

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special General Purpose Meeting
Thursday, April 6, 2006
following the 6:30 p.m. Special General Purpose Work Session

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Members of Council:

Cindy Johnson - A
James Barnick, **Vice President** - P
Thomas Lukasewicz, **President** - P
Joseph Barone - P
Tony Chrzan - P
George Marushock - A
John Musewicz - P
Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P
Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P
Assistant Treasurer – Lenore Dolan – A
Secretary - Christina Sullivan - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell – P

Announcements:

An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Debate – Candidates for State Representative for 113th District, April 22, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Throop Civic Center. All are welcome.

There were no audience comments on agenda items.

Bids were opened for the new Department of Public Works Building; results as follows:

Engineer's Estimate: \$850,000.00

Name	Address	Bid Amount	Bid Bond
DelVecchio Transport & Construction, Inc.	Dunmore	\$1,787,000.00 Alternate #1 \$25,000.00 Alternate #2 Alternate #3 a. b. Alternate #4 Addendums 1,2,3 Acknowledged	Yes
Mar-Paul Construction Co.	Jessup	\$2,088,000.00 Alternate #1+\$1600.00 Alternate #2-(\$88,000.00) Alternate #3 a. -(\$24,000.00) b. -(\$ 6,000.00) Alternate #4-(\$18,000.00) Addendums 1,2,3 Acknowledged	Yes
Scartelli General Contractors	Taylor	\$1,867,477.00 Alternate #1+\$17,075.00 Alternate #2-(57,700.00) Alternate #3 a.-(30,000.00) b.-(12,000.00) Alternate #4 (-\$10,375.00) Addendums 1,2,3 Acknowledged	Yes
A.J. Guzzi General Contractors	Clarks Summit	\$2,025,583.00 Alternate #1 (-\$ 5,000.00) Alternate #2 (-\$65,000.00) Alternate #3 a. (-\$25,000.00) b. (-\$ 5,000.00) Alternate #4 (-\$11,000.00) Addendums 1,2,3 Acknowledged	Yes
PACE Construction	Scranton	\$2,078,000.00 Alternate #1 (-\$1,400.00) Alternate #2 (\$70,000.00) Alternate #3 a. (-\$27,000.00) b. (-\$5,200.00) Alternate #4 (-\$18,900.00) Addendums 1,2,3 Acknowledged	Yes

The Motion #1 failed, as follows:

1. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barone

To accept the bids and submit them to the borough engineer, solicitor and street commissioner for their review and recommendation.

On the question:

Barnick: I think it's just too much, something went wrong there.

Lukasewicz: Let them be reviewed and then we'll see what's going on, why they're so high. . They're coming in probably at double of what we expected. We were anticipating \$850,000 and the lowest is almost \$1m almost higher so something is drastically wrong there on something so let it be evaluated and we'll go from there.

Four against – Barnick, Chrzan, Musewicz, Barone

One in favor – Lukasewicz

Motion Failed

1a. Motion by Chrzan

Second by Barnick

To have the bids reviewed by Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Borough Engineer.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: We need to have them analyzed. So this is the proper step to get something back as soon as possible so we can move forward with this. We've got to know where this went wrong and go from there.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Chrzan

Second Barnick

To ratify authorizing Christina Sullivan to prepare the minutes of the council meetings, effective immediately, as per the Sunshine Act, not verbatim, general statements/audience comments; the services of Mark Wozniak, stenographer, are no longer needed.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Barnick

Second by Chrzan

To reappoint Dave Garvey as Sewage Enforcement Officer with an annual retainer in the amount of \$550.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan **Second by Barnick**

To advertise for a Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Barnick **Second by Chrzan**

To ratify the authorization to purchase two (2) Watch Guard In-Car Video Systems for the Police Department. The cost is \$5,995.00 each. (One will be paid from the police grant and one from the general fund.)

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan **Second by Musewicz**

To ratify the issuance of check #29796 to Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau in the amount of \$1,095.00 for the transfer of the following properties to Throop Borough:

Woodlawn & Clark	Tax ID# 12513-010-009
801 Woodlawn St.	Tax ID# 12513-010-016
Kossuth Street	Tax ID# 12513-010-034

On the question:

Lukasewicz: For the audience, this was something that council worked hard to achieve and we put some pressure on the County Commissioners and as of today we did receive the deeds for these three properties that we thought were in the best interest of the Borough of Throop. So there's a thank you out to the County Commissioners for working with us.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: For the record, on the Landfill Post Closure Trust Fund, just get it on the record before you leave. Chrzan stated he was in favor with regard to the Post Closure Trust Fund (motion) then excused himself from the meeting (7:25 p.m.) because of a prior commitment.

7. Motion by Barnick **Second by Musewicz**

To reimburse Dickson City Borough \$306.18. This represents 31% of fuel purchased from Blakely Borough for Dickson City Community Ambulance Association for the first quarter of 2006.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Just so everyone knows there have been no problems whatsoever with Dickson City covering Throop Borough, the ambulance service that we have now. It's working out wonderful. The only thing that we had to worry about was to pay them for the fuel they expended in Throop. It's working out very good.

Barone: They took my brother to the hospital and the family loved them guys and said they were like professionals.

Lukasewicz: It takes a big burden off every one of us up here and Elaine and everyone, there's no calls anymore complaining about it.

Mayor: That was a travesty, the other situation.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Barnick

Second by Barone

To advertise Ordinance #6 of 2006, an Ordinance to Open Franko and Catherino Streets (a.k.a. Sharkey) to Ridge Street in the Borough of Throop.

On the question:

Barnick: We have to coordinate a couple of different items from Martarano to make this work.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Barnick

Second by Musewicz

To appoint Tom Lukasewicz, Jim Barnick, John Musewicz and Solicitor Louis Cimini as representatives for discussions regarding the Lackawanna County Landfill Post Closure Trust Fund.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barnick

Second by Musewicz

To issue a letter to Lackawanna County regarding the Landfill Post Closure Trust Fund.

On the question:

Barnick: Last night there was a meeting held. Let's go back to....

Lukasewicz: Approximately a week and half ago there was a meeting up at the Lackawanna Heritage Office in Jermyn and it was in regards to Merli-Sarnoski Park. It was an informational hearing in regards to ideas of what should be done at the park. Council President discussed the park at length, groups that were in attendance at the meeting, concerns about the logging at the

park and being against the logging, and monies generated to the county by the logging. In addition and at length, another discussion took place with regard to the Lackawanna County Post Closure Trust Fund and that Dunmore and Taylor Boroughs and Ransom Township are in agreement that the monies from this fund be distributed evenly to the Host Municipalities. A Joint Resolution would be adopted.

Barnick: For the record Tony is in favor even though he's not present. Dunmore and Taylor Boroughs and Ransom Township sent a letter in June, 2005, but we never saw or received notification. The Commissioners previously campaigned that this money belongs to the municipalities.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Barnick

Second by Musewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 19 of 2006 regarding the Lackawanna Landfill Post Closure Trust Fund.

On the question:

Barnick: Same as (Motion #) 10.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barone

Second by Barnick

To sell the DARE car for \$1,000 to Gino Runco, George Street, for \$1,000, and also repeal the prior sale and the car will be sold as is.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Barnick

Second by Barone

To allow the Valley Blood Council to use the Civic Center for the Annual Blood Drive and use of the Senior Center on October 26, 2006 (Thursday) for lunch and/or breaks, with the clearance of the seniors.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Barone

Second by Barnick

To authorize the purchase of new bleachers for the Washington Street Park Ball Field in the amount of \$5,000.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Barnick

Second by Barone

To grant permission to Fred Spott & Associate to prepare the 2006 Street Paving Program, as follows:

Clinton Court	George Street to Green Street
Lynwood Street	Ryan Street to Cypress Street
Division Street	Bush Street to area west of S. Valley Ave.
Forrest Court	Charles Street to Dauphin Court
Bush Street	Ash Street to Division Street & small portion of Ash. (Martarano to Bush)
Simpson Street	George Street to Dunmore Street
Edgar Street	George Street to Charles Street

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion Barnick

Second by Musewicz

To advertise for a Clerk of Works.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Barnick

Second by Musewicz

To submit the EEOC claim Hartshorn v. Borough of Throop and Robert Hegedus to the Borough insurance agency.

On the question:

Barnick: This is getting ridiculous already.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Barnick

Second by Musewicz

To forward a letter to SWIF regarding Charles Reed; the claim is warranted.

All in favor

Motion carried

Officials Comments:

Mayor: The last Blood Drive was the worst turnout in the last 10-15 years. If anyone could donate, please do so on October 26 at the Civic Center. Now the need for blood is greater.

Lukasewicz: For the record, the meeting I went to in regards to the Merli-Sarnoski park, I spent about two hours followed up about the logging to see what the actual logging did to the park. There's 100 acres of land that's to the right of the actual lake where you fish and swim and they staged a holding area where they put down all types of rock and gravel to bring all the trees to and then they went back I'd say a ½ mile and they cut down every tree that was of any value. Any mature oak tree was completely cut down. When you looked all you see was little saplings. At the meeting the Commissioners said this was the first of a series of logging that they plan to do in the park. I don't understand.

Mayor: And meanwhile they are going to come back to this fund and use it wherever they feel like now, no matter what it is.

Barnick: We were pretty much informally informed - there's no way they are going to give it up. Well, they have a battle coming to town. We've got four towns coming together.

Lukasewicz: Well, they want their money; it's as simple as that.

A discussion took place with regard to the Lackawanna County Landfill Post Closure Trust Fund

Barone: Discussed an Ordinance in existence for name calling on the records and if there was any name calling the Ordinance would be enforced and the person would be removed from the premises by a policeman.

Audience Comments:

Lisa Ayers, Advanced Geo Services, George Street: Asked where the money for the Lackawanna County Post Closure Trust Fund came from. Lukasewicz: .25 per ton, 1988 established, and 1999 modified. Presently bonds are put in place by landfills. The County has control of the money and used 2.176 million in 2003 fill the budget.

Bill (Snooky) Shevchik, Harriet Street: Recently the basketball team (5th graders) won a championship, an accomplishment that's not been done since 1985. He thought the team should be recognized publicly.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Secretary