

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, July 30, 2001**

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

Jim Mellody-P

Vice President - George Marushock-P

Joseph Keyasko-P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements:

- Annual "Night Out" - Tuesday - August 7, 2001 - Parade plus Festivities at Washington Street Park beginning at 3:00 p.m. The parade will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- An Executive Session was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26th before the monthly work session to discuss personnel matters.

Mayor Presentations:

Ryan Sepaniak-For his well-researched, well-prepared thesis and video relative to his "History of Coal Mining in the Borough of Throop."

Police Officer Charles Reed-For taking first-place honors in the 20th Annual Police Olympics conducted in Allegheny County with a 350 bench lift. Forty-three champion lifters from across the state participated.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda: None

Civic Center Account	250.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	250.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	1,709,916.70
Home Program State Grant	5,095.57
Revitalization State Grant (98-192-1061)	98.10
Community Revitalization (20-192-0947)	40,076.75
Civic Center After School Program	500.00
Warsaw Playground	26,977.29
Liquid Fuels Account	67,443.79
Grand Total	\$3,620,198.52

All in favor

Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Lenore Dolan, Treasurer will read the treasurer's reports and the totals of the paid and unpaid monthly bills.

4. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the treasurer's reports as read or posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough.

Unpaid bills:	\$106,874.64
Paid bills:	94,313.38
AOL deduction	26.95
Grand total	\$201,214.97

Keystone Landfill Credit:	\$13,070.05
Home Program*	4,995.57
Revenue Report (As posted)	753,571.85
Interest	2,974.68

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

To allocate the year 2000 Zoning Hearing Board allocation in the amount of \$100.00 each to Larry Hartshorn and Richard Burdyn and to allocate \$150.00 to Edward Barbolish. (One hundred dollars for 2000 and \$50.00 for 2001. Mr. Barbolish resigned as of July 12th.)

All in favor **Motion carried**

9. Motion by Keyasko **Seconded by Mellody**

To authorize payment to ProRider, Inc. for the sum of \$545.00 for bike helmets for the Annual Night Out Program.

On the question:

Barnick-Did anybody check with Sam's to see if they could donate them, Walmart, any of them? Neil?

Chief Furiosi-I know we sent letters out to all businesses.

Barnick-And nobody returned nothing?

Chief-Well, we got some donations, checks, Price Chopper, hot dogs, buns.

Barnick-Where are these coming from, these helmets? What business? Pro-Rider itself?

Chief-Comm center helped us locate.....

A discussion took place.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To authorize Thomas J. Lukasewicz, President of Council to sign the "Letter of Intent" to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services to request technical assistance regarding Multi-Municipal Projects. (Example: Regional Police Services) Also to name Elaine Morrell as contact person.

All in favor **Motion carried**

On the question:

Mellody-This is for the study?

Lukasewicz-Attorney Cimini, did you check into that for us?

Attorney Cimini-Yes.

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

To authorize Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor to review, develop, recommend and then advertise types of ambulance service who could serve Throop Borough.

On the question:

Marushock-Does this mean we're going to replace the volunteer service?

Lukasewicz-I believe what this is aimed to is we see some problems, they go away, they're short lived, they go away, they come back. (inaudible) to see what is out there and available to the borough to protect the citizens of Throop to have an ambulance service that will be there all the time. Tape inaudible, a discussion took place to set up a meeting with the ambulance.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To send a letter to Scranton Craftsmen requesting if their proposal is still a standing offer in anticipation of the Eddy Creek Sewer Project being the first project of 2001.

On the question:

Barnick-Where are we at with the condemnation?

Cimini-We need the as-builts.

A discussion took place.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To request Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor to serve subpoenas to Olyphant Borough to acquire the as-built drawings of Olyphant's Consberg Sewer Line in conjunction with the condemnation of the Olyphant properties for Throop's Eddy Creek Sewer Project.

On the question:

Barnick-Lou, you would have to draw up the subpoenas and he would have to sign for it, president of council? (Response inaudible.)

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To allocate \$2,500.00 for Throop Borough's 2nd Annual Night Out.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 19 of 2001 authorizing the appointment of Larry Hartshorn as a member of the Throop Zoning Hearing Board as per the motion on July 12, 2001.

Six in favor-Barone, Chrzan, Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz

One against-Barnick

Motion carried

Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

Motion failed:

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 20 of 2001 authorizing the appointment of Arthur Tetreault as an alternate member of the Throop Zoning Hearing Board replacing Robert Bronson whose term expires August 25, 2001.

On the question:

Marushock-To change the wording of this motion #16 to read the change to replace Joe Palumbo whose term expires July 29, 2001.

Barnick-(inaudible) public comment.

Bette Goreschak-Three alternates, how many is there now?

Larry Hartshorn-Since we're talking about it now, what were the reasons that I was replaced?
A discussion took place.

Three in favor-Marushock, Melody, Keyasko,

Four Against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz Motion failed

16. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution #21 of 2001 authorizing the appointment of Joe Palumbo as an alternate member of the Throop Zoning Hearing Board whose term expires July 29, 2001 (two year term).

Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz

Three Against-Marushock, Melody, Keyasko Motion carried

17. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize payment # 1 to Lake Construction in the amount of \$8,407.50 for the South Valley Ave. Test Borings.

On the question:

Barnick-That included Eddy Street?

Morrell-I don't know if this bill included the Eddy Street ones, but he did do testing on Eddy Street, because this is just payment #1.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize payment # 3 (final payment), to Adams Enterprises in the amount of \$2,523.08 for the Warsaw Playground Project.

On the question:

Marushock-Asked if we still have retainage. Lukasewicz answered he believed this was final payment.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize Erica Barone, Civic Center Assistant Director to temporarily work in excess of 40 hours if needed as approved by the civic center committee until the appointment of a new director at the same rate of pay (salary) as the director, retroactive to Jamie Shevchik's last day.

On the question:

Barnick-Mentioned she should be paid by salary, at least for a month or whatever it takes. Everyone spoke at once, a discussion took place, audience comments, Leonard Worobey, retroactive pay, Bette Goreschak and Dominick Rocco agreed. John Musewicz asked the status of the day care program. Paul Zilla asked if she was capable, and why not appoint her. (She is attending college.)

Six in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
One against-Marushock

Motion carried

Council Discussion/Comments:

Barnick-Complaint from resident on Short Street, problems with sidewalk cracking. Lukasewicz asked this be checked into and something be done as soon as possible. Also, possible litigation, Adams to Dunmore and street sweeping to clean the streets, the state agility, gas grills, recycling.

Barone-Asked if a policeman would be put up the Washington Street Park from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. because of the vandalism. A discussion took place to send a monitor vs. police officer to the Washington Street Park. Chief Furiosi thought it should be a police officer.

Audience comments on responsibility of sending a monitor: Bette Goreschak-Male, female monitor, better off using police.

Larry Hartshorn-Better off using a policeman, opening up for liability if not.

The Chief reiterated more in favor of an officer and the Mayor said Blakely used security. The Police Department will handle the situation.

Barone-Asked if the Chief would explain all handicapped signs. The Chief indicated the borough handicapped signs were not enforceable, no fines are posted on the signs.

20. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Barnick

To direct the solicitor to prepare an ordinance to open Franko and Catherino Streets as per the Borough Code, as per the firemen's request and the Police Department request/recommendation.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Before an ordinance, should there be a public hearing for all the individuals in that area to come and state their reasons for opening or not opening, what's the proper procedure.

Lou Cimini-That is the Borough Code (inaudible).

Lukasewicz-If there was a public hearing I might be agreeable to have it looked at.

A discussion took place.

Lukasewicz-I'll probably be in favor of voting for this motion but just so everybody understands, when it comes to actually opening up the street, if it ever will be opened, my main issues and concerns are the citizens in that immediate area and if they don't want it, I will be voting against it at that time. Everyone spoke at once.

Marushock-The (inaudible) situation exists the way you had to re-route traffic on those streets down there. You allowed (inaudible) for emergency purposes only. (Everyone spoke at once, inaudible)

Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz

Three against-Marushock, we don't know all the facts,

Mellody, Keyasko

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Mr. Reid, 144 Boulevard-Questioned if for local traffic only. Mr. Worobey-Asked if there was a time frame on the South Valley sewers. A long discussion took place.

Larry Hartshorn-Mentioned stopping traffic and detour.

21. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Barnick

To vacate the Vice President's chair.

On the question (audience):

Larry Hartshorn-Why? Jack Dolan-He's badgering my wife for the last two years. Donna

Barnick-Look into the Borough Code.

Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Marushock

Three against-Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz Motion carried

22. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To appoint Jim Barnick as Vice President.

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

Two Against-Mellody, Keyasko

Motion carried

23. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To adopt new blanket Resolution #22 of 2001 to change the signatures on the bank accounts and CDs.

All in favor

Motion carried

Council Comments:

Barone questioned Mellody and Marushock regarding the motion made to continue with the D.A., asking how they made out. Marushock said they investigated it.

Mayor's Comments:

The Mayor read a thank you letter to Officers Reed and Tanana who assisted them and discussed the upcoming youth athletic league, questioning where they would be able to meet. Also, black drapes for the municipal building in the event of a death.

Audience Comments:

Renee Hall, 148 Boulevard Avenue-Discussed her complaints about the apartment building on Boulevard Avenue (inaudible).

24. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the solicitor to do research and recommend to council what possibly can be done and to proceed to do whatever can be done to alleviate the problems and concerns raised by the citizens in that immediate area (Boulevard Avenue apartment building).

All in favor

Motion carried

Jerry Butash-Discussed two young girls that came out screaming and crying, running up the road about 3:00 in the morning, not sure if they came from that building or the back of Sam's. The language on the other ones is unbearable (in back of Sam's).

Dominick Rocco-Said he's bringing up since March and when is the river bank going to be cleaned, a long discussion took place.

25. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the DPW workers to go down and clean up the river and associated tributaries.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Before anything is done I would hope that the borough solicitor review what can be done (to check the proper procedure).

A long discussion took place and ensued, Rocco mentioned Throop was the only one not doing anything about flood control.

All in favor

Motion carried

Frank Galli-Asked council now that the Director was gone and Erica Barone was acting director, how long we have until we lose the day care. He commented why the continuing investigation.

Dominick Rocco-Re-questioned why isn't Throop getting in touch with someone about Flood Control. A long discussion took place, Mr. Cimini should contact the Army Corp of Engineers.

Frank Galli-At the work session he asked about the using some postage from the borough for the Kristy Grega Memorial Scholarship Fund. (Frank Galli should give Mr. Cimini a call.)

Jerry Butash, 162 Brick Street-Asked Mr. Cimini about the letter sent out to Mr. Soden on July 2, 2001 about his building. Within 10 days he was supposed to start some type of work about refurbishing the building because it is run down, the 10 days was up and is there any procedure on this. Mr. Cimini said he would talk to the Street Commissioner.

Larry Hartshorn, 140 Dimmick Street-Questioned why DPW is cleaning up Rinaldi's property and the borough is trying to collect fines. (It was mentioned they were cleaning the right of way.)

Jack Dolan, South Valley Avenue-Mentioned Rinaldi was taken to court for the Planning Agency and money he owed the borough planning fees, etc. Lukasewicz mentioned Cimini will review it.

John Musewicz, Throop Booster Club-Told council the staff of the summer program did an exceptional job and thanked them. The recent Cow Flop went very well and he extended a thank you to the mayor, police and council, especially Elaine and Robert and for everyone's support and the Cow Flop benefit the children of the borough.

Dave Morrell-On behalf of the Civic Center Committee, Bob Lokuta was not there as President, and thanked Jamie Shevchik for the job that he did and wished him well in his new endeavor.

The Mayor mentioned the Night Out on August 7, 2001.

Lenore Dolan-Brought to everyone's attention, when the Civic Center Report was received the anticipated revenue to be collected was \$35,000.00 and Jamie exceeded that before he left, it was over \$35,000.00.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary
Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary