

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting - General Purposes
Tuesday, August 21, 2001
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Joseph Barone-P

Vice President - James Barnick-P

Anthony Chrzan-P

President - Thomas Lukaszewicz-P

Jim Mellody-P

George Marushock-P

Joseph Keyasko-A

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements:

- An executive session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters in regards to the Civic Center and Police Department, a discussion of the 48 acres (deed), and the ambulance service.
- The monthly work session scheduled for Thursday, August 23rd is cancelled.
- An executive session will be held on Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. to discuss police negotiations.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Frank Galli, 609 Kossuth Street-Questioned who would be named/appointed in Motion #1.

Jack Dolan, South Valley Avenue-Commented on the amount for square footage of signs, Motion #8.

John Stoffey-Motion #10, Kaminski Brothers, asked if it was extra than allocated, for test pits.

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

To appoint Elizabeth Luchansky as Civic Center Director immediately at an annual salary in the amount of \$24,000.00 plus benefits with a six month probationary period and one week vacation after one year of total service. (The work week is at least 40 hours. It may be 40 plus.)

On the question:

Barone-I think six months probation is a long time but I was willing to go, well whatever. The thing I don't like about this whole situation is all these other people that didn't get interviewed. Throop's getting a bad name because of it. We could have found and hired this girl anyway, but the thing is, I feel, I got two calls. One from a lady and one from a man, I don't know who they where and the lady was hot under the collar and she said she's going to check into it further. Now, I don't know what that means, I think everyone should have been interviewed, at least. They went through the trouble of putting an application out and resume. These people weren't even interviewed. That's how I feel. That's all I've got to say.

Lukasewicz-I should state for the record, the procedure of looking for a Director was adhered to and then an applicant that was qualified and sufficient to what we were looking for was found at that point and the committee had the process ceased and throughout the process of looking for a Director, there are guidelines that you have to go by and I believe that nothing was done illegally whatsoever and.....(everyone spoke at once, a discussion took place.)

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To award the bid to Kaminski Brothers, Inc. for the 2001 Street Paving Project for the sum of \$160,778.16 as per the recommendations of John Szczepaniak, Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Borough Engineer and Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 23 of 2001, Lackawanna County Solid Waste Recycling Agreement.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To amend July 30th motion # 7, to rollover the Sunny Day Fund CD Account # 51-101370-5 for one year. Amended motion to state to rollover for **six months** at the highest comparable rate 4.32% at FNCB.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To rollover Sunny Day Fund CD Account # 41-104590-5 in the amount of \$62,838.63 plus interest (anticipated balance \$67,679.10) for a period of six months at the FNCB pending they offer the highest interest rate. The CD matures on August 31, 2001. *(At the discretion of the Administrator, not to exceed six months.)*

All in favor **Motion carried**

6. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To donate \$200.00 to Olyphant Lions Football.

All in favor **Motion carried**

7. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barnick**

To delete the following motion from the agenda:
To authorize Frederick C. Spott to review the mining maps in regards to Marjol.

All in favor **Motion carried**

8. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 24 of 2001, a resolution amending Resolution # 25 of 2000 the following section only: §905.1(c) Signs (2) All Other Signs - \$10.00/s.f. sign area. **Amendment to state \$2.00/s.f.**

On the question:
Barnick-It's a minor modification to the Borough Zoning Ordinance.

All in favor **Motion carried**

9. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize payment # 2 to Lake Construction in the amount \$442.50 for the South Valley Ave. Test Borings as approved by Spott & Assoc., Borough Engineer.

All in favor **Motion carried**

10. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Mellody**

To approve Kaminski Brothers Inc. Change Order # 2 for the Sanderson Street Curb & Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$5,075.00 for the test pits.

All in favor **Motion carried**

- 11. Motion by Marushock** **Seconded by Mellody**

To authorize the quarterly payment in the amount of \$750.00 to PA. Municipal Pension Services, Michael Cummings, from the assets of the Police Pension Fund.

All in favor **Motion carried**

- 12. Motion by Mellody** **Seconded by Marushock**

To renew the one year contract with PA. Municipal Pension Services, Michael Cummings for the Administration & Consultation for the Police Pension Fund at an annual cost of \$3,000.00. The payments will be made from the assets of the fund for the period of 9/1/2001 to 8/31/2002.

All in favor **Motion carried**

- 13. Motion by Marushock** **Seconded by Mellody**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$18,115.00 to HARIE. This represents the down payment and first installment for the boroughs workers compensation policy 8/1/01 to 8/1/02.

All in favor **Motion carried**

- 14. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize payment to Price Chopper in the amount of \$77.03 for items charged for the Civic Center.

On the question:

Mellody-What are these charges for?

Morrell-The Civic Center Committee went up to purchase some stuff the day of Jamie's barbecue and they allowed them to charge at the Price Chopper. They did not go up with petty cash, because they had a lot of money, and they didn't go up with the cash and they allowed them to charge it. We have the receipt, we have a purchase order.

Lukasewicz-This is within the allotted money.

A discussion took place.

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

One against-Marushock **Motion carried**

- 15. Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Barone**

To solicit proposals for primary ambulance care for the Borough of Throop, bids to be prepared by the solicitor, and in care of the solicitor.

On the question:

Barone-I have to ask you, before this guy left he made the motion, what is that, revenge? One of your guys left before, he said who's making the motion about the ambulance? To me that sounded like a revenge motion (inaudible). Everyone spoke at once.

Marushock-Shouldn't we have set a meeting up with the ambulance again to try to iron these problems out before we jump this (inaudible).

Lukasewicz-I believe that we're not jumping any wagons and I don't think.....(everyone spoke at once). We've set up meetings with the ambulance for eight years and it always comes down to this point. This is just to know what our avenues are and that doesn't mean we're going to do anything but at least we're going to know what our avenues are. We're going to have a game plan. That doesn't mean we're going to act on it yet and I don't think a meeting with them again right now would, it might help, I just want to have, I want to know what's out there.

Marushock-In my honest opinion, I thought we were going to sit down and try to schedule a meeting with them and discuss problems, put everything on the table before we went this route. That's what I thought we agreed to do. (Inaudible)

Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz
Two against-Marushock, Mellody **Motion carried**

16. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Chrzan**

To advertise proposed Ordinance # 10 to open Franko & Catherino Streets.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-This is just the first step of processing, getting information and sending it forward to find out what we could do (inaudible).

Morrell-We have to advertise the public hearing but do we advertise the proposed adoption of the ordinance?

Five in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Marushock, Lukasewicz
One against-Mellody **Motion carried**

17. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize to extend the quantity of discharge pipes on all properties at a cost of \$5.00 each in regards to the Sanderson Street Curb and Sidewalk Project, as per the recommendation of Street Commissioner, Robert Kalinoski.

All in favor **Motion carried**

Official Comments:

Discussions took place regarding the 48 acres (deed signed this evening). Barone thought the land may cause the borough a lot of trouble, Washington Street Park additional parking spaces, and the DPW bucket truck.

18. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To authorize the Planning Agency to evaluate additional parking at the Washington Street Park, along Loftus Street.

All in favor

Motion carried.

Audience Comments:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street-Discussed and asked whose responsibility is it to clean up Sulfer Creek and the cleanup of the river.

Matt Cortazar, 1018 Ridge Street-Regarding the motion on bid proposals, you didn't give a time frame.

Jack Dolan, South Valley Avenue-Question if the they were still looking into rubber for the Bellman Street Playground Project. (Wood chips was decided.)

Rose Kaminski-Doesn't like the rubber, kids come down the sliding board and come up black. Inventory was supposed to be completed for the Civic Center and all the other departments, it was extended to June, was it completed?

Joe Barone-Asked if a letter could be sent to Rinaldi because going down Oleckna Street, trees are breaking and one almost hit his car the other day.

Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary