

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Meeting for General Purposes
Thursday, February 12, 2004
followed the 6:30 p.m. Budget Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”

Roll Call:

Members of Council:

Joseph Barone - P

Vice President - Susan Shortz - P

Thomas Lukasewicz - P

President - George Marushock - P

Daryl Menichetti - P

Cindy Blanchard - A

James Barnick - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P

Treasurer - Christine Hartshorn - P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - P

Announcements:

- An Executive Session was held on Thursday, February 5th at 6:00 p.m. with the Teamsters regarding contract negotiations and personnel issues.
- A representative from Berkheimer will be here on Tuesday, February 17th between 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist with the local Earned Income Tax.

Council and Audience Members, Comments and Discussions:

Barnick: *Mentioned getting loud at the work session and apologized.* You haven't really heard me yell. I was a drill instructor. My voice is very deep and loud. I'm sorry, when I get upset it raises quick, but I didn't yell. You'll never find no council person that I know of more loyal to this town for what's needed in this town than me, I'm telling you that right now. And to be accused that I'm under somebody's thumb, as Mr. Bolus did, I resent that. I fought hard to get this borough every

dime, every penny, you could possibly get in here (with regard to the agreement with Keystone Sanitary Landfill). I resent that and I hope he only apologizes for that because that was ridiculous. I held meetings here month after month, *inaudible*, things were pushed back and forth. That was the best deal we got at the time and to me, I think it's a substantial amount. Yes, you have to put up with it. You had to put up with it no matter what. They approved it, the state approved it, but we got the income coming out of it, unlike our neighboring towns. I fought hard, hey, if I didn't fight hard enough, oh well. Now is not the time, the contract is done. Don't ever accuse me of being under the thumb of Mr. DeNaples or any landfill, ever, Mr. Bolus, just because there's a grudge match between you and him, I'm sorry, don't ever.

Bob Bolus: First of all Mr. Barnick, you won't get an apology from me. *Barnick: I didn't think so.*
Bolus: That's right. Number two, let me tell you something. When you were a councilman here, whether you think you fought hard or not, that man on the hill, whatever my business dealings with him are between him and I. I don't bring business into this council. *Barnick: You were before.* Bolus: No, I didn't bring business into this council that relates to him and I. What I found into this council was your inability as a councilman. Chrzan and those that were here with you, to raise the landfill tipping fee, that did not affect Mr. DeNaples income. Bolus: Let tell you something, Mr. Barnick, you're worried about what the man's losing? *Barnick: Am I? Wow.* Bolus: Let me finish talking. I listened to you, now you're going to hear me for a minute whether you want to or not. First of all, any raises that go to that landfill in tipping fees, do not effect Mr. DeNaples pocket one iota. It passes on to those in New York and New Jersey to pay the additional tipping fees, not Mr. DeNaples. Mr. DeNaples still makes 100% of his dollar. You would be debt free because someone out of state would be paying for it. But you people were under the thumb and could not stand up for this borough. And you will never get an apology because hadn't you done that, this borough would be debt free, whether you like hearing it or now. *Barnick: You're totally wrong.* Bolus: No, I'm totally right. If you've got to pay for gasoline down the street here, what do you say about Turkey Hill today? *Barnick: Let me tell you, you talk about tipping fees, raising the tipping fees? You think you're only raising New York, New Jersey, Connecticut or whatever? If you apply that fee, if you read the law, Mr. Bolus, which I'm sure you do it has to apply to everybody, doesn't it? It has to apply to every municipality in Lackawanna County, so every resident in Lackawanna County.*
Bolus: Well, let me tell you something, Mr. Barnick, where your big mouth is going, the City of Scranton has a set contract fee. It doesn't change, their fee. Without this borough, that landfill would not be in business. So the hammer is here, not there, and that's business, pal, something you never learned. *Barnick: Apparently not.* Bolus: You'll never have an apology for what you did to this borough.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: Hey, Bob, wait a while. Where you going? Bob Bolus, you know you're picking on the wrong guy. You were the only ones against the money they got three years ago. Bolus: This is what you got to say? Because I haven't seen you fight to raise the tipping fees. *Rocco: The heck I didn't. Where were you? I'm here at every meeting, don't tell me what's going on. Everyone speaking at once.*

Bette Goreschak, Meade St.: You're going to put a borough manager on? *Marushock: Yes.*
Goreschak: For \$12,000 more over the secretary we have? What is the borough managers duties?

That doesn't take away from the Mayor, I hope. Marushock: *The only time a borough manager would supercede or fill in for a Mayor is with the Mayor's specific instructions that he can do so. This is no way replacing the Mayor.* Goreschak: Well, what are the duties of the borough manager? Marushock: *Many, many, but also we have an additional duty that he can write grants.* Goreschak: I understand that, but what the secretary does during the day, she was typing and other help assisting Elaine. What's the borough manager going to do? Marushock: *It's very lengthy, his job description and duties and everything. We feel it's for the betterment of the borough. That's why we're trying to get this through. Job duties, I believe everything is specified in the Ordinance. Am I correct, Mr. Cimini?*

Larry Hartshorn, Dimmick St.: Talking about the dumping fees... Menichetti: *That's not on the agenda.* Hartshorn: If we're getting all this money in this town, how come we're in the hole? Menichetti: *Because you can't spend more than you make. It's a simple fact.* Marushock: *Everyone's had the good life, really, we have. And basically, we're spending every penny coming in plus. There is money in the Sunshine, Sunny Day CD's, that is basically all that we have after all these years with the dump other than, now wait a minute, we do have a civic center, we do have updated borough equipment, we do have our roads plowed, there's been infrastructure improvements, playgrounds, I'm not saying all the money was wasted, please. If that was what, I apologize on that.* Hartshorn: What I'd like to know is, we're getting close to \$2m off of the dump? Marushock: *What we need to do, the projected income from the landfill is like 2.4m.* Hartshorn: How much do we still owe Mr. DeNaples? Marushock: *1.4m on the one loan. And actually that had to be renegotiated, the payment, because we're not going to have the \$700,000 that is due April 1 but as we sit here that has been arranged, there's a payment plan in place. That will be handled as that was done last year. Just something, it's scary to look at this for 2005, believe it or not, our loan payments are something like 1.1 or 1.2m, inaudible.* Hartshorn: Do we have the money to pay that? Marushock: *Not really. Income's been coming in and going out. Basically it's going out as quick as it's coming in, plus. That's why we have loans. For the money that this landfill has put into this town since it's been in existence, I'm embarrassed to have to tell the people that we have to pay back loans.* Lukasewicz: *Geddy, in every borough in NEPA people loan money to do capital improvements. There's been no mismanagement in this borough for years. Don't even tell people that.* Marushock: *I'm not saying mismanaged.* Menichetti: *He never mentioned mismanagement. Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Hartshorn asked where the other 1 million went if we get 2 million a year from the landfill. A discussion took place regarding finances, the 48 acres and a DPW Complex.

Wayne Williams, Tiffany Estates - Asked council if there was anything other than a Sunny Day account if the landfill shut down and discussed a raise in taxes to conserve and the amount it would equate to per person. Marushock: *To maintain the level of spending at this town, it probably balances out to about that.* Barnick: *What do these other municipalities do to make their budgets? They raise their taxes. We have the lowest tax in the county and it's been like that. You have free garbage. You say there's no fall back. The fall back is the taxes. The state doesn't have fall back. The federal govt. doesn't have fall back, there's how many billions of dollars of deficit. I'm just trying to tell you, you're talking about fall back. I don't know what you're trying to create. You don't*

want improvements in the town? DPW? You don't want none of that stuff? Everyone speaking at once. Marushock: Anything as far as controlling spending is what we're trying to bring in line. Barnick: The borough is here to service the residents, to service them. I think they get pretty good service. The roads are always plowed, garbage is always picked up, taxes are low. Marushock: I believe Mr. William's issue is God forbid something happens to the landfill, if we lose the revenue from there. Barnick: Why, is it going someplace? Menichetti: Well, who knows. Williams: Look at happened with the one down in Taylor. Barnick: Is it going anyplace? You have landfill inspectors, you have reports every month, every week. Menichetti: We have to start planning now for the future. Barnick: We save 10% of every check. Rocco: Let your house fall apart, don't do nothing with it, stick the money in the bank, let your house fall apart. ...that's what they're telling you. Lukasewicz: Well, what do you want to do, put more away? Menichetti: Why not? Barnick: You want the sewers to just keep falling apart and everything? Just fall apart so you could save money? The heck with the other people out in the town? Let the sewers collapse? Marushock: No, no, no, that wasn't... A discussion ensued.

Frank Galli, Kossuth St. - Wanted to know why there was a difference in the prescription plans for the police for \$1,000. and the DPW for \$500. He also asked if the borough looked into different insurance policies instead of Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Marushock: We are right now, especially with the Teamsters. That's currently in negotiations. They're major concerns and health benefits and stuff like that is what we're trying to bring in control. Galli inquired about the budget, if there was anything included for the civic center for any kind of bus trips or anything. For a few dollars more than the cost of the ticket, you can send your children to Yankee Stadium, Philadelphia, or wherever. Marushock: Bus trips, and I'm sure you're aware, Mr. Galli, that was a big loss for the borough a few years ago. That's something that we can discuss with Gail. Barone: You should get his help. He does that stuff real good. Marushock: Right now we'll see what Gail can do on that and perhaps put a sign up and see where people want to go and see if it's going to pull the cost.

1. Motion by Shortz

Seconded by Menichetti

To advertise Ordinance #6 of 2004, Creating and Establishing the Position of Throop Borough Manager.

Three against - Shortz, Menichetti, Marushock

Three in favor - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick

Tie Vote

Mayor in Favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Barnick

To include the Assistant Secretary's salary in the 2004 Budget.

On the question:

Barone: I don't why you're picking on this girl. The girl is, you got her all mixed up. She's working here four years. A single mother of two kids and you guys are going to throw her out? I don't understand this. *Marushock: It's nothing personal, Mr. Barone, believe us, believe us.* Barone: It's got to be. *Marushock: It's not. We're looking at the problems...* Barone: Well, why did you single her out? *Marushock: 'Cause we're trying to bring a borough manager on board, number one.* Barone: Well, we have one right there. What do you want to spend on another one, pay \$35,000 for another one? You've got one right there. *Marushock: Because the borough manager is going to have some different duties that were brought up this evening. Applying for the grants is a very good thing. A borough manager will have that capability.* Barone: But she could do it. *Marushock: With council's approval to apply for the grants.* Barone: She's working here twelve years, she knows Throop better than anybody. *Marushock: The question's been called.*

Three in favor - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick
Three against - Shortz, Menichetti, Marushock
Tie Vote
Mayor in Favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Barnick

To appoint Art Tetreault as Assistant Zoning Officer and include the pay rate in the 2004 Budget at the current rate he was at.

Menichetti: Against, because we already amended the budget, I can't see all these changes now.

Three in favor - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick
Three against - Shortz, Menichetti, as noted, Marushock
Tie Vote
Mayor in Favor

Motion carried

Motion #4, Lack of Second:

4. Motion by Shortz

No Second

To accept the minutes of the December 29th and January 5th council meetings.

5. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Barnick

To ratify the purchase of Sunny Day Fund CD # 513001559 in the amount of \$181,111.87 for a seven year term at a rate of 4.140 % at FNCB Bank on January 30, 2004. (First Liberty rate 3.06 - Penn Star rate - 3.00)

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Are you tied in for 7 years with that rate? *Morrell: It is a 7 year term but the other rates are only like 1% so even if you have to take a hit on the penalty, if the rates go up you're still better off going with 4% for at least the one year, then 1% for a short period of time. You can go and take a penalty.* Lukasewicz: Seven years is a long time.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Shortz

To authorize payment to the Olyphant Postmaster in the amount of \$687.00 for postage paid envelopes for Adam Nosak, Tax Collector.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Barnick

To adopt the 2004 Budget, with all motions and actions that have been deliberated up to this point in time (amended) in the Borough of Throop, February 12, 2004, 9:37 p.m. this evening, prior to the motion to adopt the budget, as noted., in the amount of \$3,199,025.99

Barnick: I'll second it with the provision that any items that are under-funded will be transferred from one line item to another that come in excess. *Lukasewicz: I would agree.* *Morrell: From that general improvement line item that we threw everything in?* *Barnick: Exactly.*

Shortz: With the exception of the increased salaries on zoning and planning, administrator/secretary.

Lukasewicz: You either vote for or against the budget. You cannot piece meal the budget.

Marushock: She can say it if she wants. It's been addressed and voted for payment. Yes, she can.

Lukasewicz: We're still on the budget. On the budget, you're either for or against.

Marushock: I will let her comments be addressed and if such is that against then Mrs. Shortz?

Shortz: I am for the budget, I am not for the increase back on the zoning and planning from what we amended initially, the administrator's/secretary's salary and the Washington Ball Field and assistant secretary and the zoning officer, assistant zoning officer.

Three in favor - Barone, Lukasewicz, Barnick,

Three Against - Shortz, Menichetti, Marushock

Tie Vote

Mayor in Favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: For the people that voted against the budget, how would you pay the people? You don't want to pay your employees next week? *Marushock I wanted the changes in place....* Lukasewicz:

I know, but it didn't happen the way you wanted it so you don't want to pay the people next week. *Marushock: I cannot vote for the revised budget.* Menichetti: Well, like you said, Tommy, you have the votes anyway. *Everyone speaking at once.* Barone: What you're talking about finding funds? Where are you finding \$35,000 for a borough manager? *Marushock: It was there by eliminating those other positions and this.... eliminating those positions and adjusting salaries, bringing a borough manager on board should have affected our bottom line for the borough.* Barone: That's not the point. You could have put her on and kept her salary at the same thing. *Marushock: She's not qualified.* Barone: And kept Christina on, made her (Morrell) the borough manager *Marushock: She is not qualified.* Barone: And you can save \$35,000. *Marushock: She is not qualified.* Barone: How do you know she's not qualified? *Marushock: Because look at the amendments...* Barone: What are you a genius?

Motion #8, Lack of Second:

8. Motion by Menichetti

No Second

To adopt Throop Borough's Amended Budget for 2004 as proposed on January 15, 2004 in the amount of \$3,199,025.99

Morrell: The amount won't change, the line items will change. No, you can't change the.... The changes will just go to that one extra line item that I was told to put the changes into. It will just come back out of there. General improvements, so it doesn't change the total. Menichetti: What amended budget? We put everything back in that we took out. What are we amending now? There's nothing to amend. Every single thing we took out, you put back in. *Marushock: I hope somebody could find the funding for these other motions that passed this evening. I would like to see this motion read, with the proposed amendments regarding our Jan. 15, 2004 meeting.* Menichetti: **No, I think the motion should be, as the budget was amended on that day, not as it was amended today. And that's, I would make that motion.** *Lukasewicz: Well, why did we have a meeting today? Everyone speaking at once.* Menichetti: **I'll put a motion on to amend the budget as we did on January, whatever day it was.** *Barnick: So you eliminated everybody that was...* *Lukasewicz: You can't.* Menichetti: **That's the way it was posted. It was posted and amended.** *Everyone speaking at once.* *Lukasewicz: So in other words, the Mayor's vote doesn't mean nothing to you.* *Barnick: No, they just fired everybody again.* *Hartshorn: They should be fired.* *Lukasewicz: Only when you need the Mayor he's good for....* Menichetti: *I never said that, Tommy.* *Lukasewicz: Here's the man that made the motions work this evening and here you just, you don't want to agree with him.* Menichetti: *Inaudible.* *Marushock: There's a motion on the floor. Do I have a second on that proposed budget, the amended budget? We're not going to adopt this amended budget? We're going back to the old one then, right? No second?* *Lukasewicz: Well, what are you doing? You have to adopt the budget tonight. With everything that's in place, all the motions that were accepted this evening. You can't side step things. Atty. Cimini, can you shed some light on this to educate some people? You have motions in place, you have....* Menichetti: *Posted and advertised, as of tonight everything is changed. What happened to the posting? What happened to the advertising? Why did we go through that expense?* *Barnick: You wasted money.* Menichetti: *Well, you changed everything tonight and now you're saying it's amended. Well, don't it have to be advertised, another amended budget?* *Cimini: If you want me to look into it, I will, but I think you would have to adopt the motions that were passed.* Menichetti: I

told you to put the budget on first, you wouldn't listen to me. *Lukasewicz: You go Geddy, you listen.*
 Menichetti: You never listen to me. *Everyone speaking at once.*
 Shortz: There is some still, some changes in there. *Menichetti: What?* Lukasewicz: You adopt the budget as all motions and all..... actions have been enforced to this date, the day you adopt the budget accordingly. *Menichetti: We amended the budget and we advertised, now you changed everything.* Lukasewicz: You're changing it, you can change it at any time. *Marushock: That was not, I don't know where you're getting the money.* Lukasewicz: Well, then don't vote for it if you don't want to vote for it but the things are in place to adopt the budget this evening with every motion and every action that's been up to this date. *Marushock: The savings that we tried to put in place before....* Lukasewicz: They're not going to happen. *Marushock: Ask these people why they cannot do this.* Lukasewicz: They're not going to happen because you only had four votes, don't you understand that? What don't you understand? *Marushock: We went to bat for the people at a cost savings....* Lukasewicz: Well, yeah, but it didn't work. *Marushock: Financial responsibility, it's not happening as..* Lukasewicz: What don't you understand? *Marushock: As there's those who don't make the half of....* Lukasewicz: You lost. *Marushock: I understand that.* Lukasewicz: *You lost, so go with the flow and adopt the....inaudible, few speaking at once.*

9. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Barnick**

To adopt Throop Borough's Liquid Fuels Budget for 2004 as amended in the amount of \$202,700.00.

All in favor Motion carried

10. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Barnick**

To direct Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor to act on behalf of Throop Borough at the hearing on February 17, 2004 regarding HARIE/Workers Compensation and to act on the settlement as per the Executive Session.

On the question:

Barnick: You need authorization for some of them? *Cimini: Right.* So, you're authorizing him to act but you're authorizing the settlement. Do you want to change the words for that? *(No response.)*

All in favor Motion carried

11. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Barnick**

To reimburse Michelle Mazzucca \$40.00 for CPR & First Aid.

On the question:

Marushock: We signed some checks last for the CPR and First Aid Training for people over the center. The question posed, was there were no receipts. We have no receipts to the individuals from who instructed the course. Evidently, these individuals paid these individuals cash. Last week the checks were totaled like \$400. So this makes \$440 that we don't have receipts for. Just a list of the people who attended the classes. *Lukasewicz: We'll just have to get a receipt.* Marushock: I asked and I did not see a receipt come across. *Morrell: We did get copies of the certification of their cards.* Marushock: That is all, but we have not received the receipt from the instructor for the fee was charged. *Morrell: I didn't ask them for a receipt. I asked for a proof of their....* Marushock: You were away last week. *Lukasewicz: Just ask for a receipt.* *Marushock: I did, but I have not received a receipt for this.*

12. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Barnick**

To accept settlement check from the insurance company (Allstate).

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Shortz **Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize the purchase of a new police vehicle and the installation of radio light bar and to replace the damaged car.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize Elaine Morrell and Christina Sullivan to attend the Recycling Grants Work Shop (\$20.00 p/p) on March 23, 2003 to be held in Luzerne County.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To approve payment for Application for Payment #2 to Scranton Craftsmen, Inc. in the amount of \$3,366.00 for the Wanda & Line Street Repair.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Shortz

To grant the request of the Mid Valley High School to use the Washington Street Park Field for the 2004 Spring Sports Season.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Just on the question, to have it coordinated by Mr. Caria so there's no conflicts. Just to make sure.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Barone

To authorize Susan Shortz and Cindy Blanchard to attend the Newly Elected Borough Officials Training Program that is sponsored by PSAB at a cost of \$120. each.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Barone

To authorize Elaine Morrell to attend the Municipal Management by the Book Workshop sponsored by PSAB at a cost of \$40.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize payment to Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services (PMPS) in the amount of \$812.50 for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan from the assets of the pension fund and also to authorize the quarterly payment for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$812.50 from the assets of the Police Pension Fund.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Shortz

To authorize the Landfill Inspectors, Robert Cabets and George Yontos, to attend the Training on Feb. 18, 2004. Expenses to be paid by the Borough. (\$200.00)

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To appoint Briana Thompson (Wildman) as part-time police officer with a six month probation period.

On the question:

Barnick: Just take a re-look at that list you have there. There's other ones, you know. Maybe get some new blood in and you'll have more people available that way.

Barone: Not only that, this girl's got good credentials and they do need a good police officer.

All in favor

Motion carried

Briana Thompson (Wildman) was sworn in by Mayor Lukowski. Congratulations were extended.

Audience Comments/New Business:

Frank Galli, Kossuth St. - The question I have this evening is on the new budget that was adopted, the people that were re-hired back, are they going to be terminated next month or whatever?
Marushock: That remains to be seen, I guess. I have no..... Well, the question I'm trying to find out, Daryl and Geddy, are we going to be sued by these people for doing this?
Menichetti: They all got their jobs back. What are they going to sue for?
Galli: No, but I'm saying with the changes that....
Shortz: Well, it's been going on since the first meeting here. Things are getting passed and they're getting reversed so I can't say what's going to happen in the future. I don't like saying that but the way things happened inaudible, and it shouldn't be a back and forth thing but obviously that's.....
Galli: Well, that's what I'm trying to get at. It's not fair to people to hang jobs over their heads back and forth, back and forth, who currently has the job, who's going to keep the job, and lose the job otherwise....
Shortz: Our intention initially with amending the budget was to cut some costs. If you look at the neighboring boroughs we were looking at what they're also paying and what their jobs entail. Obviously the rest of council doesn't agree, they've reversed everything and inaudible.
Galli: I mean I just, It's not fair....
Susan: Well, I don't think it's fair to ask us to change. They're the ones that made the initial change. I don't know what's going to happen. And I'd prefer not to be changing back and forth. I think when decisions are made, they should stand for a little time, let them work a little bit and reverse them immediately because some people feel they know better than the rest of the council.
Marushock: Some people have a problem with accountability. We're trying to bring finances in order, that was demonstrated very vaguely in....
Barone: You people talk like everybody is an idiot.
Barnick: So, everybody's idiots and you guys know what you're doing, right? Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.
Barone: Go against me, inaudible, but they're making it look like we're the only ones that's going back and forth.
Barnick: They're creating so much turmoil among their employees, it's unbelievable.
Marushock: When we asked for your opinion on this budget, this amended budget, everybody wanted..... few speaking at once.
Barone: What are you doing to the DPW? You want to take their insurance, make them pay for their own insurance.
Marushock: When we had a problem and couldn't provide the financing, make the payment become reality, some people got up and walked out the door.
Barone: One thing I don't like is when you people compare this town with other towns. You don't worry about them other towns, they don't care what happens

with Throop. Few speaking at once. Shortz: I think if you took a survey, most people in this town are paying for their insurances, there's a lot of people unemployed and people are not making 3x what other people are making. Barnick: So what did you do about insurances? Barone: So what do they got to do? Take money out of our people here for peace of mind because they lost job somewhere else? Shortz: We're looking at it, are we not? A discussion ensued.

Mayor Lukowski - See, if you work with the people like I did every day, the two that I voted for, and Elaine, you cannot beat these people. You can't beat them. They do everything you want. I'm going to vote no? No way, no way. I've had a good relationship for years. *Barone: You're right, Stan, you don't have to like the person. As long as that person does a good job.*

Galli continued: My other question is with the borough manager. Is that out of the picture now? *Shortz: No, that was voted. Marushock: It's still on board. Shortz: It's being posted and it's still in the budget. Galli: It's still going to be posted then? Shortz: That's the motion that was passed. Galli: So, we're spending money, all right. Lukasewicz: Well, it still has to be voted on. Barone: It has to be voted on. Lukasewicz: That doesn't, it's moving forward, yes. Shortz: He's saying it's not there anymore and it is still there. Galli: All right, thank you. Barone: Yeah, but why can't you see the light inaudible. But there you got a girl right there, she's making good money. Marushock: I'm going to be excused here. Mrs. Shortz, you're going to have to take over the meeting. Barone: You keep Christina as Secretary and saving \$35,000 by not hiring a new borough manager. Menichetti: Joe, there's too much manipulation going on. You need somebody a little bit apart from this that's not going to be manipulated. Barone: Who's manipulating who? Menichetti: There's too much manipulation. Barnick: Right here, she's doing it. Menichetti: He said he's the master. He announced it at a meeting that I'm the master of manipulation. Barnick: She's the one doing it. Barone: That's an asset to him. Menichetti: Maybe to him it is. I don't think it's an asset to Throop, though.*

Eric Hartshorn, Dimmick St. - Mr. Rocco, how come you're not complaining about the Asst. Zoning Officer like you did in the past? How come you're not arguing with him about like everything else. *Rocco: Please, it's done. I'm against it, I still am.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary