

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2002
following the Special Monthly Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Joseph Barone-P

James Barnick-P

Anthony Chrzan-P

President-Thomas Lukasewicz-P

George Marushock-P

Jim Mellody Jr.-P

Vice President-Daryl Menichetti-P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-A

Administrator/Secretary-Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements:

- * An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:10 p.m. regarding Marjol.
- * The DPW will pick up Christmas trees on Monday, January 14th and Monday, January 21st.
- * The Regular Monthly Council Meeting will be held on the last Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and the Regular Monthly Work Session on the Thursday preceding the last Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- * The Special Monthly General Purpose Work Session followed by a Special General Purpose Meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street - Yeah, are you going to table that about the playground? Is that tabled or what?

Chrzan/Barnick-It's not on the agenda.

Rocco-Huh? Well, he brought it up - I don't know if he -

Lukasewicz-Okay, off the agenda....

Rocco-Well it would be on the agenda if I have a motion.

Lukasewicz-So you have a question in regards to....

Rocco-The playground. Are you going to bring that up tonight?

Lukasewicz-If Joe wants to bring it up you'll have to ask him directly....

Rocco-Is that going to be brought up for a motion, or?

Barone-No, we're going to wait for till springtime so then all the council can get down there again to see it. The Vice President requested that, we'll do that.

Joseph Keyasko, 806 Kossuth Street - On Motion #15 to appoint the borough solicitor at \$55,000 a year. We had a solicitor we could have got for \$35,000. Why spend the other \$40,000? It don't make sense. It doesn't make a bit of sense. You had one for \$35(000). Three Councilman responded together-Who?

Chrzan-\$85,000 for that...

Keyasko-\$35,000. (Few spoke together, inaudible.)

Lukasewicz-I think what Joe is alluding to is there was an individual that sent a proposal....

Keyasko-Geddy, what was his name?

Marushock-Attorney Brazil submitted a proposal. I believe it was....

Barnick-Yeah, the same one that screwed the borough.

Chrzan-The same one that screwed the borough.

Keyasko-That, yeah, but he won the case, didn't he?

Unknown-Did he? How did he win it?

Keyasko-(Inaudible) give him \$40,000. So he put it down for \$40,000. He wanted to do it for \$35,000, you upped it \$5,000. Ask Geddy, he was on the committee.

Marushock-For a long time now and I made the statement previously, (inaudible) Attorney Brazil in the amount of \$40,000 and why don't we put it out to bid and we have the proposal, \$40,000 that will be a savings to the taxpayers of \$35,000 per year. If you guys have a problem with Attorney Brazil, let's solicit bids from other attorneys. I have no objections to do it that way to see it (everybody spoke at once, inaudible).

Lukasewicz- ...cost statement by getting any other attorney....(everyone spoke at once). What we're going here is, we give this guy more work than any lawyer can ever handle and if charged us by the hour of all the questions that we bring up (inaudible) it would be \$125,000.

Barnick-I'm sure it would be much more than that.

Marushock-We explained to Attorney Brazil.....

Barnick-How much is Attorney Brazil going to charge for every hearing and additional complaints....

Marushock-What he, the quote he made was \$40,000. (Everyone spoke at once, inaudible.)

Elaine, do you have a copy of that proposal on file?

Morrell-It's on file, I'm sure I have it on file.

Marushock-We can make copies and let everyone see. (Few speaking at once.)

Keyasko-I have another question. Why isn't his bill itemized like the other attorney's did? He was supposed to do that.

Chrzan-When he itemized that one - \$35,000.

Barnick-(Inaudible) attorney you had? Joe Price and Sean McDonough where he said 5 minutes, \$100 and whatever it was.

Keyasko-Hey, it's itemized, isn't it?

Chrzan-He charged us \$85,000 for one month.

Barnick-Yeah, \$80 for.....

Chrzan-\$80,000.

Barnick-Eighty bucks for a quick phone call to.....

Keyasko-How about the three weeks vacation he wasn't entitled to? What are you going to about that money? What about all the money you paid him (inaudible) he wasn't entitled to. Now, what are you going to do about that?

Cimini-How about all money I didn't bill you over 140 hours? Did you ever say thanks for the overtime? Did I ever take three weeks vacation *once*? No, I didn't, no. (Cimini continued inaudible.)

Keyasko-Whoa, whoa.....(a discussion ensued, everyone spoke at once, inaudible).

Cimini-I only went once on my honeymoon, if you want to count my honeymoon....

Keyasko-No, I'm not counting your honeymoon.

Cimini-....secretary said you knew where I was. (Everyone spoke at once.)

Lukasewicz-Anything else, Joe?

Chrzan-He's picking on a person, it says right in here about picking on a person.

Keyasko-I'm not picking on him.....(few spoke at once).....that's borough money, what the hell are you talking about? And you're the one that made the motion. (Everyone spoke at once.)

John Stoffey, 238 Bellman St. - Mr. Marushock was wrong about that, what he said. That fee was \$40,000 then he said if he had to get another lawyer he would have to pay, he would have to hire another lawyer and then he was going to charge you x amount of dollars per hour.

Barnick-There you go.

Stoffey-That's the thing read. I was here when you read it.

Marushock-That is based.....

Stoffey-So don't say it's \$40,000 - It's not \$40,000 - \$40 (000) plus. Plus what? We don't know. (Marushock speaking in background.) We don't know. There's no cap, there's no cap.

Louie's cap, his cap is \$75 (000), there's no cap on his.....

Marushock-But Mr. Cimini also has the authority to hire an outside legal counsel if he felt necessary.

Stoffey-We hire outside council for Marjol. (Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

Unknown-No we don't.

Stoffey-You do for Marjol. Don't you have a lawyer for Marjol? Isn't that an outside lawyer?

He's not professional in that. So you've got to hire an outside lawyer. (Inaudible) that's he's not qualified.

Lukasewicz-But yet he was doing the ground work for Cognetti.

Stoffey-Yes, he is. (Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

Barnick-We've got the man doing ordinances, opinions

Lukasewicz-Continuing on in that row.

Barnick-I want to finish this. You've got th man doing ordinances, opinions, you've got him

doing research in every aspect of the borough government right here. You had him go up there and negotiate a new landfill deal where any other lawyer such as like Price and them, they would have taken 20 - 30% of the contract for over that 23 years....

Keyasko-Did they do it?

Barnick-No, because I made sure they were fired.

Keyasko-If they didn't do it, why are you worried about it then? They didn't do it.

Dave Morrell, 315 George St. - 18 (#), the Civic Center Commission?

Lukasewicz-Yes?

Morrell-There's some recommendations before that I'd like to bring out.

Lukasewicz-Pardon?

Morrell-I'd like to bring up some recommendations on that....

Lukasewicz-Okay.

Morrell-....to council. That the floor needs to be stripped downstairs. I want you just to be aware of this.

Lukasewicz-I remember that was brought up, yes.

Morrell-I think somebody from the borough should be familiar with the heating system over there, it's imperative. Somebody else besides this guy here (meaning Ralph Savitski) know the heating system. We've got, somebody's got to go over and learn that because if we have a problem again and the pipes freeze, the floor is gone again.

Lukasewicz-Right.

Morrell-So somebody else besides one guy should know the heating system. Uh, the gym floor, that's going to need to be refinished within the next year or two so somebody should keep up on that. And they should also have, about every three to six months, somebody from council should go over there with Ralph or the other ones and go through the building and do some preventive maintenance over there because if it goes so far where it breaks, it's a major breakdown, then it hits the fan, and that's there. The games in the game room, some of them need to be replaced.

Lukasewicz-They are the in the process of fixing.....

Morrell-The green needs to be re-done on the pool table...

Lukasewicz-Pardon?

Morrell-The green, I believe that's been, there getting prices on doing the green on the pool table.

Lukasewicz-(inaudible) do it.

Morrell-And I think we should ask the kids what kind of new games they would like, get their input on it. I'd also like to thank the council for the opportunity to have served this, on the committee over there. I just hope I made some kind of a difference and if you ever need it again in the future, let me know. Thank you.

Barnick-Wait a minute. I mean, I didn't see the motion before. Why are we abolishing it?

Lukasewicz-Well, we've had four people that have resigned.

Barnick-Yeah?

Lukasewicz-We've got Dave and two other members.....

Barnick-I know one right now where....

Lukasewicz-We've got Dave and two other individuals over there....

Barnick-All right. Frank Galli wants to be on, I'll make a motion to put him on.
Lukasewicz-We have a new Director who's been over there who has a grip of the situation and...
Barnick-I don't think so.
Lukasewicz-I believe the best.....
Barnick-I don't think so...
Lukasewicz-Probably in the best.....
Barnick-No, I don't think so.
Lukasewicz-.....right now.
Barnick-Because I'm telling you what (inaudible) and I want to ensure that we're going to get everything we deserve and what we've been getting in the past, believe me. And it's not going to be hidden through phone calls through you because I see how it's going already. It's not going to happen. Because every time there's a problem she calls you firstly, you figure it out, we don't hear nothing about it. This is the way it's going, back to the old system and it should not be abolished. Their people put a lot of time in over there and they did a lot to progress that center for what it is right now and you want to just dump these people, the three left?
Chrzan-It's not right, Tommy.
Marushock-With that stand, we'll take a vote on it.
Barnick-Why, because you want.....(inaudible).
Chrzan-You still have it for 'em, don't you Geddy?
Marushock-You have the right to vote.
Barone-Well, I'll tell you what...
Marushock-And everybody votes.....
Barone-If you guys want to get rid of her, I'll go over and tell Gail any complaints to call Mr. Marushock's house, do not call mine.
Chrzan-That's what he wants.
Barone-I'll can tell you right now, don't call me.
Barnick-She called Tommy.
Barone-And you can't get Tommy? Tommy is working a lot of times, can't get him either and if it's an emergency, call Mr. Marushock.
Marushock-She's got my number.
Menichetti-Maybe we should give this girl more of a chance.
Barone-Huh?
Menichetti-I mean, she's only been there a short time.
Chrzan-That's why you should have a committee.
Barnick-That's why you should have a committee.
Barone-That's right, she's doing good, she's doing a good job. It's just that she needs help. (Menichetti inaudible in background.)
Chrzan-Why would you want to get rid of the committee? It doesn't cost anything.
Barone-She got a good man right behind her helping her.
Marushock-She's doing a good job on her own.
Barone-You going to throw him out too?

Bill Shevchik, Harriet Street - That was my question. To abolish the civic center, why, and

what are your intentions to over see that building? Are you going to hire somebody? Is there any intention....

Lukasewicz-My intentions are to let the director direct and when she gets a complete grip on the whole situation, to come here to every meeting that we have.....

Barnick-No, no. We're running a scam, that what we're going through. We're running a scam.

Lukasewicz-Only in your eyes.

Barnick-I'm telling you.

Lukasewicz-Only in your eyes.

Menichetti-I don't understand what you mean by that. I'm sorry, I.....

Barnick-I'll prove it to you in about two months. When I put all the hours and everything together, I'll prove it to you in about two months. I know what's going on, I know the phone calls that are being made and I know what's going on behind the scenes. We're not stupid here.

Marushock-I'm not saying that. I don't know what you're talking.....

Barnick-Because there's a lot of stuff going on here..... (Marushock talking in background, inaudible.)

Menichetti-I thought she was very capable. I felt very comfortable.....

Marushock-Right, so do I.

Chrzan-We're not saying she's not.

Barnick-Then you've got one person deciphering everything that's going on over there in every program, right? You had a committee before at least to sit there and debate the differences. In all the programs, oh this one was good, they checked into it and everything else. They put hours into that, free. Now you just want to dump them like they're nothing.

Marushock-Well, let's see what.....(few spoke at once, inaudible).

Barone-She is, she is doing a good job, she's capable.

Barnick-This is a disgusting mess. (Everyone speaking at once, inaudible).

Lukasewicz-Daryl, go ahead.

Menichetti-It was my understanding that (someone coughing, inaudible) it was just until the Civic Center was out on it's feet and until it was established. I didn't think it was going to be an ongoing thing. As far as I remember when the motion was passed originally, that it was just for like two years or something until everything got going and everything was in place. Until all the equipment was purchased and the programs were established (inaudible) and then it would just kind of run on its own.

Barnick-And what happened right now? Dave just listed, how many? Five different discrepancies already that are coming up.

Lukasewicz-If they're things that the director is aware of then she's going to have control.....

Barnick-(both spoke at once) over there and I says, the walls are a mess.

Lukasewicz-If they are.....

Barnick-The walls are a mess.....

Lukasewicz-Jim, there's moldings falling off every place in that building.

Barnick-The walls are a mess, why do they need to be cleaned?

Lukasewicz-Why aren't the moldings fixed that have been falling off?

Barnick-I walked over there and went to shoot a game of pool with your kid. There's dust marks all over the table in there, I said get a new green. Get some new sticks. You've got.

Dominick Rocco-It's too much responsibility for one person to handle, there should be a committee to some.....

Chrzan-Response inaudible.

Lukasewicz-Bill, you had the floor, what else did you want to....

Bill Shevchik-My question is who is going to oversee everything that's going on over there, council?

Lukasewicz-She would have to report to council, yes. She would be here at every meeting.

Chrzan-Is she here now?

Lukasewicz-No, she'll be here on, the next meeting. This way she has almost a total month to get a grip on things and then she'll report to us how she's doing over there and what her plans are and what her recommendations are. Give the woman an opportunity to see what's going on there and do her job.

Rocco-But you think it's the responsibility of one person?

Lukasewicz-She's the director, Rocco.

Rocco-Yeah, but still, it's still a big responsibility.

Lukasewicz-She's a very capable individual.

Rocco-I'm not saying she's not, I don't even know the woman.

Lukasewicz-She's very capable, confident person that's been in positions similar to this.....

Chrzan-Well, what's going on with the committee, Tommy? What's wrong with the committee? Tell me what's wrong with it?

Lukasewicz-Why do we need a committee if we have an able minded director?

Chrzan-Why do need a director if you've got a good committee?

Barnick-Why do need a purchasing committee? Why do you need a DPW negotiating committee? Why do you and, why do you need all them? (Few spoke at once, inaudible.) What?

Lukasewicz-How many of those committees are ever used?

Barnick-Many of them, many of them. Why do you need all them committees, Tommy?

Lukasewicz-But the best is accomplished when everything comes before the board of council, correct?

Barnick-No. Why do we need all these other committees? (Few spoke at once.) You've got one person.....

Lukasewicz-How many times did we try to negotiate police but two or three people on a committee but when it comes before seven of us we do better.

Barnick-Tommy....

Lukasewicz-You're not going to agree with me, Jimmy, so.....

Barnick-No, I'm not. Because you have people over there that kept that place in (slamming on table).

Chrzan-That's right, Tommy.

Lukasewicz-....and kept everything going. You knew the wishes of the people. Right now you've got one director to say who's going make decisions and who doesn't.

Lukasewicz-And two assistant directors. Two assistant directors that are capable....

Barnick-To cover what?

Chrzan-.....(speaking at once)..when she's not around.

Barnick-To cover what? To cover what?

Lukasewicz-They know the situation.

Barnick-I only hope that.....

Lukasewicz-Two assistant directors that have been there for years.

(Everyone spoke at once, inaudible.)

Barnick-....the true times are in that building because that's what I'm watching for, believe me.

Lukasewicz-I don't foresee any problems.

Barone-I'll tell you what, and.....

Barnick-Then you've got one person with their own idea and that's it. Before you had seven ideas on that committee. Seven different opinions and ideas about what should be done over there.

Menichetti-Why don't we just give it a chance. (Everyone speaking at once.)

Barnick-Why give it a chance? They had a committee for four years and you still had a director over there. That's a disgrace, slap in their face.

John Musewicz, 2 Mruck Street - I've been over there since day one. I really think that my opinion is that the commission was an asset to the overall operation of the building and I think that there should be a commission over there. Day to day operation, overall operation of the building, I think the commission was a big asset. It took a lot of burden off of this board here. (Interrupted by someone, inaudible), I don't think she'll have to run over as much. I just think it's a big asset to have something like that over there. Dickson does it, they don't have any problems. They run their civic center up there.....

Lukasewicz-That's why we're trying to get the records and the judge today said.....

Musewicz-She's doing a good job, I think.

Barnick-They don't have a committee, they have a general authority. They have an authority to spend money and everything else. They don't over there.

Musewicz-They have a Civic Center Authority. They don't call it a commission, they call it an authority. A Civic Center Authority.

Marushock-When that place was formed the first organizing committee.....

Barnick-You been to get that place ever since you got here.

Marushock-Right now I feel that the new director we have is doing a good job.

Chrzan-And the other one didn't?

Marushock-She's very.....

Chrzan-The other one didn't do a good job?

Marushock-full responsible for decisions are rendered in that.

Barone-She is doing a good job but at times at night when they had emergencies, Bob Lokuta was down there in five minutes. So it wasn't Ralph and (inaudible) was day. Who you going to get in an emergency?

Musewicz-That's my opinion with the overall.....

Barone-And they're not getting paid?

Musewicz-The overall operation of the building, the commission was...(inaudible)

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

To table Motion #1 as follows:

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 5 of 2002, a resolution adopting Robert's Rule of Newly Revised Order (RONR) and any Special rules of order as Throop Borough's Parliamentary Authority, "Rules & Regulations" regarding Council Meetings.

On the question:

Barnick-For exactly what I told you. Defamation, inequality.
(Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

All in favor

Motion tabled

Barnick-Everybody's saved.

Lukasewicz-No, nobody's saved.

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

To table Motion #2 as follows:

To adopt the amended 2002 Throop Borough Budget as per the amendments noted at tonight's work session.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Just make sure there's notes and (inaudible).

All in favor

Motion tabled

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

To appoint Ed Bocan, Hose Co. # 3, as Fire Marshal.

To re-appoint Jerry Barone, Hose Co. # 1, as Assistant Fire Marshal

To appoint Maurice Menichetti, Hose Co. # 2, as Assistant Fire Marshal

On the question:

Barnick-Just sorry you guys had to wait so long, you know.

All in favor

Motion carried

Mayor Lukowski administered the Oath of Office to the Fire Marshal, Ed Bocan, and Assistant Fire Marshals Jerry Barone and Maurice Menichetti.

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

To accept the treasurer's revenue report for December 2001 as posted.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 4 of 2002, a resolution amending Throop Borough Ordinance # 11 of 2000, "Zoning Ordinance" dated March 13, 2001, Article IX, Administration and Enforcement, §901 Zoning Officer, amending to require the *Zoning Officer and Assistant Zoning Officer* to attend a workshop every five years. (The current zoning ordinance requires attendance on a yearly basis.) The zoning officer must still possess the Certificate of Completion from the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs for attending a workshop for zoning officer within six (6) months of appointment as the zoning officer and still be able to demonstrate the working knowledge of municipal zoning. (This was passed by motion on November 29, 2001.)

Barnick-I'll make that motion with the changes and approve zoning officer and assistant zoning officer in the definition.

All in favor **Motion carried**

6. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To re-appoint Elaine Morrell as Borough Administrator/Secretary.

On the question:

Barnick-Yeah, just, too bad we didn't have the pays or nothing to go along with all this stuff.

Lukasewicz-Well, we could just let the pays in, let them be retroactive and amend the budget.

Barnick-Well, I don't think you could retroactive pay. (Someone coughing, inaudible.)

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To re-appoint Christina Sullivan as Assistant Secretary.

All in favor **Motion carried**

8. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To re-appoint Stanley Gongliewski as Landfill Inspector.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To re-appoint Ron Bukowski as Landfill Inspector.

All in favor **Motion carried**

10. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To re-appoint Lenore Dolan as Treasurer.

On the question:

Marushock-I've got no problem appointing her as Treasurer, however, I have a problem with the salary. I believe with some of the other budgets I've seen the Treasurer gets about \$4,000 - \$5,000 a year. I believe we should adjust this pay.

Chrzan-You want to give her more? If you want to give her more, I'll make a motion.

Marushock-No, downward.

Menichetti-Is it true that if you make a certain amount of money and you calculate it by how many hours a full time employee works, using the calculation of minimum wage, she would be in the category of a full time employee. She would be entitled to benefits.

Barnick-I don't think we want to do that.

Menichetti-No, but I mean legally, legally....

Barnick-Yeah, but I mean....

Menichetti-...according to what she makes now, if you calculated that, (inaudible, voice too low) full time employee.

Chrzan-I call the question.

**All in favor, Marushock in favor,
except as noted** **Motion carried**

11. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To re-appoint Robert Kalinoski as Street Commissioner.

All in favor **Motion carried**

building as a whole and make things run smoother. So if the building ran smooth now for four years, three or four years, you don't stop, you just keep going.
Barnick-You don't change something that works.

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

Barnick-Okay, I will be spending a lot of time over there, Tommy, and (voices raised, some speaking at once)...I'll tell you what, I better know, I better know everything that goes on over there at that building.

Lukasewicz-You can ask anything you need to ask.

Barnick-I'm telling you that. I better know every event and every councilman's got to know what's going and I find out closed door meetings with you and Elaine and everything else, 'cause I'm telling you right now.

Morrell-With me?

Lukasewicz-You have as much of a right as any one of these seven....

Barnick-That is wrong. That is wrong. I'm tired of closed door meetings, this is gonna stop, it's gonna stop.

Lukasewicz-Any of these.....

Barnick-The secret meetings is gonna stop. It's going back to the old.....(both spoke at once).

Lukasewicz-....you have a right to go over there. You could go over there and ask that girl anything you want.

Barnick-Inaudible, and I'll be the same like Mr. Marushock, here we go with Jamie, oh he didn't do this, he didn't do that, is that what you want? I'll give it to you.

Chrzan-That was personal.

Barnick-Yeah, it was a personal attack by him,(inaudible) the personal attack.

Chrzan-It was a family thing, wasn't it?

Lukasewicz-Wait, a personal attack on what? (Inaudible) the center?

Menichetti-Oh, too bad.

Barnick-I remember when you had your wife driving past there to see when Jamie was going in. (Inaudible) Didn't even want to fire him. You personally sat down with.....(both speaking at once).

Lukasewicz-I didn't try to fire Jamie.

Barnick-Yes, you tried to.

Lukasewicz-I never tried to fire.....

Barnick-But you were caught. You were caught, Tommy, playing your games over there.

(Many speaking at once.)

Barnick-So now what's it going to be? We've got favoritism.....(inaudible) or what? Decreased hours now, for him? Is that what it's all coming down to? Wrong.....

Lukasewicz-I wanted to fire Jamie? What's wrong with you?

Barnick-Yes, you did.

Lukasewicz-What's wrong with you?

Barnick-Right in the very beginning.

Lukasewicz-What is, what is wrong with you? Jamie....(Barnick speaking in background, inaudible.) Jimmy, Jimmy....

Barnick-Well let me tell you something, Tommy, look out, look out.

Lukasewicz-You've got problems.

Barnick-No, you got problems.

Lukasewicz-You really do.

Barnick-You do.

Lukasewicz-Get a life.

Barnick-No.

Lukasewicz-Get a real life.

Barnick-You get a life.

Lukasewicz-Really, Jim, get a life.

Menichetti-I hope you're going to intimidate.....

Barnick-No, I'm not going to intimidate nobody. I'm going to watch everything that's going on just like you people did. I'm going to do no different than what you.....

Lukasewicz-You have more time than anybody.....

Barnick-That's right, yes, I do.

Marushock-Any shortcomings over there....

Barnick-Yes, I do.

Marushock-....were confirmed by an independent auditor, correct, if that's one thing you're (inaudible), Mr. Barnick?

Barnick-No, I'm talking about everything. Incidents.....

Marushock-Okay.

Barnick- Employees, problems, everything.

Chrzan-Soda bottles.

Barnick-Everything.

Chrzan-Breaking ins.

Barnick-That's a slap in these peoples face. They volunteered their time. All that while for all them years, they got every program running and you just sit and slam the door in their face.

Menichetti-But they all resigned.

Chrzan-No, they didn't.

Barnick-You have three that are still on. You've got, you've got people that are interested in this town to make sure that, that program, all them programs keep going the right way over there and you don't even want to give them a chance.

Marushock-Let's see what the director does.

Barnick-We will see.

Lukasewicz-All right, Motion 19 (Lukasewicz reading the motion, interrupted.)

Barnick-There's another good one you lost.

Lukasewicz-Jimmy, read in her letter why she left. She had to go to school.

Barnick-How many resignations (have) you had?

Lukasewicz-She had other....

Barnick-Over the last month? How many resignations you had? She didn't want to leave.

Lukasewicz-Jimmy, all your trump cards are played out.
Barnick-She didn't want to leave.
Lukasewicz-You played them all out and.....
Barnick-Wrong, wrong (inaudible, both spoke at once.) Now, we're going to play your game.
Lukasewicz-You played your trump card (both spoke at once).
Barnick-We're going to play that game.
Lukasewicz-Jimmy, I don't have time to play games.
Chrzan-You just did by getting rid of that committee.
Barnick-No, you don't have time to play games but we sit here with a lawsuit against your owning the land, right? That is the borough's property.
Marushock-I thought we're not to discuss personal issues, is that right?
Barnick-No, that ain't a personal issue, that's the borough's property, what are you taking about?
Marushock-It's in litigation right now, correct?
Chrzan-It's going to be more than that in about four days.
Lukasewicz-Next case.
Barone-I'll make that motion
Chrzan-I think you made a mistake, Tommy, I think you made a mistake. You should have kept the committee, it didn't cost nothing. (Few spoke at once.) So what? You know what you're doing, Tommy.
Barnick-You know exactly what you're doing, taking care of your friends over there.
Chrzan-You're the one who recommended.....
Barnick-Who's father-in-law called these councilman to vote for....
Chrzan-Yeah, that's right.
Barnick-Yeah, who's father-in-law, Tommy? (Few spoke at once.) Yeah, Joe Barone got called. What's going on, Tommy?
Lukasewicz-I'd like to know what you're talking about.
Chrzan-Oh, you know what it's about.
Lukasewicz-Joe, you tell these people, who recommended Gail? You recommended Gail?
Barone-And I went by, I went by what the committee told me with her application, she was well qualified. That's what I went by. That's another thing about the committee.
Lukasewicz-(Inaudible), I didn't realize I was that powerful. (Everyone spoke at once.)

19. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept Erica Barone's resignation as Assistant Civic Center Director effective January 4, 2002.

On the question:

Barone-You're getting a good girl, she retired, she resigned, the Civic Center lost a good girl and I'm not just saying anything because she's my niece.

Menichetti-Well nobody pushed her out.

Barone-I know.

Marushock-She resigned to better herself.

Menichetti-I mean you're talking.....(few spoke at once, inaudible).

Barone-I'm just saying, I'm just saying.

Menichetti-She resigned. She's a girl going to school.

Lukasewicz-Next case, take a vote, roll call.

Barnick-Doesn't it seem like there's something going around when all these people start resigning? Think about it. When a bunch of people all at one time start resigning, there's something wrong and it starts right here.

Marushock-Back to the question, please.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept Mary Ann Lokuta's resignation as Civic Center Monitor effective immediately.

On the question:

Barnick-Another excellent person.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Mellody

To re-appoint Gail Ercoli as Civic Center Director.

On the question:

Barnick-You wouldn't give the committee a chance, I can't give this a chance either.

Lukasewicz-You didn't vote for her the first time.

Barnick-No, I did not. No, I did not because you always sat here and said let's advertise, let's get somebody.....(Barnick, Lukasewicz both spoke at once, inaudible). That was you, Tommy.

That was Geddy over there but right away you put her right on without even seeing this council. Without even seeing a person on this council.

Lukasewicz-Six councilmen voted for her, Jimmy.

Marushock-(First few words inaudible) Mr. Barnick, I believe on the applications we submitted at the time that we accepted applications for that position....

Barnick-The applications are old, Geddy.

Marushock-....we only had one resident of Throop who submitted an application, sir.

Barnick-Sir.

Lukasewicz-Roll call.

Barnick-Is there any more (roll call started, stopped)...did you try to get it through an abstain (?) resume/resident (?) of this town?

Marushock-We went through the.....
Barnick-No, you.....(inaudible).
Marushock-That's where that was drawn. (Roll call still being taken.)
Barnick-That's where these jobs should go.

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

22. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To re-appoint Ann Marie Stoffey as Assistant Civic Center Director.

(Note: The tape was changed here.)

Four in Favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz
Two Against-Marushock, Mellody
One Abstain-Menichetti

23. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To re-appoint Maria Pesavento as 2nd Assistant Civic Center Director.

(Note: The tape started here.)

On the question:

Barone-Mr. Mellody, do you know who this Maria Pesavento is?

Mellody-Maria Pesavento?

Barone-Yeah, you know her?

Mellody-No, I don't.

Barone-And you voted against her? Why? (Few spoke at once, interrupting and making tape inaudible.)

Barnick-Because Geddy voted that way.

Menichetti-He didn't vote yet. (Inaudible, few speaking)

Barnick-It always happens.....(inaudible)....as a matter of fact it was Monday night, right?

Chrzan-Yeah.

Barnick-Monday night.

Lukasewicz-All right, Joe, do you have any other?

Barone-No, that's it.

Four In favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz
Two Against-Marushock, Mellody
One Abstain-Menichetti **Motion carried**

24a. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Barone

To re-appoint Jennifer Gongliewski, Kim Musewicz, Lauren Leombruni, Carol Kaushas, Michelle Mazzucca, Maria Pesavento, Chris Mazzucca, Marissa Tomasovitch, Sean Sholtes, Tom A. Lukasewicz as Civic Center Monitors and also Ryan Sholtes, Joe Caputo and Chad Rebar who are available during college breaks.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Let it be know that I never solicited anybody to put my son on, that it came up out of the blue at a meeting and it was a Motion by Jimmy....

Chrzan-No, it wasn't. It was by me.

Lukasewicz-Okay, it was a motion....

Chrzan-See, you're wrong again, Tommy.

Lukasewicz-Well, I'm just trying to make a point.

Barnick-Well, I want to make a point on it.

Lukasewicz-Can I make, can I make.....

Barnick-Let's make sure these monitors get a fair and equal hours.

Lukasewicz-Can I make a point?

Barnick-Go ahead.

Lukasewicz-My point is I never solicited my son to work there. It was brought up at that meeting, you needed another (inaudible), somebody said Tommy, Tommy's son.

(Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz speaking at once, inaudible.)

Lukasewicz-I just want it to be known that I did not solicit this, that It was brought up by other people (Barnick interrupted, inaudible), and I abstained the first time.

Barnick-You voted on it (?).

Lukasewicz-Jimmy, it's not about reporting (?) because I just want it to be known.

Barnick-Let me tell you, they're from Throop, hey, and they get a good pay, they're in school, hey, as long as they get an equal treatment among them all. That's all I care and they meet the standards of the hours we had set. Period.

Lukasewicz-So, just on the question, I will be abstaining from my son's.

Barone-You don't have to.

Lukasewicz-I will.

Barone-(He's a) good worker.

All in favor, Lukasewicz, abstain from son only

(Thomas A. Lukasewicz)

Motion carried

Chrzan-For the next one, Tommy, I want to make it 24 ½, I want to make an appointment of John Pollack as Monitor of the Civic Center.

24b. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To appoint John Pollack as Civic Center Monitor.

On the question:

Menichetti-Do you have an application on file?

Lukasewicz-I don't have one, evidently.....(few spoke at once, inaudible).

Six in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Mellody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz
One Abstain-Marushock **Motion carried**

25. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Marushock**

To re-appoint Ralph Savitski as Civic Center Maintenance.

All in favor **Motion carried**

26. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Marushock**

To re-appoint Ted Warney as Civic Center Maintenance.

All in favor **Motion carried**

27. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Menichetti**

To accept Christina Sullivan's resignation as Planning & Zoning Secretary, effective January 31, 2002.

On the question:

Barnick-I think we're appointing a new one, she's not here, is she?

Lukasewicz-Who's that?

Barnick-(Can) we ask her maybe extend it for another month or so? Pay her that extra rate for the month so she could get this other girl caught up as to what goes on with the minutes and the meetings and....

Morrell-Chrissy said she would help out until you found someone, she did mention that. We really didn't.....

Barnick-Well, she's going to have to attend some meetings with her and.....

Morrell-Yeah, she said she would, she would....

Barnick-She'll do that, then. So just extend her, extend her another month or whatever. Accept her resignation, but.....

Lukasewicz-And then she'll help out and be paid for helping. Ged, is that all right?

Marushock-You want to make that effective February 28th then? Is that what you want to do, change that date (last words inaudible).

Lukasewicz-No, I think what Jimmy wants to do, and we're actually going to have two people

doing the job for a period of one month, up until....

Barnick-Yeah, is there a meeting (inaudible)for another, I don't even know, Jack?

Morrell/Barnick-(Both asked) Do you/they have a meeting Monday, Planning?

Unknown-Second Monday of the month.

Barnick-Is it something where they're all going to be able to make it for Monday, I hope.

Morrell-That I can't answer.

Lukasewicz-Evidently.....

Barone-Is she here, the other girl? (Lukasewicz still speaking, inaudible.)

Menichetti-I didn't know when the meetings were then. (Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

Barnick-If she can make it for Monday, this girl, you still got the zoning.

Lukasewicz-The two of them can work together for a period of a month, okay?

Morrell-For another month, like besides Jan., this is the first meeting in January, Planning.

There's a, and I don't know if there's a zoning.

Lukasewicz-(Inaudible), well if there's one meeting or there's another one or whatever, she'll have to feel it out. (Elaine Morrell responded, okay.)

Lukasewicz-So that she's not left....

Barnick-No more than sixty days (inaudible).

Barone-Yeah, leave it up to her and Christine.

All in favor

Motion carried

28. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Chrzan

To appoint Betty Ann Lucas as Planning/Zoning Secretary.

All in favor

Motion carried

29. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorized the quarterly payment to Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services in the amount of \$750.00 from the assets of the non-uniform pension fund.

All in favor

Motion carried

30. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To re-appoint the part-time police officers, Richard Barbolish, Vince Cesari, III, Vince Cesari, Jr., Christopher Granza, Scott Gretzula, Gerald Liford, Paul J. Nardozzi, Joseph Perechinsky, Christine Reilly, Frank Tanana and John Wildman.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick-And this could be readjusted with the new Budget, right?
(Response inaudible.)

31. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Menichetti

To accept the proposal from Northeast Signal & Electric to repair the pole (standard) at Sanderson & Cypress Streets, pending Atty. Cimini's opinion regarding the bidding, if bids are needed. The total amount is \$13,531.00. This accident was reported to our insurance company. *Only with a favorable review by Attorney Cimini, otherwise, advertise for bid.*

Lukasewicz-Second? Second on the light standard?

Menichetti-I thought we were going to replace the damaged traffic standard if questions were asked that were answered.

Lukasewicz-That's what the motion reads. If the.....

Barnick-It's over \$10,000, this thing is going to have to be bid out, this work.

Lukasewicz-Louie's going to see if it does fall.....

Barnick-Unless it falls under some type of emergency, but it's not an emergency because it's already, what? How long now since.....

Lukasewicz-They only have it held up with.....(few spoke at once, inaudible).

Barnick-Well, it might fall under that category but.....

Lukasewicz-Well, he's going to have to look.

Cimini-I'll call Robbie before 9:00 tomorrow.

Marushock-Again, this is just with the favorable ruling by Attorney Cimini indeed that this does not have to go out for bid.

Lukasewicz-Good. (Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

Barnick-It's over \$10,000 though.

Lukasewicz-After he researches it and agrees to them, we'll have to.....

Marushock-Mr. Kalinoski said he questioned if we had another heavy snowstorm, if that would weaken it or cause a further problem.

Menichetti-I'll second the motion.

Six n favor-Barone, Barnick, Marushock, Mellody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz

One Abstain-Chrzan (Does not know enough about this)

Motion carried

Barnick-Cause that's only if his opinion is favorable, that's it.

Morrell-Right.

Lukasewicz-Only if, only if....

Barnick-Otherwise, you should automatically advertise it.

Marushock-Right, other than that if it's unfavorable...(few speaking at once, inaudible).

Lukasewicz-So the end of the motion to include that if the legal opinion is deemed (?), then we would advertise for bid. Would that be agreeable? (Marushock and Menichetti both in favor.)

Barnick discussed a motion to send a letter to PennDOT, Chrzan seconded the motion, Barnick mentioned a motion was forgotten.

36. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To notify the borough insurance carrier with regard to Cesari v. the Borough of Throop, et al, Civil Action No. 3-CV-01-2434.

On the question:

Menichetti-I'm sorry, what are.....

Lukasewicz-This is a lawsuit that was filed by Cesari against the Borough of Throop. The insurance carrier is already aware of it, but Jimmy wanted me to do it by motion to notify the insurance carrier.

Chrzan-That's a federal law, isn't that a federal case?

Lukasewicz-Any more questions?

Morrell-Who second....Oh, Tony seconded that motion?

All in favor

Motion carried

37. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To direct and authorize Lou Cimini to send a letter to PennDOT or take any legal action necessary to try and recover transfer, realty transfer taxes, on the condemnation of the highway, the portion of the Borough of Throop.

All in favor

Motion carried

38. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To direct the solicitor to research and develop an ordinance concerning mining fees.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick-Are you going to advertise for an auditor or what are you going to do on that one?

Lukasewicz-I think what we're going to do, we're going to have to (inaudible) to see what it was and make a decision from.....(inaudible).

Barnick-Because again, we've got to have an audit done by a certain date, right? If they're not going to do it.

Morrell-The end of March, I believe, is the due date.

Lukasewicz-When's the due date?

Morrell-I believe it's the end of March, like March 31st or April 1st.

Barone-'Cause you're supposed to call him tomorrow, right?

Morrell-I will call tomorrow, find what the rates are.

Barnick-They did specifically said they wouldn't do it, but they wouldn't say how much either, you know.

Lukasewicz-All he says (inaudible, coughing heard), that's all he said. He didn't say anything about the price.

Barone-Well, if he gave us a price, I don't see where if he goes with another office, I don't think he could change that price. Maybe next year.....(many spoke at once, inaudible).

Barnick-I think he has to resign. I think you have to resign.

Marushock-Even though (inaudible).

Barnick-Yeah, but I would think him, personally, would have to resign because he was an appointed person. His license, he's a CPA.....

Lukasewicz-(inaudible)....would you check on this and.....

Barnick-And he was appointed for a certain term, I believe.

Lukasewicz-Right. Check on this and have some information for us and if someone wants to come up with another name or we have to advertise or whatever, for the next meeting.

39. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To adopt Resolution #6 of 2002, Appointing Eugene DePasquale to the Civil Service Commission for the Unexpired Term of John Stoffey.

Morrell-I believe it will be #6.

On the question:

Barnick-The unexpired term of the last.....

Morrell-The unexpired term of John Stoffey.

All in favor

Motion carried

Morrell-I think that's it. Joe, the playground you said you're going to wait on and extending the police list?

Barone-Yeah, we'll wait 'till the spring.

Morrell-Okay. (Someone speaking, inaudible.)

Barone-No, I made.....

Barone-No, no, no, we had already passed that. I just want to reiterate and reinforce that we're going to keep going on this thing and get in place. (background voice, inaudible.) Yeah, where do we send that to, Lou? Checking on the transfer and who owns the place? The County?

Lukasewicz-Have to go look down the county courthouse, it's got a directory.

(Background voices, inaudible.) You'll check on that, Lou?

Marushock-(First words, inaudible) Have a motion to extend this time eligible list for one year?
(Barone responded yeah.)

Morrell-I didn't know if you were going to do that today or let Louie look into it to see if it could be extended again?

Barone-Well, let's make the motion anyway because if we all forget, April it's due.

Lukasewicz-Turn it over to the audience for new business.

Audience Comments:

Frank Galli, 609 Kossuth St. - Why did we abolish the Civic Center Commission. What is the reason why we did this? It didn't cost.....

Lukasewicz-To give the director an opportunity to direct and see if she could do it on her own.

Galli-You're giving a brand new person who just came in here, not even there at 6:00 p.m. the opportunity to run this center, who doesn't what she's doing as far as basketball, we've turned that program over as far as basketball. You've got adult basketball leagues that you ran for the last four years that pulled in probably \$1500. for that program.

Lukasewicz-\$1200.00. Total of \$1208.00.

Galli-Plus, I know (inaudible) or whatever. It didn't cost a dime to do it, so it's, they volunteered their time, they played Santa Claus, they did everything they wanted to do, they kept law and order over there. They kept the place impeccable, it was one of the outstanding places going over there.

Lukasewicz-It still is.

Galli-I'm not saying it isn't. I'm not saying it isn't, but why you taking a chance on going down hill?

Lukasewicz-It's not going to go down hill. It can only go down hill if people want it to go down hill. You've got seven councilmen and we've got a lot of (someone coughing) individuals, yourself, Mr.....

Barnick-That's why you (he?) should be on the committee (inaudible)....

Lukasewicz-There's no need for a committee.....

Barnick-Yes, there is.

Lukasewicz-.....do the job (unknown person, interrupting, inaudible)...you can still watch and you could still volunteer your time.

Galli-Okay, and I knew the whole town with this, the abolish, I do and I don't, but why didn't you do it two years ago when Jamie Shevchik was over there? Why didn't you abolish the committee then, when Jamie was running it? Hmmm? Why....

Lukasewicz-...(Inaudible, both speaking at once)...abolish.....

Galli-Why didn't you abolish the committee when Jamie was running the center?

(Few speaking few words at once.)

Lukasewicz-Probably because as the circumstances have come to unfold, now is the opportunity to do it and see if.....

Barnick-Why is it an opportunity? They're not being paid, it doesn't (inaudible) us nothing.
(Few speaking, inaudible).

Galli-....act upon the committee. (Few speaking again). What's that?

Lukasewicz-The director can do the job.
Galli-Well, I don't.....
Menichetti-She quit in five months.
Marushock-Well, you could hold us accountable for it. (Many speaking at once, inaudible.)
Galli-What is that, what if she decides to quit in five months?
Marushock-That's something....
Lukasewicz-What if she doesn't?
Someone asked then what?
Lukasewicz-Then you hire another one. You've got two assistant directors there that are capable that have been there for years that know what's going on. Anne Marie and Maria, they've been there, they have an idea of.....(interrupted and both inaudible)...
Barnick-....had people that were willing to jump in even though they weren't being paid, they were willing to jump right in and take over. When was needed, in emergency or whatever, they had volunteered their own time.....to do whatever they had to do (interrupted, few spoke at once).
Lukasewicz-....we've got two (inaudible) paid positions for them to do their job.
Galli-Now the thing is now is all that falls back on council, council's going to be in charge of the center.
Lukasewicz-The director's in charge with her assistant directors and if they have a problem they come to council.
Barnick-So they're going to come to council with every single little problem that goes on over there.
Lukasewicz-What kind of problems when the director does her work?
Menichetti-Yeah.
Lukasewicz-Jimmy, when you were the director, you did your job.
Galli-All right, well.....
Lukasewicz-We have an administrator, we have an administrator, she does her job.
(Many speaking at once.)
Unknown-.....bus trips?
Galli-Bus trips, there's everything else that goes on over there. (Many speaking at once.)
Lukasewicz-Give her a chance to see what she can develop.
Galli-I don't have a problem with it. The only thing I can say to you right now, those soda machines over there? Get rid of them. Get rid of those soda machines over there, they're nothing but trouble.
Barnick-What, what are you doing.....
Lukasewicz-Wait, \$9,800 was generated and profited from those soda machines.....
Galli-I'm saying have them come in and.....
Lukasewicz-Out of \$63,000 in revenue over there, \$9,800 came from them soda machines. That's a money maker.
Galli-I'm saying that company there, if they're not going to fix their machines, bring somebody else in with something better to choose.
Lukasewicz-.....from last year, \$9,800.....
Galli-I agree with, I'm not saying that, what I'm saying is that there's always problems with those machines over there. I'm over there everyday, my kids are over there. They don't work all the

time. You lose dollar bills, do everything else. That company there, RC or whoever is running it is not doing a very, justice to this town. If they come in and start fixing those machines.....
Stoffey-Pepsi, Pepsi was way out of sight with price. It's owned by a New York firm now,
Barnick-Who's doing.....
Stoffey-We got, a few different guys. It's the best price. You're not going to get a better price than that guy.....
Galli-What I mean is, they, those machines over there are ripping kids off, ripping everybody off, there's not one (inaudible), so the guys' in charge of them better come down and get them set right.
(Few spoke at once, inaudible.)
Barnick-Who's doing the recovery of monies that haven't been made.....is she going to specifically take.....
Lukasewicz-We already talked about that to, Attorney Cimini's going to look at the incidents...He can't file a charge. He can't file it himself.
Lukasewicz-He's going to try to do what he has to do and he'll make a recommendation....
Barnick-You have to have the director file the charges.....
Lukasewicz-If that's what he recommends, that'll be done. That's only two isolated cases of....
Barnick-Two right now.
Lukasewicz-Yeah, a couple hundred dollars.
Barnick-Right now.
Lukasewicz-Yes. Don't make a big thing out of it, it's not a big....
Barnick-It is getting big. It is getting.....
Lukasewicz-He's looking at it and he's going to handle it.
Barnick-It's all big.....you've got people that are (inaudible) your time.
Lukasewicz-If it was a big thing, it wasn't like that ongoing for months and months and months...
Barnick-And you, you didn't handle it.....(both speaking at once).
Lukasewicz-And I spoke to the individuals.
Barnick-Response inaudible. How many new programs we got going on this year? What are the new programs?
Lukasewicz-You'll, we'll find out, Jimmy.
Barnick-When?
(Both spoke at once, inaudible).
Lukasewicz-There hasn't been any new programs.....(both speaking).....years.....the same programs.....it's an ongoing thing.....
Barnick-Then you had a guy who was putting in 70-80 hours a week, and then now you just dump this job and give her, and here you go....(inaudible).....here's an easy job for you.
Marushock-We don't know if we don't try. Let's see what happens.
Barnick-Why try when it was working? Why try? You don't fix what's not broken. You don't fix what's not broken. (Everyone spoke at once.) The seniors don't come over here all the time, they used to go to Millie and (she) used to bring it to the committee. Now you don't even have that.
Lukasewicz-The seniors will go to the director now.
Barnick-Oh, will they? You think the seniors will just go to the director? Wrong.

Marushock-Any problems, I make myself available. (Everyone spoke at once, inaudible.)

Galli-The other thing, Tommy, the other thing, I'm concerned with is the salt down at the little league. I understand we purchased the forty something acres up there, are we ever going to build a salt shed to get the salt out of.....Is that.....?

Lukasewicz-Me, personally, I will vote to do whatever we have to.....

Galli-Because.....

Lukasewicz-I am committed to building.....(both spoke at once, inaudible.).....a garage up there and whatever. I know it's not (inaudible) on the board but I hope there's four votes that we can get that whole project started in springtime.

Chrzan-You got me.

Barnick-And where's it going to go?

Lukasewicz-Pardon?

Galli-Those poor guys that are down there.....

Lukasewicz-I know that, it's a shame.

Galli-And.....

Lukasewicz-I agree.

Galli-.....to take that salt out to help us.

Lukasewicz-In spring, that's a priority to get, is a salt shed up there, get a road in there and get started. That's one of our first things we have to do this year.

Barnick-The first thing should be South Valley Avenue.

Lukasewicz-Well, that's one of them also, Jimmy.

Menichetti-Whatever happened to that building up the Keystone Industrial Park.....

Barone-I'd like to make a motion to put a bid into that building.

Lukasewicz-It was looked at but.....

Marushock-Good suggestion, Joe, serious.

Lukasewicz-Joe, you have an antiquated building that you don't know if you're going to be able to sell. (Few spoke at once, inaudible.) You're getting a skeleton that's been completely....

Barone-.....you're getting new land, you're getting an antiquated building, but you're getting a building.

Lukasewicz-Joe, I looked at it.....

Keyasko-By the time you get everything up there it'll cost you ten times that.

Lukasewicz-That's your concern, I'm still in the belief that there will be a salt shed and everything going up there this year.

Galli-Well, just like I said, I do.....DPW workers that have to go down there and.....

Lukasewicz-And talk about the DPW guys, they did a great job on cleaning up of the roads and....

Galli-Once again, and I know because I travel the counties, my job takes me sometimes throughout different towns, once again, we should be proud of our DPW workers for doing a good job in their work.

Barone-We got the best.

Morrell-Yes, we do. (Everyone spoke at once, inaudible.)

Barone-Tom, I want to say one more thing about the committee at the civic center. All right,

there's no committee. If there's a (inaudible) Gail has, well, whoever's onshe's not going to be there 24 hours a day, they have to call the (a) council. Now, I hope it's something that's going to here say, well, we can't do nothing 'till our next council meeting. Somebody going to have to.....

Lukasewicz-Joe, the committee couldn't a decision for council anyway.

Barone-Yeah, but they were, pushed it quicker.

Barnick-Any slack, in different types of...(few spoke at once.)

Lukasewicz-Yeah, but they still couldn't make the decision. If something's that important, Elaine notified Rob, you guys, everyone will be notified.

Barone-Well, I just hope so.

Barnick-Well, I better be notified of every little incident, every little incident.

Lukasewicz-Jimmy, you have the right to go over tonight, tomorrow and tell her that.....

Barnick-No, no. Elaine, I better be notified because I know she speaks to you many, much, during the week. So every instance that goes on, just like I found out and I even approached Robbie on it, that the truck, the recycling truck hit a car or whatever this week.

Lukasewicz-Yeah, I heard about that.

Barnick-Yeah, I heard about it. I says why wasn't I called.....

Lukasewicz-....should have called you.

Barnick-....nobody even called.

Lukasewicz-He should have called you.

Barnick-Nobody called. Another one backed into the plow.....(few spoke at once, inaudible).

Lukasewicz-I just found out about that one today.

Barnick-Everybody should be called.

Lukasewicz-Everyone should be.

Menichetti-I didn't know, either.

Morrell-I didn't know that.

Lukasewicz-Elaine doesn't even know.

Barnick-Everything that comes through here. As soon as it comes through, it should be put in a mailbox, not held or nothing.

Morrell-I didn't know.

Lukasewicz-Ged, you have to go? Ged's got to go, okay, second row.

Charlene Tomasovitch, 139 Harriet Street - Just in the budget, was something for, even put in for PAL?

Lukasewicz-Yeah, I believe there's like \$5,000 in the police budget for the PAL's programs.

Tomasovitch-Spoke, inaudible.....need the insurance, and we've got to get this started.

Lukasewicz-Well, let me ask right here. Is anyone going to rip the \$5,000 out of the police budget that was earmarked for the PAL's program?

Barone-What was this again?

Lukasewicz-There's \$5,000 budgeted within the police budget for the PAL's program that has been established in the borough and these individuals.....

Tomasovitch-'Cause I got the DVD player, 14 DVD's and we just can't do nothing with it because we don't have insurance.

Lukasewicz-And they, they want to get started. So my question is this evening, is anybody going to rip apart this money that's in the program for the PAL's program? If not then, if you have needs, go to the Administrator and make a request to.....

Morrell-Well, over \$300 we have to call, we'll call the purchasing committee.

Lukasewicz-Yeah, but we don't need that, but no one.....

Morrell-Is there anything large amount because like over \$1500. we have to call, we have to have....(Tomasovitch speaking, inaudible)

Barnick-Speaking in background, inaudible. What do you need it for? For the league, specifically, or you need it to use of the building, or.....

Tomasovitch-No.....(inaudible), the insurance will cover that. (Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

Barnick-If we're running the program through....

Lukasewicz-Check with Bill Peters to see exactly what is.....

Morrell-I can check with Joyce, Jackman & Bell. I know that....(everyone spoke at once).

Barnick-You know what I mean? 'Cause you don't have to get nothing extra for a bus trip.....

Everyone spoke at once.

Morrell-Well, the basketball we did. We got that extra policy. It was about \$125.

Marushock-We do we have.....

Barnick-No, no, no. I don't see why you're not covered under the borough's liability over there for all them programs anyway.

Morrell-They want to incorporate separately.

Reed-.....Board of Directors that each have to have, carry their own liabilities. (Inaudible)

Christina Sullivan called, she spoke to several people, the cheapest way is (coughing, inaudible), \$2,000 (\$3,000?) to cover them all.

Barnick-Well, could you get a cheaper rate if you got a separate peril added to our insurance?

Morrell-I believe they have Atty. Cimini looking into Corporation of PAL.

Tomasovitch-Yeah, we're trying to get....

Reed-Yeah, that's already done, right?

Lukasewicz-Yeah, it was authorized.

Cimini-That's already down.

Morrell-So if that's separate, can they go on the borough policy? But that, I don't know.

Lukasewicz-Louie, you'll check all of those things out for us?

Cimini-Yeah, I will.

Lukasewicz-But money wise, any monies they spend for whatever, there's \$5,000 budgeted, come in, make your request and start your program. (Tomasovitch inaudible.) Your money has been earmarked and I just asked if anyone is going to rip it apart. So if no one's going to rip it apart, it's still there in the budget.

Barnick-Not tonight, Jimmy said.

Tomasovitch-(Inaudible), please.

Barnick-No, I don't think anyone's going to rip apart the \$5,000 to start a worth while program.

Reed-One of the things that the board last night at the meeting, wanted to have a ski trip. Before we could do that we have to have at least a (inaudible) policy and that's \$375 for the national, to cover us in case one of the kids get hurt when we're up there.

Barnick-Can't you get a cheaper rate?

Reed-That's very cheap.

Barnick-No, no, no. For the kids that are going.

Reed-Well, we're hoping that.....

Tomasovitch-We're working on it.

Reed-We're hoping they'll give it to us, if not we have to, the PAL's has to.....

Barnick-Well, let me know. For my kid. He's always going up to Montage.

Lukasewicz-Whatever you need, work it through Louie and your attorney and the money, there are funds available. Anyone else?

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street - Getting back to the Bellman Street Playground. Is there any reason why those big gates have to be open all the time?

Lukasewicz-I think the only reason they were open all the time is that they were working on the fence and someone was working on the retainage pond, I believe.

Rocco-Don't you think it'd be a wise idea to put a lock on there? A lock?

Lukasewicz-They should.....

Rocco-You're going to get these four wheelers up there, they're going to start doing a lot of damage.

Lukasewicz-Elaine, talk to Robbie and see if we can.....

Morrell-I'll talk to Dave. We'll have the gates, all the parks keyed alike so they don't.....

(Few spoke at once, inaudible.)

Barnick-Speaking of that park down there, we have an easement cut going through that property. Well, not a...(coughing, inaudible), yeah, it would be accepted with the roads, I'm sure.

Lukasewicz-What's that?

Barnick-A walkway from Tiffany, actually from Tiffany going right into the park on the other....

(Both speaking at once, inaudible). That hasn't been cleaned out or nothing, right? That's not an open easement, right?

Lukasewicz-No, I don't think anything's been done with that yet.

Barnick-That's one.....(both speaking at once). Did we advertise for the streets? Lou, did you develop that ordinance yet?

Lukasewicz-Tiffany Estates...

Cimini-Yeah, yeah, to accept the streets?

Barnick-Sewers and.....

Cimini-Yeah, I talked to Bob Bernosky, he said he'd look at, develop.....

Barnick-Yeah, but he's got to give you specifics, doesn't he?

Cimini-Yes.

Barnick-A certain amount of area and....

Cimini-Yeah, that's, I'm working with him on it. I have everything done, he has to submit the information he has.

Rocco-Tom, I'm almost sure a couple of years back there was a motion made and passed, any job openings will be filled, Throop residents first as long as they're qualified.

(Few speaking at once, inaudible.)

Lukasewicz-We couldn't do that.

Barnick-I don't think you could do that.

Lukasewicz-That's discrimination, you couldn't do that.
Rocco-Why is it discrimination? Every other town does it. Scranton does, everybody does it.
(Lukasewicz speaking in background, inaudible.)
Barone-Yeah, but they only do it for, I think, their DPW workers and their police.
Lukasewicz-Attorney Cimini, could you answer that for him?
Cimini-Give it to me again.
Rocco-That any job openings will be given to the Throop residents first, as long as they're qualified.
Barnick-You have to have preferred. You can have Throop residents referred.
Cimini-Yeah, referred.
Barnick-Yep.
(Few spoke at once, inaudible.)
Rocco-No, but they can be given the first opportunity.
Lukasewicz-You say it's preferred but you can't exclude.
Rocco-I'd like to see a motion made tonight, then on it....
Morrell-We do that.
Rocco-As long as it's legal.
Lukasewicz-In fact, I believe that motion is like you're talking about, might have been done.....
Rocco-I said it was done already.
Barnick-Oh, it was.
Rocco-It was done already (speaking at once, inaudible), said somebody hired from out of town.
This girl that you hired?
Morrell-Oh, the gal from the Civic Center?
Rocco-Yeah.
Lukasewicz-She is from out of town.
Rocco-Yeah, but why wasn't Throop residents given the first opportunity.
Barnick-Because it wasn't advertised.
Rocco-Well, it's got to be advertised first.
Barnick-Well, it's a done deal.
Rocco-It's not fair to the Throop residents.
Barnick-No, I'll accept that.
Rocco-I thought it was agreed upon a couple of years ago, (inaudible).

Andy Lisko, 205 Sanderson Street - Down the viaduct on the lower part of Sanderson Street, the Sulphur Creek, there's a sewer line running down there. I mentioned at that one council meeting that Mr. Lukasewicz had a 55 gallon drum of (inaudible) down there. Now the (inaudible), I just noticed a few days ago the drum is gone. I want to thank.....

Lukasewicz-It's not gone.

Lisko-It's not down there, though.

Lukasewicz-Yeah, somebody knocked it over. It had to be a couple of big people because it....

Lisko-Well, anyway.

Lukasewicz-It probably weighed close to 1,000 lbs.

Lisko-I just want to make sure that.....(few speaking at once, inaudible). I want to make sure that

(inaudible) gets put on again.
Lukasewicz-Well, as soon as the.....(both speaking at once)....going to put it back on again. I think I'm going to.
Both spoke at once.
Lisko-.....sewer lines.....
Lukasewicz-I'm going to put it back on. (Both spoke at once) I'm going to put it back on again, just so you know.
Lisko-No you won't. That's against the law....
Barnick-See now, what we're.....
Lisko-You tell me it's legal to block a sewer.....
Lukasewicz-I'm telling you that if I want to keep shit in a pipe I will.
Lisko-That's not even....
Few spoke together, Whoa, Hey.....
Lukasewicz-You don't understand that and that's the word that Jimmy said.....(interrupted, inaudible).
Lisko-Let me tell you something, my friend.....
Lukasewicz-We're not friends.
Lisko-That's right, never.
Lukasewicz-Because that's not really your property, it belongs to the borough.
Lukasewicz-In your eyes. (Lisko speaking in background, inaudible.) In your eyes.....
Lisko-A prominent Lackawanna County Judge ordered that property vacated.
Barnick-You got signs down there.
Lukasewicz-They say no trespassing.
Barnick-On right of ways? Yeah, that's a right a way, yeah. That's a right of way there and it affects me. I don't like it.
Lukasewicz-What don't you like?
Barnick-I don't like it. You don't like that sign up there, it's a right of way, remove it.
Lukasewicz-Jimmy.....(both spoke at once, inaudible)....in my eyes it's my property and in your eyes it's your right of way. (Few spoke at once, inaudible).
Barone-Let the man finish. (Few still speaking, inaudible).
Lisko-Are the people that's involved that live down there going to be able to meet and come down there?
Lukasewicz-Sure, that's what it said right, yeah. They're available the 23rd and the 24th, Robbie's going to set up a time and everyone can call the borough here and find out what....
Lisko-I want everybody here to know that you denied me access to that rear of my property by putting those illegal fences up and I'm a senior citizen with a bad heart.
(Few spoke at once, inaudible.)
Lukasewicz-Anything else, Mr. Lisko?
Lisko-No, that's quite, well, by the way, I've only been here for four meetings, like I mentioned earlier.
Unknown-I hope you keep coming.
Lisko-Just a second. And I was unfortunate, for 27 years I worked 2nd Shift, I can never, I never but I'm retired and I'll bet you one thing. I'll be up here every meeting to watch you.

Lukasewicz-Do it.

Barnick-Thank you.

Lukasewicz-Usually I put a pretty good show on.

Barnick-I thought I was the only one.

Lisko-I could put one on too.

Lukasewicz-Yeah, I could see and everybody else can see.....

Barnick-Here we go....

Lukasewicz-Okay, continuing on in that row?

The meeting was adjourned

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary