

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 24, 2002
7:00 p.m.**

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 - A

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini - P

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - A (Senate Hearing, Washington, D.C.)

Assistant Secretary - Christina Sullivan - P

Announcements:

Blood Drive, Thursday, June 27th, 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. - Eagle Hose Co.,
Dickson City

The Booster Club Annual Cow Flop is this Sunday, June 30th. Parade is at
1:00 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Bette Goreschak, Meade Street, Throop Planning Agency, Vice Chairman: Asked if Motion #21 could be tabled to see if anything could be done to accommodate this planning members schedule prior to a resignation or leave of absence. If not, the motion would be put back on at a later date.

Bids - South Valley Ave Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project:

Name	Address	Bid
Linde Enterprises, Inc.	Honesdale	\$ 936,755.60 10% BB
Pioneer Construction	Sturges	\$1,103,163.50 10% BB
Fabcor, Inc.	Jessup	\$ 878,479.00 10% BB
Scranton Craftsmen, Inc.	Throop	\$ 828,428.50 10% BB
Minichi, Inc.	West Pittston	\$ 922,264.50 10% BB

Borough Engineer, Spott & Associates - Estimated construction costs: \$ 805,359.00

On the opening of the Minichi bid:

Lukasewicz: The last one if from Minichi from West Pittston, Pennsylvania. It's not even sealed.

Chrissy, this one was sealed? Sullivan: I didn't put them in the envelope, Elaine did.

Lukasewicz: Elaine did. Sullivan: So I don't know. Lukasewicz: All right. Sullivan: Maybe it came apart while she was putting the other ones in the envelope? Chrzan: It wasn't even sealed, huh? Glued? Lukasewicz: Just for the record, it wasn't sealed. Chrzan questioned who

accepted the bid. Sullivan indicated the administrator and that the envelope with all the bids received was very stuffed, maybe it came apart while putting in envelope with others.

*Lukasewicz said it might have come apart, alright. **NOTE FOR THE RECORD: THE MINICHI BID PACKET WAS CHECKED AFTER THE MEETING AND THE BID PACKET RECEIVED WAS NOT SEALED WITH GLUE OR TAPE AND ONLY CLOSED WITH AND BY THE ENVELOPE CLASP.***

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the bids for the South Valley Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project and submit them to Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer, Louis Cimini, Solicitor, and Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, for their review and recommendation, *providing PennDOT permits are in place to automatically award this project upon favorable review and recommendations.*

Lukasewicz: Tony and Jimmy, would you like to include in there that if the recommendations are satisfactory to automatically reward? Chrzan: Yes. Barnick: Provided the PennDOT permit is received. I believe that PennDOT is still holding up the sidewalk permit. *Lukasewicz: Inaudible, award pending permits.* Barnick: Oh, and one more thing in here. I brought it up to Robbie before. PennDOT put a sidewalk in down there on South

Valley Avenue towards the Olyphant side, they just put it in. They ripped it up, put it in, right? I stopped the people, I said look it, you're getting new sidewalks in about a month or two. The says, well I'm not paying for it, PennDOT is. PennDOT's doing the permits. They don't even know what work they're doing. So, now we're going to rip up a perfectly brand new sidewalk again? That should be reduced from the, from the bill. I told Robbie about it, to check into it because you might be able to just blow them right into that same sidewalk that they have there and why pay for another..... but PennDOT, they didn't know nothing about it, *inaudible*, but we send our permits to them.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the police report, zoning report, landfill inspectors reports and the minutes of the May 28th, June 5th and June 13th Council Meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS:

3. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the Fund Statement & Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement for May,2002.

General Fund Checking Account	\$490,805.31
General Fund CD's	699,213.60
General Fund Petty Cash	200.00
Payroll Checking Account	5,123.81
Civic Center Account	250.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	250.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	2,109,110.77
Home Program State Grant	8,845.41
Community Revitalization (20-192-0947)	39,894.87
Civic Center After School Program	500.00
Warsaw Playground	27,764.86
Liquid Fuels Account	66,718.43
Grand Total	\$3,448,677.06

All in favor

Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Lenore Dolan, Treasurer 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 (Items for Payment):	\$82,944.08
Paid bills:	28,124.85
Grand total	111,068.93
Keystone Landfill Credit: 06/15	\$5,996.91
Home Program	8,845.41
Revenue Report	\$82,283.86

Dolan: Our Civic Center Revenue for the month of June is \$4,087.15. The checkbook balance as of today is \$495,994.73. If all items for payment are approved tonight, the balance in our general fund will be \$413,050.65. If all motions tonight are approved which unapproved are \$550., the balance in our general fund will be \$412,500.65. *Council President thanked the Treasurer.*

Barnick: Just a quick question on that, *inaudible, with regard to revenue.*

Lukasewicz: Well, I think we're going to have to have a good, I think, this work session coming up in the middle of the month we're going to have a financial overview of everything we have and what we can do. *A short discussion took place of available funds, including those received, for the South Valley Avenue Project and there would be an additional \$628,000 needed and for the Short Street Project another \$100,000+. Council President requests the Administrator pull the financial statements to see where the borough is and what can be afforded this year for projects. This would be a major topic of discussion at the work session.*

On the question:

Marushock: In regards to the items for payment for the month of June, 2002, I will be voting against the council members portion of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield bill, against the solicitor's fee in the amount of \$6,250.00 for the month of June. Against Elliott, Reihner, Siedzikowski and Egan, against Gannet Fleming and I believe that is it at this time for the month of June.

All in favor except Barnick, except the insurance and Marushock, except as noted.

Motion carried

5. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

On the question:

Marushock: I'll be against the maintenance fee pertaining to the Washington Street Baseball Field.

Chrzan: For what reason, Geddy? *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* Chrzan continued: You know, you're just something else already. That field is beautiful down there. It's a personal thing.

All in favor, except Marushock, as noted

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

Lukasewicz: We received some correspondence. I believe it's from the Throop Community Ambulance Association and I'd like to have those (letters) included in the correspondence.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To rollover the following three Sunny Day Fund C.D.'s plus interest that are maturing in July and to purchase a new C.D. or add to an existing C.D. 10% of the July quarterly host municipality check at the highest rate and for the best term *as noted on the agenda*:

\$67,784.22 - July 17th - C.D. # 42445 - Account # 41-105512-8 (Current rate 4.75%)
\$297,190.39 - July 23rd - C.D. # 34919 - Account # 51-102124-5 (Current rate 2.65%)
\$63,453.54 - July 30th - C.D. # 34922 - Account # 51-102125-2 (Current rate 2.65%)

On the question:

Barnick: As noted on the agenda (as CD#1) *inaudible.*

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To allocate \$500.00 to Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director for the Summer Camp Program Field Trips and expenses.

On the question:

Barnick: Yeah, Didn't we give \$1,000 already? *The treasurer responded that it wasn't the summer program.*

Chrzan: Is that enough?

Ercoli (Civic Center Director): No, this is a different thing. This is if we go on a field trip with our summer camp, some places don't take credit cards, so I just need \$500.

Chrzan: Is this enough?

Ercoli: Oh yes, plenty.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

*To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 10 of 2002, an Ordinance Whereby Throop Borough is Accepting the Roads and Sewers from Tiffany Estates **provided in the next twenty (20) days the runoff on Oleckna Street is repaired.** (Deed of Dedication, attached to the ordinance.) (A copy of the ordinance is posted on the bulletin board and is in the administrator's office for review.)*

On the question:

Marushock: Regarding the runoff that's coming from that development, if you go down Oleckna Street you will currently see where the individual *built* a new home *inaudible* runoff going through their yard *inaudible* see that the topsoil is placed with some 2x4's cinder block to channel the runoff. For some reason this runoff has been in existence almost since day one at that site then basically been foot balled between the Planning Commission and our Zoning Officer for which we've never gotten results. I would like to see that resolved before we accept this and make this final. We've already been doing our part as gentlemen, we've expended the, our, DPW down there to do the salting and plowing of the roads down there without this *inaudible*. I feel by doing this, accepting this, we don't have an imperviable leverage to have the situation at that site resolved. *Barone: Yeah, I think that, that guy's yard? If you're talking about that first house inaudible, Geddy?* Marushock: Yep. *Barone: I don't think that was caused by the runoff from, of Tiffany's.* Marushock: You can see that, Mr. Barone. *Barone: Wait a minute, that yard was only finished a day and a half before we got that big storm. There's spots over, further, that are missing, it wasn't done by Tiffany but Tiffany's should be addressed. The situation should be straightened out but I don't think that.....* Lukasewicz: There was a couple of new lots there. *Barone: Yeah.* Lukasewicz: And once they're seeded.... *Everyone speaking at once.* *Barone: Tiffany's got to do something to stop that runoff because it's coming down my house too.* Marushock: I mean, it cost the borough some money in the past when we had some runoff coming off the site into the Little League area. I believe the borough spent about \$7500.00 to make improvements at the Little League parking area. *Barnick: Not from there.* Marushock:

Yes. *Barnick: Not from there, Mr. Marushock, wake up.* Marushock: I believe it was. *Barnick: You got to know what you're talking about.* Chrzan: What do you got against Tiffany Estates? *Everyone speaking at once.* ***Barnick: I'm going to put in the motion including, providing, in the next twenty (20) days they repair that, the runoff on that one side.*** Marushock: Yeah, okay. Lukasewicz: Tony, you agreeable to that also? *Chrzan responded he was. Menichetti speaking, inaudible. A discussion took place about addressing the runoff, some way to retain it, and to have it checked by either Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, or Bob Bernosky, Planning Engineer. Sullivan asked council for clarification of which one and it was decided the Planning Engineer because he has been there the whole time (through the project).*

**Six in favor: Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Mellody,
Menichetti, Lukasewicz**

One against: Marushock

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 11 of 2002, an ordinance allowing the Borough of Throop to collect fees for supplying sewerage conveyance services to municipalities, townships, persons and corporations outside the limits of Throop at rates not less than those required to be paid by persons and corporations within the limits of Throop.

Barnick: I've been waiting for this a long time.

On the question:

Menichetti: Questioned how to collect fees.

Barnick: Indicated we've got a thirty (30) day appeal period.

Barone speaking, inaudible.

All in favor

Motion carried

A discussion took place with regard to coming through Throop, the solicitor was asked if we have the easement for Eddy Creek. It was mentioned to wait for the thirty (30) day appeal period and if we could get a separate agreement. Also discussing working out the Eddy Creek line, going down to Olyphant. Cimini said the Engineer and Robert Kalinoski needed to look at it and that all agreements take time. Lukasewicz asked that letters be sent out to elected officials for funding for the Eddy Creek Project, Barnick agreed. Cimini mentioned that all agreements take time, *discussion inaudible.*

11. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 12 of 2002, an ordinance making alternating one-way streets to alleviate traffic jams in the area of Washington Street Park during all Special Events, as follows:

An Ordinance Designating Alternating One Way Streets to Alleviate Traffic Jams in the Area of Washington Street Park During Special Events:

Whereas, Throop Borough Council is concerned about traffic flow in and around Washington Street Park during special events; and

Whereas, in order to facilitate the orderly flow of traffic and to ensure the greatest possible safety for both motorists and pedestrians attending special events at Washington Street Park;

Now Therefore, be it ordained by the Throop Borough Council that during special events the following traffic changes are hereby adopted for that period only:

- (1) Murray Street will be one way in an easterly direction;**
- (2) Goodman Street will be one way in an easterly direction;**
- (3) Adams Court will be one way in an easterly direction**
- (4) Washington Street will be one way a in westerly direction;**
and
- (5) Mary Street will be one way in a westerly direction.**

Any individual who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary traffic violation and prosecuted to the applicable provision of the Motor Vehicle Code of 1976 75 Pa. C.S.A. § 101 et seq.

SECTION 1. If any section, clause, provision or portion of this resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The Borough of Throop reserves the right to amend this Ordinance or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Ordinance and the effective administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval.

All in favor

Motion carried

A discussion took place. The Chief was asked if there were enough fire police lined up for the Cow Flop on Sunday, June 30. The Chief mentioned he has some assistance from Olyphant and one of Throop's Hose Companies. Council asked if the Chief would call and find out what they were doing because the borough donates a lot to all three hose companies. In addition, council questioned if there was enough police coverage or did he need more and, more specifically, if the Chief needed anything at all for the Cow Flop to advise Council and it would be taken care of.

12. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To direct Chief Neil Furiosi to conduct a feasibility study of Copperrick Street regarding a request to install two signs on Copperrick St. at the intersection of Edgar St. ***The feasibility study shall include the surrounding streets and area, to name a few, Mruck St, Line Street and Cambria Court***

Chrzan: Well, is the Chief going to do this or somebody else going to?

On the question:

Barnick: You've been up there a lot, right? *Chief: Yeah.* Barnick continued: Coming down that, I don't know, to me I would have made, just to check it out, in the winter time coming down it's going to be a little rough to stop. *Chief: Going up is going to be rough.*

Barnick: Well, it's already rough on Edgar so what's the difference, you know? But coming down, I know you easily slide right down the hill. *Lukasewicz: Especially the runoff, the ice, going across the road. It's hard going down.* Barnick: I mean, do the study but you've got to take into consideration winter time coming. *Chief: I'll give you it in writing but I'll tell you right now, I don't think it's safe.* **Barnick: How about at Mruck Street and, look at the whole street, Mruck Street... Barone: Why don't you look at that whole section, Line Street, and Cambria Court too. Barnick continued: And Copperneck, because down at the bottom it's already flat down there. Inaudible.**

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To advertise for bid the 1992 Plymouth Sedan (DARE Car) and the 1997 Ford Crown Victoria (Unmarked - Street Commissioners). **The 1998 Ford Crown Victoria will be retained by the Borough for use by the Street Commissioner.**

Everyone speaking at once before on the question.

On the question:

Marushock: Regarding the Plymouth Sedan, are we authorized by law to *inaudible.* *Barnick: Have to.* Lukasewicz: Whatever you..... *Barnick: We have to..... Inaudible, few speaking at once.* *Barnick: The other one is already authorized for Robbie to strip?* Lukasewicz: Yeah. *Barone: Robbie's taking the other police car.* Lukasewicz: The good car. *Barnick: But it was done by motion.....* Lukasewicz: That was done by motion, I believe, last week. *Barnick: To strip the other, the newest one?* Marushock: Not the newest. *Chief/Lukasewicz: The '98.* Barnick: Do you want to include that in there so we know it's for sure? *Everyone speaking at*

once. A discussion took place if the motion was done last week. Marushock asked if that was 27-2, the vehicle. Then the DARE vehicle was discussed, the old one and the new one that was to be donated. Barone: It thought it was the only thing we didn't come to a conclusion on was the DARE car. **Lukasewicz:** *Yeah, that's the one we're in question of, but also include the '98 for use by Robbie.* The Chief asked what would happen if he or the Police Department put a bid in for the DARE vehicle or what would happen if he, personally, put a bid in on it. Some members of council said it wouldn't be ethical, some indicated he could bid on anything he wanted, personally, and as a resident.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 12 of 2002, to enroll in the new PSAB "Borough Elected Official Program" BEOP. The annual fee is \$25.00. (Group Term Life Insurance for Elected Officials) The cost of the insurance is to be reimbursed by the elected officials.

On the question:

Barnick: These things for these associations, why don't they pass an overall motion and then we're automatically..... **Lukasewicz:** *I thought we did one.* Barnick: I thought we did, too.

Lukasewicz: I'm sure we did that but *inaudible*.

Barnick: Council of Governments, all these other.....

Council President said a vote would be on this one this evening and asked the records be checked back to see if this overall "blanket" motion was done. If it was not then a motion should be put on for the next meeting. Barone: Isn't this one here, well, if the elected officials want it that they got to pay that themselves? *Few speaking at once, Sullivan mentioned the information was in tonight's packet.*

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 13 of 2002, approving a Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lackawanna for the Warsaw Section Storm Sewer Project.

On the question:

Barnick: Yeah, what is this exactly, what does it entail?

Lukasewicz: This basically says whoever they pick to do the project, we are ratifying their choice and the project will be started.

Barnick: Oh, okay. I was thinking of LRBSA.

Lukasewicz: This is the Warsaw Project.

Barnick: That they own all the sewer lines.

Lukasewicz: Yeah, exactly.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To grant a Leave of Absence to Officer Joseph Perechinsky from July 1, 2002 to September 1, 2002.

On the question:

Barone: Neil, what's going to happen if this guy works with Throop and gets hurt? Now he's the Chief of Police up in Mayfield. *Chrzan: Joe, he wants a leave of absence.* Lukasewicz: He just wants a leave of absence. *Chrzan: It's a leave of absence, Joe.* Barone: I understand that but....

Barnick: He's not working up until July 1 anyhow? From now, I'm talking about?
A discussion took place of when he was working, if at all from now until July 1, which he was scheduled for a shift. Barone asked if he was allowed to do that because he was now the Chief of Police elsewhere. Council President stated he has the right to work wherever he wants, it does not make a difference and we should be honored to have him wanting to work for us part time. Why not? It's just like a part-timer working in one town and working in another town. He has been a dedicated officer, always wanted to be an officer and he went for it. Marushock said he did a good job and he's been a good officer. Barnick asked if was possibly making a decision and it was mentioned he may be undecided whether he was going to continue to work for Blakely and Throop or just devote his time. Chrzan said if he was undecided he had every right to be. Few speaking at once.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To appoint Daniel Nelson as a monitor with the summer program at the civic center at \$7.65 per hour. He worked last year as an intern.

Chrzan stated Barnick seconded it, Barnick said, no, wait, asking if he was from Throop.
Barone: Wait, what's the age the younger kids will work? Ercoli: The way the program goes, we're very crowded over there, we're just about to capacity, but we do need more help to cover vacations and field trips, etc. If you hired someone under 18, I can't use them in both places. If you hire someone 18 or older, I can use them in the Summer Program and at Washington Street. That's why there's advantages to over 18. And also we need people over there. *Barnick: Is he a resident?* Ercoli continued: He's not a resident but he did work there last year and they said he, the kids said, he was really, really good, the staff said he's real good with kids. As long as we have somebody good, I don't care, that's up to you.
Barone: Let me ask you a question. Suppose you hire somebody that was fifteen or sixteen? We have to use them for both, can't we just use them for..... *Lukasewicz: You can't use them.*
Ercoli: You can't use them for both and we're jammed over there. We didn't expect as many people as we got, we're at just about capacity. We just, we only had eighteen last, we have 39 this year. *The treasurer explained to Barone you have to be eighteen.* Ercoli continued: Over 18, you have to be over 18 to work summer camp. You can be 16 to work Washington Street. They said he was good, I mean, I don't know but I like to have people that have experience.
Barnick: When's the last time you advertised on this? *Ercoli indicated she did not advertise and*

said this guy just walked in just the way Jessie walked in.

Chrzan: They might have said he was under the university program.

Ercoli: Yes, and they said he was very good with kids. It's nice to have boys because they're good with the sports and the kids upstairs and even when we take them out for two days over to Washington Street.

**Six in favor-Barone, Chrzan, Marushock, Mellody
Menichetti, Lukasewicz**

One against-Barnick

Motion carried

18. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To appoint David Devereaux as a monitor with the summer program at the civic center at \$7.65 per hour.

On the question:

Barone: The same with this guy?

Ercoli: He's from Throop.

All in favor

Motion carried

Council President Lukasewicz mentioned to the Civic Center Director that for next year he would like to advertise for this program if possible, a month or prior to it's inception. Then if there were any competent Throop college students that were coming home, they would know. The Civic Center Director said she would rather them be from Throop because they're also closer is you need someone in a pinch. The Civic Center did not expect to get the children they did for the summer. Both speaking at once, inaudible.

19. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To submit a check in the amount of \$25.00 to the Lackawanna County Council of Governments for the road salt bidding program.

On the question:

Barnick: Isn't that the association fee? *Lukasewicz: Why would we pay for that?*

Barnick: This ain't just like, for the bid, is it? *Lukasewicz: We've never paid for the bid for it.*

Barnick: That's what I'm talking.... *Marushock: What we should do maybe is put in there that as long as they're going to..... Dolan: Do you want to see the slip for it?*

Lukasewicz: Let's just table this for the..... Dolan: There's the slip. (Passed to Council.)

Lukasewicz: We've never paid for that ever. Few speaking at once.

Please note, the motion was not tabled and in checking the records, the \$25 fee was paid last year.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: Well, don't we have an association fee for that? Well, what do we get for that?

Sullivan: I remember that from last year. *Dolan and Barnick speaking at once.*

20. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To accept Christopher Granza's resignation as assistant zoning officer effective immediately.

On the question:

Barnick: What are you going to do, advertise? *Inaudible discussion about advertising.*

Lukasewicz: Motion to advertise for a replacement. *Then he asked Joe Barone if he had someone after Barone gave him an indication he had. Barone said he would make the motion, Barnick mentioned do it after this motion. Sullivan asked for clarification, to advertise for replacement (as council discussed), Council President indicated this was just to accept the resignation.*

All in favor

Motion carried

Joe Barone said he would make a motion to give John Wildman the Assistant Zoning Officer position, at the same rate of pay, Council President said the Motion # would be 20a. Then a discussion ensued, Chrzan mentioned the man had a full time job and he was not against him but wanted to know he would be able to handle it. Barone indicated he told him he could. Marushock asked if we were going to be right where we were before. The Chief was asked for insight, but replied this was the first he heard of it this evening. Barone said he was told he could handle it and Chrzan asked again where he would find the time for it. Chrzan said council should bring him in and talk to him further.

Lukasewicz: Well, the motion hasn't even been put on the floor yet.....

Barnick: Right.

Lukasewicz: Because it hasn't yet.....

Barnick: He just made the motion.

Lukasewicz: He made the motion and.....

Barone: The man told me he could do the job.....

Chrzan: Joe, that doesn't bother me. The part that bothers me is where's he going to get the time to do it? The other guy can't do it. The other guy's working full time.

Everyone speaking at once.

Barnick: This is not a job that you *inaudible*.

Chrzan: That's right. I think you should table it *inaudible* and advertise it.

Lukasewicz: All right, let's make Motion 20b to advertise for an assistant zoning officer at the same rate of pay.

20b. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Barnick

To advertise for an assistant zoning officer at the same rate of pay, \$10.00 per hour.

Lukasewicz mentioned by the middle of the work session (to advertise).

Barone: What's Robbie going to do in the mean time?

Chrzan: Robbie can handle himself.

Barone: He can't.

Lukasewicz: Roll call on advertising.

Barone: I'm against, I think we should put the guy on. Robbie needs the help.

Roll call resumed.

**Six in favor-Barnick, Chrzan, Marushock,
Melody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz**

One against-Barone, as noted

Motion carried

Motion #21 tabled, as follows:

21. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To accept the correspondence from Nicholas Rocco, Planning Agency Member (and to either grant his request of a leave of absence from the Planning Agency until January 2003 or to accept his resignation effective immediately).

On the question:

Barone: Do we have to, what's the story with him, Rocco?

Dominick Rocco indicated he was going to school at Penn State, the night we have the meetings (Planning Agency), his schedule changed at school. Lukasewicz responded to Barone by saying Nicholas Rocco would take place to see if he could be accommodated..

All in favor

Motion tabled

Barnick asked Atty. Cimini if the Resolution was done regarding PennDOT down at South Valley Avenue, and what PennDOT was going to do with that line while Throop was doing that project. Inaudible discussion.

Menichetti: I would like to place a motion on the floor to purchase the property located at 3 Bert Collins Drive located in the Keystone Industrial Park to convert into a DPW complex at a price of \$350,000.

Lukasewicz: There's a motion on the floor to purchase, what's the address?

Menichetti: I believe it's 3 Bert Collins Drive.

Lukasewicz: 3 Bert Collins Drive at a cost of \$350,000.

22. Motion by Menichetti

Seconded by Marushock

To purchase the property located at 3 Bert Collins Drive located in the Keystone Industrial Park to convert into a DPW complex at a price of \$350,000.

On the question:

Barnick: Lou, is this by the Borough Code? To purchase property like this? *Chrzan: For \$300,000?* Barnick continued: Without a certified appraisal? Without an overview by an engineer? *Cimini: Well, I think just an appraisal.* Barnick: I believe it is a certified appraisal, definitely. *The tape was changed here and started with everyone speaking at once.*

Barnick: You might as well stop the projects right now. *Lukasewicz: All right, so there's a motion on to purchase this property.* Barnick. There goes the projects. *Lukasewicz: Roll call.*

Barone: Where we gonna get the money to put it up there?

Marushock: Up there, right here, we're talking about \$350,000 for the building and the land *inaudible*. Yes, the building does need improvements, okay?

Barnick: How much land is there? *Menichetti: Two and half acres.*

Marushock: A part of the plan was to have our DPW make some improvements through the slower months being winter time. At this time we have a site where we could start constructing the salt shed in an industrial type setting. Take the salt shed away from a residential setting, number one. Try to get all the equipment that's sitting out in the weather and getting badly beaten by the elements. *Barnick speaking in background, inaudible.* We have a situation where we could put this under cover and improvements could be made as we go along. To go into the 48 acres and to construct a building we're talking in excess of \$1,000,000.

Lukasewicz: \$350,000 is a very high price for what you're getting. *Few speaking at once.*

Lukasewicz continued: The building is basically just an empty shell. *Everyone speaking at once.*

Marushock: This is with favorable approvals, motion amended, favorable approval of a certified appraiser.

Barnick: Any appraiser will go out now. You're already buying it, what the.....

Chrzan: Nobody else wants it. We might as well buy it.

Barone: Why can't we just have it appraised?

Barnick: You see how fast it went, don't you? It's been up for sale how long? *Few speaking at once. Lukasewicz asked for roll call.*

On roll call, on Barone's vote:

Barone: I'm for it. *Barnick and Chrzan both asked, what? Chrzan said, wait a minute, ho.*

Barnick said, whatever, whatever and few were speaking at once.

Dominick Rocco was speaking during roll call. Menichetti stated maybe we could apply for a loan. Roll call continued. Lukasewicz banged the gavel, everyone speaking at once. Dominick Rocco said, well, we should have th right to say something. Lukasewicz asked him for quiet. Everyone speaking at once and a discussion ensued. Rocco then said, we should have the right here, before you even vote.

Barnick: Make sure you get it on the record.

Lukasewicz: Rocco, Rocco, you will have the right.

Rocco: No, before you vote. Before you vote we have the right to say something.

Lukasewicz: All right, Rocco. Pardon me, but I made a mistake because I'm caught off guard as much you are.

Barnick: I withdraw my vote until the audience speaks and puts their comments in.

Lukasewicz: The votes that were *taken/made* at this time will be withdrawn until the audience makes comments. *Chrzan: Yeah, I withdraw my vote.* Barnick: As required by the Sunshine Law.

Lukasewicz: Jimmy, you? *Barnick: I withdrew it.* Lukasewicz: Joe, will you withdraw your vote until I have audience comments? *Barone: Go ahead.* Lukasewicz: Okay. First of all, it was my oversight to not do it but I'm caught off guard as much as anybody else is caught off guard with this motion. There's a motion on the floor to purchase this said property, evidently for a DPW garage. We'll take audience comments on this proposal.

Audience Comments on Motion #22:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St. - I'm totally against it. I'm 150% against this. That's

throwing money away. We asked for something that's god-damned legit and you guys don't want to go for it. That's \$350,000 thrown away, the building is completely demolished from what I see. You have to rebuild the building, that's another \$100,000. or better. Joe, where's your brains? *Barone: Hey. Lukasewicz: Rocco, wait a minute, you can't... Barone: Hey, no, wait a minute, now wait. Did you go up and look at the building? Rocco: Yes, I've seen the building. Barone: How much land is up there? Rocco: No, we've got to spend that \$350,000. Barone: So what do you want to spend a million and a half, a million and a half up there. I was against the salt shed and I was against the .. I'm not against the 48 acres, don't go twisting my words. I'm against the DPW garage and the salt shed from going up there, that's what I'm against. What's going to happen in the freezing rain and our drivers can't get up to where they get the salt from? Rocco: Well, why the did you vote to buy it than? Barone: Buy what? Rocco: The 48 acres? Or go along with it? And now you don't want to do anything with it? Why did you go along with it? Barone: We're going along with the 48 acres. Rocco: Well, what are you going to put up there? Barone: We have the plan for it. Didn't you see the plan for it? It's all recreation. Barnick speaking in background, inaudible.*

Andy Lisko, 205 Sanderson St.: I'm against this whole, this is craziness. *Few speaking at once...and who picks it up after we go? One of these days I'm going to go.....inaudible.*

Bette Goreschak, Meade St.: *Inaudible*, have the borough engineer look at it and see how much you're going to have to put into the building to make it *inaudible*. Robbie said you have to put a new garage door in.... *Barnick: All new garage doors. Chrzan: They need more than a garage door. Many speaking at once. Goreschak: So if you're going to be putting \$300 - 400,000 into the facility just to bring it up to what we need? You're up to \$750,000 right there and you still have an old building, 25 years old. Few speaking at once. Chrzan: Something so big, was this discussed at a work session? Lukasewicz/Barnick: No. Chrzan: For \$300,000 I think..... Many speaking at once. Lukasewicz: There was a discussion of this property months ago. Months ago there was a discussion of these properties. Goreschak/Barnick, inaudible, and a discussion ensued. Goreschak: I'd like to see an opinion from the borough engineer. Lukasewicz: And that will be asked for.*

Unidentified Resident: Just keep the recreation? In every part of Throop there's a recreation area and none of them are even, kids *inaudible* when we're in the parks and you want more recreation? *Barone: We have to put recreation up there or the state's going to take the land back. Resident: I didn't think we were looking for more recreation. Why don't you find something else..... Barone: We have a plan already made. The state ordered us to put just recreation there. Barnick: That land was handed to us. Barone: The state's making us do it. Few speaking at once.*

John Monahan, George St.: I think a study should be done.

Vince Tanana: Not allowing the opinions, no certified appraiser look at it and you jumped gun, jumped the gun and said we're going to buy. No appraiser in their right mind would say..... *Inaudible, everyone speaking at once.*

Council Comments/Discussion, On the Question, Motion #22:

Menichetti: *I'll amend the motion to read to have it approved by an engineer for the stability of it. Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Lukasewicz: All right, anyone else on the question from council?

Chrzan: Tommy, if that was a decent building it would have been gone three years ago. It's a piece of junk. It's like buying an old used car off of Bolus.

Barnick: Just on the question, you better get the word back out to these people you're going to be going to raise taxes, you have to come up with some money some place. *Chrzan: \$350,000.*

Barnick: You have to come up with the money from places. You're going to run out at the end of the year. I have \$60,000 a month for employees alone, not including insurance. You've got to come up with some money some place.

Barone: I've got to say something. Every time we decide we're going to do something, all of a sudden everybody knows it's not going to work but nobody, through the course of the month will start look looking to find out where we could find.... *Lukasewicz: You're right, Joe.* Barone: No one. *Lukasewicz: He's right.* Barone: No one. We tried to go after Rinaldi, he won't do it.

Marushock speaking in background, inaudible. Barone continued: Where are we going to get the land? If it fails, it fails, I don't care but I'm still against the salt shed and the DPW garage up there. The recreation, fine. In place of the DPW garage or the salt shed, put a roller skating rink and an ice skating rink. *Lukasewicz: Roll call.*

Chrzan: Why don't you buy that building? We'll rent it off you?

Barone: If I had the money maybe I would. You could rent it.

Sullivan: Barone?

Barone: Well, what are we going to do here now? *Few speaking at once.*

Lukasewicz: This is the vote to approve a sale, pending a.....

Marushock: Certified appraiser, inaudible, certified appraiser.....

Few speaking at once, inaudible.

Barnick: Wait a minute. I want to stop right now because we're going to have a hearing on this and I want a hearing.

Chrzan: We'll only end up in court again.

Few speaking at once, inaudible.

Menichetti: After an appraisal and with the borough engineer's study..... Inaudible. Look at the building, see if it's going to be feasible to use and then go and get an appraisal on it.

Barone: And if it's not, we'll rescind the motion. If the engineer says it's no good, we rescind the motion.

Someone asked what if it's worth \$200,000, it's already a motion to buy it for \$350,000.

Inaudible, everyone speaking at once, Council President asked for roll call a few times again.

Four in favor-Barone, Marushock, Mellody, Menichetti

Three against-Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz

Motion carried

Rocco: What if this appraiser says it's only worth two (\$200,000)?

Barnick: It doesn't matter, they bought it.

Rocco: That's what I say. If they get an appraiser now, say it's only worth \$250,000?

Everyone speaking at once.

Chrzan: That's not it, Joe, that's not it. She said to buy it. Don't you understand? To buy it.

Everyone speaking at once.

Menichetti: If it's appraised at \$200 (\$200,000), we'll offer \$200 (\$200,000).

Few speaking at once.

Audience Comments/New Business:

Council President announced Throop Community Ambulance members were in present at the meeting. He told members that council has their received their letters, is accepting their correspondence and the letters speak for themselves. He indicated to members it is nice that council has a follow up like this. The ambulance presence at the Cow Flop was discussed. Lenore Dolan, representing the Throop Booster Club mentioned the ambulance would have an area for set up.

Barone discussed the back offices of the municipal building and if a change wanted to be made the Mayor was in agreement. He mentioned there was a window in the Mayor's office. Dolan and Sullivan both indicated they knew nothing of moving the office. Lukasewicz indicated whatever was needed to make the move, go ahead and do. (Note: The Mayor was not present at the meeting this evening.)

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson-That monitor, I have nothing against that kid, I don't even know him. But you know, I always said stay in Throop before you go hire somebody out of Throop. If there's nobody in Throop then you go out of town. *Lukasewicz: What is happening here is there was more kids that went to the program, last year I believe they only had 25.* Ercoli: 18. *Lukasewicz: We have over 40 kids.* Rocco continued: Yeah, but wasn't there a list to go by? *Ercoli: No, I went through the files, there's nobody. I went through the entire files. Dolan mentioned last year they were not paid the same, the full amount. They were students, many interns, and didn't get paid the same way and that they were only needed just for the summer. She also said they did do a good job last year. Everyone speaking at once.*

Rocco: I don't know if you guys heard before. A couple of years ago when there was, that hill going down Sanderson Street..... *Lukasewicz: Yes.* Rocco: Right? Remember there was an accident and 16 age girls got sent to the hospital? *Lukasewicz: On the right hand side where there was a new pole.* Rocco: Yeah, right. *Few speaking at once.* *Lukasewicz: Where they hit the tree and now they put two poles.* Rocco: Yeah, they cut the tree down there and put a pole there. There's a good chance if somebody goes over that bank. *Lukasewicz: I'm wondering what's happening because I was under the assumption that them power lines were supposed to go underneath Tiffany Estates, underground. Now they're putting them on big, high poles inaudible. Mrs. Goreschak, originally wasn't the power lines supposed to be underground at Tiffany Estates?* Rocco: No, no. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* *Lukasewicz: I thought that was going to be done underground.*

Barnick: I've got one motion. Before we don't get too far out of, inaudible.

Lukasewicz: Go ahead, Jimmy. What do you have?

Barnick: I want a motion to advertise for a hearing on the purchase of that property on Bert Collins Drive.

Chrzan: I'll second that.

A discussion took place, inaudible.

23. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

For a Public Hearing to be held within fifteen (15) days in regards to the purchase of the property of 3 Bert Collins Drive. The Public Hearing will be held the same day as the middle of the month work session, July 10, 2002.

On the question:

Barone: *Inaudible, discussing a salt shed*, And as far as voting, Tony, you're the guy that's worried about the 48 acres yet you voted to close the road. Chrzan: *There was a reason for that, Joe, safety for the kids. They're going to open the road.* Barone: Well, where's the safety for the kids? Chrzan: *Joe, who gets that land if we don't buy it, Joe? Who does? You know who gets it. Many speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: *The land should have been started and it should have been started the day after inaudible and the road should have been opened already.*

Barone: Let's open the road up and get it in there.

Barnick: All right, there's a motion on the floor.

All in favor

Motion carried

Barnick: Lou, opening that road as an access, not as a road. Did you find out and research on that? Cimini: *Yeah, you have to rescind the motion that was voted on the night of the Public Hearing. You have to get a majority to vote to rescind that motion.*

Barnick: I'll make the motion to rescind the motion denying the access through the Ash Street Extension, west side. Denying the opening.

24. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by

To rescind the previous motion denying the access/opening of the Ash Street West Extension, and to follow the Borough Code to open same.

On the question:

Marushock: How can we do this if after we've already had a public hearing....

Barnick: We'll have another one.

Marushock:regarding that and shouldn't we advertise to have the hearing *inaudible* again.

Cimini: Yeah, you have to have a hearing again.

Lukasewicz: You have to start it all over.

Cimini: Yes.

Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.

Barnick: Including in the motion to follow the Borough Code to reopen (inaudible).

Lukasewicz: Is that in agreement with you, Tony, Jim? Sullivan: *Say it again?* Lukasewicz: So a yes would be to vote against the, the not opening, right? Barnick: *No, you're rescinding it.*

Lukasewicz: Rescinding. Menichetti: *Rescinding the motion, you have to vote either for or against.* Lukasewicz: Yeah.

Four in favor - Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz

Three against - Marushock, Melody, Menichetti

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: All right, so we have to schedule the hearing again, *inaudible*.

Barnick: Just the process all over again.

Few speaking at once, inaudible.

Lukasewicz: Okay, we were talking to Dominick Rocco. *Rocco: Yes.* Lukasewicz: Yeah, I saw those two poles they put up and I guess that's, their high wires are holding up, *inaudible*.

Rocco: I'm not against the poles going up but I was going to say that.... Lukasewicz: Guardrails?

Rocco: Yeah, it was agreed upon to put the guardrails there. Lukasewicz: I thought we.....

Rocco: You voted to do it. Lukasewicz:we had a motion, Chrissy, talk to Mr. Kalinoski to see if he can put the guardrails up. *Rocco: There was a motion passed, remember, Jim?*

Lukasewicz: Yeah. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Barnick: No, if I remember right I *inaudible* down there and he said no, they wouldn't work, guardrails down there. There was something else.

Lukasewicz: That's why Robbie didn't, *inaudible*, the proper type to go in.

Rocco: He thought he had one, I think.. Barnick: I don't know. *Everyone speaking at once.*

Lukasewicz: Ask Mr. Kalinoski to make a recommendation to us for the next middle of the month work session. *Rocco: Inaudible, somebody's going to go right over the bank.*

Lukasewicz: Anything else, Dominick? *Rocco: Yes, the riverbank. I'm afraid to even ask, it's a shame. What happened? We began, we were supposed to seed it inaudible.* Lukasewicz:

.....grown up high again.. *Rocco: Yeah, but I know right away as soon as Spring broke they were supposed to seed it. Few speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: Chrissy, can you ask Mr. Kalinoski if we can get the prisoners again or whomever to come in there and address that immediately.

Barnick speaking, inaudible. *Rocco: Well, you have to cut it first. Few speaking at once.*

That's why, you had the okay and the *inaudible* to do it in the Spring. Barnick: Well, whatever happened, I don't know.

Andy Lisko, 205 Sanderson St. - I want to know when they're going to start addressing on the Sulphur Creek Levy again. *Lukasewicz: I spoke to Robbie, he said they were supposed to come in I guess in a week or so. They were waiting for the banks to get hard, stabilized, after all the rain we had. So you could probably foresee within the next week or so that they'll be down there.* Lisko: Is there some way I can get an idea of how much money was spent by the borough last year cleaning the levy system up and how much is earmarked for this year *inaudible*?

Barnick: The only way you could figure it out is by the hours.

Lukasewicz: You have to figure how many manpower hours were spent.

Lisko: How about last year? *Lukasewicz: He might have a record. Robbie usually keeps a record of where the guys work to a certain degree. You have to check with Robbie to see if he keeps a record of where his men work for the day.* Lisko: Well, that would cover machinery and everything, right? *Lukasewicz: The machinery was the borough machinery.* Lisko: I don't think all of it was. *Lukasewicz: Yeah, I believe it was all borough machinery. There was nothing else used. I don't think so.* Lisko speaking, *inaudible*, but started: I'd like to find out how much (this?) year was spent *Lukasewicz: On what they did so far down there.*

Walter Marshalek, Ollendike St. - I'd like to find out about what could be done about the speeding on Ollendike Street. *Chrzan: Neil? You want to address that for this man now?* Chief Furiosi: The speeding on Ollendike? Marshalek: Yeah, it's murderous back there. The

kids are playing out there without *lights or bicycles, inaudible, Lukasewicz asked the Chief to address the situation.* Marshalek: *Inaudible, but started:* Posted 25 mph, there isn't one person obeying that law. I had somebody on my porch the other day and the man says, this is unbelievable. He was going at least 50 mph up that road. *Chief: Did you call us?* Marshalek: You tell me you have to be there to see them. You have to be there to see them. *Chief: Well, I mean I'm going to look to do what we can up there but...* *Both speaking at once.* Marshalek: Well, the police presence has to be there, that's a deterrent at least to have a policeman there. If you see a police car you *inaudible*, you remember? Your presence was enough to stop them. *Lukasewicz: All right, Chief, you'll address that with him, go up and visit with him and the residents up there to find out what the problem is?* Chief: Sure.

John Monahan, George St. - I understand there's an ordinance where you have to, if you buy a shed, build a shed, I want to direct this to the solicitor too, you have to be ten feet (10') from the property line, is that so? *Inaudible response, few speaking at once.* Who passed this? It's ridiculous. *Barnick: Yes, yeah, that's the standard.* Monahan continued: Yeah, but it's ridiculous. You have 10', in Throop there's 40' lots, 50' lots. So if you're 10' from there and 10' from there, what the hell, you put it in the middle of your lot. *Barnick: That's why you...* Monahan: I think it should be repealed. *Barone: Jack, I talked to Robbie, he said you have to have a variance.* Monahan: Yeah, a variance, \$300 and you don't get it back. *Barnick: No, no, Jack, you get most of that back. Few speaking at once. If you go in with say five or six people you'll get a whole bunch of that back. Like \$200 bucks or so.* Monahan: So in other words if you get five or six... *Barnick: How many people did you go in with? If you go in with five or six people you'll probably get two hundred something bucks back.* Monahan: My God, before, the way it was explained you lose the money guilty or not guilty. That's not even.....*inaudible, few speaking at once.* *Barnick: Jack, ask Robbie how many he's got ready for.....* Monahan: No, no, you can't get no answers out of him. I can't, him and don't get along. *Barnick: When do you want to go?* Monahan: I want to build a shed in my yard, you know. *Barnick: I'll find out how many people are on and then I'll tell you.* Monahan: Very good. Thank you very much, Jimmy, thank you.

Jerry Butash: I want to know about the machine shop, what's going on? *Cimini: I think the letter went out from Robbie. A letter went out to the perspective homeowner, purchasers... inaudible...and they have a right to appeal it.* Butash: And they didn't appeal it yet? *Cimini: I didn't see a letter of appeal, no, but I think I have a letter, I think Robbie may have sent something seven/eight days ago.* Butash: And where does it go if they appeal it? *Unidentifiable person said it comes back here (to the Municipal Building).* Butash: And then what happens from there? *Cimini: Whatever the decision is, we could appeal it, they could appeal it to the Court of Common Pleas.* Butash: So it could go on for a good while yet. *Cimini: Yeah, but it's denied right now.* Butash: Could anybody answer me, just tell me, with all the zoning laws and the building codes we have in this borough and what not, a building like St. Anthony's School is standing there deplorable, falling apart? The fire escape is falling off the building, the grounds are in deplorable shape and Sam's yard is deplorable and nothing is done about it, why? If anybody else did that and this, Robbie would be all over like.... *Barnick: You know, the only way you can handle this is under the nuisance at the same time...inaudible, speaking low, a certified engineer.* Cimini: I told Robbie. Robbie's supposed to.....

Barnick: I'll make a motion to have the engineer review the building for soundness of structure and the building codes. Lukasewicz: To evaluate the condition of the building that Mr. Butash is concerned with on Boulevard Avenue.

25. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To have the engineer review and evaluate the condition buildings, one on Boulevard Avenue and the other on Edgar Street, and to check for the soundness of structure and compliance of building codes.

Butash: And if you want to know, they didn't cut any weeds or grass or anything yet.

Lukasewicz: Chrissy, have the DPW guys go down there and clean up that area and we'll get a inaudible. Lukasewicz: To have the engineer do a survey of the said property. Does anybody have any comments on it first before we vote? Barone: Yeah, you want our guys to go clean it?

Barnick: No, no.

Lukasewicz: That's something else.

Barnick: Have the engineer review the structure.

Menichetti: If you're going to do it for this one.....

Lukasewicz: We've got to do it, that's right, there's one on Edgar. Let's vote on this one first.

All right? *Barnick: Include it, include it. Lukasewicz: You want to include that one?*

Everyone speaking at once. Lukasewicz: Include that one on Edgar Street also.

Marushock: Are there any other properties in question with the borough? Lukasewicz: That's about the only two that are in that state. *Sullivan: Cypress Street there's a bad one.*

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: Now, what I ask is this property that's down in always cutting the grass and there's some other properties in the borough who are always cutting their grass and are having a hard time inaudible, I would recommend that we have our DPW guys go in, *inaudible*, it's definitely a nuisance.

Butash: Tom, can I say something? I thought when they took that trailer off of that property *inaudible*, that belongs to the borough now. *Lukasewicz, Barnick, both replied no.* Butash: The borough has the rights to it. *Cimini: We have lien.*

Lukasewicz: A lien against. Butash: Well, why does he use it? Why does he use it for parking....

Barnick: He shouldn't be using it but we only have a lien. We don't have no authority to rule who could use it or not, inaudible, few speaking at once. Butash: Who's supposed to take care of it?

Barnick: The County, Lackawanna County, if they haven't had taxes paid on it they should be putting it up for sale. They put the properties up for sale that are in back arrears. Butash:

Because all this junk he had is extended all the way out to the fence line. He has it laying against the fence and everything. *Few speaking at once. Lukasewicz: So, if we want to cut grass on someone's property we have to notify them for, so motion on the floor....*

Barnick: No there's not. *Barnick/Lukasewicz speaking together. Cimini: Yeah, notice from*

Robbie..... Lukasewicz: But is he doing it? Mr. Butash has been here asking about this for such

a long time and it's not getting done...Cimini: I'll talk to Robbie. Lukasewicz: Talk to Robbie, it's got to be done, it's got to.....

Marushock: Then again, with us maintaining right of way on the property, okay, such as cutting grass, *inaudible*, does that mean that the borough is going to go down and shovel the sidewalks and everything in the winter time? Are we setting a precedent in doing this? Think about it. We're opening a can of worms doing what we did and it's going to become where everyone's going to want it, we're going to have to maintain a sidewalk here and there and right of way and we're going to be doing it borough wide and not just for a certain few people. *Few speaking at once.*

Lukasewicz: They have to pay for it. It's true *inaudible* in other areas where we go out there, the DPW, cut the weeds along side certain roads.

Marushock: Right of way. *Few speaking at once.*

Barnick: I'll tell you what, there's some older people out there and I always tell the DPW whether they like it or not, during the snowstorms I tell them to go over and plow their little spot, I don't care because they're old, they can't be... *Marushock speaking in background, inaudible.*

Barnick continued: Whoa, I don't care. If they have to go back there and pick up their garbage, then go back and pick up, I don't care.

Marushock: I agree with what you're saying but.....

Barnick: You've got 4,000 people here, there's not that many people in this town. If you have to go and do something for them, big deal.

Chrzan: What are we going to do about that property? Louie, are we going to tell him? Are you going to tell Robbie tomorrow? *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.*

Lukasewicz: This is priority, priority. *Cimini: Last time, I know he's busy, I'll.....*

Lukasewicz: Priority. *Cimini: Okay.*

Barone: Geddy, you talk about doing something for one person? On that Simpson Street when we had no parking on that one side, you people turned it around and took it off because of the one guy and that guy's the most miserable guy around and I'll tell him to his face. He blocked up Phillips when *inaudible* because he was having a pool party.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary