 24 or June, April, something like that. We're
 25 not aware, after all the times we tried to

1 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that.
 2 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 3 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 4 Barnick, second by Mr. Musewicz. So you'll
 5 notify them, Robert, that the positions are
 6 eliminated the 1st of the year by letter.
 7 Roll call.
 8 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 9 MR. BARNICK: For.
 10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 11 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 12 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 13 MR. BARONE: For.
 14 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 15 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number 18 is to
 17 authorize the president of council to issue
 18 subpoenas acting under quasi-judicial function
 19 of council for all records, work comp
 20 insurance finances, et cetera of the Throop
 21 Community Ambulance Association.
 22 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that.
 23 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 25 Barnick, second by Mr. Musewicz. That would

1 request the records, who was paid, who wasn't
 2 paid. We have no idea who was paid or wasn't
 3 paid and finding out if these people were on
 4 the books or off the books. So we never got
 5 nothing.
 6 MR. BARONE: We didn't get anything
 7 for two years.
 8 MR. BARNICK: There's a possibility
 9 we can be liable for something, but we have to
 10 get all these records and we have to know
 11 what's going on over there for the
 12 last -- that's the reason.
 13 And if it's necessary, Lou, this
 14 subpoena is not going to work and if it's not
 15 acted on right away we need to get through the
 16 courts another one.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number 19 is to
 18 notify the Pennsylvania Department of Health
 19 and Northeast Regional Council of the events
 20 regarding the Throop Community Ambulance
 21 Association.
 22 MR. BARNICK: And their status.
 23 I'll make it.
 24 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second it.
 25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.

1 Barnick, second by Mr. Musewicz. On the
 2 question? Roll call.
 3 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 4 MR. BARNICK: For.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 6 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 8 MR. BARONE: For.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 10 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number 20 is to
 12 amend the pay of Christine Sullivan to \$13.50
 13 an hour.
 14 MR. BARNICK: I'll make the motion.
 15 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 17 Barnick, second by Mr. Barone. That would be
 18 retroactive?
 19 MR. BARNICK: No, you can't really
 20 make pay retroactive, if I remember right.
 21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Sure you can.
 22 MR. BARNICK: There's no problem
 23 with that, going retroactive?
 24 MR. CIMINI: I don't believe so.
 25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call.

1 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick.
 2 MR. BARNICK: For.
 3 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 4 MR. BARONE: For.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 6 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number 21 is to
 10 terminate the position of Brian Carr as civic
 11 center director immediately.
 12 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that
 13 motion.
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 15 Barnick. Second?
 16 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second it.
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by Mr.
 18 Musewicz. On the question? Roll call.
 19 MR. MUSEWICZ: On the question, was
 20 that effective immediately or --
 21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That would be
 22 effective immediately, yes.
 23 MR. BARNICK: If it passes, all keys
 24 and everything turned in and make sure he's
 25 notified by letter.

1 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 2 MR. BARNICK: For.
 3 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 4 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 5 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 6 MR. BARONE: For.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 9 MR. BARNICK: I'd like to appoint
 10 one of the assistant directors as a director.
 11 That would be effective immediately. That
 12 would be Mary Ruth Tanner, who is currently
 13 assistant director, to director, civic center
 14 director position, effective immediately, at a
 15 rate of \$13.50 an hour and full health
 16 benefits with a 90-day probation as per the
 17 policy. According to the policy it's one week
 18 of vacation after a year, so many sick days,
 19 whatever the policy has in effect, except for
 20 holidays because holidays run different with
 21 the civic center because a lot of holidays we
 22 require them to be open, not like the
 23 borough's closed, because the kids are off
 24 school.
 25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: That would be A and

1 B. We have to get audience comment on both
 2 motions.
 3 MR. BARNICK: And B would be to
 4 appoint Ann Marie Stoffey as assistant
 5 director at the current rate of the assistant
 6 directors to the normal hours of, what is it,
 7 32 they were working?
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Audience comment on
 9 those two motions?
 10 MRS. MORRELL: Excellent choices.
 11 Ann Marie has been an excellent employee since
 12 the beginning of the building.
 13 MR. BARNICK: The day they opened.
 14 MRS. MORRELL: And Mary Ruth, you
 15 couldn't have a better choice. She's
 16 absolutely fantastic and wonderful with the
 17 children. That's great. Ann Marie should
 18 have remained an assistant director during all
 19 this time.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Anyone else? Roll
 21 call, please.
 22 MR. BARONE: Mary Ruth Tanner, she
 23 has all the qualifications. She even knows
 24 sports and everything.
 25 MR. LUKASEWICZ: She was sidestepped

1 originally. She should have gotten the
 2 position. Roll call, please.
 3 MR. BARNICK: On the first motion.
 4 Right?
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: On hiring Ruth
 6 Tanner effective immediately, 21A.
 7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It was made by
 8 Mr. Barnick and seconded by Mr. Barone. On
 9 the question? Roll call.
 10 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 11 MR. BARNICK: For.
 12 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 13 MR. BARONE: For.
 14 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 15 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 16 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 18 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion 21B is to
 19 appoint Ann Marie Stoffey as assistant
 20 director at the current rate of assistant
 21 director effective immediately.
 22 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll make the motion.
 23 MR. BARNICK: I'll second it.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 25 Musewicz, second by Mr. Barnick. On the

1 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 2 MR. BARNICK: For, but I'd like to
 3 make sure that DEP gets back to us within,
 4 like, 30 days at least.
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We can request that
 6 they get back to us within 30 days. No
 7 problem with that?
 8 MR. MUSEWICZ: Keep us updated.
 9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Robert, let me
 10 review the letter before you send it out so I
 11 can have some input on it. Some of these
 12 letters that go out are important. Let me
 13 review them with you before we send them
 14 sometime tomorrow. Roll call.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 16 MR. BARNICK: For.
 17 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 18 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 19 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 20 MR. BARONE: For.
 21 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 23 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion 23 was to
 24 authorize the civic center director to adjust
 25 the schedule as necessary for the holiday

1 question? Roll call.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 3 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 5 MR. BARNICK: For.
 6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 7 MR. BARONE: For.
 8 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 10 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion 22 would be to
 11 notify DEP for air quality testing at the
 12 Maid-Rite Steak facility in Dunmore, Pa., with
 13 complete review and status report to council.
 14 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that motion.
 15 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 17 Barnick, second by Mr. Musewicz. On the
 18 question? This letter, when it goes out, can
 19 you CC it to --
 20 MR. BARNICK: Review it first.
 21 MR. LUKASEWICZ: If this can be CC'd
 22 to Pat Regan. He's the one that's been
 23 spearheading this from the get go. I told him
 24 I would make sure that it gets done. Roll
 25 call.

1 season.
 2 MR. BARNICK: I'll make it.
 3 MR. BARONE: I'll second.
 4 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 5 Barnick, second by Mr. Barone. On the
 6 question? Roll call.
 7 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 8 MR. BARNICK: For.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 10 MR. BARONE: For.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 12 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Motion number 24 is to
 16 accept the bid of \$14,100 from Davis Auto
 17 Sales, 831 Main Street, Simpson, for the 1999
 18 Ford F-350.
 19 MR. BARNICK: I will make that
 20 motion.
 21 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call, please.
 23 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 24 MR. BARNICK: For.
 25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?

1 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 3 MR. BARONE: For.
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 6 MRS. MORRELL: There's a
 7 reimbursement to Mr. Reid.
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I told Robert there
 9 would be no need to put that on.
 10 There was one letter that came from
 11 the Salvation Army, the Pal's Club, you guys
 12 worked the kettle up there. I think 400-some
 13 dollars we raised. I want to commend you and
 14 the Pal's Club. Thank you for your time.
 15 MR. BARONE: I just want to commend
 16 Christine and Chuck and all them people that
 17 helped. They're doing a good job.
 18 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second that.
 19 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Number 25 will be
 20 to adopt the 2006 budget.
 21 MR. BARNICK: I'll make the motion.
 22 MR. BARONE: I'll second it.
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion by Mr.
 24 Barnick, second by Mr. Barone. On the
 25 question?

1 Dunmore, collect all back taxes that are
 2 owed. There's some big ones out there.
 3 That's coming in January. I want a separate
 4 firm to collect that money. I don't care how
 5 they do it. I'm tired of playing the game.
 6 Get it all up here or let's go for a sheriff's
 7 sale.
 8 MR. BARONE: If the county don't
 9 want to go after that that's their problem.
 10 We'll go after ours.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: The paid bills are
 12 \$27,658.33.
 13 Unpaid bills, \$73,787.07.
 14 General fund balance, \$178,427.01.
 15 MR. BARNICK: I'll make that
 16 motion.
 17 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion to accept
 18 the treasurer's report by Mr. Barnick.
 19 MR. MUSEWICZ: I'll second.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Second by
 21 Mr. Musewicz. Do we anticipate the numbers
 22 are correct?
 23 MRS. DOLAN: Yes.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call, please.
 25 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?

1 MR. BARNICK: On the question, as I
 2 said before, we still got to get the accurate
 3 numbers, the carry-over numbers and things
 4 like that. But during the month of January we
 5 should be able to get it all together and get
 6 everything back the way it should have been
 7 prior to the past majority taking over.
 8 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Roll call.
 9 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barnick?
 10 MR. BARNICK: For.
 11 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 12 MR. BARONE: For.
 13 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 14 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 15 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 17 MR. BARNICK: Next year there's
 18 going to be a few more adjustments in there
 19 come January. There's a few more I'd like to
 20 see done.
 21 The other thing is, I'd like to get
 22 somebody --
 23 MR. LUKASEWICZ: The hose company.
 24 MR. BARNICK: I'd like to see
 25 something like Scranton's trying to pull or

1 MR. BARNICK: For.
 2 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Musewicz?
 3 MR. MUSEWICZ: For.
 4 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Barone?
 5 MR. BARONE: For.
 6 MR. HEGEDUS: Mr. Lukasewicz?
 7 MR. LUKASEWICZ: For.
 8 MR. BARNICK: One other thing, I
 9 want to thank Gould for acting quickly on that
 10 transfer of money. That saved us this year.
 11 We had an escrow account and it was deposited
 12 into the checking account today.
 13 MR. LUKASEWICZ: It was \$208,000.
 14 New business, audience? First row? Second
 15 row?
 16 MRS. MORRELL: I have a question on
 17 the Hughes Telecom. I wasn't at the December
 18 15 meeting and I don't know if it was approved
 19 or not was.
 20 MR. LUKASEWICZ: There's still an
 21 outstanding balance of approximately 30-some
 22 hundred dollars, and Jimmy and I are reviewing
 23 it and we have some questions with it.
 24 MRS. MORRELL: That's not ready for
 25 approval?

1 MR. BARNICK: I can't do that after
 2 seeing some of the stuff and what's going on
 3 with the phones. We had to bring a guy in
 4 here. I saw it. They destroyed the phone
 5 system, too.
 6 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Anyone else?
 7 (Dominic Rocco inquired about the
 8 playground lighting.)
 9 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Okay, Robert, work
 10 on the lighting. Make another call, give a
 11 status reports to us.
 12 (Dave Morrell commended the DPW for
 13 storm cleanup.)
 14 MR. LUKASEWICZ: I want to get a
 15 letter out to the state notifying them that
 16 we're not happy with the way they're cleaning
 17 our streets. They're not being cleaned in a
 18 timely fashion. I'll dictate a letter and
 19 we'll get it out.
 20 MR. BARNICK: Our roads were salted,
 21 their roads were all ice.
 22 MR. LUKASEWICZ: They didn't clean
 23 until late evening. Robert, priority. I'm
 24 very much upset about the way they handled our
 25 streets. We're going to have to give them

1 MRS. DOLAN: I have a question. The
 2 investigation into Cindy Johnson, if it's
 3 proved she don't live in the borough is she
 4 going to pay the money back or --
 5 MR. LUKASEWICZ: We'll deal with
 6 that once Mr. Jones deals with it in court.
 7 Have a wonderful Christmas.
 8 (Whereupon the meeting was
 9 adjourned.)
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1 notification that we don't want it pushed that
 2 way. Anyone else?
 3 MR. MUSEWICZ: I think we have to
 4 maybe ask Lou or somebody to get a
 5 standardized incident report that we can have
 6 on file over there at the civic center. Some
 7 type of incident report.
 8 MR. BARNICK: Tell the committee to
 9 develop one quick.
 10 MR. MUSEWICZ: We need something.
 11 MR. BARNICK: Develop one.
 12 MR. MUSEWICZ: If any type of
 13 incident happens it immediately gets filled
 14 out and gets presented to the borough
 15 manager.
 16 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Tell her any
 17 incident that happens we need to know
 18 immediately. Before the day is up I need to
 19 know what happened so I can inform all other
 20 council members and the mayor of what happened
 21 there.
 22 MR. BARNICK: We said that at the
 23 last two meetings.
 24 MR. LUKASEWICZ: Motion to adjourn.
 25 Everyone have a healthy, happy Christmas.

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