

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
for General Purposes  
Thursday, February 13, 2003  
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Of Council:**

Anthony Chrzan - **A**

James Barnick - **A**

**Vice President-** Thomas Lukasewicz - **P**

**President-**James Mellody Jr. - **P**

George Marushock - **P**

Daryl Menichetti - **P**

Joseph Barone - **A**

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

**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini - **P**

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

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

**Announcements:**

Thurs, Feb. 20 - 6:30 p.m. - Ernie Cicilioni will conduct a Public Hearing - Re: CDBG Grant Meade St. Sewer Project. The monthly work session will follow at 7:00 p.m.

**Mayor Lukowski Presentation (at the Work Session prior to the meeting):**

In recognition and appreciation of Representative Gaynor Cawley, for his continued support with regard to the Marjol Battery Site.

**There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.**

**1. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To issue a check for the sum of \$687.00 to the United States Postal Service for stamped envelopes for Adam Nosak, Tax Collector.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**2. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Menichetti**

To approve the sixty five cents (\$.65) per hour wage increase for all DPW Teamsters Local 229 Union Employees effective March 24, 2003 through March 23, 2004, (contract year). The Local Union and all Bargaining Unit employees unanimously accept the offer by council and they would like to thank council.

On the question:

Marushock: My only objection is I think we should we negotiate this better.

Menichetti: We talked about it at the last meeting, Ged.

Mellody: The contract is only open for the one item. Next year there comes all kinds of negotiating.

Menichetti: What about the health insurance?

Lukasewicz: And with the understanding that, you know, this is a fair increase and they know it's a fair increase, they announced that they accepted it and they know in the future contracts that they're going to bear with us. That was the understanding that I *inaudible*. We've been very good to the DPW and they worked hand in hand with us and the understanding is when it does comes time to give them their benefits and this is a good thing.... *Menichetti: But we have to look at.....*

Mayor: Does anybody agree with the cost of living? I mean, the public is getting 2% but everybody else gets 10-15%. I don't get it, I really don't get it. *Few speaking at once, a discussion took place. A council member mentioned what the increase worked out to, percentage basis.* Mayor: 1.2% is the cost of living, 1.2%.

Marushock: I believe they're deserving of a raise, no doubt about that, *inaudible*, I have a problem with.

**Three in favor - Lukasewicz, Menichetti, Mellody**

**One against - Marushock**

**Motion carried**

**3. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To rescind the following motion:

*To rent a Bucket Truck for one week from Altec Industries at a rate of \$400.00 for the week.*

(Our bucket truck was repaired.)

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**4. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Menichetti**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 1 of 2003, a resolution regarding the agreement with Penn DOT for the South Valley Ave. Project. Penn Dot agrees to reimburse Throop Borough \$25,000.00. (Storm drainage extension pipe the cross pipe is located at 941 S. Valley Ave. Dolan's property)

On the question:

Marushock: In regards to a cost for this, I see something here, move the shed, fence, and reset. I believe down along that property there's something in litigation right now that has not been resolved in a matter I'm speaking. *Dolan: Opposite direction.* Marushock: Pardon? *Dolan: Opposite direction. You're not in the right direction.*

Lukasewicz: The other side of the house.

*Dolan: It's the other side of the house, honey.* Marushock: But this, all free and clear, this is.....

*Dolan: No, it's the opposite side.*

Lukasewicz: It's on the left side of the house. *Dolan: Facing the left side, he's right.*

*Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**5. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To approve the following Change Orders for Scranton Craftsmen:

- Change Order # 4 - South Valley Project - Added \$39,600.00 (The \$25,000. from Penn Dot will go toward this project and the \$15,000.00 grant from Senator Mellow.) (Storm drainage extension pipe the cross pipe is located at 941 S. Valley Ave. Dolan's property)
- Change Order # 5 - South Valley Project - Contract time extension - 54 days

*A discussion took place with regard to Change Order #3 in the amount of \$23,725. Spott approved the Change Order but recommended the solicitor look at the Change Order also.*

Lukasewicz: I would say at this meeting approve Change Order #4 and approve Change Order #5 but let the solicitor review Change Order #3 and give us his opinion for the next meeting.

*The Mayor asked what exactly what was done there. Lukasewicz responded there was nothing included in the contract about restoration to certain conditions prior to winter.*

**Lukasewicz: So I'd like to make the motion that we approve Change Order #4 and Change Order #5 and Change Order #3 be settled at the next meeting.**

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize the solicitor, Louis Cimini, to send a letter to Mr. DeNaples in regards to the interest free loan payment that is owed to him on April 1, 2003. The borough would like to pay approximately \$175,000 towards the payment due, asking that the other money be allowed to be paid when the landfill checks come in for the second quarter and the third quarter of 2003. If he's not agreeable to that if he would tell us in writing within five days.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize Henry Sallusti of RBC, Dane Raucher, to see if Throop Borough is bond worthy for up to \$3,000,000.00.

On the question:

Marushock: Right at this time it's just to check on our availability.

Lukasewicz: Just to check on the availability to get the paperwork in motion, then at that point we can decide even it's feasible.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize the advertising of proposed Ordinance #6 of 2003, To Vacate Clay Street between Ridge Street and Martarano Drive.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To accept the contract from Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services (P.M.P.S.), Michael Cummings, for the administration of the Non-Uniform Pension Plan at an annual cost of \$3,250. and to authorize the first quarterly payment from the assets of the fund in the amount of \$833.33.

*On the question, Marushock inaudible.*

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**10. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To solicit proposals for a loan in the amount of \$700,000 from three banks, First National Community Bank (FNCB), PNC Bank, PennStar.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Menichetti: I really think we ought to take more seriously the fact that the country is in a high state of alert *Discussion: Emergency Operations Plan.*

**Bette Goreschak, Meade Street** - Discussed vacating Clay Street and if the borough was going to vacate the street and asked how the deed transfer fees would be paid. *Melody indicated if someone wanted to claim the property, they would be responsible for any fees. Few speaking at once, a discussion took place with regard to fees and surveys. The solicitor would check into.*

**Larry Hartshorn, 140 Dimmick St.** - Thought council should look into borrowing enough money to do the Olyphant Project, it would be a good investment. Throop needed the sewage and storm sewers.

*Lukasewicz: Discussed that the project was Throop's future. It was put on the back burner because there were no problems like down in the Boulevard with sewers smelling in homes.*

**Vince Tanana, 3 Maple St.** - Mentioned grants available for municipalities for anti-terrorism through FEMA. *A discussion took place.*

Council was in agreement for literature to be provided to borough employees and officials from AFLAC to see if there is any interest.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary