

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, June 25, 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.

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda:**

Frank Galli, Throop Booster Club-Thanked council, the mayor, the police and ambulance for support and help with the Cow Flop (held June 24th).

Matthew Cortazar, Throop Community Ambulance-Discussed a first aid tent for next year.

Buranich, resident, noise complaint, Robert Kalinoski to handle.

**Official comments:**

Council President Lukasewicz read correspondence from the Civic Center Committee requesting a party for the children for the departure of Mr. Jamie Shevchik.

Councilman Jim Barnick read resignation of Jamie Shevchik, Civic Center Director, dated 06/25/01, effective 07/27/01. A discussion ensued.

Barnick announced school board meeting Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and the school board raising taxes.

**1. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Keyasko**

To ratify Resolution # 11 of 2001 appointing Mr. James Mellody to fill the vacancy on council created by the resignation of Robert Mraz as per the motion passed on May 30, 2001 and as per the opinion of Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor.

On the question:

Marushock-Resolution was not necessary.

Barnick-You're making is a big mistake.

**Three in favor-Marushock, Keyasko, Lukasewicz**

**Three against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan**

**One Abstain-Mellody**

**Tie Vote Mayor-In favor**

**Motion carried**

**OPENING OF BIDS: Bellman Street Park Project**

| <b>Name of Bidder</b>         | <b>Address</b>          | <b>Bid</b>  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Adams Enterprises</b>      | <b>Factoryville, PA</b> | <b>\$161,170.00 Base<br/>\$176,170.00 Alt. 10% BB</b> |
| <b>Minichi, Inc.</b>          | <b>West Pittston PA</b> | <b>\$191,886.19 Base<br/>\$194,386.19 Alt. 10% BB</b> |
| <b>Kaminski Brothers Inc.</b> | <b>Pittston PA</b>      | <b>\$195,918.64 Base<br/>\$213,668.64 Alt. 10% BB</b> |
| <b>Lake Construction Inc.</b> | <b>Avoca PA</b>         | <b>\$168,907.02 Base<br/>\$177,822.02 Alt. 10% BB</b> |
| <b>Grassie &amp; Sons</b>     | <b>Moscow PA</b>        | <b>\$177,963.52 Base<br/>\$194,399.52 Alt. 10% BB</b> |

**Engineer's Estimated Cost: \$145,000-150,000.00 Alternate: \$155,000-160,000.00**

**2. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To accept the bids for the Bellman Street Park Project and refer them to Robert Bernosky, Engineer and Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor for their review and recommendation and award to the lowest contractor immediately.

TAPE USED IS DAMAGED, TAPE STARTS:

Lukasewicz-Maybe it's feasible the way you look at it and I'm looking at it the same way but now you're sort of stuck between a rock and a hard spot because people are going to say, oh you're taking away from what you should be giving us. So we're sort of in a bad spot now.

Barnick-But you want to tell that same person that get's sewage backed up in their basement?

What do you tell them? Well, we spent it on the playground down there, the little extras. It should have went out to bid, to get the playground (inaudible) and then built from there. If you have the extra money at the end of the year, bought the stuff. You went for the whole ball of wax at one time. I didn't vote for no sidewalks, Rocco, believe me. We didn't need no sidewalks and the sewers, from what I understand, got cracks in the sewers too, coming down Sanderson Street. And that's already been awarded.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**3. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To accept the police reports, zoning report, landfill inspectors reports and minutes of the May 30<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

**4. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To accept the Fund Statement & Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement for May 2001 as prepared on the agenda.

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| General Fund Checking Account            | \$ 717,688.30         |
| General Fund CD's                        | 1,329,078.29          |
| General Fund Petty Cash                  | 200.00                |
| Payroll Checking Account                 | 4,922.81              |
| Civic Center Account                     | 250.00                |
| Civic Center Petty Cash                  | 250.00                |
| Sunny Day Fund CD's                      | 1,709,916.70          |
| Home Program State Grant                 | 5,429.91              |
| Revitalization State Grant (98-192-1061) | 25,391.58             |
| Community Revitalization (20-192-0947)   | 40,042.74             |
| Civic Center After School Program        | 500.00                |
| Warsaw Playground                        | 26,873.47             |
| Liquid Fuels Account                     | 67,184.25             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                       | <b>\$3,927,728.05</b> |

**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.**

**5. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

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

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Unpaid bills:      | \$54,665.45         |
| Paid bills:        | 7,190.91            |
| AOL deduction      | 26.95               |
| <b>Grand total</b> | <b>\$ 61,883.31</b> |

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Keystone Landfill Credit: (06/21/01) | 13,210.05 |
| Home Program                         | 5,069.91  |
| Revenue Report-June (As posted)      | 69,046.98 |
| May Interest                         | 3,535.43  |

Dolan-The checkbook balance, if all items for payment are approved tonight, will be \$656,259.30. My balance, if all motions, which I was given, which amounted \$57,845.00 are approved tonight, the balance will be \$598,414.30.

On the question:

**Marushock-I will be voting against the civic center bills which were included in the items for payment dated June of this year, 2001. I will also be against Mr. Shevchik's portion of Blue Cross/Blue Shield bill, against Mr. Cimini's, the Solicitors's fee. Also against Gannett-Fleming in the amount of \$20,914.33. I believe that is it.**

**All in favor, Marushock,  
Except as noted**

**Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

On the question:

Barnick-I've got to reiterate this, the borough lost a good person. They lost a real good person over there. Worked with the kids well, worked the programs well, did everything well and you're going to lose a lot more because the people elected the wrong one in this town. They're out for a personal grudge, it's out and out personal, not to improve this town.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Ordinance # 9 of 2001, an ordinance authorizing the Borough of Throop Council to condemn certain lots of ground with improvements, if any, in the Borough of Olyphant for the purpose of any and all construction necessary to complete the Eddy Creek Sewer Project, including, but not limited to the installation of the proposed sewer line.

On the question:

Marushock-I'm assuming this is legal to do this? The one reason being, I was questioned by Olyphant Council as to what is the Borough of Throop trying to do to Olyphant. I don't know the procedure, cause I agree we need to have this thing done, however, are they going to retaliate? Try to do something different, throw a (inaudible) in this operation right now to get this thing rolling. Evidently, Olyphant Borough is not happy with our move and this Ordinance #9. Lukasewicz said Olyphant should have saw it coming, Marushock responded, okay.

Barnick-I have to say that they jacked up the fees, it was all worked out, there was just going to be a 15% to the line and Olyphant changed. The line, again, will open up the mountain, we're going to have all this extra development, 147 possibly new homes in the back there. We'll have our own sewer line that's going to take everything from Steineke Street all the way down, never have to worry about Olyphant and the back ups that were created there where we were involved in a law suit and had to pay out how much, I don't even know what the full cost was. But our sewage will be totally free of them in a separate line and this is legal and it was well researched by our solicitor. Whether they're pissed off or not, it is too bad. They have a right to fight it in court.

Marushock said, they will. Barnick responded, I'm sure they will.

A discussion took place about a delay in the project, from a possible lawsuit. The solicitor was asked to expedite the hearing on the matter. Olyphant bought the property for \$5,000.00, has a sewer line running through it, and Throop Borough would parallel the sewer line that is there.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

A discussion took place. Council President asked Elaine Morrell to contact Spott & Assoc., John Szczepaniak, for a discussion at the next council work session with regard to any and all information they have relating to the Eddy Creek Sewer Project

**9. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To allocate \$12,5000.00 (½ year Allotments) to each of the three fire departments, Hose Co. # 1, Hose Co. # 2 and Hose Co. # 3.

On the question:

Barnick-They're going to account for this at the end of the year, right?

Lukasewicz-Usually they do.

Barnick-Where the money was spent.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**10. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To allocate \$7,500.00 (½ year Allotment) to the Throop Ambulance Association.

On the question:

Barnick-There's a couple of complaints (inaudible), about the park?

Lukasewicz-There's a couple of times where.....it took forever to get an ambulance....

Barnick-Jessup had to come up, Throop was no where to be found. He mentioned at the Washington Street Park, Lukasewicz added, at a baseball game.

(A discussion took place which included members of the Ambulance Assn.)

Barnick-I was approached by many residents that are disgusted that our own ambulance they saw, they seen all over the place but when it came time for a child at the park, they didn't make it.

Matt Cortazar-We are working on correcting that. Everybody in our organization works. I, myself, work two jobs.

Barnick-I understand that.

Cortazar-We're trying.....

Mayor-This was a Saturday, by the way.

Barnick-Yes, it was.

Mayor-The person who notified me of the incident, he was very, very, unhappy. Past president of the Ambulance Association.

Barnick-I'm not happy at all because I was approached by I don't know how many residents already about the ambulance situation.

Cortazar-We are currently moving to upgrade our service, to better serve you with a quicker response time.

Barnick-We're going to ensure we have an accounting of this at the end of the year, right?

Lukasewicz-Yes, just like we do with the hose companies.

A discussion took place, a meeting would be set up, the ambulance assn. would notify the borough.

Barnick-(inaudible) just from the complaints I got (inaudible), we had two major ones, Frank brought up at the park up there.

Gail Schultz- We're volunteers.

Barnick-I understand that.

Schultz-I mean, we do have lives of our own. Why don't you volunteer to drive for us?

Barnick-No.

**Six In favor-Barone, Chrzan, Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz**

**One Against, Barnick**

**Motion carried**

Lukasewicz-Asked the ambulance to coordinate something with Elaine for the middle of next month and this way something could be worked out to get these down times covered.

**11. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To allocate (½ year Allotments) to the fire marshal and assistants:

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Jeff Granza, Fire Marshall       | \$200.00 |
| Ed Bocan, Asst. Fire Marshal     | \$100.00 |
| Jerry Barone. Asst. Fire Marshal | \$100.00 |

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Keyasko**

To grant the request by McGregor Industries, Inc. to connect to the sewer system in the Warsaw Section of Throop as per the review and recommendation of the Throop Planning Agency and Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner.

One the question:

Marushock-In granting this, are we cause a further problem (inaudible) Meade and Cypress problems in the past. This increased flow, is that coming down that far?

Lukasewicz-I don't know if it comes there but the increased flow is very minimum. Me, personally, I don't believe it's going to amount to anything to make a difference.

A discussion took place, inaudible.

Lukasewicz-Mr. Kalinoski, that sewer discharge from McGregor, where will that come down?

Robert Kalinoski explained the discharge, Lukasewicz asked him if he could foresee any problems with the additional flow coming in there with the problems that we have now.

Kalinoski responded that have not had problems since the sewer reconstruction job on Cypress Street about four years ago was done.

Barnick-I'm going to go ahead and vote for this but I just hope that the Ordinance will get in place.

Kalinoski told Barnick he was working on it.

Everyone spoke at once, a discussion took place.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**13. Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Chrzan**

To transfer \$25,000.00 from the Community Revitalization Program Grant # 98-192-1061 to the General Fund for the Boulevard Sanitary and Storm Sewer Project. (Leeward Construction, Inc. is the contractor.) Also to return any and all interest to PA DCED as required per the agreement.

On the question:

Barnick-This is one of the grants that we got by just sending a letter out so I'm going to ask for a couple of motions after, at the end of this put on for Mellow's office, Gaynor Cawley's office, try to get some more money for this park.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**





**19. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 17 of 2001, a resolution authorizing the President of Council to execute an application for highway restoration and maintenance bonds or executing an agreement for use of future Liquid Fuels monies as collateral in lieu of a bond. To authorize a temporary \$147,134.75 cashiers check and/or an escrow account to be set up until such agreement is executed. (As per Penn Dot requirements for the South Valley Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.)

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**20. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To authorize the detour of local streets and closing of local streets if necessary in conjunction with the South Valley Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. (As per Penn Dot requirements.)

On the question:

Barnick-There was a motion made to open the street, Catherino, a while ago and it was made by the three chiefs in our fire department. I think it's Catherino and Sharkey Drive. This street is going to be needed now and it should have been done back then.

Dave Repchick-Can I make a comment on that? The only reason I'd like to make a comment on that is I have to agree with him on that and my reasoning for this is we had a fire a couple of years back. It was on South Valley Avenue right in between both blocks. There is no alternate way of travel whatsoever on the 1100 block of South Valley, none, there is none. Which means they had to re-route traffic, bring it around the two side streets which is Eddy, which is very narrow, Franko Street, Steineke Street, back, up so they either had to go down through Dickson City to get around or they had to go back up Underwood Road, I just wanted to make a comment on that.

Chrzan-That happens on a lot of accidents too.

Repchick-Yes, exactly, that's another point.

Mayor-So where do you want them to go?

Repchick-If they open up that road where Franko is and go around Martarano Drive, it would be an alternate way to travel.

Everyone spoke at once.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**21. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Keyasko**

To authorize payment to Frederick C. Spott & Associates in the amount of \$10,395.00 for the June 20<sup>th</sup> invoice.

On the question:  
Barnick-I'm in favor of everything but the sidewalks.

**All in favor, except Barnick, Barone and Chrzan,  
for everything but the sidewalks Motion carried**

**22. Motion by Barone Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize payment to Erdman Anthony in the amount of \$1,050.00 for professional services regarding the specs for the air conditioning at the civic center.

**All in favor Motion carried**

**23. Motion by Barone Seconded by Barnick**

To award the bid to Lake Construction for the South Valley Ave. Test Borings for the sum of \$8,500.00 as per the recommendations of John J. Szczepaniak, Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer, to include Eddy Street, at the same per rate.

On the question:  
Barnick-I'd like to add in the Eddy Street, at the per rate. This didn't even have to go to bid.

**All in favor Motion carried**

**24. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barone**

To accept the resignation of Mr. Jamie Shevchik, the Director of the Civic Center, effective July 27, 2001.

On the question:

Keyasko-When's he going?

Lukasewicz-I believe he said August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Keyasko-Why don't we put when he wants to, just in case?

Dolan-It was July 27<sup>th</sup>, Joe, he starts the new job August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chrzan-Does he have vacation or anything that he gets paid?

Everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-I think it's a disgrace what a couple of these councilmen did to him, a couple people of this town, did to that man. Harassed him, vehicle scratched, stuff happening like that.

Marushock-I had nothing to do with his vehicle, so don't.....

Barnick-Whatever, whatever. So now that you've destroyed it, who's next, Geddy? You're picking on the solicitor, who you trying to get in there?

Everyone spoke at once, Lukasewicz congratulated Jamie on his new adventure. Barnick told him we were sorry to lose him. Lukasewicz went on to say to get that position, as an individual from Throop, he is honored he got such a good job and it shows that he's got a lot out there, people see it and good luck.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

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

To authorize the Civic Center Commission to advertise for a new Civic Center Director, to include qualifications, as soon as possible.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

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

To reimburse Paula Kennedy, 132 Dunmore Street, \$135.00 for the Rossi Rooter bill.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

27. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize the appointed auditor, Al Jordano, to audit the Civic Center.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

28. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski to dismiss the summer temporary help employee and to add one summer temporary help employee.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

29. **Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barone**

To purchase a 2001 Ford F550 Truck with Dump Body fully equipped with a Stainless Steel Body at a total cost of \$36,495.00 from Bradco Supply (\$34,500.00 plus \$1995.00).

On the question:

Barnick-That's with the \$1900.00 difference, right?

Morrell-With the stainless steel body, yes.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**30. Motion by Keyasko**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize Frederick C. Spott & Associates to review the correspondence from BCM Engineers regarding the Jefferson Township Proposed Sewer Project, Act 14 Notification, and to comment on it. If already done, not to repeat it.

On the question:

Barnick-Just make sure in the record that he didn't do it already, I think he did. I think they reviewed this once before.

Lukasewicz-I think we asked them.

Barnick-He did, so don't pay for it twice, make sure he did it.

Lukasewicz-Elaine, can you see if they did in fact review it?

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**31. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To send a request to Gaynor Cawley, Senator Mellow's office, and Congressman Sherwood's office, and all federal representatives, to request any type of grant money, \$25,000.00 preferably from each, to assist with the Boulevard Playground (Bellman Street Playground).

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Barnick-The other day there was an article in the paper about the landfills and it said that Keystone had a capacity less than ten years. Somewhere, something's wrong and we better check into it because it's supposed to 23.3 years. It says about ten years capacity left, so something's wrong here. (Inaudible conversation.)

Mayor-Where did they get this information?

Barnick-I don't know where they got it from because.....

Mayor-Was a guesstimate on your part, ten years? Or did you have to contact someone? (Speaking to Dave Palfrey, The Scranton Times.)

A discussion took place.

**32. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To verify with DEP the amount of years to capacity for Keystone Sanitary Landfill.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Barnick-Just to reiterate again, get to that meeting with the school board, you're taxes are going up. Throop Borough is not raising your taxes, it's this other group. You have Rita Gallis on the board, you've got Jerry Barone, and you've got Robert Cabets, who's your Throop representatives, get up there and stop it, they're wasting your money. 13 mills, it's a lot of money.

Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To have the Solicitor, Louis Cimini, prepare an Ordinance to open up Catherino and Sharkey Streets.

On the question:

Barnick-This same street was also requested to be opened by the three fire departments, their chiefs, (inaudible) a while back, now it's really needed.

Mayor-Well, you're asking for disaster. You're asking for an absolute disaster.

Barnick-It's going to be a disaster now.

Chrzan-It might save a life, mayor.

Mayor-Save a life?

Three in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan

Four against-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz Motion failed

Barone-I hope nobody there has a fire, a fire starts, and our fire trucks can't get through (inaudible).

Marushock-There's a lot of safety to be addressed in that issue.

Mayor-A lot of studies to be done there.

Everyone spoke at once.

Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To open up Franko Street.

Three in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan

Four against-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz Motion failed

**33. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To open up the Ash Street Extension per the Borough Code, at the top, going towards the new park.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-Wait until we get the land to see if we get the land to see if there's any...

Chrzan-We're going to get the land.

Marushock-It's putting the cart before the horse in this situation.

Barnick-Not actually, because it takes a long time to open a street. If you would read the Borough Code you would know that, Mr. Marushock.

Marushock-First, you've got to own all the property, right?

Barnick-But apparently you don't read.

Marushock-You've got to own the property first.

Barnick-We own the property for the street, we own that property.

**Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz**

**Three Against-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko Motion carried**

A discussion took place over the maintenance of the field at the Washington Street Park.

**34. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To allocate \$500.00 for each month to Jamie Shevchik to take care/maintain the Washington Street Park field for the remaining months of 2001 from July - October, to include winter preparation.

**Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz**

**Three against-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko Motion carried**

Barnick-Go take a look at that field.

Frank Galli-The All Star Committee that runs the District 17 Little League, for the seniors and junior leagues, they wanted to hold their annual all-star tournament on that field because it is the best field in the county.

Bill Shevchik-If you think cutting the grass is doing that whole field, you go take a look at it, you have no idea.

Barone-Getting back to Mr. Shevchik, since Mr. Marushock talked about the DA, if this case still isn't closed, he wants to find out where the money is, I suggest that he make a motion or go down and see the DA, continue and interview more people and find out exactly where this money is going and I would like to see Mr. Mellody second the motion.

Mellody-I'll vote for that one.

A discussion took place, everyone spoke at once.

**35. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Mellody**

To continue the investigation to the disappearing money at the Civic Center.

**Five in favor-Barone, Chrzan, Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko,**

**Two Against-Barnick, It's ridiculous already, when all they're doing is trying to identify him, that's all they're trying to do. That's what they're all for and that's what they've been all for.**

**Lukasewicz-Don't tarnish him no more, it's finished, when does it stop already.**

**Motion carried**

A discussion ensued.

**Mayor:**

The Mayor commended Jamie on his time at the Civic Center. He told Jamie he did a good job there, there's no question about it, but he was going into a royal, golden opportunity.

**Audience comments:**

**Mr. Worobey, South Valley Avenue**-Suggested a light be put up with regard to the upcoming South Valley Avenue Project to help with the traffic congestion. It would also help in the event of an emergency, fire or ambulance would be able to get through.

**Frank Galli, 609 Kossuth Street**-I'd like to just reiterate what the Mayor said about Jamie. First of all, it's a golden opportunity for the man, he's going to go to greater and greener pastures (inaudible), the sad part about it is, we're all going to miss him. The children of Throop, the Booster Club, the people that he's worked with (inaudible conversation). I was there when the opening ceremony was there, I was there when we had the county commissioners there, Senator Mellow was there and this man was handed the key, just like this (inaudible). He went in there and he turned that into one of the finest facilities in Lackawanna County. One of the finest facilities. It's a sad day for us, it's sad that we're going to lose him. (Inaudible) He started a day care facility (inaudible), after school programs, blood drives there, anything that was done, he did it. He went above, whatever he was paid, he was underpaid. What I think should happen is, and I know it won't happen, but I think there should be a day for Jamie Shevchik in this town of Throop before he leaves because you're not going to find a man like him. Somebody said before they were big shoes, you have no idea how big those shoes are, no idea.

Barnick-They didn't even know he works on the park.

Galli-Until you start getting people to come in for this job, see what you're going to ask them to do, boy oh boy. You're going to find out, you're going to ask them to do, to run a day care center downstairs, to run a civic center, (inaudible), wait, good luck.

Everyone spoke at once.

**Dominick Rocco**-Asked if there any way the borough could apply for a grant to clean up the river, alongside the river and the creek, and asked also why didn't they send a letter out to Lackawanna River Corridor? He thought several years ago Dickson City got a million dollars. Council said Dickson City received the money with regard to the flood control project.

**Dave Repchick, Police Department Captain**-Discussed the traffic on South Valley Avenue, concerned where the traffic would go in an emergency.

**Susan Shortz, Franko Street**-Discussed no parking on Franko Street, one side of the street, multiple people living in dwelling (making an extra apartment in building), and a fire truck getting stuck between two cars.

A discussion ensued, Dominick Rocco. He asked a motion be made to drop the case against Snell, everyone else has fences on the border of their properties.

**Bob Lokuta**-Asked if consideration was given to his correspondence tonight.

**36. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To allocate \$500.00 for the farewell party for Mr. Jamie Shevchik.

**Six in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko**

**One Against-Marushock**

**Motion carried**

**Bob Lokuta**-Discussed Jamie Shevchik's resignation, he met him four years ago, he said it was a shame, granted it was a tremendous opportunity for him, he's bettering himself, but he's one of our own and this gentleman has been harassed, he's been badgered, he's been ridiculed, and you know who really appreciates this kid more than the people in Throop do? The people that visit the center from out of town. They're the ones because they come back and tell us what we have and they're the ones that appreciate him, we don't. If you read the article in the paper, Keystone knows what they are getting.

**John Stoffey, 238 Bellman Street**-Discussed the election, he heard a rumor on the street about his wife, somebody made a statement that my wife was cheating down at the voting. He questioned some members of council, asked if they had made the statement, and said nobody talks about his wife like that, and they would have to deal with him.

**Jerry Butash, Brick Street**-Discussed a parking problem, a business on the corner of Oleckna that does not have enough parking for their employees, so they park on Brick Street and he has a hard time getting in and out of his driveway, he thinks something should be done about it. I even politely asked the people who park there not to do it and they still do it.

Robert Kalinoski said they've (his office) been on that property down there with parking and bringing garbage in from out of town. A letter was sent to cease and desist, they came up for an application, but didn't think the application was received back regarding parking.

Butash-Complained of the unbearable noise factor from the business by him, the place is a mess, the fence is littered with garbage. He said he asks about the loading dock all the time and think it's illegal.

**Roger Coleman**-Told council they condemned the trailer on Baranowsky's property, you took it away from there, the weeds are high down there and why doesn't the borough maintain the property now? It's also used as a parking lot for the apartment building.

A discussion took place, the borough didn't own the property.

**Bill Shevchik**-Wanted to know when the Civic Center Director's job was advertised would it be at the current salary or would somebody have to earn their way up to his salary? He told council if they thought just going up there and sitting on a lawnmower is what's making that field beautiful, they should go up there and see what's got to be done. All kinds of machines were involved, screening machines, protection machines, and he (Jamie) put pitchers mound up there.

Councilman Barone-Asked Mr. Marushock why he voted against Mr. Cimini's pay, every month. Marushock answered he thought it was definitely inflated and there's no justification of time. A discussion ensued.

Chuck Reed-Addressed council about problems with motorized scooters and he thought an Ordinance is needed.

Motion to adjourn

Joe Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary