

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, August 27, 2001**

**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 Lukasewicz-**P**

Jim Mellody-**P**

George Marushock-**A**

Joseph Keyasko-**P**

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski-**P**

**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini - Atty. Cimini called and said he would be late. He was out of the area. He arrived at 7:50 p.m.

**Treasurer** - Lenore Dolan-**P**

**Administrator/Secretary** - Elaine Morrell-**P**

**Announcements:**

- An Executive Session was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss police contract negotiations and legal matters.
- An Executive Session was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Franchetti/Evans property, how it abuts the Bellman Street Playground

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda:**

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street-Questioned Motion #7 in reference to the land.

**1. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To accept the police reports, zoning report, landfill inspectors reports and minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meetings.

On the question:

Barnick-On minutes of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001, Motion #1, there was an appointment of Ms.

Luchansky, there was mention of a minimum 40 hour work week also.

Lukasewicz mentioned 40+ hours. Chrzan said it was not an hourly wage, it was salary.

Lukasewicz said the prior director worked 40, 45, 50 hours. Some weeks he even worked 60 hours, maybe some weeks less but the new director would have to work at least 40 hours a week.

Morrell-We will make that correction on the minutes.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

**2. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the Fund Statement & Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement for July 2001.

General Fund Checking Account	\$904,159.79
General Fund CD's	1,329,078.29
General Fund Petty Cash	200.00
Payroll Checking Account	1,991.09
Civic Center Account	250.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	250.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	1,777,700.92
Home Program State Grant	5,020.47
Revitalization State Grant (98-192-1061)	98.10
Community Revitalization (20-192-0947)	40,109.69
Civic Center After School Program	500.00
Warsaw Playground	27,072.45
Liquid Fuels Account	67,681.69
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,154,112.49</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

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

**3. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

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

Unpaid bills:	\$106,444.64
Paid bills:	43,943.54
AOL deduction	26.95
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$150,415.13</b>

Keystone Landfill Credit (As of 08/17/01)	\$13,022.66
Home Program	4,620.47
Revenue Report (As posted)	65,309.54
Interest	2,551.69

The Home Program paid out to contractors and residents the amount of \$15,637.00 They also paid an invoice to Marvin Brotter for \$400.00. The checkbook balance as of today, if all items for payment are approved, will be \$745,555.41.

**All in favor, except Lukasewicz, abstain from**

**Atty. Goffer's bill**

**Motion carried**

**4. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**5. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**



**Discussion:**

Lukasewicz-The Permit Modification for Keystone Sanitary Landfill, said has been in contact with the landfill because there were concerns of exactly what the permit entailed. In discussion, it was decided a review will be done by an engineering firm or even the Planning Commission. Jim (Barnick) also made calls to the landfill. The best thing for the borough to do would be to sit down, the committee, with the landfill and to have their engineer and go over in regards to see where we stand on it instead of spending a lot of money to see it reviewed.

Barnick-Prior to this, under Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, all plans are in need of review and I'm going to make a motion right to now to submit the major modification of that landfill to the Planning Agency for their review and recommendations, just like the County (Lackawanna) Planning Commission gets its. Don't try to go around the issues, please get the facts.

A discussion took place.

**9. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To have the Planning Agency review the plans for the permit modification for the Keystone Sanitary Landfill as per the Borough Code.

On the question:

Mayor-What prompted this?

Lukasewicz-We have received three volumes of some paperwork of permit modification from the landfill and I believe there was even an advertisement in the Times yesterday, so just to let everyone know that it is taking place and we have a period of time to respond to this.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**10. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To try to secure a grant, the best possible grant, for the first phase of the 48 acres, through our Planning Consultant, Marv Brotter, with the first phase to include a DPW salt shed.

On the question:

Keyasko-Did you read the pamphlets on that 1974 study, 1974, when they made the study up there?

A long discussion took place.

**Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz**

**Two Against-Mellody, Keyasko**

**Motion carried**

The following motion was withdrawn:

Engineering preliminary review on it (the 48 acres) providing Solicitor get an approval, he can start working on it, because he was supposed to call them today.

Lukasewicz-I think we should see if we actually sign the paperwork. Contingent on the borough acquiring the deed.

Chrzan-You signed the paper the other night.

Lukasewicz-I signed the papers but the Secretary of the State still has to sign the papers.

Barnick-Once the deed or approval is given, written approval, to go ahead and work on it.

Lukasewicz-One or the other for something that actually states that it's ours. You can't do anything until you actually have a deed.

Barnick-You could do something if they provide you with a paper saying you can go ahead and do it because it's signed.

A discussion ensued, everyone spoke at once.

### **Mayor Comments:**

The Police attended the School Violence seminar, recreating live experiences of violence in the schools and that's today (August 27<sup>th</sup>) and will continue again tomorrow. While we're talking about the Sanderson Street Project, but I'll tell you what, people are saying, boy, you're really on the right track because of having the most beautiful town in this area. Officer Reed came out #1 in the training from the course in Florida, the Police Athletic League. (Officer Reed then briefly addressed council about the training seminar for PAL and the program.)

### **Official Comments:**

Tony Chrzan-Announced that one of the following days, September 24<sup>th</sup>, the 25<sup>th</sup> or the 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Surplus Food Drive in Throop at the Civic Center. It will be advertised once the exact date is confirmed.

Jim Barnick-Asked that everyone try to get to the school board meetings, this 21% tax increase is ridiculous. Chrzan said there will be one coming up next year also. Barnick said he thought this council was like the school board already because they took out the loans, they got the bonds, they got the money on the bonds sitting up there, there also collecting your taxes with 21% more and that money is sitting up there right now. Go up and voice your opinion because the project that they say is an expansion for the school is not even out for bid yet. So you figure the first payment is probably not even going to be made until December, January, so they're going to sit with all that money, double the money. Sitting there in the bank, collecting the interest besides.

Joe Barone-Said he thought we should get some petitions up anyway.

Tony Chrzan-Commented you could expect at least a 5% increase next year.

### **Audience Comments:**

Frank Galli, 609 Kossuth Street-Discussed the Kristy Grega Memorial Scholarship Fund, tickets are being sold for \$5.00 each. Many teams are involved for a baseball tournament. He mentioned looking for help from council, possibly from DPW, parking issues and not knowing how many people would show up. A dunk tank would be there and any help/support at all is needed.

John Stoffey, 238 Bellman Street-Discussed last month's meeting at the civic center, about getting the new director started, two councilman were present. Questions were asked about the some inventory items and he questioned Jim Mellody what he meant by a statement from January to August, the soda inventory. A discussion ensued.

Frank Galli-Mentioned probably why you were getting extra money is, people put a dollar in the machine and you get nothing out of it. It happens, you put the dollar in, and you don't get anything out of it.

Dave Morrell-Mentioned the problems the Civic Center had in the past and that it looked like it's continuing into the future and questioned why can't we just let the soda company handle the soda. Lenore Dolan answered that was an issue between the commission first, not here. She mentioned it would cause a lot less problems but it should go to the commission first.

Barnick said it would cost the borough more money. Lenore answered it would be less profit, but it would be less headaches.

Dave Morrell-Said the overage could be more money was left inside the machines.

Pat Regan, 15 Ollendike Street-Complained about a neighbor's dog.

Marie Linko, 11 Ollendike Street-Complained about a neighbor harassing her and her children.

Motion by Chrzan      Seconded by Barnick  
To adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary