

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2000
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Joseph Keyasko-P
Anthony Chrzan-P
George Marushock-P
Vice President - Joseph Barone-P
President - James Barnick-P
Robert Mraz-A
Thomas Lukasewicz-P
Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P
Controller - Daryl Menichetti-P
Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-P
Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-P
Assistant Secretary - Christina Sullivan-P

Announcements:

- **An Executive Session was held on February 10, 2000** after the Special Meeting to discuss legal matters.
- **2000 Health Fair - Saturday, March 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at the Throop Civic Center. Throop Residents - Free Non-Residents - \$10.00
- **A Special Public Work Session will be held Monday, March 6, 2000 at 6:30 p.m.** in regards to the Marjol Battery Site. An "Informational Gathering Meeting", Citizens Concerns regarding impacts to the Throop Community resulting from activities taking place at the Marjol Battery Plant during the years of operation as a battery crushing and lead recovery facility (1963-1981) and activities taking place after 1981. Members of the community are requested to share their concerns, through recollections and information regarding:
Impacts to specific residences or residential areas as a result of Marjol site activities.
Impacts to non-residential areas.
Impacts along specific truck routes to and from the site (spills, dust, debris, etc.
Other recollections or concerns related to off-site impacts resulting from former site operations.

- The Special Monthly Work Session followed by a Special Meeting for General Purposes will be held on **Thursday, March 9, 2000 beginning at 6:30 p.m.**
- **A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 13, 2000 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** to consider a comprehensive amendment of the Throop Borough Zoning Ordinance & Zoning Map. Upon completion of the hearing Council will convene a Special Meeting to consider the adoption of an ordinance which would effectuate the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. (The proposed ordinance and map are available for review.)

Official comments on the agenda:

Mr. Barnick requested to table Motion # 22 until the civic center committee decides.

Mr. Barnick said motion # 27 on the printed agenda has a change. The amount will be \$59,952.00.

Mr. Barnick said a motion # 33 will be added to the printed agenda to send a letter to EPA to establish protocol of the off-site testing of properties.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Dominick Rocco commented on the off site testing in reference to Marjol

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To accept the treasurer's report, police reports, zoning report, landfill inspectors' reports and the minutes of the January 31, 2000 and February 10, 2000 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion Carried

MONTHLY BILLS.

Lenore Dolan, Treasurer read the list of bills.

2. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To pay the monthly bills against the borough.

On the question:

Marushock questioned the bill from Glen Clauson in regards to welding the plow.

Mr. Kalinoski said that Bradco will reimburse the borough. A discussion took place.

Five in favor-Barnick, Barone, Chrzan, Keyasko, Marushock
One against-Lukasewicz Motion Carried

A brief discussion took place on the fines for parking tickets.

12. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Marushock

To keep the fine the same at \$5.00 for parking tickets.
On the question:
Mr. Lukasewicz asked the Mayor's opinion.
Mayor Lukowski said to leave it the same.

All in favor Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barone

To approve payment in the amount of \$6,854.25 to Locust Ridge Quarry for the Sanderson Street Hump Project.

On the question:
Maruschock-Is it binder only?
Kalinowski-Yes

All in favor Motion Carried

14. Motion by Keyasko Seconded by Lukasewicz

To approve payment in the amount of \$7,140.50 to Frederick C. Spott & Associates for engineering services from 1/31/00 to 2/18/00.

On the question:
Marushock- I believe there are other bills on the list.
Yes, this bill came in after the list of bills was completed.

Five in favor-Barnick, Barone, Chrzan, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
One against-Marushock Motion Carried

15. Motion by Barone Seconded by Chrzan

To approve payment # 2 in the amount of \$232,104.18 to Leeward Construction, Inc. for the Boulevard Project as per the borough engineer's approval.

On the question:
Marushock-Fill used not meeting state specs
Kalinowski-Did not receive results yet.
A discussion took place.
Keyasko - Do we still have more to pay.
Barnick - Yes

Five in favor-Barnick, Barone, Chrzan, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
One against-Marushock Motion Carried

16. Motion by Lukasewicz Seconded by Barone

To award the bid to Leeward Construction, lowest bidder, for the sum of \$205,027.48 for the Crawford Court Phase II (including Meade Street and 400 block of George St. S.R. 2007) Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement Project as per the recommendations of the Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Solicitor, Louis A. Cimini and Street Commissioner, Robert Kalinoski and with the permit and bond in place.

On the question:

Barnick - This is a well needed project.

Marushock - Perhaps if we have an inspector they can also inspect this project.

Kalinoski-Permit not received yet.

Five in favor-Barnick, Barone, Chrzan, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
Marushock in favor with Inspector in place Motion Carried

17. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Lukasewicz

To authorize the purchase of the Bond as per Penn DOT regulations for the Crawford Court Phase II Project.

All in favor Motion Carried

18. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barone

To ratify the advertising for an Inspector with experience in sewer construction and road restoration. The position will be part time and may lead into full time at a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour. Applications must be submitted by March 6, 2000.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Can we have a pool of inspectors to draw from?

Marushock - It's in the paper already, is that a problem?

Barnick - No, it was discussed at the work session.

All in favor Motion Carried

19. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barone

To authorize the Borough Engineer and Solicitor to meet with Olyphant Borough Council, Engineer and Solicitor in regards to the Consberg Sewer Line including Scranton Craftsmen representatives and Council.

A lengthy discussion took place.

All in favor Motion Carried

20. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To approve the request by Dickson City American Legion Baseball Team to use the Washington Street Park Field for the 2000 baseball season. (Any damage incurred by a team will be the responsibility of that team. Proof of Insurance is to be submitted to the borough. Jim Caria schedules the games at the field.)

All in favor

Motion Carried

21. Motion by Keyasko

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To forward the "Draft Chesapeake 2000 Agreement" to Frank Swit, Gannett Fleming and to Attorney Doug Blazey for their review and comments. DEP is requesting comments before March 31, 2000. Governor Ridge recently joined with the Chesapeake Executive council to issue the "Draft Chesapeake 2000 Agreement". The council, which includes the governors of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the U.S. Environmental Protection Administrator and the chair of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, is working to update the historic 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement. The draft agreement charts the Chesapeake Bay's watershed restoration effort over the next decade and beyond. (A copy is on file in the Administrator's office for review.)

On the question:

Marushock-Can't Cimini look at it?

Barnick - Atty. Blazey is working on the Marjol and he is experienced with environmental issues.

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

One against-Marushock

Motion Carried

22. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To table the following motion:

To appoint _____ as civic center monitors to replace the three who resigned, Judy Rukat, Mike Chorba and Chad Rebar. The rate of pay is \$7.00 per hour. (State Police & Child Welfare clearances are required along with Drug & Alcohol Testing.)

All in favor

Motion Tabled

23. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the Civic Center Director to purchase an 8 ft. Connelly Pool Table from Davitt's Billiard Gallery and Pro Shop, Dickson City at a cost of \$1,800.00. This includes all equipment, delivery, assembly and a lifetime warranty, as per the recommendations of the Civic Center Committee.

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

One Against-Marushock

Motion Carried

24. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the Civic Center Committee to proceed with the plans to establish an "After School Program" beginning in the Fall of 2000. The target start date is to coincide with the start of the new school year. The program hours will be 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will be available to school age children in grade levels 1 thru 6.

On the question:

The children of Throop have priority.

Five in favor-Barnick, Barone, Chrzan, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
One Against-Marushock

Motion Carried

25. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To obtain bids to meet the specs at the civic center for the "After School Program". The following are some of the improvements needed: additional lighting, additional electrical outlets and the construction of a storage closet. Also a section of the floor must be carpeted and required furnishings and equipment must be purchased.

All in favor

Motion Carried

26. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To direct the solicitor to develop and advertise an ordinance in reference to "Senior Citizens Parking" at the Civic Center.

All in favor

Motion Carried

27. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Barone

To award the bid to Pioneer Construction, lowest bidder, for the sum of \$59,592.00 for the Line Street Storm Water Management Project as per the recommendations of the Project Engineer, Robert Bernosky, Solicitor, Louis A. Cimini and Street Commissioner, Robert Kalinoski.

All in favor

Motion Carried

A discussion took place on the following motion.

28. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To table the following the motion:

To approve final payment to Pioneer Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,032.00 for the George Street Sewer Project as per the recommendations of the Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Associates and the Street Commissioner, Robert Kalinoski.

All in favor

Motion tabled

29. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize the Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Associates to prepare the specs for the 2000 Paving Project.

On the question:

Marushock - Are the people informed of the paving?

All in favor

Motion carried

30. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve payment in the amount of \$3,470.00 to Attorney Edward G. Krowiak, Solicitor - Throop Zoning Hearing Board for professional services from 10/26/99 thru 2/25/00.

On the question:

Marushock - Atty. Krowiak did a good job on the detailed billing.

All in for

Motion carried

31. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve Change Order # 1 as per the request by Leward Construction, Inc. in regards to the removal of an existing manhole and the installation of a new manhole at a cost of \$ 3,000.00 as per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer and the Street Commissioner.

All in favor

Motion carried

32. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize Christina Sullivan to work additional hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and any work sessions or meetings as needed while Elaine Morrell is on vacation.

On the question:

Marushock - Only while Elaine is on vacation.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official comments:

Tony Chrzan commented on the survey at Sanderson St. & Oleckna St.

Joe Keyasko recommended making a \$5,000.00 donation toward the World War II Memorial in Washington DC.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Air monitoring was discussed.

Marie McColligan & Paul Zilla also complained about Yellow Freight including complaints of odors, clouds of fumes, etc.

A discussion took place on Yellow Freight.

Mr. Regan - There is a manhole cracked at Cypress St. above Simpson St.

John Stoffey, 230 Bellman St. commented on Mr. Marushock's votes.

Mr. Marushock he is concerned with the total expenses the borough is incurring.

Mr. Lokuta said he takes exception with Mr. Marushock's comments regarding the civic center expenses. He said the civic center committee was told from the beginning that the borough didn't expect to make a profit. He said the civic center, last year spent less than what was budgeted.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Marushock commented on the garbage at the landfill that is being transferred not going over the scales

Mr. Barnick commented on the landfill agreement and said he is proud of it.

Jack Dolan, S. Valley Ave. commented on the 4-Wheelers on Franko St. & Martarano Drive.

A discussion took place.

Larry Hartshorn Jr., Pancoast St. commented on the Blvd. Project. He said someone should oversee the project.

Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Elaine Morrell

Administrator/Secretary

Christina Sullivan

Assistant Secretary