

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Special Monthly Meeting  
for General Purposes  
Thursday, March 13, 2003  
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members of Council:**

Anthony Chrzan - P

James Barnick - P

**Vice President-** Thomas Lukasewicz - P

**President-**James Mellody Jr. - P

George Marushock - P

Daryl Menichetti - P

Joseph Barone - P

**Mayor -** Stanley Lukowski - P

**Solicitor -** Attorney Louis Cimini - P

**Treasurer -** Lenore Dolan - P

**Administrator/Secretary -** Elaine Morrell - P

**There were no audience comments on the agenda.**

**Council Comments/Discussion:**

Barnick: A motion should be put on to authorize the \$500 reward payment for the incident at the park. A discussion took place.

**1. Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Chrzan**

To reappoint Dave Garvey as Sewage Enforcement Officer at an annual rate of \$550.00

All in favor

Motion carried

**2. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To ratify the signature of James Mellody Jr., President of Council on the "Notice of Intent" Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4S) This was due March 10, 2003.

On the question:

Barnick: As long as we're not committed to a whole bunch of money for this thing.

Cimini: Committed, well, as far as the money I don't know but there is no option. You could completely ignore it, I guess.

Barnick: But it's another Act. Act 537.

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barnick**

To transfer \$8,500.00 from the HOME Program Account to the General Fund. This represents Monies owed to the General Fund. (Originally some HOME Program expenses were paid by transfers from the General Fund to the Home Program account prior to receiving draw-downs from the Grant.)

On the question:

Barnick: This is not excess at all, right? *Morrell: No. All the money's used up for the fund now?*

*Morrell: This doesn't close out completely. There's still a little bit left because there's one project to be completed waiting for the weather to break but this is actually General Fund money.*

Barnick: I know Mr. Fuhr's is still not finished. It's still not finished properly.

*Morrell: That the one that we're waiting for the weather to break that needs to be repaired.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**4. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Marushock**

To sponsor the Fireworks Display for our community during the Annual Cow Flop at a cost of \$5,000.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

**5. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To allocate \$700.00 to Gail Ercoli for the Basketball Referees. (Last year there were 8 teams, this year there are 14.)

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize \$1,500.00 for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, to issue a check for \$500.00 now and additional money when needed if they are unable to charge the remaining expenses.

On the question:

Barnick: Throop residents only, right?

Chrzan: Yeah, Throop residents.

Barnick: It's going to be regulated, right?

Lukasewicz: Can someone be put on for that day?

Morrell: I think what she's (Gail) going to do is similar to Christmas. I think they had tickets or something that you had to get in advance.

Barnick: Well, make sure they get enough. Don't skimp, use up \$1500

Marushock: Maybe if we could have that advertised in the newspaper.

*Few speaking at once, a short discussion took place.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize the \$500 reward payment through Louis Cimini, Borough Solicitor to the proper individual.

On the question:

Barone: You're going to vote for that \$500. I still think that the award should be paid by the perpetrator, if that's the word. The person who caused the problem.

Chrzan: I don't know if you could do that, Joe. That's up to the magistrate. Louie, we can't do that, can we? *Cimini: I don't think we can force him to pay. We can't force him. If you want to take him to the magistrate...*

Marushock: I believe in a prior discussion with this somehow our insurance company was involved and I don't think we were able to do that.

Barnick: No, it's still a \$500 fine, no matter what. It's totally separate. *Few speaking at once. A discussion ensued.*

All in favor

Motion carried

**7. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize Louis Cimini, Solicitor, to prepare and advertise a Fire Losses Ordinance as per the sample in the packet and to review ordinances from other boroughs on recovering costs for fire departments from insurance companies.

On the question:

Barnick: To include in there, Lou, to review other borough's ordinances on recovering costs for fire departments. Only from the insurance company, not from the individuals.

All in favor

Motion carried

Discussion: Street sweeping and blinking lights.

**Audience Comments:**

**Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St.** - With regard to the fire companies: for Jimmy and whoever else, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. What's the difference if it's three fire companies or one? \$75,000 isn't too much to pay for fire protection. Call up Dunmore and see what it costs.

*A discussion ensued.*

**Larry Hartshorn, 140 Dimmick St.** - Thought Lukasewicz had a good idea to get the sewer in place with regard to the Scranton Craftsmen Project with 147 homes or taxes would have to be raised to pay the bills. *A discussion ensued.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary