

**Minutes
Troop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Cindy Johnson - A

James Barnick, **Vice President** - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President**

Tony Chrzan - P

George Marushock - A

John Musewicz - P

Joseph Barone - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - A

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Christina Sullivan - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Elaine Morrell - P

Announcements:

The municipal building will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th. The office employees and DPW will be off both days.

Recycling will be picked up in Wards 1 and 3 on Wednesday, July 5th.

The monthly work sessions/meetings for the months of July and August will be held on the last Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. (July 27th and August 31st.)

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street - Inquired about replacement of Bob Davis on Planning (Motion #19).

Joe Wargo, Cypress Street - Offered a thank you to council for donating and the supporting the Troop Booster Club (Motion #25).

Bid Results: New Department of Public Works (DPW) Building:

NAME	ADDRESS	BID
Delvecchio Construction	Dunmore	\$ 1,450,000.00 BB
Scartelli General Contractors	Taylor	\$ 1,347,717.00 BB
Chilewski Enterprises	Fleetville	\$ 1,451,249.00 BB
PACE Construction	Scranton	\$ 1,574,000.00 BB
Jerry Ganz, Inc.	Scranton	\$ 1,268,000.00 BB

1. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barnick

To accept the bids for the DPW Building and submit the bids to Louis A. Cimini, Borough Solicitor for his review and recommendation and to award the bid to the lowest, most responsible bidder.

All in favor Motion carried

A special meeting will be held Thursday, June 29, 2006 regarding the DPW Complex bids received this evening.

2. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Barone

To accept the zoning report and the minutes of the May 25th and June 14th 2006 council meetings.

All in favor Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports

3. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the treasurers' reports as posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough as posted.

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	\$46,425.13
Paid bills:	\$53,598.43

Liquid Fuels Account	75,368.75
Fund Statement Grand Total:	5,049.-,801.57

LOAN	Balance
FNCB - LOAN	\$1,388,115.09

On the question:

Lukasewicz - The County owes us money (referencing the Post Closure Landfill Trust Fund).

Barnick - We should all start going to the commissioners meeting. They said two or three weeks, it's three months.

Lukasewicz - Then they said a letter was coming. They told me that and they told Jimmy that.

Barnick - I was told that last week when I called..

The Lackawanna County Landfill Post Closure Trust Fund money could be used for various on going projects in the borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize payment to Kriger Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$800.00 for the replacement of a fire hydrant on Meade St. (This is past due, date of invoice 2/7/2005.)

On the question:

Barnick - I really don't want to. It's something that was done from the previous majority but, apparently, the work was done. The invoice is there, this is just another left over bill from when it was a mess. I hope that's the end.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To ratify payment # 3 to IWDA in the amount of \$22,910.22 from the Capital Projects Account for the Eddy, Franko, Delaware Sts. Sanitary Sewer Project.

On the question:

Barnick - I've got to say something about this contractor down there. These plans they had for the work and stuff like that, they're working with the borough. They're doing a decent job.

Mayor Lukowski - They're really a good gang, too and they're cooperating with the citizens.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To ratify payment # 1 to IWDA in the amount of \$11,996.52 from the Capital Projects Account for the George St. Stormwater Sewer Project.

On the question:

Lukasewicz - Just for everyone's information, this is the problem that we had by Gangi's. The storm problems that we've had the last couple of days, there has been no problems (through the rain storms the last several days) so evidently the problem there has finally been corrected.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Chrzan**

To approve the following Change Orders as submitted by IWDA for the Eddy, Franko, Delaware Sts. Sanitary Sewer Project: (Copies on file in the office)

1 - Reduction in quantity of temporary asphalt - Credit - \$4,500.00

2 - Conflicts between elevations of sewer lines, laterals, manholes, etc.- Additional payment - \$8,800.00

3 - Test Pits - Additional payment - \$6,000.00

4 - Redesign of the sanitary sewer system - Additional payment - \$38,000.00

5 - Changes in quantities of materials versus actual in filed quantity required - Credit - \$52,499.46

Total Credit - \$4,199.46

On the question:

Barnick - Change Order # 2 has got to be addressed with Spott and I feel we shouldn't have to pay.

Lukasewicz - There still is substantial billing that has to come in for this project.

A short discussion took place regarding the project addressing elevations/discrepancies.

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To authorize payment # 4 to IWDA in the amount of \$72,399.02 from the Capital Projects Account for the Eddy, Franko, Delaware Sts. Sanitary Sewer Project.

On the question:

Barnick - I did sit in the truck while they reviewed it with the camera. I'll tell you what, everything's in real good shape. Everything is working good, let's put it that way.

All in favor

Motion carried

On the question:

Lukasewicz - This was never dedicated as a street. A sewer line comes through a very narrow alleyway and he has had a total nuisance situation there. This would be to allow the construction of a fence across the corner of their house. It's not giving any land away, just allowing him the convenience of not having to deal with the nuisance he's been putting up with.

Barnick - It's not really dedicated a street. It's just used for the sewer.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 21 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Walter Rakosky as a member of the Throop Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term effective June 30, 2006.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 22 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Joseph Tomchak as an alternate member of the Throop Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term effective June 30, 2006.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 23 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Bette Goreschak as a member of the Planning Agency for a four (4) year term effective July 1, 2006.

On the question:

Barnick - How many years are you on their now, like fifteen?

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Musewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 24 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the appointment of Rose Kaminski as a member of the Planning Agency for a four (4) year term effective July 1, 2006, to fill the vacancy of Robert Davis whose term expires on July 1, 2006.

All in favor

Motion carried

On the question:

Barnick - It's been years we've been trying to get this and there's a possibility we could change parking to the other side, make it a little more accessible, who knows. Things got to be done on that road (paving), plus we got a nice sum on that right now.

All in favor

Motion carried

25. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To donate \$5,000.00 to the Throop Booster Club Little League in lieu of the fireworks not held due to the inclement weather.

On the question:

Barnick - Just that whatever is spent with that money, just provide the borough with so we have an accounting for auditors when we need it.

All in favor

Motion carried

26. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To send a letter to BGM Enterprises, the Koziks, in regards to concerns that were raised at our council meeting this evening. That we expect the concerns to be addressed immediately and if they are not addressed within (by) July 20, that we strongly request attendance at our monthly end of the month council meeting by participants from School Side associates.

Lukasewicz: I'm going to call them first thing tomorrow morning. We have to do what we have to do.

A discussion took place with the residents of School Side Estates in attendance.

All in favor

Motion carried

27. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To donate \$2,500.00 to Dickson City Community Ambulance Association for services provided to the people of Throop.

On the question:

Barnick - Could you provide us with some receipts, whatever it may be?

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments/Discussion:

Mayor Lukowski - Liked the idea of a clock for the borough and is checking into the details. The Night Out is a wonderful event and everyone should make it if possible. Notable dignitaries have been in attendance in the past. School Side Estates looks beautiful and is breathtaking as you look at it from the mountain.

Council President Lukasewicz - Even though there are glitches at School Side Estates, they are minor as opposed to other developments. Praise was given to the Koziks because they've done outstanding work for the borough in the past. The last thing I want to have is the newspaper is that School Side Estates is having problems and there's problems in Throop because these are minor. Things are good in Throop, very good.

Councilman Barone - Announcement of a marriage ceremony to a couple in the audience, John and Donna. *The audience extended a round of applause for congratulations.*

Councilman Chrzan - Two weeks ago there was an incident with police department and a neighbor helped out the police and he should be commended for his actions and assistance.

Council Vice President Barnick - Letter sent to Santorum also would be sent to Sherwood requesting assistance with grant money for the Eddy Creek line and to open Caterino Drive.

Audience Comments/New Business:

Mary Ruth Tanner/Civic Center Director - Concerns with transportation for the civic center children, busing to the Washington Street Park several times per week and on several trips throughout the summer.

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson Street - Inquired about the status of spraying the bamboo on the riverbank. , It was a mess, he was not aware the first of several treatments was done.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Secretary