

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting for General Purposes  
Thursday, August 10, 2000  
(Following the 6:30 p.m. special work session)**

**The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Of Council:**

Joseph Keyasko-P

Vice President - Anthony Chrzan-P

George Marushock-P

President - Joseph Barone-P

James Barnick-P

Robert Mraz-P

Thomas Lukasewicz-P

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski-A

**Controller** - Daryl Menichetti-P

**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

**Treasurer** - Lenore Dolan-P

**Announcements:**

- An Executive Session was held Thursday, August 3rd at 6:00 p.m. with the DPW & Teamsters to discuss contract negotiations.
- Throop Borough Officials and Borough Representatives, will be meeting with the (RA) Regional Administrator of USEPA in Philadelphia on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. regarding the Marjol Battery Site.
- Bob Mraz-A meeting was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with the ambulance volunteers, although there has been trouble in the past, they are going forward, the neighbor feels that there is progress being made this half of the year. They will be having an open in house in September.  
Marushock-I believe that everyone left that meeting in a positive note, I know, personally come away with a better understanding, there's questions raised, we got some answers so now we don't have to be pointing fingers. Thank you.



Barnick-About five thousand on one.....

Mraz-It went up 26% percent the whole year.

Barnick-It went up about five thousand. Volpe was at forty eight last year or something like forty and (unclear) by eight thousand.

A discussion took place, everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-We should put it out for who signed a bunch of these letters and let them come in.

All in favor

Motion carried

**4. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To table Motion the following motion:

To approve application for payment #1 for the sum of \$173,734.59 to American Asphalt for the Street Paving Program 2000 as approved by the borough engineer and the solicitor contingent upon favorable review by the Street Commissioner and completion of all items listed on the engineers attached construction observation report dated 7/27/00.

All in favor

Motion tabled

**5. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To ratify the letter of intent to PG Energy for the relocation of three gas lines in regards to the Boulevard Project at a cost of \$30,466.00.

On the question:

Marushock-I don't want to stand in the way of progress done, I believe that project needs to be completed and completed as quick as possible. The one thing I'm questioning is the overrun on this cost, I don't know if it was an engineering mistake or whatever what I would like possibly to see is if we can meet with some of these additional costs, with the engineer's insurance perhaps for errors omissions on the design of this layout? Again, let's get this done, let them get it over with, can we proceed further, Mr. Cimini, that maybe you can advise me. Is there a section there where we can try to recoup some of these over costs on this?

Cimini-You have to prove negligence on.....somewhere.

Barnick-I'd have to....(unclear)....for three of them, we were up to sixteen or nine, whatever it was, the total amount.

Barone-It was originally about twenty thousand I think.

Barnick-And also, the water company did their relocation for free so we don't.....it's pretty hard when you got a ..... like that to base where exactly gas lines are, sewer lines, water lines, because some of the lines are not run where exactly they were painted. They're in different positions so this, for thirty thousand dollars compared to what it would have been, this is good for a 2.2 million dollar project, this is very good.

Marushock-Like I said, I'd like to see.....

Everyone spoke at once and a discussion took place.

All in favor

Motion carried



**9. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Keyasko**

To authorize reimbursement for mileage and lunches for borough officials and representatives attending the meeting in Philadelphia with USEPA Regional Administrator.

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To table the following motion:

To approve application for payment # 8 to Leeward Construction in the amount of \$103,935.73 for the Boulevard Project, as approved by Frederick C. Spott, Borough Engineer.

All in favor

Motion tabled

**11. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Chrzan**

**To rescind Motion #11**

To authorize the Seventh Draw-Down from the from the Interest Free Loan from Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Inc. in the amount of \$278,000.00.

All in favor

Motion rescinded

**12. Motion by Lukasewicz Seconded by Mraz**

To rescind the motion to hire Kevin McHale as per the recommendation of the Civic Center Commission and Director, Jamie Shevchik.

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Lukasewicz Seconded by Mraz**

To hire Kathleen Monta as an aide to the After School Program, salary at the previously set amount, \$7.00 per hour.

On the question:

Barnick-I'd like to see Throop people.

A discussion took place.

Barone-We will hire.....we will hire Throop people....

Mraz-And if they're the best qualified for the job.

Five in favor-Keyasko, Chrzan, Lukasewicz, Mraz, Barone  
Two against-Marushock, Barnick      Motion carried

**14.      Motion by Marushock                      Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To reject all the proposals for the windows in the borough offices.

On the question:

Barnick-I think the public has a right to see what's going on in these offices.

Chrzan-(unclear) don't look at it that way, Jim.

Barnick-I really think so, because.....

A discussion took place, everyone spoke at once.

Lukasewicz-At least when I came in there the door always had to be kept open because that's what they were told so.....

Barnick-(Unclear), I just can't see, the public should be aware everyone that's in office....

Unknown-There's a situation involving the police department that the way it was explained to me that the door was going to be kept open because of the .....(unclear) doing interviews.

Barnick-He's got an office back there to do confidential interviews.....

Marushock-That's to me the chief's office and there's other officers where the chief .....have the time, I was in agreement with that, that was my understanding.

Barnick-Should have been all officers.....no matter what the public should know what's going on, I don't care whether you say it's open or not.....

Chrzan-No matter where you go, down the courthouse.....

A discussion took place, everyone spoke at once.

Four in favor-Keyasko, Marushock, Lukasewicz, Mraz

Three against-Chrzan, Barnick, Barone      Motion carried

**15.      Motion by Marushock                      Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To direct Ron Yanoski to invest both pension funds, non-uniform and police, in Merrill Lynch Unlimited Advantage with the mayor and president of council's signatures.

Lukasewicz-To have the president of council and the mayor's signature on there.

Barnick-Just as long as it's beneficial to the borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

**16.      Motion by Mraz                                      Seconded by Marushock**

To keep the police car to use for general borough business by zoning officers, and police business.

On the question:

Barnick-What you didn't realize is we made \$2700.00 on the insurance, did you understand that, nobody brought that.....so it's forty something hundred dollars what we actually get for the car, just so you understand that.

Lukasewicz-Is that put out for bid again, Elaine, already?

Morrell-No

Lukasewicz-This is to rescind that motion then, because I believe there was a motion last meeting to put it out for bid again.

Barnick-It's still .....commission, that's got a hundred thirty something thousand miles on it. You can get, at these state and surplus sales and like that, you can get one for \$500.00 for running around with less mileage on it.

A discussion took place and everyone spoke at once.

Five in favor-Keyasko, Marushock, Lukasewicz, Mraz, Barone

Two against-Chrzan, Barnick

Motion carried

**17. Motion by Mraz**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To rescind the motion to re-advertise the police car.

Six in favor-Keyasko, Chrzan, Marushock, Lukasewicz, Mraz, Barone

One against-Barnick

Motion carried

**18. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To advertise the police bicycle for sale.

On the question:

Barone-I think they're, in my opinion is that bike is doing good when it gets out there it's just the Mayor has to come up with a better plan to get it out more often than.(unclear)..time of the year when you.....(unclear)

Mraz-.....before at the work session that's what we want the mayor to do, explain in a little more detail.

Two in favor-Chrzan, Barnick,

Five against-Keyasko, Marushock, Lukasewicz, Mraz, Barone

Motion failed

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Barnick-I just want to say one thing, as far as budgets, everybody not following it, I've been looking at it. The Police Department is over, some of the other departments are over, I just hope you know what we're doing here towards the end of the year. Better start watching these budgets and later costs and everything else, spending a lot of money. It should be put into the sewers, into the streets, into the sidewalks.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Jack Dolan, South Valley Avenue-They paved up in Warsaw yesterday, (unclear) they did Line Street, they started on the.....Cypress Street, they did all the way up, they come down, whatever that back street is, they didn't get the street in between which looks like garbage, then come down and stopped before Richardson's and left the two residences at Ollendike and the end of Line Street.....(unclear)....rest of the streets look like they're going to fall apart, they're going to knock that....in the winter time.....rip that right up.

Barnick-You're taking about (unclear) Street not paved on the end?

Everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-Then we're going to be doing a storm system up there right away and that's the reason, they're only doing.....the water company.....they're only doing the areas they destroyed, that's why it's like that.....(unclear)....bid....storm sewers up in the Warsaw which we're waiting on.....because that's CDBG money for this year.

Dominick Rocco-What's the story on this Tiffany here with the storm drains? Two storm drains on the edge of the road with an open line, open pipe, draining down the hill. I mean, that should be illegal, shouldn't it?

Barone-We had, we were down there the other day, Summa was down there, two state guys were down there, Jack was there, myself, and Bernosky was there, and Tony was there. That pipe that's facing down towards you, that pipe is going to be eliminated.

Rocco-Where is it going to go and how long is it going to take? Why can't they drive it underground, put a couple more drains down there, we need drains.

Everyone spoke at once.

Rocco-I'm talking about going down the hill.

Chrzan-They're going to divert back this way.

Rocco-They should go down the hill and put a couple more drains in there. They're doing it on the side of the road, I mean everything is washing away, go take a look at that road.

Barone-We got it set, we talked to Bernosky, (unclear), there's going to be four drains the way Bernosky talked.....

Rocco-Well, where are they going?

Barone-One is going to be, might be on the .....Snell's....two across the street....and one over...(unclear).

Rocco-Well that's not helping us down the patch at all.

Lukasewicz-Talking about the main entranceway going into Tiffany Estates.....discharging out and fills in with residue every time it rains.....

Everyone spoke at once.

Dolan-The state's going to have that one reversed.

Rocco-Yeah, but we more drains....down the hill, everything is washing away down there. I tell you guys a month ago to look at it but I don't think anybody did and don't give a hell.

Lukasewicz-All right, so the state's going to do a project?

Dolan-The state is involved in it with Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Summa and the borough, everybody has to be involved in it.

Lukasewicz-So you're going to have one catch basin to the right of the entrance way.....

Dolan-Across the street by the little league entrance there's going to be one on the right hand side of it towards the cemetery, one on the other side of it, there's going to be three.....

Everyone spoke at once and a discussion took place.

Dolan-The borough has to get involved with the property owners there and the state and the borough because the borough has to be responsible for any....put there.

Lukasewicz-No, there should have been catch basins all the way down Sanderson.....(unclear) and it should have diverted back to where the roads are that are in.....

A discussion took place and everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-The only thing is the meeting we were supposed to have with the water company to get the seeding back there because the water company and the gas company ripped it up after it was seeded.

Rocco-That should be done right away, you got big holes down there, anybody goes off that road they're going to.....and suing somebody.

Dolan-The last meeting get a letter to the water company and the gas company going to pay 50%. A discussion took place, everyone spoke at once.

Barone-Remind me tomorrow, we'll get Bernosky down there tomorrow.

Rocco-Another thing, it's almost a year the lights, the street lights are out of there, when we going to get them back? They took the poles out of there to work on Tiffany, they never put them back.

Barnick-And they were supposed to relocate the lines going down there.

Barone-Bob, do you know anything about that? We'll get Rob when he gets back on Monday.

Rocco-I don't know if that's his problem, really. You've got to keep after the electric company.

A discussion took place on Hose Company #1:

Mraz-Hear anything on the hose company?

Morrell-I spoke to Fred Spott to get somebody's name, I got a guys name, he called him, the gentleman is supposed to call me back tomorrow. A written analysis report, there's no way we're going to get it for \$300.00.

Barnick-On what?

Morrell-There's no way, you can get like a....you can have him take a look at it, I didn't speak to the gentleman directly on what he will or will not do for \$300.00 but they are not going give an analysis, a complete analysis report on that for that kind of money.

Lukasewicz-All you got to do is fix the roof, the building is.....

Barnick-You need to fix the roof, fix the roof.

Marushock-What I had gathered, I spoke to Mr. Barone, Jerry Barone, and he told me that the drainage from that roof that always come through drainpipes located along the wall, I guess pipes broke and froze, and now the walls are also damaged so we're not just looking at damage to the roof, we're looking at the whole structure in general that has been damaged.

Barnick-(Unclear).....take a whole house apart and put it back together, fix the roof.

Marushock-Is that worth repairing?

Morrell-The roof is leaking, that's how the walls and everything got damaged, it's from the hole in the roof.

A discussion took place, everyone spoke at once.

Mraz-I believe at the last meeting Robert Kalinoski brought up that he felt it was in somewhat of jeopardy of some kind of.....

Lukasewicz-I think he was afraid it was going to fall down.

Mraz-Is it?

Lukasewicz-I don't think so.

Everyone spoke at once.

Lukasewicz-I'd like to make a motion that we call E&R Roofing who did the work on the roof and have them come down and give us an analysis of what they can do to correct the problem.

Barnick-An estimate.

Lukasewicz-Of what is needed to repair the roof.

Barone-Who is this?

Lukasewicz-E&R Roofing, they are right up here in the Industrial Park, that's the guy who I believe.....they did the roof on here and whenever there's a problem they come back to look at it. Everyone spoke at once.

Rocco-I'm not done yet. The river bank, I've been asking you guys since April to have that cleaned up, that water starts rising we're being flooded out down there, this is the first year in years that it hasn't been done, what's the excuse for it? I was told after the spring clean up.....

Barone-Prisoners down there again for that?

Rocco-They're not, you'll never get those guys, too late now to get the prisoners.

Barone-How do you know?

Rocco-How do you know, I've been bringing up since April, you said get the prisoners, how long you going to wait, until we get flooded out then you're going to say you're sorry, you should have did it?

Marushock-How about if the county can help us the way they cleaned up Olyphant and they did a nice job, maybe they could help us on that.

Barone-I think Robbie got a hold of that guy.....(unclear)....give to Robbie. What am I going to do, if it starts raining I can't stop it, I need to wait until Robbie, so you're just going to have to bear with us until Monday. Tomorrow is Friday, the week is almost gone. Anybody else?

Rocco-Yes, the DPW job, you going to avoid that or what? It's been a couple months now it's been out.

Barone-That's another one that Robbie has got to do, he wants to interview these guys, he's going to pick out who he thinks is the best and then we'll go from there.

Chrzan-You still have the summer help though, right?

Barone-Yes.

Barnick-(Unclear)....until the end of October, we're going to waste more money and medical and everything else?

Rocco-It's not an additional job.

Barnick-It's an open job but we do have additional summer help here right now that we're paying out less wages than a normal person that would be in the union and paying union wages and paying medical and everything else, we got the summer help. Saves a heck of a lot of money.

Barone-Well we'll get Robbie here and then we'll vote for.

**The tape was changed here.**

Menichetti-It's about the last meeting. I'll try to be as brief as I can.

Barnick-Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, this is still under investigation.

Barone-If this is about the soda.....

Menichetti-This is about the comments that were made at the last meeting.

Chrzan-It's under investigation, I'm leaving, Joe.

Barone-I am too.

Chrzan-I'll tell you, I'm not going to court again.

Marushock-I believe it was discussed.....

Menichetti-Are you denying the right to speak at this meeting? Are you saying, are you denying

me the right to speak at this meeting?  
Chrzan-Louie, we need advice, Louie, should we stay here and listen to the....being it's under investigation.  
Keyasko-How do you know what she's going to say until you hear her?  
Chrzan-Should we stay?  
Menichetti-This is everything that was brought out at the last meeting.  
Chrzan-Louie, if you tell me to stay, I'll stay.  
Cimini-I think that a motion was made a few weeks ago that anything that was under investigation, I don't know what this is about, I'm saying that's.....  
Chrzan-Daryl, are you going to discuss anything that's under investigation?  
Cimini-Do you got the motion that's passed a few weeks ago?  
Barone-Yes, it was.  
Menichetti-I don't know of any investigation that's being conducted.  
Chrzan-You know there's an investigation.  
Menichetti-I don't know of any investigation.  
Chrzan-You know there's an investigation.....  
Menichetti-No one has contacted me, who else has been contacted?  
Keyasko-Lokuta, did you take that report down to the district attorney's?  
Lokuta-You better that believe that I did.  
Menichetti-Well then there you go, he took his report down there and there's an investigation.....I'm the controller and I'm not allowed to speak tonight on this?  
Chrzan-The D.A. is investigating it, I'm sorry, I'm leaving. Let her go and give it to the D.A., it's still under investigation.  
Menichetti-I'll be down there tomorrow, you can bet your bottom dollar, I'll be down there tomorrow.  
Chrzan-Well go down.  
Barnick-Who did this report?  
Menichetti-I did.  
Barone-Daryl, when you talk to....address the....council.....  
Everyone spoke at once.  
Menichetti-I asked Elaine, I told her.  
Morrell-I told, it was on the agenda. It was on the work session agenda.  
Menichetti-It was on the agenda. I'll go down the D.A.'s office myself tomorrow.  
Everyone spoke at once.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary