

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, July 13, 2000**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Of Council:**

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

**Announcements:**

- Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Special Marjol Meeting at the Civic Center.
- 2000 Annual Blood Lead Screening Program at the Civic Center:  
Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
- "Throop Night Out" - August 1, 2000 - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Washington Street Park. Parade at 7:00 p.m.
- A Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with the Throop Ambulance Association.
- Throop Civic Center "After School Program" - Open House Aug 2, 3 and 4  
From: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm And: 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm



**4. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve Leeward's Application for Payment # 7 - Boulevard Project - \$189,714.38.  
(Approved by Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer)

On the question:

Mr. Barnick - This will be a part of the draw down and we should start watching it very closely because it's coming to an end and before this is final, before you start paying too much, make sure we get a final inspection here for a lot of the stuff they damaged.

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve Leeward's Application for Payment # 4 - Crawford Court Phase II - \$27,522.26. (Approved by Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer).

On the question:

Mr. Barnick - This will be a part of the draw down from the interest free loan.

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve Pioneer Construction's Application for Payment # 1 - Pendel Court Project - \$13,997.70. (Approved by Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer).

On the question:

Mr. Barnick - They paved it today, it looks excellent down there, that part is finished except for the side has to be fixed up a little bit, it looks good now. This will be a part of the draw down from the interest free loan.

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve Pioneer Construction's Application for Payment # 2 - Pendel Court Project - \$21,663.00. (Approved by Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer). This will be a part of the draw down from the interest free loan.

All in favor

Motion carried

**8. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the resignation of Richard Ceccacci Jr. from the Civil Service Commission effective July 6, 2000.

On the question:

Barnick-I think he did a good job and we have to get somebody real quick.

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To allocate \$1000.00 for the "Throop Night Out" on August 2, 2000.

On the question:

Chrzan-Of course there will be bills and everything else for everything right, Elaine?

Morrell-Yes.

Chrzan-Plus if they need more money the Mayor.....

Barnick-No matter what on that money, that money was turned into the general fund, they were donations, there were many donations secured. I know myself, I got a bunch of them. Just so everybody understands that's not the borough money, these were contributions made that, I made a lot of phone calls on.....

Mayor-A lot of money donations, yes.

All in favor

Motion carried

**10. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barnick**

To direct Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, to seal and stripe the Washington Street Park if Chilewski Construction fails to comply within 10 days of receipt of certified notice.

Chrzan-If that's not done like we requested I'm going to make a motion next meeting to file charges against them.

All in favor

Motion carried

**11. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barnick**

To advertise and send notices pertaining to sidewalks to all property owners affected by the sanitary & storm sewer improvements "Boulevard Project Area". Additional 1" thick bituminous (blacktop) overlay will be made available to each property owner at the property owner's expense. The work will be done labor free, estimated material costs are approximately \$.25 per square foot of sidewalk area. The offer is made by the contractor, Leeward

Construction. (If the sidewalk was damaged by the contractor, it will be repaired by the contractor, to be as close to the original sidewalk as possible at no cost to the homeowner.) To notify the borough with a \$25.00 deposit.

On the question:

Barone-Elaine, you have to advertise that in the paper and also send flyers out.

All in favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To direct Robert Bernosky, Engineer to develop/design specs in regards to the storm water problem at the Little League.

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To accept the proposals received from Leeward Construction for the following:

Repair sewer main in the 500 block of Edgar St. - \$1,850.00

Extend sewer lateral & repair driveway - 408 George St. - \$1,750.00

Extend sewer lateral & repair concrete sidewalk - 411 George St. - \$680.00

Leeward is the lowest proposal received.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick-Could we add in there to authorize the laterals be placed or is that a separate motion?  
Morrell-I have that one.

**14. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Mraz**

To authorize Lou Cimini, Solicitor to proceed with the search and survey of Collins Court. (One half of the fees will be paid by John Kearney.)

All in favor

Motion carried

**15. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize Leeward Construction to add two additional sewer laterals to the Boulevard Project, one at 133-135 Boulevard Ave. and one at 157-159 Boulevard Ave. as per unit contract cost as established by Leeward.

All in favor

Motion carried



do with the bike, whether we'll sell it, bid it out, whatever.

Mayor-Well, we'll, I'll draw up your plan.

Barone-I think that bike should be out at least five days....(unclear). I hate to see it go down the drain.

Mayor-Okay, but give us time to make a plan and see how it works, you know? You just don't say (unclear), you got to get uniforms, you know, uniforms for everybody and that's when people had said well we're going, you have to pay for your own uniforms well, there goes their whole allowance. So these are the things that we have to decide.....

Chrzan-Mayor, that's not the feedback we're getting back. There was a remark made in that police station, Jimmy, you want to say what it was? Throw the bike over the blank woods, that was from a police officer.

Barnick-I witnessed that. In other words it's not good enough for you people (unclear).

Chrzan-I was there, I heard that too.

Barnick-We'll bring it up to the public every time.

Everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-This is where we tell the truth, well it's going to cease in there with that police department, it's going to cease.

Barone-Okay, check on that, Mayor.

Barnick-The (unclear) that's going on in there is unbelievable, lack of supervision.

All in favor

Motion carried

Mraz-Isn't that the reason we're having the executive session that I asked for for about six months so we can get to the bottom of this?

Barone-We'll discuss everything.

Barnick-Let me tell you, Bob, I even asked for it.

Mraz-But see I was told to put it in a letter for Mr. Chrzan just to have something done right here. I've been asking for six months about a meeting that I was told.....

Barnick-....told that they wouldn't have a meeting unless all of the police were there, since when did they become supervisors of their department?

Chrzan-I asked Elaine yesterday then I asked Neil for the schedule and you know what I was told? What did he tell you?

Unknown-Oh, I've got to wait to see if it's okay with the Mayor.

Barnick-And by borough code the council directs the working weekly hours of the police force, borough code 1129, section e.

Chrzan-I think the next time I get a remark from the Chief like that I'm going to write him up, if he's looking for things like that then there's going to be different changes here I'll tell you.

We're on the police committee, we should know, we're signing the bills for the police, and in August I asked for so many hours to be cut and you, Mayor, asked me to put two regulars on and we did, and no hours were cut, that's a year ago this coming month and still the hours are not cut.

Mayor-What do you mean hours cut?

Chrzan-We added on 80 hours a week, that's 360 hours a month and no hours were cut by the (unclear), now how do you (unclear) that?

Unknown-On vacations?

Chrzan-No hours were cut.

Unknown-Do you have vacations?

Mayor-Yes, vacations and.....

Chrzan-Well we're still.....

Mayor-Holidays.....

Chrzan-Exactly. Holidays, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, bullets, bullet proof vests, we're paying for all this. There's no cut in hours, Mayor.

Mayor-We're providing Blue Shield for part-timers?

Chrzan-No, for the full timers we put on. Do you know what that's costing us a year?

Barnick-Everything, the Police Committee made a bunch of recommendations and instead of saying well, this recommendation's good, that one's not good, whatever, the answer I got was first we're finding out if the police committee is lawful.

Chrzan-They want to know if it's legal.

Barnick-How about that?

Mraz-Don't you think it would have been nice too if the police committee went to the council and discussed it? I'm just saying.....

Chrzan-We had the meeting set up, nobody showed up but us three guys.

Mraz-The police committee had a meeting set up.

Chrzan-Yeah.

Mraz-Oh okay, I thought you were saying.

Chrzan-You want to be on the police committee, take my spot.

Mraz-I thought you were saying council, that's all.

Barnick-No.

Chrzan-No, police committee. Every other borough has a police committee.

Barone-(unclear)...settle contract.

**22. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To send a letter to PAWC to have their contractors repair everything they damaged in the borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Audience comments:**

Dominick Rocco-Joe, that Krieger Construction.

Barnick-Rocco, they're another piece of work.

Rocco-Are they in town yet?

Barone-I think up in Warsaw.

Rocco-They paved in front of my house where they pulled that fire plug out and across the street it's sinking a little bit. My sidewalk is dirt, instead of filling with dirt they put it in that modified, you know all stones and everything. They told me they were going to come back and just slip the dirt in, I was just wondering if they're still in town or if there.....

Barnick-I make a motion to send a letter to the water company requesting that their contractor come back and repair all the damage they did within the borough. (See motion 27.)

Rocco-Joe, that fire plug that I'm talking about that he moved across the street, I was told it was up to the borough to fix it, to lower it....

Everyone spoke at once.

Jack Dolan, South Valley Avenue-You made a motion about installing windows in the doors in the offices, it might be cheaper to put new doors in.

Barnick-However it works out the cheapest, that's what I'd like to see.

Dolan-And also you talked about the paving liens being, collecting them or something, a couple of months ago you made a motion to have the controller look into collecting the paving liens, back taxes, etc., whatever happened to that deal?

Barone-She's not here, I can't answer.

Dolan-Maybe somebody should order her to do it.

Barone-We did.

Chrzan-Well, it think that should be.....

Dolan-Maybe somebody should write her a letter then.

Barone-We made the motion and she said she's not going to do it.

Dolan-Well, she don't do it, that's disobeying a direct order, fire her.

Chrzan-Wait till you see the motion I'm going to make at the next meeting.

Barnick-That's not an order, that's actually a law passed by the.....

Dolan-Breaking the law, that's.....

Barone-She forgets that the council is the governing body of the town.

Dolan-But not her boss, though.

Barone-Not the controller and it's going to be straightened out eventually, one way or the other.

Dolan-Very nice.

Mraz-Is Asphalt (American) still paving in the town? They're all done?

Barnick-No.

Chrzan-They still have a lot to do on Clark Street, Warsaw.....

Everyone spoke at once.

Chrzan-I was approached by a couple of people already, what's the status on this wall down here on Sanderson and Oleckna? I understand we might be getting sued again by a certain party, I think our attorney should take legal action.

Barone-They got a continuance, didn't they?

Chrzan-There's a lot of ....at the planning commission the other night, Mr. Dolan, that we're trying to be sued again.

Barone-Will you check on it for us?

**Motion by Chrzan**

To adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

**Seconded by Barnick**

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary

Elaine Morrell

Administrator/Secretary