

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 29, 2002
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Joseph Barone-P

James Barnick-P

Anthony Chrzan-P

President-Thomas Lukasewicz-P

George Marushock-P

Jim Mellody Jr.-P

Vice President-Daryl Menichetti-P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements:

May 18th - Saturday - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Bellman Street Park Dedication

THROOP BOROUGH 2002 SPRING CLEAN-UP Schedule

Spring clean up will be conducted one day only in each ward as follows:

FIRST WARD: Monday, April 29, 2002

All items must be curbside by 7:00 AM the morning of **April 29, 2002**

SECOND WARD: Monday May 6, 2002

All items must be curbside by 7:00 AM the morning of **May 6, 2002**

THIRD WARD: Monday, May 13, 2002

All items must be curbside by 7:00 AM the morning of **May 13, 2002**

FOURTH WARD: Monday, May 20, 2002

All items must be curbside by 7:00 AM the morning of **May 20, 2002**

Any handicapped citizens requesting special assistance should contact the Street Commissioner at the Throop Municipal Building for arrangements. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units will be collected upon receipt of a \$15.00 disposal fee.

Household items, debris and the like must be separated from tires and metal items and appliances. All items must be placed curbside similar to garbage collection.

All loose material, such as brush, building material etc., must be properly bagged or bundled.

Used tires from passenger vehicles will be collected at the same time.

No hazardous materials will be accepted!

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

Opening of Insurance Bids:

Discussion: Proper advertising being done, only two bids were received, (on time). Information originally had been faxed/solicited to about a dozen insurance companies. Correspondence was received regarding Workers' Comp. from Dominick Verrastro and also a fax from Nathan Lane Insurance indicating they would not be submitting a proposal but did receive the specs. Five or six companies picked up bid specs but only received from Joyce, Jackman & Bell, our current carrier.

Regarding Joyce, Jackman & Bell:

If the current insurance program was cancelled effective 05/01/02 rather than the renewal date of 09/04/02, it is estimated that a refund would be around \$27,210.00.

Name	Type - Insurance Coverage	Bid Amount
Joyce, Jackman & Bell	Property Crime Inland, Marine Equipment Breakdown General Liability Employee Benefits Liability Automobile Public Officials E&O Law Enforcement Liability	\$ 3,846.00 300.00 2,390.00 1,385.00 45,000.00 2,115.00 13,405.00 No Bid (Curr. Pay 26,503) No Bid (Curr. Pay 8,159) \$ 68,441.00* * Two parts of insurance with no bids submitted
Volpe Insurance	State Workers' Insurance Fund, Workers' Compensation	\$ 79,775.00* * Note: Does not offer Act 477, (Heart & Lung)

1a. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Menichetti**

To accept the bids for insurance proposals and have the solicitor review and give his recommendations.

All in favor **Motion carried**

1. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the police report, zoning report, landfill inspectors report and the minutes of the March 25th and April 15th Council Meetings.

During roll call: Barnick: For, but could you wait a minute? The landfill inspectors reports, I didn't see that and it's supposed to be in the packet. I forgot about it.

Marushock: *Inaudible*, Is that the one you're talking about?

Barnick: That, between the two inspectors and everything? *Few speaking at once*. We should have a separate motion to approve the payment because *inaudible*. Roll call continued.

All in favor **Motion carried**

2. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize the payment of wages for Ron Bukowski, Landfill Inspector, for Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

All in favor **Motion carried**

Barone: I think we ought to have an executive meeting the first chance we get with the two of the landfill inspectors.

Lukasewicz: Yeah, we've got to do that.

ADMINISTRATOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS:

3. Motion by Menichetti **Seconded by Barone**

To accept the Fund Statement & Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement for March 2002.

General Fund Checking Account	\$314,762.52
General Fund CD's	629,078.29
General Fund Petty Cash	200.00

Payroll Checking Account	737.95
Civic Center Account	250.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	250.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	2,050,799.73
Home Program State Grant	8,807.37
Community Revitalization (20-192-0947)	40,327.78
Civic Center After School Program	500.00
Warsaw Playground	27,645.44
Liquid Fuels Account	1,379.83
Grand Total	\$3,074,738.91

All in favor

Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Lenore Dolan, Treasurer read the treasurer's reports and the totals of the paid and unpaid monthly bills:

Dolan: The borough, for the month of April, collected in revenue \$594,451.71. The Civic Center collected in revenue \$5,173.92. The HOME Program for the month of April had no transactions whatsoever. The only thing we did is receive the interest of \$18.81. The checkbook balance as of today is \$745,531.21. If all the items for payment are approved tonight, the balance in our general fund will be \$672,570.33. If all the motions tonight are approved, unless you put something, I only have the ones that are on there now, the balance will be \$649,662.05, approximately.

Lukasewicz: Thank you Lenore.

Dolan: You're welcome.

4. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept the treasurer's reports as read or posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough.

Unpaid bills: (Items for payment)	72,960.88
Paid bills: (for the month of April)	77,612.95

Grand total	\$150,573.83
Keystone Landfill Credit: (As of 04/15)	8,936.91
Home Program (end of Apr.)	8,807.37
Revenue Report	52,699.14

On the question:

Marushock: On the question, Mr. President, **I will be against the borough councilman's portion of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield bill *inaudible* for the month of April, 2002. I'll also be against Attorney Cimini's bill in the amount of \$6,250.00, also against Elliott, Reihner, Siedzikowski & Egan in the amount of \$7,668.93, against Gannett Fleming in the amount of \$15,896.82. I think that is it at this time.**

All in favor, Marushock for all except as noted

Lukasewicz, for all except abstain from Atty. Goffer's bill

Barnick, for all except for the insurance

Motion carried

5. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

On the question:

Marushock: Lenore, could you please tell me if there was a fee involved this month for the maintenance of the Washington Street playing field, the baseball field?

Dolan: *Inaudible.*

Marushock: Yes, for the month of April.

Dolan: Meaning like if I received any bills from anyone?

Marushock: No, were we to pay the administration fee or maintenance fee for the field at the Washington Street Park this month?

Morrell: To pay Jamie (Shevchik)? Yes, we paid Jamie this week, it was the first time.

Dolan: Yeah, he got one check.

Barnick: How many hours does our assistant director supposed to do? What's their max?

Dolan/Morrell: Thirty (30).

Barnick: That's what we voted for it and then the director does forty (40) and the civic center's open about 53 hours a week, not including seniors and everything else and I added another three on, days for shopping or stuff like that, all sorts. So you're talking fifty six (56) hours, how come we get seventy (70) hours as director and assistant director paid 18, why? It's supposed to be one or the other, correct, or is this incorrect on that one time or they get the monitors pay? We've got seventy (70) hours versus operation of about fifty six (56).

Morrell: I can't answer that because I don't know what hours they're in operation over there.

Marushock: Are the hours fluctuating between the weeks?
Barnick: Nope. It's been that every week for the last four weeks if you look at it. Sixty nine (69) and seventy (70) hours.
Dolan: That's in total, Jimmy?
Barnick: Yes, between all three of them.
Marushock: So we've been open only fifty six (56) hours each week?
Barnick: Fluctuating a little bit but that's throwing in extra hours. I'm giving them the benefit of the doubt.
Lukasewicz: *Inaudible* establish, the director, was there an assistant director....
Barnick: Monitor.....
Lukasewicz: At monitor's pay.
Morrell: That's the way it's supposed to be.
Lukasewicz: So, I think what we have to do is contact Gail and *inaudible*.
Barnick: If you look at the time sheets for the last four weeks, every one is sixty nine to seventy hours total. That's for an assistant, two assistants, and the director. Somehow you're always going to have different rates, you've got the food being over there.... *inaudible, few speaking at once*. Barnick continued: You'd still get monitor pay.
Lukasewicz: Should get monitor pay, that's the way we set it up.
Morrell: When I pay and Anne Marie and/or Maria, there are.....
Barnick: You go by what's on there.
Morrell:what's on the sheet, and there is some at assistant director and monitor for both.
Barnick-Right.
Morrell: For both, for both gals.
Barnick: But I'm saying the total hours....
Morrell: No, I know what you're saying. So, I don't know.
Barnick: There's got to be something there.
Mayor: You say it's open fifty six hours?
Barnick: Approximately, I gave them extra hours, you know, actual operating time*both speaking at once, inaudible*. Barnick continued: It's open from 9:00 until 1:00 for seniors on Wednesdays, there's another four hours, so you've got thirty four. You've got 1:00 to 9:00 on Sundays, then 11:00 until 9:00 on Saturday. You're talking ten hours there. Eighteen hours?
Lukasewicz: Yeah.
Barnick: Total of fifty, you've got all of fifty two, I'm saying fifty six, give an extra hour to go shopping and stuff like that.
Lukasewicz: Yeah, you shouldn't be paying any more than what the center's open.
Barnick: We're averaging sixty nine to seventy hours every week for the last four weeks. For either director or an assistant, think about it.
Lukasewicz: So you're saying, a good fifteen hours over.
Barnick: Every week.
Morrell: Does that include, Jim, does that include the morning, like the senior citizens?
Barnick: Yes, 9:00 to 1:00.
Morrell: And then the aerobics classes during the daytime? See, I don't know the number of hours.
Barnick: I added in extra hours, so.
Lukasewicz: Have Gail come over and sit down with us and try to figure it out and it's got to be..

Barnick: I'm going higher than sixty, you still can't.....

Lukasewicz: Okay, it's got to be only at least ten hours or twelve hours or fifteen hours it should only be monitor rate instead of assistant director rate.

Morrell: Okay.

Barnick: And the other thing that's over there, just going through the hours I see, like one person is getting a lot of hours, almost like a full time employee, *inaudible* looking at are monitors, like thirty eight hours, thirty five hours, thirty three hours and the other ones are only getting like ten, five, maybe they can't work, I don't know, but still.....

Lukasewicz: Can't have that many hours.

Barnick: I think there was a certain limit for monitors *inaudible*.

Dolan: No, there's no limit, Jimmy, because if somebody has like a track meet, a baseball game, something like that, another one could fill in.

Barnick: And then I see a lot of them at zero (hours), which they're probably in school and stuff like that but, just gotta make some changes here. If they're at zero, you've got to make some changes where these other ones are getting some hours. I mean, if you start paying another full time employee over there.....

Lukasewicz: Well, when we have the executive we'll bring....*inaudible*, Set something up for this week. In the interim, have her come in and talk to her, Elaine? *(A discussion took place to set up the executive session for legal and personnel matters on Thursday, May 2nd, 6:00 p.m. The landfill inspectors would also be asked to attend the executive.)*

Barnick: If you're talking about the aerobics you know, too, I never, a lot of times they used to just have the maintenance men there *inaudible*.

Dolan: No, we didn't, never. Usually when the aerobics is there, there's either a monitor or you're director, never maintenance.

Lukasewicz: Okay, we'll schedule it for Thursday.

**All in favor except Barnick abstain on the monitors
and all the civic center employees, Marushock
for all except for the maintenance on the Washington
Street Baseball Field "and the other thing I will be
against is for the recent raises of 9.2% that were given
out with the exception of the Civic Center Director." Motion carried**

6. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

On the question:

Barnick: Yeah, is there any? *Morrell: I don't have any.* Barnick: Except for Robbie's thing and Doug Blazey? *Morrell: There's a letter from Jamie but I put a motion on. Jamie asked for an allocation on the park.*

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To ratify the rollover of Sunny Day Fund CD account # 40-105402-2 in the amount of \$56,418.20 plus interest \$3,074.79 that matured on April 19, 2002 plus \$50,658.62, 10% of the 1st quarter landfill check. The amount of the new CD acct # 51-102147-6 is \$110,178.61 for 6 mos. at 2.5% interest at the First National Community Bank, Dunmore.

Lukasewicz: Elaine, did you check to see if they're the best interest rates?

Morrell: Yes.

On the question:

Barnick: Yeah, just on the, what's the yearly rate?

Morrell: It was only a smidge more, it was terrible. It wasn't, it wasn't even up to 3%, you know? The rates are awful.

Marushock: Just on the question, just that, Elaine, how many other facilities did you contact for quotes?

Morrell: Three.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To ratify the rollover of General Fund CD account # 51-101989-2 in the amount of \$629,078.29 plus interest \$70,135.31 plus interest \$70,135.31 that matured on April 19, 2002. The amount of the new CD acct # 51-102126-8 is \$699,213.60 for 6mos. at 2.5 % interest as the First National Community Bank, Dunmore.

On the question:

Marushock: On the question, again, just same as?

Morrell: Yes, I did call.

All in favor

Motion carried

The following motion was amended:

9. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To authorize payment in the amount of \$19,210.00 to Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc. for the 400 Center St. Sewer Project as per the recommendation of Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer. (The check will be submitted to Sikora upon receipt of the maintenance bond.) **To withhold 10% (or \$1,921.00) for retainage. (Payment will be \$17,289.00.)**

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Is that the.....

Barnick: That's the total, isn't it?

Lukasewicz:the total and everything that's....

Morrell: Yes.

Lukasewicz: So there's only one payment and it's the total.

Morrell: Yes.

Barnick: Inaudible.

Morrell: I posed those questions to John Szczepaniak and he said the maintenance bond will cover that.

Barnick: No, sorry, I won't be going for that. No way in hell after Leeward. No way.

Marushock: Wasn't there something where retainage.....

Barnick: No, there should have been.

Morrell: No, this was the full amount and that's why I called to question it.

Barnick: No. I'll vote for everything but 10%.

Lukasewicz: Was there a proposal for retainage in the original contract, or no?

Morrell: I don't know that, I don't know.

Lukasewicz: Probably wasn't.

Marushock: Could we table this and find out what our legal point is, if we have the right to....

Few speaking at once.

Lukasewicz: Why don't we.....

Morrell: Do you want to hold a retainage and then....

Lukasewicz: ...and withhold 10%, like Jimmy said for now.

Chrzan: Can you do that, Louie?

Cimini response inaudible, few speaking at once.

Lukasewicz: I was thinking we could pay him and submit, get an amount, I'm sure he needs the money, and hold back 5 or 10% for right now until we find out the answer that needs to be answered and....

Chrzan: I'll agree with that.

Lukasewicz: All right, so Tony, would you add it in that we'll, what is it 10% of it? We'll hold back 10%, so whatever 10% of that is. Geddy, are you agreeable to that?

Marushock: Yes.

Lukasewicz: Okay, on that question?

Barnick: It's not much.

Lukasewicz: No, but it's still something.

Dolan: Won't that make \$1,900.?

Lukasewicz: Yeah, \$1,900.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize Lou Cimini to represent the Borough in regards to Gould's zoning appeal.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Attorney Cimini, I know you can handle this but is it going to be over burdensome to you.

Cimini response inaudible. Lukasewicz continued: That's why I'm asking.

Chrzan: Do you want to get paid extra, Louie?

Cimini: No, I'll be all right.

Lukasewicz: If the time comes and it becomes over burdensome to you, let us know that additional compensation is warranted, we could make the decision at that time, alright?

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize Chief Neil Furiosi to submit a grant application for the COPS Grant for two (2) additional police officers.

Chrzan: *Inaudible*, come from the last list we had?

Lukasewicz: I have no idea what this is.

Morrell: No, the last list expires April 25th, expired.

Lukasewicz: Yeah, so you'd have a whole another list and you'd have to....

Chrzan: Do we have *inaudible* something special here?

Lukasewicz: I have no idea what's going on with this.

Barone: Yes, as far I know.

Lukasewicz: This would be only to authorize the chief to submit a grant application. That doesn't mean we're committed to it if we receive the grant, does it? *Few speaking at once*. Lukasewicz

continued: Chief, question for you. If we submit a proposal for this grant and we receive the grant, are we tied into taking it?

Barnick: No.

Chief: No.

Barnick: No, we had one already.

Chief: No, we are not. We can refuse it.

Marushock On the question, just so we get this clear again. This is only to submit a grant....

Barnick: An application.

Marushock:or an application, if we determine at a later point that we don't want this we could still refuse this?

Barnick: Correct.

Lukasewicz: That's the way I believe it to be.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To grant Jamie Shevchik's request to allocate \$5,000.00 for maintenance of the Washington Street Park and also to have a water line installed near the baseball field. **If additional diamond dirt is needed for the field, Jamie Shevchik has authorization to order, as necessary.**

On the question:

Marushock: I have been against this paying one individual for this maintenance of the field and I also believe that before us tonight we're going to hire a few additional employees for DPW for summertime help. I feel with the additional help we're going to put on that (that) should be more than sufficient to maintain that facility and the purchases which would amount to perhaps \$5,000. should be done through the purchasing committee. I believe that at the last meeting we already have approved money for the purchase of the diamond *inaudible*, that special.....

Chrzan: Why are you so against that Shevchik kid? Is it personal? Geez.

Marushock: I'm just explaining what I'm doing.

Chrzan: Everything, he was over the civic center, you picked on him, now you're picking on him again. Is it a family deal, or what?

Few speaking at once.

Barnick: Just on the question, I just want to, did you *inaudible*... this is separate?

Morrell: This is separate. In fact, Washington Street Park at this point does not need any diamond dirt.

Barnick: Yeah, I seen two piles down there and that was the next question.

Morrell: The diamond dirt is for the little league only that we ordered.

Barnick: Okay.

Lukasewicz: There are (is) some extra up there, Jimmy?

Barnick: Yeah, there's two piles up there... *both speaking at once.*

Morrell: I had Jamie check the field and Jamie said at this point he didn't need any and, you know, maybe in the summer but at this point he doesn't need any at all.

Lukasewicz: Can we include in the motion that if the time comes that he needs additional diamond dirt, it's already approved.

Chrzan: Right.

Lukasewicz: So we don't have to do it, this way if he needs it he could get it?

Chrzan: Yes.

Lukasewicz: Okay, Tony you're agreeable to that and, Joe, you're agreeable to that?

Chrzan and Barone responded yes.

Menichetti: How are we going to handle this? Is this going to be done through the Throop Borough through purchase orders and then just pay for it by check.

Barnick: Yeah, that's always.....

Morrell: Yeah.

Lukasewicz: Anything that he needs, he'll do through purchase orders and there will be a, we'll have a record of those.

Five in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Menichetti, Lukasewicz

Two against-Marushock, Mellody

Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment to Grimefighters in the amount of \$475.00 for stripping the basement floor at the civic center.

Morrell: It was also to wax it and everything.
 Lukasewicz: Did it come out good this time?
 Dolan: Yes.
 Barone: Looked good to me, anyway.
 Dolan: Wait, could I say something about this bill?
 Lukasewicz: Let's get the motion out....
 Dolan: Okay.
 Lukasewicz: Go ahead, Lenore.
 Dolan: The bill is really for \$575.00. Mr. Cimini, you're aware of it?
 Cimini: Yes.
 Dolan: Okay. I was called in on this also. They quoted us a price of \$475.00 so after speaking to Gail and she spoke to Attorney Cimini, we're going to pay them the price they quoted us at \$475. and I'm going to give the check to Mr. Cimini and he's going to write a letter with the bill but the bill is really for \$575.00. Okay? So, it's just so you're aware of it.
 Barnick: Was these the same guys that did it the first time?
 Lukasewicz: No, the guy that came in the first time and did it, they did a bad job and.....
 Barnick: They got their money though?
 Lukasewicz: They didn't get.....

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: I hope they're going to maintain this floor now.
 Lukasewicz: Well the thing is we can't just keep putting coats and coats of wax on that to have...*inaudible*... There was so many coats of wax on it the first guy that came in that tried to clean it gave up after.... *Barnick: I know, I seen it.* Lukasewicz continued: Can you see Gail and make her aware that they should not just keep putting it (wax) on, if they could strip it when they do it after a period of time and don't make another mess?
 Barone: He said we should put one coat of wax on and in six months strip it again and then go from there.

14. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize payment to Magnum Screening in the amount of \$588.75 for the Troop graduating basketball players.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment to The Regal Room in the amount of \$1,221.53 for the Troop Basketball Banquet.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barone: On the question, I heard they all did a good job down there. It went off pretty good from what I hear.

Morrell: It was great, we were there. My nephews were part of the basketball program and everything really went well. The whole program was nice.

Lukasewicz: Good. It usually is.

Morrell: Um, hm. Yes, it is. The kids have been playing for three years now and the booster's have done a great job and *inaudible*, continuing. And we have to thank the coaches, my goodness, the time that they put in.

Chrzan: Who were the coaches, Elaine?

Morrell: There's quite a few. Frankie Galli, he overextends himself, unbelievable.

Chrzan: Did you give him more than one dinner? *Laughter heard*. Morrell continued: Mark Talerico, Jamie Cortazar, Bob Bushby, plus all the helpers, you know it's, they do a great job.

Lukasewicz: You know the funny thing is, we gave money to everybody and we didn't give anything to the coaches. I don't want to start giving money but maybe a small basket of cheer or something....

Chrzan: Maybe buy them a jacket.

Lukasewicz: Yeah but, it's just like I said a basket or, *inaudible*, wherever.

Chrzan: Yeah, but if you buy them a jacket you get them pretty cheap anymore. *Few speaking at once*.

Lukasewicz: Think about it for next time if somebody wants, it would be nice if you do something for them. *Chrzan: Maybe next year, the jackets*. Lukasewicz continued: Yeah, but this is the first time that the borough actually did run it and it would be nice to recognize them somewhat. Or at least if the Mayor can give them a recommendation for *inaudible*, at the next meeting Stanley? *Everyone speaking at once, discussion of complete list of coaches*.

Chrzan: I make a motion that they buy them jacket, all the coaches. How many coaches? *Dolan: Too many*. Chrzan: How many coaches, eight of them? You're talking maybe \$200.

Dolan: You've got them, you've got the cheerleaders advisors.

Chrzan: Well, you're giving the money for everything else. *Few speaking at once*.

Lukasewicz: All right, Stanley, you'll handle it like that for now and we'll go from there?

16. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment to Winner's Circle in the amount of \$588.00 for the Throop basketball trophies.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Mellody

To authorize payment to K.C. Jones in the amount of \$525.00 for the trip to Washington D.C. on April 5, 2002 regarding the EPA Ombudsman hearing.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To allocate \$1,000.00 for the Summer Program at the Washington Street Park.

Chrzan: That's what we did last year, wasn't it?

Morrell: Yes.

On the question:

Marushock: On the question, the is going to be administered through the civic center director, I believe, correct?

Lukasewicz: I believe it would be done the same way it was done last year with the civic center director and her staff.

Dolan: Your check will be made payable to her and it just has summer program and then they'll turn in the receipts.

Morrell: I don't even know if they actually need a check because they use the charges now.

Dolan: They could use the charge also, yeah.

Morrell: Yeah, so however they need to handle it.

Dolan: Whatever they want, right.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Marushock

To appoint Chris (Christopher) Granza as part time **Assistant Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer** at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, maximum hours not to exceed 30 per week.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: All right, getting back to that one there, how many hours?

Lukasewicz: I believe it's twenty (20).

Morrell: It's just about twenty (20), the amount in the budget is \$9500. So I think if you do it...

Barnick: That's more than the \$9,000 then, right?

Morrell: I think it comes to about nineteen but some weeks they don't, depending on the time of the year you really...

Lukasewicz: Right.

Morrell:don't need so many hours.

Few speaking at once, inaudible.

Morrell: Up to thirty (30) hours a week?

Lukasewicz: Up to thirty hours, yeah.

Barnick: *Inaudible*, then drop them back down.

Marushock: Can we get some Saturday coverage?

Barnick: Hey that's up to him. If he wants to do Saturdays.... *inaudible, both speaking at once.*

Chrzan: Is that going to interfere with his police hours, though?

Unknown: I don't believe so.

Chrzan: You can't have a man working eight hours as a zoning officer and eight hours on the police force *inaudible, speaking to Mayor.*

Lukasewicz: They'll work it out.

Chrzan: Yeah, it's something to think about.

Lukasewicz: To amend it that we go to thirty (30) hours.....

Chrzan: You know who has a big federal case.....

Lukasewicz: *Inaudible, few speaking at once, asked if everyone was agreement of amendment of thirty (30) hours. Replies were yes.*

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: You need them right away for cleanup, right?

Marushock: I believe Mr. Kalinoski said he needs three.

20. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To appoint Patrick Rosenella, Christopher Hill, Gregory Budzinski and Robert Armstrong as summer temporary help to work with the DPW at a rate of \$7.00 per hour.

All in favor

Motion carried

The following motion failed:

Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To vacate the president's chair.

Three in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan

Four Against-Marushock, Mellody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz Motion failed

Mayor Lukowski:

Neil would want, we're going to have the bicycle program and now that four people the cost would be maybe about \$500/\$600 a jacket, pants, and shirt. The way it is now, young Vince Cesari was at school so he was one of them that was active in this program. Perechinsky, he works for the Mayfield and the Blakely Police Departments as well, he's not available that often. *THE TAPE WAS CHANGED HERE AND STARTED:* and it's mainly during the summer season, summer and spring really that the bicycle program is active.

Barnick: What's with the program? It's in their contract.

Mayor: Well, I'd rather stay away from that.

Chrzan: Why, what's the problem?

Barnick: They have a bigger clothing allowance.

Mayor: We talked about that a little more.

Chrzan: A couple of them could use some bicycle riding.

Inaudible, papers heard shuffling, Lukasewicz asked the Mayor to work with Elaine on prices/quotes for waste recepticals for the next meeting.

Mayor: Nothing was decided on going forth with some legal action with Marjol. I see that Blazey had a letter in but that's on hold, that is completely on hold?

Barnick: I sure hope so.

Mayor: So in this case, I just want to renew this idea. In this case, he has to get permission before he proceeds with anything for right now.

Lukasewicz: Correct.

Mayor: And permission in this case is not given. So that the bills don't start rushing in again, so to speak, without council's approval. That's all I wanted to be sure on that because you know there are other people, there are also local people too that are outstanding and, of course, you know the ones that I have in mind to do something like that. Thank you very much.

Council Comments/Discussion:

Barone: Requested if the borough could get a soda machine at Bellman Street and Warsaw.

Lukasewicz requested Robbie get quotes for any means to have soda machines, electricity, concrete, anything necessary for getting machines at these parks.

Marushock: Over a year ago, I believe, we commissioned Elaine and Christina to work with Berkheimer in regards to checking if Throop was getting its full due of those working in the town and live elsewhere and, amongst other things, to perhaps to make sure that we were getting the correct amount of money that we are due. Has anything been done on that at all, Elaine?

Morrell: We worked on it back a few months ago, we haven't worked on it recently. We did up to that point up to a few months ago and gave any changes or additions.

Mayor: Elaine, I think I brought that up to you. My letter from Berkheimer that came for the wage tax payment was addressed to me this way: Olyphant, PA. Does that answer anything?

Morrell: We do have people on the Berkheimer list, excuse me?

Marushock: Do you know who you spoke with at Berkheimer?

Morrell: Barbara Pavuk or, her name is different now, Barbara. But we do have people that do have an Olyphant address that are on the Throop list that just, probably two week ago I just got a new updated list from them on a disk.

Mayor: Yeah, the postal service itself gave something like, I don't know how many homes in the first ward, contrary to you know, everything that we do hear, permission to use Olyphant as their permanent mailing address. Something like ninety-a hundred homes in the first ward to use Olyphant as their permanent mailing address. You talk about ridiculous, the post office, are they running this town or are we running the town?

Dolan: Is that too because of the zip code, though, because you have to use it?

Mayor: Yeah. *Few speaking at once.* Mayor Lukowski continued: And you know, every time you pick up a newspaper, Gertrude Hawks, the sheep offenders. I'll tell you, I wrote them a lengthy letter about this situation. "Well, you know, my parents formed the company", this was his response and many years ago it was located in Throop but and then they have the thing on television *inaudible* about the plant and they keep saying Dunmore. That is a sin, it's an absolute sin that he should use those kind of

tactics. So what if his grandparents formed the company from eighty or a hundred years ago and it originally was in Dunmore. Does that mean now that the plant is now in Dunmore? And everybody uses it. They gave them, they got some sort of award the other day, the Dunmore plant. That's smack dab, you know we used to play ball there, we used to pick blueberries there, we used to do everything there and now all of a sudden it's in Dunmore? Boy, I don't know about that.

Barone: The original plant was.

Mayor: Yes, that's what I'm saying.

Barone: It's up by the Holiday Inn.

Barnick: I've got a couple of things. The police contract, what are we doing?

Chrzan: A lot is getting done around here, I could tell you that.

Barone: Yeah, nothing's getting done.

Chrzan: A lot of things are getting done.

Marushock: I believe right now we're waiting for the attorney to get back to us in regards to that.

Chrzan: Forget about it.

Marushock: Well, how should we move forward..... *Few speaking at once.*

Lukasewicz: Attorney Cimini, did you contact them?

Cimini: Yeah and I was with him Saturday night and all he said he was very busy and he would get in touch with you this week.

Marushock: If something don't happen this week then, can we move forward and perhaps get something else started?

Lukasewicz: We don't have much of a choice. Attorney Cimini, if you could call him again tomorrow?

Cimini: Okay.

Barnick: Eddy Creek Sewer Line?

Chrzan: A lot's getting done around here.

Barnick: According to the letter they wanted to meet.

Lukasewicz: We're still waiting for Olyphant to give us..

Barnick: No, they said they wanted in the letter to meet.

Cimini: Yeah, we got a letter from C.J. that said....

Barnick: To meet. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Cimini: We reviewed all of your comments we think.....

Barnick: That it could be worked out.... *few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Lukasewicz: Sit down and let's schedule it?

Cimini: Yeah, I thought.....

Lukasewicz: Again, see if they can make it that Thursday, also?

Morrell: Did that letter mean for council to meet or just the attorneys?

Cimini: Well, it probably meant the councils, I think so, but the letter was positive. It said *few speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz asked Cimini to check into a meeting for Thursday.

Mayor: Plus, there's another thing I read in newspaper article Jefferson Township...

Barnick: Wait, that was my next one. That's my next one.

Mayor: Full steam ahead for the sewer....

Barnick: Jefferson Township, anybody contact Jefferson? Any agreement? Any where we at with this?

Jack Dolan, Throop Planning Agency: Yeah, they sent a motion in to us to the Planning Commission from last month to request a 90 day extension on their plans and everything about getting the project there by Keystone Propane. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Mayor: When was that, Jack? When did you say they did this? Because it was just in the papers....*inaudible, few speaking at once....* as far as, the first of the month we have our planning meeting they put in for a 90-day extension and we refused it.

Barnick: *Inaudible* Jefferson Township sewage conveyance fees, you know where we're at.

Cimini: It's done.

Barnick: It's done, it's ready to go?

Cimini: Yep.

Barnick: We've got to get a business contact and somebody to send out bills and stuff like that. Then we have to know all the residents involved and all the businesses, right? But Jefferson Township, that's a big one.

Lukasewicz: We've got problems already with *inaudible*. I want to know when did they think about coming through Olyphant?

Barnick: They plan on coming through Throop, right through Throop.... *inaudible, few speaking at once.* But if planning doesn't have legal advice to go along with what they're planning up there, you're going to blow this deal.... *inaudible.*

Mayor: Well, look at Dunmore is a very good example of that.

Barone: We got to get moving.

Mayor: And all their problems.

Barone: We either get moving or throw the towel in, that's it.

Barnick: Once they submit a proposal whether planning, and under the zoning codes and stuff like that, they're deemed approved after so much time, right, Lou?

Cimini: When did they submit it?

Barnick: I don't know, was it last month you said or? *Few speaking at once.*

Dolan: The beginning of April.

Lukasewicz: And you denied it?

Dolan: We denied their extension.

Morrell: Does that mean they were approved?

Barnick: Well, do they have a right to denial without even having a recommendation? Did you send a recommendation along with it or?

Dolan: No, they just requested it. They said the *inaudible* two years ago.

Barnick: And that was right in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance?

Dolan: And then they came a little while later and they changed their plans because they were going to buy a piece off of Keystone Propane and they were going to go through Dunmore, through the landfill, and all of a sudden they decided, the City of Scranton wouldn't accept it so they can't go that way. So now they want to regroup and start over again so, let them start from the beginning *inaudible.*

Barnick: Yeah, but Jack, you got to watch what you're doing because you got a state organization involved there, you have.....

Lukasewicz: Attorney Cimini, would you contact Jack and look through all that paperwork and find out exactly.....

Barnick: The next thing you know, they're going to get an authority to run their sewage from here without nothing and we're not going to get nothing out of it.

Mayor: It's a serious matter.

Barnick: Inaudible.

Dolan: Well, they've got to go through the planning commission, whatever they do, right?

Barnick: Any paving going on this year?

Lukasewicz: Only what has to be done *inaudible*.

Chrzan: Well, get it done.

Lukasewicz: Elaine, have Robbie prepare a list of streets that have to be paved. Have it ready for us for as soon as possible.

Bette Goreschak: How about sewer work? Meade Street's bad.

Lukasewicz: We've got two or three of them there, that are going to be ready to go out pretty soon and.....

Barnick: Short Street just went out.....

Lukasewicz: Short Street's out, South Valley evidently shortly down the road.....

Barnick: They've been pushing South Valley, anybody pushing that one?

Morrell: PennDOT, *few speaking at once, inaudible*. What we're waiting for on the South Valley is PennDOT.

Barnick: I know, is anybody pushing it?

Morrell: Elaine is.

Barnick: Mellow's office? Gaynor Cawley's?

Morrell: No, I could call them.

Barnick: 48.5 acres, what are we going to get rid of it?

Lukasewicz: I don't have an answer for you after that.

Marushock: I can't see spending the borough funds.

Barnick: Are we getting rid of it? We've got to make a decision. We're already in it deep to \$100,000 to this piece of property with engineering and planning and everything else. Make a decision. I know where I stand, no matter if I was here or not it they would have been in for to open that road.

Marushock: Okay, but if we move forward with this we're going to have to commit \$250,000 a year for....

Barnick: You already committed it.

Marushock: Pardon?

Barnick: You already committed it. It was committed by Resolution, by an Ordinance and by a deed.

Marushock: And if we fail that, that deed of property goes back to the state. Am I correct?

Barnick: Yeah. So you just blew a hundred grand, right? It's surreal. Okay, that's all.

Marushock: What will it take to continue? About three million dollars, plus?

Barnick: A hundred grand, just went out the window.

Marushock: I've been against it all along, I'm sorry.

Barnick: Well.

Chrzan: You were against recreation too.

Marushock: I'm not against that.

Chrzan: You said there was too much recreation in Throop.

Barnick: All right, George Street turn-back, anything?

Morrell: That 48 acres is a great big loss to this borough.

Barnick: Yes it is.

Lukasewicz: George Street turn-back, Jimmy, I....*inaudible, few speaking at once.*

Barnick: But the turn-back, we were working on that and also Rebecca Street.

Lukasewicz: And the two of them, the engineers.....

Barnick: I wasn't here Monday but I know you approved Jones Street but how's that going to effect Rebecca Street if we make that the main road? Anybody looking into.....

Marushock: I don't believe the state ever got back with us.....

Barnick: And also Jones Street, I don't know if you're aware of it. In the Borough Code, Jones Street, it take 51% for approval of adjacent property owners to approve that. I has been laid out for over 21 years and it takes 51%. I don't know if you're aware of that. That's it for now, there's a few more but.

Lukasewicz: Check with that, Attorney Cimini. *Few speaking, inaudible.*

Barnick: Yeah, but it says according to the Borough Code it takes 51% or higher.
Few speaking, inaudible.

Barnick: Where's the money coming from on that one? *Few speaking at once.* You've got Catherino up there which is *inaudible*, and then you've got Jones Street which is another *inaudible*.

Lukasewicz: I believe the engineers have been working steadfast on Catherino. We're just waiting for their.....

Chrzan: Nothing's being done, Tom.

Lukasewicz: ...proposals.

Chrzan: Nothing is being done.

Marushock: Did we ever get a *inaudible* from the developer up in that area, Catherino & Sharkey?

Barnick: We got nothing that I know of. *Few speaking.* I don't get nothing. I don't know what's going on here, nothing.

Mayor: That was part of the motion.

Marushock: Right. I believe we need a financial agreement or financial...

Mayor: Yep, that was part of the motion.

Marushock:be developed. So far we don't have that.

Chrzan: What about a financial commitment down on Jones Street? Who's going to pay for it?

Marushock: At the meeting, at the meeting the other night.....

Chrzan: Who's going to pay for it?

Marushock: We made a motion to approve a dirt road way through that right now.

Barnick: Who's going to pay for it?

Chrzan: Where's the money coming from?

Barnick: Who's paying for it? The borough's paying for that one and not paying for that one? And that one's needed for emergency to get in with a vehicle, and then you're going to *inaudible* the turn-back on the Rebecca Street extension, right?

Marushock: The majority of that up there is, when you look at a deed, *inaudible* commitment by the developer.

Barnick: My God.

Few speaking at once.

Marushock: I'm sorry but that's the truth.

Few speaking at once.

Audience Comments/New Business:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.: That fence on the on the 100 block of Sanderson. It's on borough property. Months ago it was....

Lukasewicz: Robbie has been discussing this with the individual and I don't know what Robbie has decided.

Rocco: Well, it is on borough property. It definitely is.

Lukasewicz: If Robbie was here I'd ask him to elaborate for you on it. I don't have an answer for you.

Rocco: You have a pipe, fifteen to eighteen inches at least, sticking out of the ground right by that fence.

Lukasewicz: Yeah.

Rocco: If somebody gets hurt, Throop is in trouble.

Lukasewicz: Yeah, the pipe's been like that for a long time. It should have some kind of....

Rocco: Oh, you've got to wait 'till somebody gets hurt.

Lukasewicz: It should have some kind of grate put over it. I agree with you.

Rocco: That should be knocked out of there.

Lukasewicz: Pardon?

Rocco: It should be taken right out of there.

Lukasewicz: Okay, I'm.... *both speaking at once, inaudible.....* the sewer pipe, Rocco.

Rocco: No, no, no, I'm not talking about that. They used to have a basketball thing there. It was rotted away.

Lukasewicz: Elaine, if you can ask Mr. Kalinoski tomorrow to give you a written whatever, how far he is along with that *both speaking at once, inaudible.*

Rocco: If somebody gets hurt, Throop could be sued.

Lukasewicz: Okay, Elaine?

Morrell: Yes.

Barnick: Before you go any further, *inaudible*, wording for appointment for the assistant zoning officer. I'd like to make a motion to make it Assistant Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer. That's going to cover all your Ordinances in the borough at the same time.

Chrzan: You're on the ball, Mr. Barnick. What are you reading that Borough Code?

Barnick: That's why I'm up here.

21. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Marushock

To change the wording for the appointment if the assistant zoning officer to **Assistant Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer (Motion #19).**

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: Then there's not going to be no conflict with any ordinance that's saying, well that's zoning, that's planning. He's a code enforcement officer now.

Rocco: I'd like to also see council vote tonight on a summer program for the Bellman Street playground. Why should it all be up on the Washington? How these little kids going to get up there? I think we should add something down there.

Barnick: *Inaudible...* we have kitchen facilities and stuff like that, electric....

Rocco: Well, you don't need that. You don't need that down there. Just something, you know, recreation for the kids.

Dolan: But they need the picnic tables, the pavilion. That's where most of it is held.

Barnick: I don't think they completed it yet, I don't they finished it.

Lukasewicz: No, he's still working on some of them items that had to be corrected.

Rocco: Some kind of art or something to keep the kids, you know, interested for the summer. I mean, they have it all up on Washington. Every year thousands of dollars is going up there. There's no reason why we can't have them go down there.

Morrell: What do you do about Woodlawn and Warsaw then? *Few speaking in background, inaudible, few speaking at once.*

Rocco: Arts and crafts, or you know, baseball coach, you know, anything.

Barnick: Ah, be happy we're just getting the park now.

Rocco: Come on, no, I mean hey, one step at a time. We got the park now.....

Barnick: It's been twenty years since you had a park down there and...

Rocco: Twenty, it's been years since I been fighting for a park down there.

Barone: You finally won.

Rocco: Years.

Barone: Well, I want you to use it now, I want to see.....

Rocco: Well that's what I say, let's get them a summer program down there. I'd like to see council vote on something tonight, it's getting late.

Lukasewicz: It appears like it's going to stay like it is for now, Rocco, just at the Washington.

Chrzan: It's too much *inaudible*.

Mayor: Maybe you could dispatch a person. Yeah, but how many people up there? Dispatch one person down there to just.....

Rocco: Do something.

Mayor: It wouldn't be a bad idea. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Lukasewicz: Maybe we could have a day down there and a day up at the other park...

Morrell: And one at Woodlawn and one at Warsaw?

Lukasewicz: Yeah, see if the director can.....

Rocco: Yeah, right, straighten it up. It's not right to have everything up the one playground. *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.*

Lukasewicz: The parents transport the kids to the park.

Barnick: Then they....*inaudible*... down there on certain days but then they're going to be getting mixed up saying, well, I've got to go here....

Lukasewicz: See how the director feels.

Barnick: I think you're going a little overboard there.

Rocco: Why is it going overboard?

Morrell: What are you going to do for snacks and refrigerator and kitchen facilities?

Everyone speaking at once.

Morrell: I mean, you know, I can ask her but really. Bathrooms, sinks to wash your hands. They do paints and....

Barnick: You usually get what you want, Rocco, but not this time.

Dolan: Is there bathroom facilities at these places like the Warsaw?

Morrell: Just a job-johnny but no sinks.

Jerry Butash, 162 Brick Street: I just want to make a comment on the Boulevard. Well, it's not even a year since the project's been done down there and the corner of Rebecca and the Boulevard, the curbs, the sidewalks, are all beat up and cracked and deteriorated from the trucks running over it and it's a shame.

Barnick: That's the one I forgot down there. Leeward, again.

Butash: It's an awful shame to say.....

Chrzan: Louie, weren't we supposed to lift their bond or something?

Cimini: Yeah, that's what I'm doing right now.

Chrzan: You're doing it?

Butash: You have dump truck tractor trailers, *inaudible* make the turn down there. That's what's doing it.

Barnick: Right know, you know, *inaudible*, I'm putting on a motion....

22. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize the Street Commissioner, Robert Kalinoski, to get bids or whatever is necessary for the repairs of the whole Boulevard section that was supposed to be completed by Leeward and also Meade and George Streets.

Barnick: Larry's kids fence.

Chrzan: Yeah, that was supposed to be taken care of.

Barnick: Your kid has got a lake in front of the house and.....

Butash: Even my sidewalks that he re paved are all cracked already.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: Lou, do we have to get, I mean if it still comes over \$10,000 do we have to get the....

Cimini: Yeah, I believe so.

Barnick: We have to go through the bidding procedures and stuff like that? Even though we're going to sue that company for....?

Cimini: Yeah, that's a separate issue.

Barnick: It's not a separate issue. They were supposed to do it and do it right.

Cimini: Yeah, but you still needs bids if it's over \$10,000.

Butash: One other thing was the building across the street from me, the old St. Anthony's school. I've been coming up here since the days of Gasper Barone and Pete Kucharski complaining about that

school and nothing has been done and it's deteriorating every day.

Lukasewicz: Are we still working on that or no?

Barnick inaudible.

Butash: There's nobody in there, there's some windows that blew out over the winter and now it's going to bring pigeons. The cellar door is falling off, that's going to bring rodents. There's an old motorcycle on the side....

Lukasewicz: Does anyone want to make a motion to authorize the zoning officer to go down there?

Barnick inaudible.

Chrzan: Just let him go, let him go....

Barnick: Inaudible, I know I have a list together already.....

Butash: And next door to him, the back of Sam's, the bar?

Lukasewicz: Right.

Butash: It's like a junkyard down there.

Lukasewicz: Again.

Butash: A junkyard. The weeds are growing, there's trash blowing all over the place.

Lukasewicz, Barnick, speaking together, inaudible.

Chrzan: I was telling the police yesterday. One of them tenants down there where all the trouble is? He's been going through different peoples yards and looking things over and he didn't want to give no name, he has no identification so it's handled, it's going to be handled by Neil.

Butash: Well I have one of those tenants that's parking right across the street from me and I can't get out of my driveway too because you know, Brick Street is narrow. I put a note on their car tonight when I left asking her to park someplace else. She shouldn't really be parking there, they should have parking for that building.

Chrzan: A lot of problems there.

Butash: But the building, the building itself is falling apart. There's glass all over the place and the winter mess is still there and nobody's doing nothing. It's a mess.

Lukasewicz: They'll go down tomorrow and address it.

Morrell: There's a seminar coming up for zoning officers, a seminar. Do you want the assistant zoning officer to attend? I believe it's in Mechanicsburg, it's not local.

Lukasewicz: I would say definitely.

Barnick: In addition to his thirty hours.

Lukasewicz: Definitely.

Morrell: Okay.

Dave Morrell, 315 George St.: We really, really, we have a lot of money invested in that 48 acres. I think it's an asset for the borough. I think I really wish you people would take another hard look at this.

Chrzan: Well, maybe we'll have to look at a different entrance.

Morrell: Whatever it takes.

Chrzan: Why can't you go up Franko Street?

Few speaking at once, inaudible.

Morrell: We fought and we fought and we fought and there's a lot of hours, took a lot of hours to get that and we finally got it and now we're going to lose it? I think it's a disgrace.

Barnick: Should have just took the \$75,000 from Carrier Coal when they offered it.

Chrzan: He said only if we get the land.

Morrell: We have more than that invested now that we spent already.

I only have one thing to say. **Larry Hartshorn, 140 Dimmick Street:** If you don't open Jones Street and you *inaudible* taxpayers money there, how about moving the hydrant out from in front of my house so I can park? That's all.

Barnick: Larry, it's not the point I don't want to, I mean, I want to open the street eventually if we had the money allocated but we've allocated a bunch a money for different projects here and all them projects aren't going on, I don't know what's going on anymore.

Hartshorn: I understand that, Jimmy, but.....

Barnick: And there's priorities where, I mean we had emergency services requesting the other street to be opened, we have South Valley Avenue that's been backed up for years, Warsaw we're pushing, I don't know, I just....

Hartshorn: I see where you're coming from but if you remember Jimmy, I done this *inaudible* just four years ago.

Barnick: And I also had, at the time when they were doing that development down there, it was set up to take that dirt out of there for free. Nobody wanted to go for it.

Hartshorn: Yeah, well that's understandable.

The meeting was adjourned

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary