

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Meeting  
Monday, January 3, 2000  
7:00 p.m.**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Of Council:**

Walter Hoynowski-A

Joseph Keyasko-P

Anthony Chrzan-P

James Barnick-P

Joseph Barone-P

Robert Mraz-P

Thomas Lukasewicz-P

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski-P

**Controller** - Daryl Menichetti-P

**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

**Treasurer** - Lenore Dolan-P

**1. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To adjourn meeting Sine Die.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Mayor Lukowski welcomed and congratulated District Magistrate John Pesota.**

**District Magistrate John Pesota administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials.**

**Members of Council:**

Anthony Chrzan

George Marushock

**Controller:**

Daryl A. Menichetti

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Re-organization Meeting  
Monday, January 3, 2000**

**Mayor Stanley Lukowski presided.**

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Stanley Lukowski-P  
Thomas Lukasewicz-P  
Joseph Keyasko-P  
Joseph Barone-P  
James Barnick-P  
Anthony Chrzan-P  
George Marushock-P  
Daryl Menichetti-P  
Attorney Louis Cimini-P  
Lenore Dolan-P

**Announcements:**

*Throop Borough Officials and Employees would like to wish everyone a  
Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.*

1. USEPA Public Hearing on the proposed remedy for Marjol Battery Site will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. The alternate date is January 18, 2000 in case of bad weather. EPA will provide transportation if needed.
  
2. Mayor Lukowski said he will be making a presentation later this evening to Attorney John E.V. Pieski.

**District Magistrate John Pesota administered the Oath of Office to the Fire Marshals and Fire Police.**

Fire Police: Ed Barbolish & William Tarby.  
Fire Marshal: Jerry Barone  
Assistant Fire Marshals: Jeff Granza and Ed Bocan.

**1. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To appoint James A. Barnick as council president.

Roll call:

2 against - Marushock, Keyasko

4 in favor - Chrzan, Barnick, Barone, Lukasewicz Motion carried

**Mayor Lukowski handed the gavel to President James A. Barnick.**

**Motion by Lukasewicz**

To appoint Tony Chrzan as council vice-president.

**No Second**

**Motion failed**

**2. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To appoint Joe Barone as council vice-president.

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To appoint Anthony-Tony Chrzan as Pro Temp Chairperson.

Roll call:

2 against - Marushock, Keyasko

4 in favor - Chrzan, Barnick, Barone, Lukasewicz Motion carried

Mr. Barnick -: Regarding the following motion:

Actually this does not have to be a resolution. It could be a motion declaring a vacancy. This is one step further.

**4. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 1 of 2000, a resolution declaring a vacancy on council by the passing away of Jane Ann Gongliewski.

On the question:

Mr. Barnick - As was passed along before and during the election, myself, I offered the chance to Mr. Gongliewski to take the position. Mr. Gongliewski sent a letter.



**7. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Keyasko**

To appoint Robert Cabets as Landfill Inspector as per the adopted budget.

Roll call:

3 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Lukasewicz

4 against - Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion failed

**8. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint George Yontos as Landfill Inspector as per the adopted budget.

All in favor

Motion carried

**9. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To re-appoint Stanley Gongliewski as Landfill Inspector as per the adopted budget.

Roll call:

2 against - Marushock, Keyasko

5 in favor - Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Lukasewicz, Barnick Motion carried

**10. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint Lenore Dolan as Treasurer as per the adopted budget.

Roll call:

2 against - Marushock, Keyasko

5 in favor - Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Lukasewicz, Barnick Motion carried

**11. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Keyasko**

To re-appoint Robert Kalinoski as Street Commissioner as per the adopted budget.

All in favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint Robert Kalinoski as Zoning Officer as per the adopted budget.

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint Robert (Bob) Lokuta as Assistant Zoning Officer as per the adopted budget at \$10.00 per hour.

Roll call:

2 against - Marushock, Keyasko

5 in favor - Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Lukasewicz, Barnick     Motion carried

**14. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint Frederick C. Spott & Associates as Borough Engineer as per the original contract.

All in favor

Motion carried

**15. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To re-appoint Robert (Bob) Bernosky as Planning Engineer as per the original contract.

On the question:

Mr. Barnick - He also had other added duties.

All in favor

Motion carried

Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To re-appoint Lou Cimini as Borough Solicitor at a rate of \$75,000.00 per year.

On the question:

Mr. Keyasko - How Much?

Mr. Barone - \$75,000.00, that's a \$15,000.00 raise.

Mr. Chrzan - He well deserves it.

Mr. Barnick - 144 hours per month

Mr. Barone - That's about \$44.00 an hour.

Mr. Chrzan - \$43.00 per hour.

Mr. Barnick - Add in there with the current benefits

Mr. Keyasko - How about an itemized bill?

Mr. Barnick - Do you want to amend your motion to include an itemized bill?

Response - It's the same as Joe Price did, it's already in there.

Mr. Keyasko - No it isn't.

Mr. Barone & Mr. Chrzan - Fine, no problem.

Motion amended as follows:

**16. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint Lou Cimini as Borough Solicitor at a rate of \$75,000.00 per year with his current benefits and to include an itemized bill.

Roll call:

Marushock & Keyasko in favor but against the cost.

Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick - in favor

Lukasewicz - against

Motion carried

**17. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint Edward Krowiak as Zoning Board Solicitor as per the current hourly rates.

All in favor

Motion carried

**18. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint Marv Brotter as Planning Consultant as per the original contract.

All in favor

Motion carried

**19. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint Jamie Shevchik as Civic Center Director as per the adopted budget.

Roll call:

2 against - Marushock, Keyasko

5 in favor - Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Lukasewicz, Barnick      Motion carried

**20. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint Jennifer Gongliewski, Kim Musewicz, Erica Barone, Pamela Leombruni, Carol Kaushas, Ann Marie Stoffey, Joe Caputo, Michelle Mazzucca, Michelle Sakulich and Vicki Chrzan as Civic Center Monitors as per the adopted budget.

Roll call:

All in favor except, Mr. Chrzan abstained on Vicki Chrzan

Motion carried

**21. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To appoint/re-appoint Ralph Savitski and Ted Warney as Civic Center Maintenance as per the adopted budget.

Roll call:

All in favor of Mr. Savitski

2 against Mr. Warney - Marushock & Keyasko

5 in favor of Mr. Warney

Motion carried

**22. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To re-appoint James Dixon, Vince Cesari II, Frank Tanana, Vince Cesari III, Richard Barbolish, Jerry Liford, Christine Reilly, Paul Nardoizzi, Scott Moran, Scott Gretzula, Joseph Perechinsky and John Wildman as Part Time Police Officers as per the motion passed on September 3, 1998.

On the question:

Mr. Keyasko - I think we should reinstate Granza.

Mr. Chrzan - The man does not have a driver's license. How could he be a policeman?

Mr. Barnick - Do you agree to amend the motion.

Mr. Chrzan - I don't agree to amend it. If they want to make a separate motion, that's up to them.

Mr. Marushock - Who are the new people? There are some names here that I don't recognize.

Mr. Barnick - Noone new.

Mr. Marushock - They are all current officers at this time?

Mr. Barone - Yes, John Wildman was the last officer put on.

Mr. Marushock - Are they all Throop residents?

Mr. Barone - No

Mr. Marushock - Are there any provisions for them to become Throop residents?

Mr. Barone & Mr. Barnick - Not part time officers.

All in favor

Motion carried

Mr. Barnick - Mr. Legos was on the force for approx. 27 years. Mayor if you can draw up a letter.

Mayor - He was an excellent policeman and good all around person.

**23. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Keyasko**

To reinstate Mr. Granza as a part time police officer pending him getting his license back.

On the question:

Mr. Keyasko - So we don't get in a bind.

Mr. Chrzan - Is that your only reason? Is that politics?  
Mr. Keyasko - No, there's nothing wrong with him.  
Mr. Marushock - Everybody deserves a second chance.

Roll call:

3 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Lukasewicz  
4 against - Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion failed

Mr. Barnick read the letter of resignation submitted by George Marushock resigning from the Throop Planning Agency .

**24. Motion by Keyasko Seconded by Chrzan**

To accept the resignation from George Marushock Jr. as a member of the Throop Borough Planning Agency.

Roll call:

6 in favor - Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Lukasewicz, Barnick  
1 abstain - Marushock Motion carried

**25. Motion by Barone Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 3 of 2000 appointing Anthony Amico as member of the Throop Borough Planning Agency for a three (3) year term.

Roll call:

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick  
1 against - Lukasewicz Motion carried

**Presentation by Mayor Lukowski to the Honorable District Judge John E.V. Pieski.**

Attorney John E. V. Pieski was welcomed with a great applause.

Mayor Lukowski presented a plaque to Attorney Pieski, our out-going District Judge for his dedication and service and a friend to our community.

Attorney Pieski thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart. He reminisced on the past and expressed his love for the people of Throop.

**26. Motion by Barone Seconded by Chrzan**

To appoint Cathy Jones as Planning/Zoning Secretary as per the adopted budget.

Roll call:

2 against - Marushock, Keyasko  
5 in favor - Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Lukasewicz, Barnick Motion carried

**27. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To pay all Elected Borough Officials monthly.

All in favor

Motion carried

**28. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 4 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to the General Fund checking account at the First Liberty Bank & Trust, Olyphant. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

On the question:

Mr. Barnick - This is in case any one of the three of us go out for one week and the payroll has to be signed, they can direct the fourth person to sign for them.

Mr. Lukasewicz - Is that the only reason why?

Mr. Barnick - That is the only reason why. Before we would pre-sign about 35 checks if your were going to be out of town for payroll.

Mr. Lukasewicz - What about a stamp?

Mr. Barnick - I don't trust a rubber stamp. Somebody can get it and there would just be trouble.

Roll call:

1 against - Lukasewicz

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**29. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 5 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to the Payroll checking account at the First Liberty Bank & Trust, Olyphant. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

On the question:

Mr. Keyasko - Will the bank accept that?

Mr. Barnick - Yes, it's already cleared by the bank.

Roll call:

1 against - Lukasewicz

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**30. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 6 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to the SCPAP checking account at the First Liberty Bank & Trust, Olyphant. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

On the question:

Mr. Barnick - We have to get Steve Weinberg in here. I want this account closed out. This has been open since 1988. We have been trying to get him in here. I don't know if this is still valid anymore. It was a grant. There's about \$5000.00 or \$6000.00 in here.

Roll call:

1 against - Lukasewicz

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**31. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 7 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to the Community Revitalization Grant checking account at the First Liberty Bank & Trust, Olyphant. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

Roll call:

1 against - Lukasewicz

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**32. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 8 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to the Warsaw Playground checking account at the First Liberty Bank & Trust, Olyphant. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

Roll call:

1 against - Lukasewicz

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**33. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 9 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to the HOME Program Grant checking account at the First Liberty Bank & Trust, Olyphant. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

Roll call:

1 against - Lukasewicz

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**34. Motion by Mraz**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 10 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to the Liquid Fuels checking account at the First Community Bank Dunmore. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

Roll call:

1 against - Lukasewicz

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**35. Motion by Mraz**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 11 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to the Civic Center checking account at the PNC Bank Throop. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

Roll call:

1 against - Lukasewicz

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**36. Motion by Mraz**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 12 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to all Sunny Day Fund Certificates of Deposit at the Pioneer American Bank, Dickson City. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

Roll call:

3 against - Marushock, Keyasko, Lukasewicz

4 in favor - Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**37. Motion by Mraz**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 13 of 2000, a resolution adding an alternate signature, Vice-President of Council to all Certificates of Deposit ( General Fund/Liquid Fuels, etc.) at the Pioneer American Bank, Dickson City. Four signors will be listed President of Council, Controller, Treasurer and Vice-president of Council. Three signatures are required.

On the question:

Mr. Marushock - It's my assumption here that the check can be signed without the controller's signature, having three signatures eliminating the controller?

Mr. Barnick - If she's going to be out and if it's necessary for the thing to be signed on that certain date, she can by letter just direct him I'd like to have him to sign while she's out. The only way I would do something like that is if someone directed me by a signed letter. That's the only way it should be on any of these.

Mr. Marushock - If one of the prime signors would be out, we would have a letter on file?

Mr. Barnick - That's the way I would want it. I don't know how any body else would work it. If she's out of town or if Lenore is out of town and she can't make it back or if something happens and something has to be signed, a letter with her signature on it and let Joe sign it and the bank has the signatures on file.

Roll call:

1 against - Lukasewicz

6 in favor - Marushock, Keyasko, Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**38. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Mraz**

To hold the Regular Monthly Council Meeting 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. and to hold a Special General Purpose Work Session followed by a Special General Purpose Meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings and work sessions are held in Council Chambers, Throop Municipal Building, 436 Sanderson Street, Throop.

Roll call:

3 against - Marushock, Keyasko, Lukasewicz

4 in favor - Chrzan, Barone, Mraz, Barnick Motion carried

**39. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To send a letter to Adelphia Cable requesting reimbursement or credit to every customer in Throop Borough for one day of interrupted service on December 22, 1999 due to the traffic accident on the corner of Pine St. & Wyoming Ave. in Scranton that severed power and telephone lines and one of Adelphia's major fiber optic trunk lines.

All in favor

Motion carried

**40. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To appoint Randy Hebden on a temporary basis for 30 hours per week at \$7.00 per hour until both DPW employees are off light duty and return to full duty.

On the question:

Mr. Barnick - Right now we have two on light duty. We can employ part time people anytime we have people out on sickness or on light duty, etc.

Mr. Marushock - Do we have a letter from the union that they are in agreement with that?

Mr. Barnick - It's in the contract.

Mr. Marushock - I didn't see the contract.

Mr. Keyasko - I didn't see that in the contract.

Mr. Barnick - It's in there.

Mr. Keyasko - You have a period of time.

Mr. Barnick - You have a period of time for part timers from May 1 until September 30.

Mr. Keyasko - Why don't you put it in there if the contract okays it?

Mr. Barone - We'll get a hold of the business agent tomorrow, keep everything kosher.

Mr. Marushock - Can we table it until we have a letter of agreement?

Mr. Barnick - I don't want it tabled.

Mr. Chrzan - No

Mr. Barnick - We'll get the recommendation.

Roll call:

2 in favor with the Teamsters agreement - Marushock & Keyasko

4 in favor - Chrzan, Mraz, Barone, Barnick

1 against - Lukasewicz

Motion carried

#### **41. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To move Dave Repchick to Captain with a \$1,200.00 increase in pay.

On the question:

Mr. Chrzan - He came out on top didn't he?

All in favor

Motion carried

#### **Official Comments:**

Mayor Lukowski - I'm happy to have a Captain. I think we have a real solid police force. We've been a little handicapped trying to get personnel. It is expected the borough will in the future hire two more full time officers. This community is the second busiest as far as police calls in the Mid Valley area. That includes the largest borough in PA, Archbald. We're busier than Archbald. We have two industrial parks, the sewer authority, the schools. With the addition of captain and two more police officers, we'll have a fine police force here. We're right of the interstate.

Mr. Barnick - The EPA hearing on Marjol is January 11. We encourage everybody to come.

Mr. Barone - We have a fine police department. Don't be afraid to help to help them. Call them, you don't have to leave your name.

**Audience comments:**

Joe Palumbo - Happy New Year

Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To adjourn  
Meeting adjourned

Elaine Morrell  
Administrator/Secretary