

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, July 25, 2000  
(Following the 7:00 p.m. monthly work session)**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Of Council:**

Joseph Keyasko-P

Vice President - Anthony Chrzan-P

George Marushock-A

President - Joseph Barone-P

James Barnick-P

Robert Mraz-A

Thomas Lukaszewicz-P

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski-A

**Controller** - Daryl Menichetti-A

**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

**Treasurer** - Lenore Dolan-A

**Announcements:**

- An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and TPOA legal.
- "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. - All council members are invited to ride in the parade.
- 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 August 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup> & August 4<sup>th</sup> From: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda: None**



Keyasko-Are these referees being paid cash? Is there any receipt for the money that they're getting, their names.....

Lokuta-Everything that is paid to the referees is documented and accounted for, it's always been that way.

Keyasko-I was just wondering if it's, are they paid cash?

Lokuta-Signed by a check.

Keyasko-They're paid by check?

Lokuta-Paid by check, I believe, I don't know, Jamie handles that, I don't know.

Chrzan-But they sign a receipt that they got it, right?

Keyasko-Do they give receipts, Elaine?

Morrell-They do give us a receipt, yes.

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To allocate an additional \$300.00 to the Throop Civic Center for the Summer Recreation Program.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Is that enough money for it?

Chrzan-Do you want to give them more?

Morrell-Yes, he said that was enough. There was more allotted, he said this is the only thing he, this is what he needs.

Lokuta-Fifteen hundred was allotted by council, a seven hundred fifty dollar check was already given and Jamie figures another three hundred and the program will be okay. We don't need the full fifteen hundred.

Barnick-Are they going right to school or the week before school or how far they going with the summer recreation program?

Lokuta-I don't know, Jamie would have to answer that.

Morrell-I believe it's around August 18<sup>th</sup>, it's close to the end.

Lokuta-You figure three hundred will carry it.

Barnick-They used to only do it before for what, a month or something like that?

Morrell-Years back they only used to do it a couple weeks and then a few week and then last year was the longest program, I believe.

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize payment to Reid's Towing in the amount of 23.95.

On the question:

Barnick-How come this little.....

Morrell-Because these two motions, those two bills got stuck to other stuff and were missed on the list of bills so that's why they went on as a motion.

All in favor

Motion carried





Lukasewicz-Bob, do you send a letter out thanking them for their services from your committee?  
Lokuta-Do we?  
Lukasewicz-Yes, do you?  
Lokuta-It hasn't been our practice to.  
Lukasewicz-It would be nice, I believe, it would be nice if you did, to everyone that worked there if they have to resign for somebody to say thank you for.....  
Lokuta-We could do that, it's a good move.  
Lukasewicz-It might go a long way.  
Lokuta-All right.  
Lukasewicz-Thank you.

**15. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To donate \$200.00 to the Olyphant Lions Club for Olyphant Lions Football.

On the question:

Barnick-Yes, my (unclear) is involved and so is a whole bunch in Throop, so just so you know.....

Chrzan-We give every year.

Morrell-We do give every year.

Barnick-There are kids, and even more this year, there are practices, and there is a ton a kids, I know Bob Mraz is one of the coaches for the C team.

Chrzan-You want to make it a little more money than?

Barnick-There is a ton of kids down there.....

Chrzan-You want to raise it to \$400.00?

Barnick-Two hundred.

Lukasewicz-I think you should leave it at what it is.

Barnick-I know Dickson and Olyphant have been putting a lot into it for them. Their equipment is expensive, very expensive, the helmets and everything else, the (unclear) of the helmets, boy I'll tell you, you've quite a, thirty kids just in one team, not including three sets of cheerleaders.

Morrell-And the cheerleaders.

All in favor

Motion carried

**16. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize Lou Cimini, Solicitor, to withdraw the lawsuit Throop Borough v. Throop Property Owners Association, combined lawsuit, as per the solicitors recommendation.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

**Motion withdrawn**

To direct borough controller, Daryl Menichetti, to audit Berkheimer Associates for the earned income tax and the occupational tax.

On the question:

Barnick-I don't think so much audit, verify.....

Lukasewicz-Does any other town do that, Jimmy, do you know?

Barnick-Dave was just saying Dickson City just tried doing this.

Dave Palfrey-(tape unclear), I said they had similar concerns about Berkheimer. (Tape unclear)

Lukasewicz-Why schedule something that we don't know if it can be done or if it'.....

Barnick-Well, maybe that special meeting for the ambulance, after them or something.

Barnick-I'll withdraw the motion until we get an answer.

Morrell-Tony?

Chrzan-Yes, I vote on it.

Barone-See if we can get a hold of them maybe, when was it, August 2<sup>nd</sup> for the ambulance?

Morrell-Yes.

Barone-See if we can get them for that night.

Barnick-I don't think it's fair, I mean, for all these years now Berkheimer is collecting this, who's to say they're collecting from the right people or not? Who's to say the cable company is giving us the right amount for the franchise fee, 3%. I mean there's internet, there's the movies now, there's all this extra stuff on tv and it's supposed to be amusement tax or amusement fee or whatever it is. We should be collecting on the total gross of everything they do.

Keyasko-You know, it's hard to determine who's got what kind of cable, you know.

Barnick-No, they have that stuff.

Keyasko-No, but they have it, yes....

Barnick-Well I'm saying we need to get it so we can verify our amounts, I don't think it's only fourteen thousand dollars, I think it's more than that to tell you the truth when you add all that extras in there, you know, some of them have the full channel, some of them pay sixty dollars.

A discussion took place.

Barnick-We should know what we should be collecting in this borough each year. Who's to say they're not adding on the gross receipts of all these movies that they've added on the channels and all this other stuff.

Keyasko-Maybe it's extra curriculum.

Barnick-It's still using it.

Keyasko-I know what you're saying.

Barnick-I don't think there's been a town that got that information yet, but it's time.....

A discussion took place.

A discussion took place on no-parking on the right side of Simpson Street, George Street to Dunmore Street.

Barnick-.....the county to get their fence moved back (with regard to the Head Start building) so they would develop more parking area for the county people down there, which would take the cars off the road.

Chrzan-We can't get an ambulance or fire truck through there.

#### **17. Motion by Barnick**

#### **Seconded by Chrzan**

To direct the Solicitor, Louis Cimini, to develop and ordinance for no parking on the right side of Simpson Street (George St. to Dunmore Street).

Four in favor-Keyasko, Chrzan, Barnick, Barone

One against-Lukasewicz

Motion carried

### **Audience comments:**

Dominick Rocco-I don't know if you need a motion or what but since April I've been asking to get that river bank cleaned up, it hasn't been done, before we run into trouble.

Barnick-Didn't we pass a motion on this to have it get cleaned? To get Robbie (Kalinowski) to get prisoners?

Barone-Yes, I'll tell you that one after tomorrow and the pipe, right?

Rocco-Yes. Who's responsible for that pavement going down that hill where they put that new water line going down?

Barnick-That's Krieger, Krieger did the water and the gas going down there, they tore that all up again after it was mulched and seeded.

Lukasewicz-Even on the opposite side the curb was taken out and when you actually look at the road you could see where there's a breaking up of the road.....

A discussion took place and everyone spoke at once.

Stoffey-That hill coming down, the guy that blacktopped that hill coming down, it's about a half inch thick.

Rocco-Yeah, and the patches where they filled in and.....Krieger's....

Stoffey-Right, it's the final coat.

Barnick-They only got binder on that now.

Stoffey-I don't think so, I think it's the final coat on there. I don't know about that, you better go check it.

Barnick-That better not be the final coat because that's binder material they used.

Rocco-They were supposed to straighten out my sidewalk there, even though it's dirty instead of filling with it dirt he filled it in with rock.

Barnick-I seen that.

Chrzan-There's a lot of complaints on Krieger, even up in Warsaw.

A discussion took place and everyone spoke at once.

John Stoffey-Berkheimer, is that hired by the borough collect money?

Barnick-Every borough hires them.

Stoffey-Every borough hires them, well in other words they take 1% out of our pay, but every year I got to send a W-2 form it to make sure, you have to do that. But now let's say you owe two dollars or something, or three dollars, I send the three dollars in, who does the three dollars go to?

Barnick-That's what I don't understand.

Stoffey-You understand, I owed \$10.00, I pay it, I send a check to Berkheimer for \$10.00 who receives that money, you're supposed to get that money, half and half., five and five, five goes here, five goes there, that's where it's supposed to go.

Chrzan-Keep working Stoffey, don't quit.

Stoffey-No, but I'm just trying to tell you, I'm saying if there's \$10.00 involved you're supposed to pay half to one, the school district, half to the other.

Morrell-They submit monthly payments but what council wants checked is how do we know whether we're getting the proper amounts.

A discussion took place, everyone spoke at once.

Morrell-They'll give us a list of the people but they wouldn't give us a list of the wages. Didn't we have something we wanted information from Berkheimer and then we had to designate

somebody? We designated Adam to obtain information.  
A discussion took place, everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-What about the recycling money?

Cimini-It's supposed to be here next week, I'll call them again tomorrow.

Barnick-Did we file an appeal on that? There's thousands of dollars they could owe us,  
Dunmore.

Lokuta-I just want to make one point. Joe, you questioned the receipts and so forth from over at the Center? The point I'd like to make is when we had the audit done by the independent auditor, Mr. Gavigan, he gave us a letter and he gave it to council that the auditing procedures that Lenore uses were up to snuff, everything was okay, he had no problems with any of our procedures across the street. Everything was, according to his letter everything was okay and accurate.

Keyasko-Well, I don't know.

Lokuta-Well, that was the letter he submitted, I just wanted to bring that point.

Motion to adjourn.

**Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary

Elaine Morrell, Administrator