

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 25, 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-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements: Happy Easter!

Council Comments:

Barnick: Excuse me, Mr. President, before you begin (with that), I would like to comment on yesterday's event over at the civic center. *Lukasewicz: What's up?* Barnick continued: On this event, that's the first time in years *inaudible* with this event, and that's the first time in years that I've seen *inaudible* a disgrace and I have to say it was an outright disgrace. For Throop people to miss out on getting some gifts and things like that? People were coming up to me, people were coming up to Tony that they didn't get anything. Tickets were supposed to be used on this thing and they weren't used. I mean, I felt bad. I was looking at these people coming up to me and asking about, they were *inaudible* about saving money here, over there, it's about taking care of the kids of this town, not other towns. There were people from Dunmore, Jessup, all over. No ticket program was ever used over there and it's a disgrace. I'm embarrassed as a councilmen here, and we provided this money to support the kids in this town and it turned out like that.

Menichetti: May I comment, Mr. Chairman? *Lukasewicz response inaudible, few speaking at once.*

Barnick continued: And now you're going to turn around and give her a \$2,400 raise?

Chrzan: Where's our director? *Lukasewicz: First of all, let me ask one thing. There was some children that didn't get candy?* *Barnick: Oh yes.* *Chrzan: Yes, there was.*

Barnick continued: Many children.. *Lukasewicz: All right.* *Barnick: ..that didn't get candy.*

Lukasewicz: In the past this has happened before and we have allocated additional funds at our next meeting to take care of the situation. Who knows how many people are going to attend? They do it by

tickets, there were so many that were.... Barnick: They did not do it by tickets, Tommy. Menichetti: Yes, they did. Barnick continued: They did not do it by tickets. Lukasewicz: Jimmy, let me finish. Menichetti: Yes, they did. Lukasewicz: Let me finish. Many speaking at once, inaudible. Jimmy, wait a minute, I have the floor right now. Menichetti: I'm sorry. Lukasewicz continued: It was a ticket program that was put in place. As far as I know, there was advertising on the billboard right in front of the civic center that you come and get your tickets ahead of time. Evidently, there was a number of tickets that were given out to a number of people in town and with the number of tickets given out and giving a lea-way for additional people to come, a certain amount of gifts were given to the children that were purchased. Evidently there was a heck of a turnout. I wasn't there, I can't speak for the turnout, evidently there was just a big turnout and it was way above what people expected and it ran into some problems, evidently. If some children did not receive something that could be corrected. Barnick: It cannot be corrected. Lukasewicz continued: It can be corrected. Barnick: Did you ever look in a kids face when they don't get nothing, huh? Tommy, wake up already and quit protecting what's going on over there. It's a lack of management. Where is our director? All department heads are supposed to be here. Lukasewicz: She's not here this evening and you know what? I'll tell you why she's not here, you told her this afternoon. You go over there and you harass that girl from morning, noon and night. Barnick: Oh, listen to this. Lukasewicz continued: Jimmy, one thing about you, you've harassed, and our administrator, she took off for it, Barnick speaking in background, inaudible. Lukasewicz continued: Wait a minute, you've harassed the administrator, she took off four days, you harassed the secretary, she took off three days. Barnick: Is that right? Lukasewicz: You've harassed this girl from the get go. Everyone speaking at once, inaudible. Barnick: Hasn't your wife followed Jamie around and stuff? What did you do, Tommy? Lukasewicz: Jimmy, everyone knows your games already. Barnick: Is that right? Lukasewicz: People know what you're doing. Both speaking at once, inaudible. Barnick: Six months, she was hired in January, for six months on probation. Lukasewicz: Six councilman that, six individuals that don't have a problem with the director, but you have a problem with her. Barnick: 'Cause I see the truth and they're seeing it now. Lukasewicz: You see what you what you want to see. Barnick continued: And they're seeing it now. Lukasewicz: Wait, first of all..... Barnick: First of all.. Lukasewicz: Go ahead, Daryl has the floor next. Menichetti: I was there personally, okay? I stood at the door and did collect the tickets. She has a pile of tickets like this. Now, it was advertised in the paper and I understand the paper did not put Throop Residents Only. There was an influx of people. These little kids came with their little baskets, I told the girls, leave them in. How could you tell these little kids they couldn't come in to an Easter Egg Hunt? They're carrying these little baskets. They were people that didn't have tickets, they were people from out of town, yes they were. I didn't have the heart to tell them they could not come into the building. I told the girls, I told these monitors, let them in the building, let them in, so there were a lot of people. Barnick: So we deny our Throop residents, our kids, from getting anything. Menichetti: She is well under budget on this, she has..... Barnick: Well under budget? Just think about inaudible, Daryl, this is about taking care of the Throop kids, this is about taking care of the Throop kids, come on. Menichetti: It's happened before.... Barnick: It hasn't happened before, Jamie used to get inaudible and make sure they got extra. Menichetti: It happened before. Barnick: The kids used to go out of there with a bag of candy.... Menichetti: No, you're wrong, Mr. Barnick. Barnick: ..getting the things like that, now it's a disgusting mess. Menichetti: You are wrong, you are wrong, they never even had a hundred people before. Barnick: Oh, no.

Marushock: Mr. President, can I comment on this? I'd also like to reiterate Daryl's statement, here's a copy of the ad that evidently was faxed to the Scranton Times and the Advantage. Barnick: Mr.

Marushock, where you there? Few speaking at once, inaudible. Marushock: I didn't interrupt you when you had the floor *inaudible* this part that says Throop Residents Only was omitted from the ad. As Daryl explained, there were residents that evidently had showed up from out of town and that is what created the problem. I believe there was in excess of 500 children there yesterday that it was never expected to have that many children there. I believe the staff and the director, everyone there participating yesterday, did the best of their ability to do the best of what they had to deal with. Our director is asking for some changes in advance and, hopefully, *inaudible* to do this for the Throop residents only and have it by ticket only, somehow we need to make a change. Changes for the future will be in place, we learn by our mistakes. *Dolan: Well, you are one to say that? What did you do with Jamie? With the soda? We learn by our mistakes? Oh my God.* Marushock: To go back on that.. *Dolan: We learn by our mistakes, I don't even believe you're talking like that.* Marushock: When I was asking for.. *Dolan: I don't believe it.* Marushock:of the civic center there was a falling out with the Lackawanna County DA's office. Myself... *Dolan: It isn't her fault. It isn't her fault that they came, I'm not saying it's her fault.* Marushock: The late Mr. Mellody, Ms. Menichetti, and Mr. Keyasko, we were literally banned from that facility because... *Dolan: Who banned you?* Marushock: We were being accused of harassment.. *Barnick: Who banned you?* *Dolan: Who banned you? Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* *Barnick: I don't think you ought to be inside the machines, nobody's allowed in them except the responsible people.* *Dolan: I'm glad to see that your councilmen are serving pizza, that's really nice. I'm glad you're taking that effort.* Marushock: That's a whole different story, we never even got to that. *Lukasewicz: All right, Jimmy, is there anything else?*

Barnick: Yeah, I'd like to know what's going on with this last one here, #17 (motion). *Lukasewicz: I'll let Mr. Marushock address that. At our work session he came and said there was a way of getting cheaper proposals to do the same amount of work involved here. But evidently since that time, there's new papers in front of us this evening, Mr. Marushock, explain to us....* Marushock: Okay, prior, at our previous work sessions and discussions regarding this opening up of the Ash Street Extension, Mr. Kalinoski was also involved at our construction meetings, himself, Mr. Barnick, myself, our borough engineer. At the time we were soliciting proposals for D-9, however, it was made notice on this Scranton Craftsmen, for one, who did submit a proposal, did not have the D-9 available, they submitted a price on a D-8N, which evidently is a smaller machine than a D-9. Now, Mr. Kalinoski did a comparison as far as the machines, there's a substantial difference in the size of the machines. Being that we were not comparing apples with apples, for *inaudible* such as this Motion #17 that's on tonight's agenda, I got the fax in order and I did confirm that there is a substantial difference in the machines. However, being that the other company was going to submit a price D-8-N which was different than our original request. I felt that the other companies that we had contacted should submit a price on the same machine. That's where we stand tonight, however, something we received tonight before us is another proposal for another company. So now..... *Barnick: Who got that?* Marushock: Pardon? *Barnick: Who got that?* Marushock: This one here? *Barnick: Yeah.* Marushock: I solicited that. *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* *Lukasewicz: Wait, wait, Mark, Mark, please, this is for council.* *Chrzan: I got a question.* *Lukasewicz: You'll have an opportunity, Mark. (Mark Kozik, Scranton Craftsmen: Okay).* *Chrzan: Can I ask the question now?* *Marushock: Yes.* *Chrzan: Is you or your family still working for N&B or did you ever work for them? Answer that question honestly.* *Marushock: Yes, and....* *Chrzan: Okay, that's enough, that's enough, I heard enough. Both speaking at once, inaudible.* *Chrzan continued: I've heard enough. Both speaking at once again, inaudible.* *Marushock: But I'm sure this can be verified.* *Chrzan: You worked for the company, didn't you? You*

can abstain from voting on it. *Marushock: And you should have abstained on voting and making a proposal with the Scranton Craftsmen due to your business dealings with that company.* Chrzan: I have no business dealings with you, none whatsoever, liar. *Both speaking at once, inaudible.* Chrzan continued: I'm not going to be called a liar, Tommy, he's the damn liar. *Marushock: I'm not a liar. Both speaking at once, inaudible.* Chrzan: I never did work for Scranton Craftsmen. *Marushock: Well, I beg to differ, Mr. Chrzan.* Dolan: Well, there's the owner. *Marushock: I beg to differ. Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Chrzan: I've had it with this jerk, he's nothing but a jerk. Too bad you weren't in the service.. *Lukasewicz: All right, Mr. Marushock still has the floor.* Chrzan: I got my question, he admitted that he works for them. *Marushock: Mr. Chrzan, you're denying what you've said, okay, and I know that you have done work... few speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: Jimmy, let him finish. *Marushock: However, like I said, you were not comparing apples with apples and Rob, I'm going to need you to verify this, the original quotes were looking for a D-9, is that correct?* Kalinoski: D-9. *Marushock: Okay, is it not true that Scranton Craftsmen's did not have a D-9, that they submitted a price on a D-8 that they felt was comparable.* Kalinoski: They felt that the D-8-N was as, or comparable, to the D-9 and the D-9 was a flat truck. *Marushock: Okay, now, did you not obtain kind of comparisons from I believe it was name inaudible?* Barnick: Wait, wait. Kalinoski: Yes. *Marushock continued: Okay, you did include that in the packets to be fair with everyone, okay. As you can see, there is a difference of, the owner of N&B had told me this also, that's..* Chrzan: What's the gentlemen's name? *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: Let me hear what he has to say. Barnick: It's just the point, though. *Marushock: Okay, the other price that we solicited from the other one on the first one on the D-8, that was \$145 an hour, the proposal from N&B Enterprises is \$100 an hour. The way I look at it, that's a \$45 an hour savings. Now if we get into some other quotes with such as mobilization, stuff such as that, and if you looked at this proposal before inaudible there is no mobilization charge. Now, the other bidder on the D-8-N, the rate did come down, depending on the hours of use, which I think was like \$132 an hour..* Lukasewicz: Yes. *Marushock: Okay, so the minimum savings here is \$32 an hour the way I'm looking at it comparing apples with apples.* Barnick: Oh, wait, now we're going to do some comparing. *Lukasewicz: Jimmy, you want to do some....* Barnick: Oh, yes, let's do some right now. *Lukasewicz: Jimmy has.....* Chrzan: You don't work for any more companies, do you? Barnick: Did you, were you, directed to get quotes? *Kalinoski: Yes.* Barnick: By council? *Kalinoski: Yes.* Barnick: Right? You, and they, were supposed to be in by a certain time? *Kalinoski: Yes.* Barnick: Then they were voted on, weren't they? These numbers were released to the public, weren't they? *Kalinoski: Yes.* Barnick: Then, Mr. Marushock comes in, if you look at the facts it says 3:25 (p.m.) today, two of them. After the fact that this thing was awarded to a company. After the fact, that is unfair bidding practices. Mr. Marushock, read your Borough Code and get your act together. *Marushock: If you see what I'm doing here..* Chrzan: *And this is already on the agenda.* Barnick: So, they were already awarded the project. *Marushock: Motion #17 is to...* Barnick: Awarded. *Marushock: ...rescind....* Chrzan: See you in court. *Marushock: ...that motion because we also have another..* Barnick: I will be abstaining because I will not be going to court *inaudible* for illegal activities. *Marushock: No.* Barnick: Yours. *Marushock: You were not comparing equal machines, Mr. Barnick. Am I correct, Mr. Kalinoski?* Kalinoski: Yes. What I'd like to do is show council the difference between a D-8 and D-9. *Chrzan: What is it, about six inches?* Barnick: This was received after the fact that the information was released to the public. *Kalinoski: And as you can see, there's a big difference.* Chrzan: See you guys in court. *Marushock: Furthermore, before we would, if Motion #17 passes tonight, before we can act on it (inaudible) on going to award this to a bidder, we also have another proposal for it in front of us tonight and this would have to be compared with the*

other ones that.... Barnick: But who got that one? Marushock: I don't know where..... Barnick: Who got that? Kalinoski: I know I got that one. Barnick: How did you get that one? Kalinoski: I called. Chrzan: You called? Barnick: Who told you to get it? Chrzan: Whoa, whoa, whoa... Mr. Marushock, whose family works for N&B. Kalinoski: I gather it was discussed at the work session on Wednesday which.... Lukasewicz: This is unreal. Barnick: Well, wait a minute, now. It was discussed at the work session, I also seen a motion for Wednesday because you just said it made up prior to this so, apparently, you do the numbers on this because it was mentioned at the work session on Wednesday it was a \$100 an hour, Mr. Marushock. Marushock: That is correct. Barnick: So now, Louie, I'm not going to jail over this. Chrzan: And neither am I.

Louis Cimini (Solicitor): I don't think anybody's going to jail. I think, I think that the points that Mr. Marushock brings up are relevant if there's that much of a savings but the question I have is also if it was already awarded why wasn't this information available prior to awarding it? Chrzan: And that's right. Everyone speaking at once, inaudible. Marushock:.... prices on a D-9, that was the original quote, am I correct in.... Kalinoski: D-9 with a ripper. Marushock: But being the other bidder does not have that he made the statement that the machines were equal. If you look at these pictures and you look at the facts from the manufacturing of the machine, it's very clear that we're not comparing apples with apples. That's when I inaudible the other one was going to do inaudible. So if a proposal contrary to the original quote, then the other one should have been submitted and they're apt to do the same. Barnick: It should have been rejected. Menichetti: We got quotes on two separate machines, is this what we did? Lukasewicz: We got quotes..... Menichetti: I asked a question. Lukasewicz: a few different ways and then there was a misunderstanding all aboard this whole situation, all amongst council, and I hate to say it but #17 (motion), I'll be voting against it tonight because we made our decision, I didn't have enough facts in front of me, I didn't have pictures in front of me and I made my decision and I'll live with it, Scranton... few speaking at once... We made our decision, maybe we should change it but I'm not going to change my vote because I made it with the facts that I had at the time. The facts may be different now and they might be alarming but to go and take it away from someone after you award it to them is... Chrzan: I have one more question, a very important one. Lukasewicz: I hate to say it, Jimmy, but I see these pictures now and they're alarming. There's a big difference in the size of the machine few speaking at once, inaudible. Marushock: In your packet, prior to voting on that, that in the packet that was included prior to where a vote was cast on this motion, there's documentation in there from Mr. Kalinoski comparing the machines. Lukasewicz: There's documentation, yes, I did see documentation but there's nothing like a picture. A picture explains more than you can read when you don't understand it. Barnick: No, Tommy, let me go back..... Chrzan: Let me ask the question first. Lukasewicz: What else? Chrzan: Let me ask the question first. Mr. Marushock, the reason you're against Scranton Craftsmen is the repossession of one of your vehicles? Marushock: No, sir. Chrzan: Wait a minute, many speaking at once, inaudible. Lukasewicz: I don't know what you're reasons are for..... Marushock: That is slander and that is a false statement. Chrzan: Yeah? Well, he's going to explain it, right there. Lukasewicz: He's not going to explain it right now. Chrzan: Why? Let the public know what's going on. Lukasewicz: He'll get an opportunity to talk.. Chrzan: Let them know what's going on, Tommy. Lukasewicz: The bottom line, the bottom line is there's a proposal. Marushock and Chrzan speaking at once, inaudible. Lukasewicz continued: The bottom line is if we went with these other proposals we'd get 1/3 more work done for the same price. We made a mistake as councilmen. I made a mistake. But I'm going to live with my mistake and Scranton Craftsmen's going to get my, the job. Menichetti: What, were we presented with..... Lukasewicz: We were presented and we made our decision with what we thought was

sufficient. Evidently, it wasn't sufficient. I'm not saying someone didn't provide something, I didn't look deep enough to find it and I will not take Scranton Craftsmen and say, no, you can't have it now.

Chrzan: You're on the right track. Tell him you've got a problem with Scranton Craftsmen, tell him...

Menichetti: Oh, be quiet. Chrzan: Don't tell me to shut up and you tell them what you did with (name inaudible, everyone speaking at once). *Lukasewicz: We're going to continue. Jimmy, what else do you have?* Chrzan: She's got a big mouth for... *Lukasewicz: Enough is enough already.* Barnick: No, I'm going to finish on this. *Lukasewicz: Well, go ahead and finish, but fast so we can move it forward.*

Barnick: Without being misdirected on all different motions from a secure quote, phone quotes, whether they're phone quotes or *inaudible, someone else speaking*, you go out doing something like this, this undermines his ability in us or in the people that he's dealing with to get these proper quotes because once they're made public, as we sat here at a work session they came in, everybody was supposed to keep them secure like an executive document, confidential document, until everything was brought forward. Now, this was the vote and then you're going to go out after the fact and go and get more quotes. *Marushock: This was done in conjunction with Mr. Kalinoski's help.* Chrzan: You got a quote from Pittston and a quote from Honesdale. Do you know that people have bulldozers around here? *Marushock: We were not comparing apples with apples.* Chrzan: Apples and apples, only people you work for. *Lukasewicz: All right, okay. We're going to continue on with audience comments on tonight's agenda.*

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St. - #16 (Motion), does our policemen get over a dollar an hour raise or DPW get over a dollar an hour raise? Here you want to give these girls a \$2,200 raise. That's over a dollar an hour. I know our policemen don't get it. *Menichetti: But the treasurer does.* Rocco: The DPW don't get it. *Menichetti: Well, the treasurer does.* Dolan: *What does the treasurer have to do with the civic center?* *Lukasewicz: Irregardless of, irregardless of what.....* *Menichetti: She sets a precedent.* *Lukasewicz continued: ...someone gets or what someone doesn't get at this point in time, this raise is for the director.* Chrzan: *It's who you know, Rocco, it's who you know. Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* Rocco: They're putting up their lights and everything and they don't get a dollar an hour. *Barnick: Let me comment...* Rocco: The DPW, strenuous work, heavy work they got to do, they don't get a dollar an hour raise. Let's get together and do something here. You guys, for safety and everything don't have a penny to give but then for something like this, you give. I mean, I don't have nothing against the girl, I don't even know her..... *few speaking at once.* *Lukasewicz: Let Rocco finish.* *Barnick: Let me tell you something, Rocco.* *Lukasewicz: Are you finished, Rocco?* Rocco: Yes, I am. *Lukasewicz: Okay, Jimmy, you have a comment on that?* Barnick: Oh, yes, because she was hired back here a few months back. Six months probation she was supposed to be on. I've got the motions, they're right here. Six months probation, now we're going to give her a raise in the six months probation. Further, make the 40 hours a week. You've got the treasurer who did, does all kinds of hours, almost 40 hours a week, and gets the \$12,000. So where are we going here? This is one of the things, you've got to factor for it, you know. So I put one on, we wanted to give everybody 9.2 (%) because *inaudible* just last year, we wanted to give it to everybody, right? That's the way I feel about it. *Barone: And the monitors.* Barnick: And give it to the people that deserve it. Like Maria who's doing the job. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Barnick continued: Tommy, I know is going to vote for it for the simple fact she's got to cover his son working over there for any disciplinary action, you don't hear about nothing. Everything is kept silent over there, it's all silent. I went and told her to

be here today, Tommy told me I didn't have to be. All of the departments, our heads are here. Neil, I'm glad to see Neil here, Robbie's here, Elaine's here. You've got the department heads here except for the civic center, why? Because Tommy told her she didn't have to be here. *Lukasewicz: You're reaching.....* Barnick: The public's got questions. *Lukasewicz:new lows, Jimmy.* Barnick: They have a right to have an answer. *Lukasewicz: A new low.* Barnick: No, it ain't a new low. *Lukasewicz: A new low you've reached.* Barnick: It's never a new low. *Lukasewicz: Lenore?*

Dolan: Me? Okay, Tommy, I have nothing against Gail getting a raise but what does the treasurer's have to do with her? Now, I think this is here.... *Lukasewicz: I have, I have no idea....* Dolan: Wait a minute, Tommy... *Lukasewicz:why that's listed.* Dolan: Okay, wait Tommy. I think this is *inaudible, speaking at once.* Barone: *Let her finish.* Dolan: ..and Tommy, I am going to seek legal action on this, I'm telling you right now. The treasurer should have nothing to do with the civic center. You people did whatever you want, that should have never... Who made this motion? Who made this motion? *Lukasewicz: There was a motion.....* Dolan: Who made this motion? *Few speaking at once.* *Lukasewicz: Can I speak?* Barnick: Do we have *inaudible*, or what? *Lukasewicz: There was a motion made.... few speaking at once.* Menichetti:what I'm saying, my goodness. *Lukasewicz: There was a motion, it was discussed, there was discussions at the work session of giving a raise to the civic center director and with that discussion a comment was made, make it the same percentage as the treasurer's raise.* Dolan: Who made this? Who made this motion? Menichetti: The motion hasn't been made yet. Dolan: Well, who made, who put it on the agenda tonight? *Lukasewicz: Can I speak?* Morrell: I put it on, as per my notes. Dolan: From whom? Who brought it up first at the work session on Wednesday? *Menichetti: Why didn't you come to the work session? Then you would have known, Mrs. Dolan.* Dolan: It must have been Daryl. Now, we're talking about a woman that did the administrator's payroll when she was treasurer and wanted to get paid extra to do this and now all of a sudden she's worried about my percentage to go to a director. Now you tell me where one meets the other. That has nothing to do with it. The problem with Daryl is jealousy, that's the problem with Daryl. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* That's the problem and I will be seeking action, I'll tell you right now if this stays like it does. *Few speaking at once.* *Lukasewicz: What's on there just based on a percentage rate, that was just said, that shouldn't be on there. That was said by a member of council, the motion should be read to give her that, that shouldn't have been there.* Dolan: It shouldn't have been there. Well, then you should have directed your administrator not to write it. *Few speaking at once.* *Lukasewicz: A motion is a motion, that should not have been.* Dolan: Okay. So what you're telling me, you want that taken off? I would assume.... *Lukasewicz: I wouldn't want.....*

Dolan: You better take it off, Tommy.... *Lukasewicz: I wouldn't want that there.....* Dolan: Before I show someone it.... *Lukasewicz: Lenore.....* Dolan:and then leave. I know you wouldn't, Tommy. Tommy, I know you wouldn't.... *Lukasewicz speaking in background, inaudible, but started: When it came time, when it came time for a raise for you.....* Dolan:but I'm not dealing with you, Tommy. *Lukasewicz: Okay.* Dolan: Just like you did with Scranton Craftsmen, you're down to earth, there's not too many of you sitting here that are like that. There's two of you's that aren't and I can't help that. Okay, thank you. ***Lukasewicz: That part will be stricken from the motion.*** Dolan: Okay, thank you, Tommy. *Barnick: Go ahead and strike the other part too cause I...* Menichetti: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to say something. *Lukasewicz: Go ahead.* Menichetti: Probationary period for an employee is *inaudible, speaking too low.* I would think that Gail has more than proven herself. It has nothing to do with anyone else in this borough.... *Chrzan: And Jamie didn't?* Menichetti:has proven herself. That is why I suggested and asked to give her a raise, coupled with the fact that she has been harassed by Mr. Barnick.. *Barnick: Oh, I harass now. I'm harassing, you're accusing me of harassment? Are*

you going to start that crap again, Daryl? Didn't you get thrown out of..... Menichetti speaking in background, inaudible, audible started: You have singled her out, youinaudible...any other employee in this borough and you have singled her out, you are.... Barnick: Have I? Menichetti: ... constantly calling her... Barnick: I've singled Neil out, don't I Neil? I go to each and every one of you's, don't I? Robbie, Elaine, don't I? Dolan: Well, they go home, they go home, though. Marushock speaking, inaudible. Menichetti: And as far as being jealous of you, Lenore, look at you, I'm not jealous of you, okay? You have nothing I want, nothing. Barnick: Yes, you are. Dolan: I have nothing she wants? How about brains or morals? How about morals? Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.

John Pesavento, Martarano Drive: Concerning Motion #16, it concerns as a taxpayer that someone would make a statement like coupled with the fact that she's harassed or based on the treasurer's raise. That is no reason to make a raise. I have no objections to this woman getting a raise, none. But if you're going to run around and say, hey, you know, what about Neil? Why doesn't he get a 9.2% raise? *Chrzan: He gets a raise every year. Pesavento: But why doesn't he get a 9% raise? Or Maria or inaudible, few speaking at once. Lukasewicz: That should not have been there. Pesavento continued: And the same inaudible, few speaking at once, inaudible. You're opening yourself up in the borough for legal action. What she's saying, if she wants Neil to get a raise, all he has to do is call harassment. You can't make statements like that. Barnick speaking in background, inaudible. If you want this person... Menichetti speaking, inaudible... no, now wait a minute, this whole council... Chrzan: This is sickening already. Pesavento: I am not objecting to the fact that this woman worked hard. I don't know if she worked hard or not, that's your job. Menichetti: Why are you people so against this woman? Few speaking at once, inaudible. Pesavento: I have no objection against this woman at all, none, whatsoever. Lukasewicz: Okay, and your point has been made that it's alarming when you compare one to another, it's not the way to do..... Pesavento: This is not the way to do something. Lukasewicz: That's right, it's not the way.... Pesavento: And you probably should have waited the six months. Menichetti spoke, inaudible. Pesavento continued: You probably should have waited the six months. Lukasewicz: Thank you, John. Pesavento: I mean that's, I'm in business too. If you give someone a probation period, they have to go through the probation period. Menichetti: Well, Mr. Pesavento, first of all, she's getting benefits. When you're on probation you are not eligible benefits. Chrzan: According to who? Dolan: Said who? Chrzan: According to who? Menichetti: Cause where have you...Chrzan: Everywhere, go down the county and you get benefits when you're on probation. Mayor, when you were at Tobyhanna... inaudible, everyone speaking at once. Neil Furiosi: They had the medical but there were some benefits that they weren't entitled to. Barnick: But they got the medical. Chrzan: This is getting sickening already. Lukasewicz: All right..... Pesavento: She should have waited the six months. Lukasewicz: I understand... Pesavento: You can't give her the raise. Inaudible fair judgement, she's an employee and I don't think it's fair. Menichetti: Most probation is three months. Pesavento: Well, then you should have made it three months. Menichetti: Well, I don't know who made it the six. I wasn't on council at the time. Chrzan: According to who? Menichetti: Everywhere I worked.... Chrzan: Where did you work? Menichetti: Everywhere I.. Chrzan: You worked for the doctor., what do you know?*

Maria Pesavento, Martarano Drive (2nd Asst. Director, Civic Center): I work for Gail, personally I like her, she's a very good woman. You said, what does everybody have against this woman, it's nothing like that and, honestly, I think you're doing this all for your own personal issues. This is all

spite work, I'm 22 years old and I can see the spite work, it's all spite work. It's all a bunch of he said, she said, just to get what you want and your personal things accomplished and you know that and everybody else knows that. *Menichetti: You're entitled to your opinion. Chrzan: Be careful, she'll pick on you next. Pesavento: I don't care.*

Bill Shevchik, Harriet Street: What did she do that's so good, to get to this point. There's not one program over there that she hasn't started that Jamie already did, not one. So what, anybody on probation that can get \$2,200, what did she do that's so good according to you? *Chrzan: She's a friend of hers. Shevchik: Everything that's being done over there is what Jamie started. Menichetti: First of all, I never knew Gail until she started working there. Shevchik: No, you just said she's doing a real good job. What.... Menichetti: But I have to admit that every one of her programs she's been successful with. She's uh, she has the respect of her staff, uh, she gets compliments constantly from coaches and parents that are very pleased with the programs... Shevchik: She's not there at night. Menichetti: I can tell you with the programs, v if she's there or not, she is continuing the programs and she is embellishing them. Um, when she came on board someone had deleted all the names of the inaudible and different things for the computer and despite this she went ahead and she made every program a success to the best of her ability. Shevchik: With what? Menichetti: I really feel that she's done a good job, I really do. Chrzan: And the other kids haven't? Menichetti: And it's not a personal thing with me, she's not a dear friend of mine or a personal friend of mine, I never knew her before she came here. This is my personal opinion, I think she has taken the bull by the horns and I think she's done a fine job. I'm not making disparaging remarks about anyone that was there prior, I just think that I feel what she is doing now is fine. She's doing a fine job and I think it's rewardable. Barnick: How many times a day do you check in? Menichetti: I trust her, I don't feel I have to inaudible, laughing heard only. Barnick: No, you don't see what I see, right? You don't see what I see. Lukasewicz: That's a good word, trust, trust in your director... Menichetti: You have to trust your employees. Lukasewicz: ...trust in your administrator, trust... Barnick: That's what probation is about, to earn the trust first. That's what probation is about. Lukasewicz: Jimmy, you wouldn't let anybody earn trust with you. Barnick: Is that right? Lukasewicz: Yeah. Everyone speaking at once, inaudible. Shevchik: What about the ongoing investigation? I'm not done yet. Lukasewicz: Okay. Shevchik: Isn't there an ongoing investigation about that Millennium Club? Chrzan: Yes, there is. Lukasewicz: I have no idea whatsoever. Unknown: Yes, there is. Lukasewicz: I have no idea.*

Charlene Tomasovitch, Harriet Street: My question is 16 (Motion #16), okay? You have people over there that have been working there since it opened. Do they get a raise like that? My daughter works there, she's there two years. She's there all the time, she doesn't get a raise. *Dolan: They were denied the raise. Tomasovitch: And another thing I want to say is I'm up there every, almost every night or every other night. I have nothing against Gail, I do like her, but I was involved in the basketball organization, she wasn't there at night while the games were going on. Ann Marie Stoffey was and the girls were, Maria was there, they were always there at night and that's when most of your children are there, at night During the day you just have your Day Care, your After School, whatever, at night there's, a lot of kids are there. So you know, with three months of working she should have been there, now... Lukasewicz: Charlene... Barnick: I've got a comment. Menichetti: I have a comment. (everyone speaking at once). Lukasewicz: Can I ask you one question, Charlene? Can I ask you one question? You're there quite often every day. Tomasovitch: Hm? Lukasewicz: Has there been any problems? Inaudible problems? Is the ship running well? Tomasovitch: Yeah, because you*

have Ann Marie and Maria there. *Barnick: Exactly. Lukasewicz: But.. Barnick: Exactly. Lukasewicz: You have a Director, you have Assistant Directors and you have agility staff and if it all gels under a good directorship there's no problems. Barone: Why is everybody voting against the monitors getting a raise, too? And they're doing all the work? Tomasovitch: Well, what about the people that work there, don't they deserve a raise for being good, for being.... Barnick: Now, let me make my comment on that. Ann Marie, (Tomasovitch speaking in background, inaudible), she has to, she has to babysit during the day so she has to take them hours at night, she needs them hours at night, am I right, John? Stoffey: Yes, you are. Barnick: She's going to do that job because she likes them hours at night. Stoffey: That's right. Barnick: But Gail is not going to come around at night because she's got two other businesses to run and this is sickening to be paying all this money to someone that's running two other businesses out of this place. Menichetti: Mrs. Toma., what is your last name? Tomasovitch: Tomasovitch. Menichetti: Mrs. Tomasovitch, I'd just like to say I'm, um, you mentioned about the hours? There are things that have to be done outside of this babysitting. You have your beverage accounts, you have to do your After School Program accounts, there's a lot of paperwork involved. Barnick: Ann Marie and Maria do that. Menichetti: I think she's really doing a lot of it. Barnick: Ann Marie and Maria do, they do it and everything else, please. You don't know because you don't see it, you're not there. Chrzan: She was there yesterday. Tomasovitch: My gripe is why aren't the monitors getting a raise, too? That's what my gripe is. Why can't you give the monitors a raise? Menichetti: When we did the budget in January, okay, I wanted a 2.8% raise across the board for everyone. Mr. Barnick is the one that said, well not the monitors. And you did, Jim, you said it. Barnick: Part-time. Menichetti: That was it. That was there the raise went. I wanted to give everyone a 2.8% raise... Chrzan: 2.8, that's... Menichetti: and there, that is where it went. Barnick: So we go to 9.2 (%) now. Lukasewicz: All right, Charlene, anything else? Chrzan: Let's give her 2.8 (%). Lukasewicz: One thing, I do want to read the note that Charlene had given me today from the PAL club. Lukasewicz read thank you letter to council for use of the civic center for the PAL dance held on March 22, 2002.*

Mark Kozik, 930 Dunmore Street, Scranton Craftsmen - I have a question for Mr. Marushock. *Lukasewicz: Well, address me with the question first. Kozik: Okay. Well, first of all if we're going to obtain other bids for the same scope of work, why was I never originally contacted or questioned that we are getting different bids? I was awarded this contract, I have met with Rob, we set up a schedule date to proceed. Mr. Marushock has some type of personal benefit to getting somebody else in the door. All the bids were qualified initially with the size, the model and the year of the bulldozers provided, it was past that point. What is your personal vindication with me, Mr. Marushock? Someone speaking in background making Kozik inaudible. And your personality comes out.. Lukasewicz: Tell me when you're finished, Mark. Kozik: Why don't you make it public, Mr. Marushock, what your problem is with Scranton Craftsmen so all the people can hear you and see and then we could go on whether you can vote yeah or nay against Scranton Craftsmen? Because we know it is personal and everybody in this room that knows your background knows it's personal and if you don't care to discuss it, I'm more than happy to give the information to the Throop Borough. Now how deep do you wish to go? Lukasewicz: Mark, are you finished? Kozik: With that question. Lukasewicz: Okay, now the only reason why, usually it comes to me and I'll pass to council. Do you want to address this? Marushock: Yes, I will. Lukasewicz: Go ahead. Marushock: I have nothing personal against Scranton Craftsmen. As an elected official, I was elected by the people to work for the borough, to represent the borough to the best of my capabilities. Now.... few speaking together, inaudible. Lukasewicz: Can you let him finish please, Mark? Let him get his whole train of thought out the same way you got yours*

out. Marushock: I'm sure, Mr. Kozik, that you can verify this, that you have done other work for the borough since I've been sitting on council I've always afforded that because that *inaudible* at the time of the lowest price available *inaudible* in the ball park there. My record stands that I've never voted against Scranton Craftsmen *inaudible* because *inaudible* were done competitively. However, and I need Mr. Kalinoski here to verify this again and Mr. Lukasewicz can verify this because when we had our infrastructure meeting *inaudible* had quoted on was for a D-9 machine as Mr. Barnick requested, he mentioned the D-9, however, evidently Mr. Kalinoski submitted two requests, he submitted yours right after that because *inaudible*, we've always asked for a quote from you, I'm sure you could verify it, okay? Yes, N&B Enterprises is a customer of mine and I've been doing business with N&B Enterprises for ten years. *Chrzan: He admitted it.* Marushock: Now, also and I beg to differ but going back to the sign painting and stuff with Mr. Chrzan, I'm sure that would be verified, okay? He will deny it, however. *Chrzan: I did Tommy's truck too, by the way.* Marushock: Now, however... *Chrzan: It's twenty years old....* Marushock: I felt it was not fair because we were not doing an apples with apples comparison... *Chrzan: Oh, these apples....* Marushock:.... that Mr. Lukasewicz had mentioned when they *inaudible* at the meeting they did not have quite all the facts although they did have a comparison which was included in the packet from Cleveland Brothers comparing the size of the machines. However, like I say, now we're back to comparing apples with apples.... *Chrzan spoke, inaudible.* Marushock: We're not comparing two machines, Mr. Kozik, and I'm sure you would verify that a D-9 would be bigger than a D-8, right or wrong? *Kozik: It's not my job to verify, it's yours. Why would you vote on something if you don't have all the facts and you're unsure?* Barnick: There you go. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Marushock: I was not at that meeting, Mr. Kozik. I did not vote. *Kozik: Well, you should have been present if you were going to come back and try to overcome a vote.* Marushock: Because I felt... *Kozik: Did you ever check the legality of this, Mr. Marushock?* Marushock: This wrong could be corrected. *Kozik: Now, did you speak with the Throop solicitor prior to this?* Marushock: No, I did not but I did speak with... *Kozik: But you better be prepared like you said initially, we're going to learn from our mistakes? And you may personally learn from some of your mistakes.* Marushock: You do what you've got to do. *Many speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: Are you finished? *Kozik: No.* Lukasewicz: Okay. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz continued: I thought you made your point. *Kozik: Oh, I've got twenty more points to make. Chrzan speaking in background, inaudible, Kozik continued: I asked Mr. Marushock to personally let the community know why he does not like Scranton Craftsmen or what went on between.* Marushock: My family had some dealings with you people that went sour. *Chrzan: Who went sour?* *Few speaking, inaudible.* *Kozik:detail, Mr. Marushock.* Marushock: Pardon? *Kozik: Go into detail.* Marushock: I, personally, was not involved with that company, is that correct? *Kozik: Inaudible, you were not personally, no.* Marushock: Right, and as.... *everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* Marushock continued: What else do I have to say? Here is a situation where we could save in the range anywhere between \$32 an hour and \$45 an hour. *Barnick: After the fact. Kozik: After they were not qualified and awarded.* Marushock: Because we're not, technically your bid did not meet the spec that was drawn up. *Everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* Marushock continued: The phone quote was for a D-9. *Kozik: And read my proposal, a qualified D-8.* Marushock: Evidently not and.... *Kozik: Evidently not.* Marushock: Right. *Kozik: The original quotation is there, Mr. Marushock, if you would care to read it. You knew about the rates off the top of your head, Mr. Marushock, please read it.* Barnick: He took them rates down to the other company. *Chrzan: Yeah, and N&B who works for, their family works....* Marushock: Okay, this says the D-8-N, however, the rates that Mr. Kalinoski was looking for quotes on, was a larger.... *Kozik: Inaudible,*

dozer available, was what I aware of. You show me another specification for this bid, I will be more than.... Marushock: *Inaudible*.... to provide it. Kozik: Was it provided at the time of bid? Marushock: That was done through Mr. Kalinoski.... Kozik: Was it provided at the time of bid in writing? Marushock: Going back to the facts, and he made the statement I believe at one of our work sessions that Scranton Craftsmen did not have a D-9 available, that they were going to substitute that with a D-8 *inaudible, speaking heard*. Kozik: *Inaudible*....If you need something, you draw a spec, everybody bids your apples to apples so now are you embarrassed 'cause you didn't pick up on an apple or an orange? Marushock: I was not at that meeting when... Kozik: Well, then why are you speaking now? Marushock: Because I see a possibility for us to change this and.... everybody speaking at once, *inaudible*. Kozik: Like I said, if you had spoken with the solicitor *inaudible, speaking heard*. Marushock: I did not vote for or against that motion. Kozik: Then why are you voting against it now? Marushock: Because I see a chance for..... everybody speaking at once. Kozik: your peers, your council, *inaudible*. Marushock:on their own agenda, as you can see. Everybody speaking at once, *inaudible*. Marushock continued:trying to tell *inaudible* within the recommendation that a D-9 was larger than a D-8, you have a verification of that. Kozik: There was no specification written. Barnick: *Inaudible* Mark, all that was quoted was, look it, get the large machine, whatever it's going to take to open that damn place up. Everyone speaking at once. Chrzan: Why do you need a D-9? Kozik: Regardless if it's done and over with, but I would like it done that Mr. Marushock cannot vote on anything that has to do.. Chrzan continued: He can't, he admitted it, he admitted they worked for the family.... Barnick: No, I think you should go into..... Everyone speaking at once. Kozik: To benefit? I did go and benefitted the borough, they never.... few speaking at once. Chrzan: Mark, did you offer to do free work down there? To put the light in for nothing and he bitched about it? Kozik:we've done work..... Chrzan: And he bitched about it. Few speaking at once, *inaudible*. Kozik:can verify never charged it to the borough. Lukasewicz: All right, Mark, your point has been well made. Mr. Marushock, I understand your point also, so we can continue... few speaking at once. Kozik: What can council do in the future to assure me that Mr. Marushock will not be.. Lukasewicz: There's nothing council can do.. Kozik: Yes, there is. Few speaking at once. Lukasewicz: There are, he can vote however he wants to vote, whenever he wants to vote. If there was a conflict there is a way to.... Barnick: I got blank forms at home, conflict of interest forms, ethics forms they're called and you just submit that in and they come out....Lukasewicz speaking, *inaudible*.... it's wonderful. Lukasewicz: Mark, council itself cannot sensor a councilman okay, so it would have to be.... Barnick: They try. Lukasewicz:the proper channels. Chrzan: I hope you have a lawyer. (Marushock response *inaudible*.) Lukasewicz: Okay, continuing on. Yes, sir?

Unknown: *Inaudible*, with regard to the "head of the center over there". Lukasewicz: The directorship. Unknown: Yeah, okay, as far as probation, that's like someone coming out of the jail going on probation. Because they're not, four months, *inaudible*. Lukasewicz: You don't ask questions of the audience. You ask me the question. Unknown: When you're on probation for six months, you don't let them go *inaudible*. Chrzan: Six months is six months. Lukasewicz: It's understandable how your concern is..... Unknown: *Inaudible*, you get a probation period, you've got to be there. In six months then you don't get nothing for six months. I can't see why she's getting a raise like that. She's there, what? Two months? Three months? She's going to get a \$20,000.. Lukasewicz: \$2,200.00. Chrzan: How about Debbie, Debbie didn't speak yet. Barnick: Did your kids get candy? Unknown: No. Barnick: Daryl, there's one right there. Few speaking at once. Lukasewicz: That was a mistake and if you would come up here and state your.. (no name or address was given by person speaking).

Dave Repchick: Jimmy, I hate to say it but it happened to me. *Everyone speaking at once.* Unknown: *Inaudible* that was there and it was run good. *Inaudible.* They didn't, I didn't see anything about picking up papers *inaudible.* *Lukasewicz: Yeah, it was right on the billboard and I saw it every day when I....* Barnick: All we're looking for... Dolan: That's not her fault, she can't control.... *Barnick speaking in background, inaudible, and many speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: And it shouldn't be, it should only be for the kids of Throop, that's understandable. Tomasovitch: So kids got a very nice gift, a bunny with the chocolate but as far as out of towners? Shouldn't have been. *Lukasewicz: Should not have been there.* Tomasovitch: It shouldn't have been. It's too many, if a.. *The tape was changed here and started with the first motion of the meeting.*

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the police report, zoning report, landfill inspectors report and the minutes of the February 14th, February 25th, and March 14th, 2002 Council Meetings.

On the question:

Barnick: Just on the question, do you know if Neil got one report in there or the other one? That's not going to be a standard, you got the other one, right, that's going to be for the citations? *Chief Furiosi: You got that.* Barnick: Yeah, but that's going to, you're going to be doing it on that other form after? *Furiosi: Oh, you want the other one also?* Barnick: No, just on the other one. *Furiosi: Oh, okay, all right. We have no dispositions back at the three (? Inaudible).* Barnick: Well, we'll keep an accounting of what's going on. *Chrzan: You're doing a good job, Neil, keep up the good work.*

All in favor

Motion carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS:

2. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the Fund Statement & Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement for February 2002 *as prepared on the agenda:*

General Fund Checking Account	\$458,397.88
General Fund CD's	1,329,078.29
General Fund Petty Cash	200.00
Payroll Checking Account	4,694.95
Civic Center Account	250.00
Civic Center Petty Cash	250.00
Sunny Day Fund CD's	2,050,799.73
Home Program State Grant	9,228.56

Community Revitalization (20-192-0947)	40,306.25
Civic Center After School Program	500.00
Warsaw Playground	27,592.52
Liquid Fuels Account	1,379.83
Grand Total	\$3,922,678.01

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.

3. 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:	\$94,011.22
Paid bills:	21,601.42
Grand total	115,612.64
Keystone Landfill Credit: (As of 03/15/02)	8,936.91
Home Program (As of 03/15/02)	8,788.56
Revenue Report	52,699.14

Dolan: The HOME Program interest for the month of February amounted to \$36.36. We voided one of our past checks and we re-issued a new one for \$500 less and we paid Marvin Brotter his rehabilitation service for \$440.00. The checkbook balance as of today is \$440,908.41. If all items for payment are approved tonight we will have a balance of \$346,897.19. If all motions tonight are approved (which amount to \$18,659.50), we will be left in our general fund of \$328,237.69. *Lukasewicz: Thank you, Lenore.* Dolan: You're welcome.

On the question:

Barnick: Just on the question, I don't know if anybody got to stop in to see the auditors but they commended the books on how well they are kept, for the Treasurer, Lenore. *Barone and Chrzan: Congratulations, Lenore.* Barnick: They commended her on how great these books are, that it is so simple to find everything they needed and quickly. *Lukasewicz: Roll call.* Chrzan: Good job.

Marushock: On the question, Mr. President. *Lukasewicz: On the question, go ahead.* **Marushock: I will be against the Blue Cross portion of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield bill for the month of March, 2001.** *(Note: error, stated 2001, meant 2002.) Dolan: What portion? The whole bill? Against the borough council members portion of that bill. Against Attorney Cimini's fee of \$6,250.00. I'll also be against Elliott, Reihner, Siedzikowski & Egan's invoices and bills, and against Gannett Fleming's bills, that's it.* *Chrzan: That's all?* **Lukasewicz: On the question, I will be abstaining from Mr. Goffer's bills.** **Barnick: And I'm going to abstain from Gannett Fleming's bill because I don't feel the records are billed properly.**

**All in favor-Barnick, Marushock, except as noted
and Lukasewicz, abstain from Goffer's bill**

Motion carried

4. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

On the question:

Marushock: On the question, Mr. President, I will be against the salary of Mrs. Dolan, the borough treasurer, because of the amount of that salary. *Dolan: You voted for it.* *Lukasewicz: Anyone else on the..... Dolan: You voted for it. Many speaking at once. Dolan continued: Well, he voted.*

Barnick: On the question, I'll be against Gail's salary, we'll play that tune. *Chrzan: Don't be silly like that.* *Barnick: No, I'm not.* *Chrzan: Will you?* *Barnick: I'm not.* *Dolan: He's so stupid (referring to Marushock).*

All in favor, except Marushock, Barnick, as noted

Motion carried

5. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To rollover Sunny Day Fund CD account # 40-105402-2 in the amount of \$56,418.20 plus interest that matures on April 19, 2002 plus add 10 % of the Quarterly landfill check (1st qtr. 2002) and to rollover Sunny Day Fund CD account # 51-102088-2 in the amount of \$278,081.13 plus interest that matures on April 30, 2002 at the best rate available for the best term at the First National Community Bank, Dunmore if they are offering the best rate.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To issue a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to International Fireworks Mfg. Co. for deposit for

the borough sponsored fireworks display at the annual Throop Booster Club Cow Flop on June 30, 2002. Balance of \$4,000.00 due the day of the Cow Flop.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Menichetti

To authorize payment for Application # 3 for R. E. Lesniak in the amount of \$3,150.00 as per the recommendation of Bob Bernosky, Engineer. (Final payment was approved at the March 14th meeting and # 3 was never approved.)

Chrzan: What is this *inaudible*. *Morrell: This, this..* Lukasewicz: This is for the flashing lights. *Morrell: Yeah.* Lukasewicz: Evidently, we approved #1 and #2 and the Final Payment. Somehow this fell through the cracks, so this would be like a final payment. Anyone else on the question: *Few speaking at once.* Lukasewicz continued: Motion, I'm sorry. Motion?

On the question:

Marushock: I believe that everything is in working order now and, get this done and over with.

Barnick: I don't the system is working properly at all. First of all, the lights are on whenever somebody pushes a button, that's all it's coming down to. Lukasewicz: That's how they were intended, that they were intended to work by the push of a button and *Barnick: Inaudible, automatically on a timer and be set at certain times.* Lukasewicz: This is the way, Jimmy, as per the contract and the way it was bid out by the specifications.... *both speaking at once, inaudible...* as per the specifications.

Barnick: But also they had to stick antennae's up on the damn building, right, to operate the lights? Lukasewicz: They had to do what they needed to make them function. *Barnick: To make them work. Well, I don't think they were done the right way.* Lukasewicz: Anyone else on the question?

Menichetti: Yes, were they done according to the contract? Lukasewicz: They were done according to specs and they're done properly. *Menichetti: So it was done according to the contract?* Lukasewicz: Yes. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* *Barnick: No it was not. Not with adding on antennae's and stuff like that, it was not.* *Lukasewicz: They were set to function from the civic center so if you need antennae's to make something function, that's what you have to do, Jim.* Chrzan: I thought that the police were going to control that? *Lukasewicz: It was never understood for the police to control. As per the specs, as it was bid out and everyone knows it, that's exactly how they were put in.* Chrzan: Right, don't you think they should fix... *Lukasewicz: Just because we don't like the way they're done now, that has nothing to do with the way they were done as per the specs. They were done properly.*

Dolan: Well, Tommy, they were really done for the children's...*inaudible.* *Lukasewicz: That's right....* Dolan: ...for the after school..... *Lukasewicz: ...they were done for the protection of the children and if there's a program going on at the civic center they flip the switch and they're on.* Dolan: Yeah.

Lukasewicz: That was the reason... Dolan: Especially when the bus comes, *inaudible.* *Lukasewicz:because they're not on 24 hours a day like Jimmy would like?* *Barnick response inaudible.*

Lukasewicz continued: ..it's irregardless of the way we put it out for bid. *Barnick: Who said I want them on 24 hours a day?* *Lukasewicz: That's what you wanted, you said...* *Barnick: No, I did not. Did I say state that?* *Lukasewicz: You stated that.* *Barnick: When?* *Lukasewicz: At the meeting.* *Barnick: You're a liar.* *Lukasewicz: No.* *Barnick: You're nothing but a liar. I want them on during the most active hours of the day. If there's a funeral going on down here, that civic center's open, it should be*

on. If church is going on and the civic center's open, funeral's going on, and a meeting's over here, they should be on. *Chrzan: That's right.* Lukasewicz: And with that discussion, what did council decide? We should purchase another control box and put it in the building here. *Chrzan: That's right, then why isn't it there?* Lukasewicz: Because no one wanted to vote for it. *Barnick: Because the first one wouldn't work.* Lukasewicz: Well it works now, Jimmy. *Barnick: For how long? How many times I come up that....* Lukasewicz: How long? *Barnick:last Sunday I come.....* Lukasewicz: Rob, tell me how long it's going to work? *Barnick: Last Sunday I come up here, they weren't flashing. So who's in charge of these.....* Chrzan: Do they have a control..... *Barnick: Inaudible, there are games going on so who's going to be responsible for....* Marushock:were not released until this was done.... *Lukasewicz: Roll call.* Barnick: Who's responsible? *Lukasewicz: Roll call.* Morrell: Barone? *Barnick: You don't want an answer.* Lukasewicz: Jimmy, you could confuse anything. Barone: Tommy... *Barnick: Good.* Lukasewicz: And you're good at it, Jim. *Marushock: I call the question.* Barone: Tom..... *Barnick: Good for you.* Barone: I want to say something. *Lukasewicz: What, Joe?* Barone: I still think those lights should be on at 8:00 in the morning until 8:00 at night. Those lights are not just for kids, those lights are to let people know there's a crossing. *Lukasewicz: Joe..* Barone: and it should go for senior citizens, older people, also. *Lukasewicz: Joe, and that can be done. All that council has to say is, all that council has to say is we want them on from 8 to 8, we go over there, we push the button at 8:00 in the morning and turn it off at 8:00 at night.* Barone: I want to make the motion..... *Lukasewicz: It's very simple.* Barone: ...to leave them on from 8 to 8. *Lukasewicz: That has nothing to do with this motion of paying. This is..* Barone: Well... *Lukasewicz: ..paying the man for the job he did, he performed as per the bid.* Barone: If that job is done completely and it's right.... *Lukasewicz: Roll call.* Chrzan: You make a motion... *Dolan: Pay the guy.* Lukasewicz: We'll have comments for what you want later on. Roll call.

**Five in favor-Barone, for, if it's right, Marushock, Mellody,
Menichetti, Lukasewicz**

Two against-Barnick, Chrzan

Motion carried

9. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize payment to Display Sales in the amount of \$6,290.00 for the new scroll lantern Christmas decorations (19).

On the question:

Barnick: Elaine, are these the ones I told you to *inaudible*, to get quotes on... *Morrell: Yes.* Barnick: For George Street? *Morrell: Yes.* Barnick: This is designated for George Street now, right? Lukasewicz: I have no idea what..... *Morrell: Most of them are going on George and they're going to put some on South Valley where they have a few missing but yes, it's on George.* Chrzan: Nothing for Bush Street? *Morrell: Not yet.*

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To reappoint Dave Garvey as Sewage Enforcement Officer with a \$500.00 annual retainer.

Chrzan: Does he do anything for us? *Morrell: Yes, he does.* Chrzan: What does he do?

On the question:

Barnick: *Inaudible* check out the sand mounds and stuff..... *Unknown: Yeah, we got lots of sand mounds in Throop.* Barnick: Where? *Inaudible.* There is *inaudible*, whether you realize it or not,

Jack. *Unknown: Probably upwards of ten.* Barnick: There's some up there in Mid Valley. *Unknown: Yes, so there is at least ten systems.* Barnick: Maybe more.

Unknown: Maybe more. Barnick: Maybe more than that.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To authorize payment to HARIE in the amount of \$7,050.00 for the workers compensation coverage.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize a check in the amount of \$137.00 to Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director, for the balance due for the basketball referees.

On the question:

Marushock: *Inaudible* in the past, the referees get paid with checks with vouchers.

Dolan: They can't be paid by check. They have a voucher and she paid them. Chrzan:Ten times already. *Dolan: Tom, we go through this every year with them. Who's going to come and write a*

check every time a referee comes? Lukasewicz: It has worked properly for several years. *Dolan: I think I'm going to start punching the clock.* Lukasewicz: Roll call. *Barnick: What is this for? What is*

this, which one? Adult league? Chrzan: Basketball referees. *Dolan: Yes, this was for both. Well, the civic center, the borough took over the Booster Club one. Now it's ours, here, it's the borough one.*

That's just the difference when you gave her the \$2000., it came to \$2137, okay?

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 9 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for federal fiscal year 2002 Community Development Block Grant Program Funds in the amount of \$110,566.00 on behalf of the Borough of Throop. (Warsaw Section Storm Sewer Improvements Project)

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To approve a \$400.00 check to the Throop Community Ambulance Association for EMS children's books.

On the question:

Barnick: On the question, make sure we get the receipts. Chrzan: Make sure Elaine does that.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize Neil Furiosi, Chief of Police to schedule part time officers as needed at his discretion during the EMS parade and events during EMS Week.

On the question:

Barnick: Yeah, on the question, Neil, you want to give us a little insight on the whole thing? *Few speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: The ambulance, no, Jimmy, and I'll explain to you why. Barnick: Okay. Lukasewicz: *At the work session on Thursday, the Ambulance Association came here to discuss with council the events they have for the EMS Week. They have a parade scheduled, they have a barbecue scheduled up at the playground and they will have services going on all week. Motion #14, they will be providing booklets for the children in the elementary school at Mid Valley High School. Inaudible EMS and let people know about the ambulance services. In regards to the picnic and the parade day, if they need additional help with police, it was discussed here by council that we would authorize the chief of police, at his discretion, to have additional police if needed and that's what that motion is.* Chrzan: When is it? Lukasewicz: *I forget the date, I believe May.* Morrell: *May 19th, I believe.* Lukasewicz: *May 19th. It's a new thing, no one else in the area has done it. The Throop Ambulance wants to take us on their shoulders and form a big parade and they just want to get the community to know the ambulance and their personnel and what they could do for the town.* Galli: *Are they inviting the public too, like the little league?* Lukasewicz: *Yeah, I'm sure....* Marushock: *There will be inaudible participants.* Dolan: *And he came to one of our Booster Meetings, and he's also going to go to the After School. They're going to get some of the books, too.* Lukasewicz: *Okay, good.* Dolan: *And he's going to take them out to the ambulance, too.* Lukasewicz: *Right.* Dolan: *And take them in case they ever have to go so that they're not afraid.* Lukasewicz: *This is a very positive step for the ambulance.* Dolan: *He came, he came to our meeting.* Lukasewicz: *....full report and they want to be cooperative with everyone in this town. Jimmy, anything else on that?* Barnick: *No, that's it.*

All in favor

Motion carried

Barone: Now, Tommy. Lukasewicz: *Yes, Joe?* Barone: Before we go on to the next one, I'd like to have 16 (Motion #16) tabled for the reason *inaudible*, not off probation, once she's evaluated, because it's not fair to the monitors. Chrzan: *That's right, I'll second that. You made the motion to table?* Barone: I made a motion to table it. Lukasewicz: *There's a motion to table it by Mr. Barone and a second by Mr. Chrzan.*

The following Motion failed:

Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To table Motion #16, as follows:

To approve a \$2,200.00 raise for Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director, effective immediately.

On the question:

Mayor: Who does the evaluation? Lukasewicz: Wait a minute. Roll call. Mayor: You said on the question. Menichetti: You said on the question. Lukasewicz: I did. Mayor: Who does the evaluation? Lukasewicz: On the question, who does the evaluation? Chrzan: I think the whole council should do it. Barone: Council... Everyone speaking at once, inaudible. Menichetti: How has it been done in the past? Lukasewicz: How has it been done in the past? Unknown: The commission. Dolan: I'll tell you. I could tell you that. Everyone speaking at once, inaudible. Lukasewicz: Wait a minute (banging the gavel), wait a minute, this is council's discussion right now. Menichetti: Yeah, this is not for audience comments right now. This is for us, okay? Dolan: As a member of sitting on this board I could tell you, Tommy. Sitting on this table, I could tell you how it was done in the past, okay? Few speaking at once, inaudible. Dolan continued: Would you like to know? Okay, the director's salary was based on the commission (civic center committee). The commission got together without the director there and they came up with a figure. We would do this at the end of the year before the budget was proposed then we would come in with a sealed envelope to the president. We would give him our, like what we estimated it to be, not that you had to use it and he would be, he or she would be the only one. That's how it was done in the past. Chrzan: In other words, we should have a commission back. Dolan: No, I just said that for what was done in the past. She asked a question, I'm only answering her question. Lukasewicz: Anyone else on the question up here? Menichetti: Yeah, there has to be some set of regulations and rules that we have to set forth because this is... Dolan: Well, you need some form of commission. Menichetti: This poor girl doesn't even know what her benefits are. She doesn't even know how much sick time she has, vacation time, nothing. She doesn't know if she has personal days, she doesn't know anything. No one has ever..... Chrzan response inaudible. Dolan: No, she shouldn't. The administrator should be, like you should come up.... Barone: She gets sick days, doesn't she? She gets sick days, right? Dolan: Right, right, right Lukasewicz: The administrator has to be told what they are by council. Dolan: Right, she should be told. You're right. She should be told. Lukasewicz: All right, anyone else on council..... Mayor: I want to know who does the evaluation? Barone: The council. Barnick: Has to be now. Barone: We got rid of the commission. Everyone speaking at once. Mayor: Seven people are going to evaluate the director, is that it? Barone: You want the job? Chrzan: Why not? Barone: Why not? Mayor: I've done a lot of them. Barone: Well. Lukasewicz: What we'll do right now is, there's a motion to table #16. Roll call on tabling #16.

Three in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan

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

16. Motion by Menichetti

Seconded by Marushock

To approve a \$2,200.00 raise for Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director, effective immediately.

On the question:

Barnick: Yes, on the question, I think it's an outright disgrace. You go ahead and put a \$2,200 raise on

with a six month probation sitting there, is there an ongoing investigation going in another, another township, I think this is an outright disgrace. And what happened yesterday was, I mean, you got another four months, three months of evaluation. You need to wake up. You got, I mean you're just giving this money away. I only did this, this other motion, as a joke because of this big raise. Her raise is put on prior to any budget being passed, as you pointed out the treasurer's job got a 9.2%.

Menichetti: How were we supposed to know that? Barnick: But if anybody comes by here you'll see her car is here over sometimes 40 hours a week doing the books here and like I said, the auditor said the books are excellent. Dolan: But that has nothing to do with... Everyone speaking at once.

Lukasewicz:It's got nothing to do with her, Jimmy. Barnick: Yes, it does, according to the motion. Both spoke at once. Lukasewicz:don't compare this to that or whatever and we're getting back to it. Chrzan: What is that, inaudible, speaking at once, percentage rate of the treasurer's, come on, Tommy. Lukasewicz: Oh, God, Tony. Marushock:motion to have that eliminated? Menichetti: I don't know why it's even here. Inaudible, few speaking at once. I shouldn't have been there. Lukasewicz: It should not have been there. Marushock: You're going to cross that out, is that what..... Lukasewicz: It should not have been there. Barnick: First of all, I'm here a lot and I see the times that she's working and I'm telling you what, you're barely getting the 40 hours over there. Menichetti: Tell me something..... Barnick: And most of the time... Menichetti: ..are you looking for quality or quantity, what are you looking for? Barnick: Wait, I'm not finished yet. Let me tell you something. Most of the time when she's here there's nobody in that building. There is nobody in the center and when most of the activity's going on over there it's either Maria or Ann Marie doing the work and they're doing the scheduling, they're phoning for bids for different things, getting the pool table fixed, that place is turning out to be a pig sty over there. Menichetti: What do you mean then, that she does nothing? Is that what you're saying? Barnick: I don't think so. I'm beginning to wonder, I'm beginning to wonder. I am. I am beginning to wonder, really. I'm very serious about that. Menichetti: What got you on this..... Marushock: It's quite clear that there's only a few people who are..... Barnick: I pick on our police department, ask Elaine, ask Neil, ask Robbie. I don't only pick on her, I pick on them all. Menichetti: Well why don't you move onto somebody else, that's all I can... Barnick: I'm equal, I pick on 'em all. Few speaking at once, inaudible. (Dominick Rocco spoke and was told he was out of order.) Barnick: This is a disgrace. I'm embarrassed after yesterday, what happened over there. Menichetti: Why? There was nothing wrong with... Barnick: Oh, come on. Few speaking at once. Barnick: The candy and stuff like that, that was a thing of disgrace. Tomasovitch: Do the members on the council go there? Barnick: No, they don't. They hardly ever show up there. Lukasewicz: Charlene, there's order, there's a way of handling this, all right? Anyone else from council on the question? Barnick: How many times have, yeah, how many times have you been there, Geddy? Inaudible, voices heard speaking in foreground. Marushock: If a problem develops that's the way you address it. Both speaking at once. Marushock continued: Jim, do I go across the street, and do I watch every move you're making? Robbie, do I come and make every move he's making? Dolan: But yet you vote against mine. Marushock:every move you're making? Dolan: My salary you just voted? And you voted against my raise. You voted for my raise, now dig this, he votes for my raise and against my salary. Marushock: Going back to your salary, Lenore, Dickson City's treasurer..... Dolan: Dickson City don't do what I do, cause you don't even know what you're talking about... Everyone speaking at once, inaudible. Lukasewicz asked for roll call.

Morrell: Barone? Barone: I'm against. Morrell: Barnick? Barone continued: I'm against the, she, have her, up until her probation is up. Chrzan: That's right, that's the right thing to.... Barone continued: Those people can't wait, you're disgracing the monitors. You better get talk to the

would have been relevant at some point in the past five days before awarding of the contract. Chrzan: Yeah. Cimini: All of this is irrelevant, this should have been discussed prior to awarding the contract. *Inaudible*. I don't know what you're going to do once it's been awarded. Marushock: *What I was going to have done was re-advertise for quotes and get more quotes, Inaudible.....* Cimini: That should have been done prior to awarding the contract. Marushock: *Okay, that was not done properly. I feel that the bidding procedure the first time around speaking in background heard, inaudible, going into a discussion with everyone speaking at once. Marushock continued: We had a discussion Thursday night at the work session.....* Chrzan: What did you do right here? *Inaudible, few speaking at once.* Cimini: A motion was made to accept his proposal in the past, so it's awarded. Marushock: *Well, I personally.....* Cimini: There's a contract. Marushock: *....if we don't vote on this I feel this needs to be looked into because I feel improper bidding procedures were done regardinginaudible.... quotes on the same piece of machinery were not obtained.* Cimini: Once again, this would have been very relevant prior to awarding the contract. Marushock: *Right, I apologize because I did not make that meeting and I would have explained all the information that was in the packet and doing a comparison with the two machines showing that a D-9 was a larger machine, so....* Cimini: A D-9 may be twice the size of the D-8 but if the contract's been awarded, it's awarded. Marushock *speaking in background, inaudible but started: I don't know the exact difference, however, there is a difference....* Chrzan: Mr. Cimini..... Marushock: *.....and that's why....* Chrzan: The whole thing in a nutshell is he admitted his family worked, there's financial gain there, conflict of interest. Marushock: *If I can't vote, I can't vote. That's why I'm asking Attorney Cimini about that. If I can't vote, that's okay.....* Barnick: You're going to ask him and you voted against his pay? *Inaudible.* Marushock: *We're going to have this looked into further. I will just explain with the other bidder involved and let him proceed as he feels fit, I don't know what I could say. We have other proposals for the site even before us. I don't know where this came from..* Chrzan: Just happened to come in today. Barnick: *Could I ask one question? How did you know about this \$100 an hour Wednesday night when everybody got this today, the 25th? How?* Marushock: I had this..... Barnick: *How did you know about this?* Marushock: Because I was there on last Monday with Mr. Perez and I asked him..... Chrzan: *Whoa.....* Marushock: What? I'm putting my statements in public. I asked him if there was a difference between a D-8-N and a D-9 because I know the original bids that we were looking for was for a D-9. I knew..... Barnick: *No, they were not.* Marushock: I knew there was..... *both speaking at once, inaudible.* Barnick: *It was for the largest machine that would do the job, that was it. The largest machine that would do the job.* Marushock: You could verify now, you'd get approximately one and third machine vs. a machine. You can you see the difference in the picture in the size of the blade, the pushing power, the capability..... Chrzan: *To open up a little road. To open up a little road you need a D-9, you're sick.* Marushock: If he pushes to proceed with this further due to improper bidding procedures *inaudible*, it goes that far. Chrzan: *He could open up that with a backhoe.* **Marushock: I'll make a motion to table it then for tonight *inaudible*.**

Lukasewicz: Okay, there's a motion to table #17, is there a second?

Mellody: I'll second that.

Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Mellody

To table Motion #17, as follows:

To rescind the following motion from the February 25th meeting:

To accept the proposal for the D-8N dozer from Scranton Craftsmen, Inc. at a rate of \$145. per hour, up to \$9500.00.

(The same machine is available for \$100.00 per hour from another company.)

On the question:

Barnick: Yeah, I'm going to be..... *Chrzan: Can he vote on it? Louie, can he vote on it? Marushock: To table, I believe.... Cimini: A conflict of interest is if there's an immediate family member... Chrzan: Exactly. Immediate family. And he admitted it. Few speaking at once. Unknown: Let him vote on it. Lukasewicz: Roll call. Morrell: Barone? Barone: Against, on the advice of the lawyer. Morrell: Barnick? Barnick: I'm against it and I don't want nothing to do with this thing. Morrell: Chrzan? Chrzan: The same thing, I don't want no part of it because I explained to him there's a conflict of interest, against. Morrell: Marushock? Marushock: Motion to table? For. Morrell: Mellody? Mellody: For. Morrell: Menichetti? Menichetti: For. Morrell: Lukasewicz? Lukasewicz: Against tabling, I'm comfortable with the way I voted originally. Morrell: Motion failed to table. Lukasewicz: Motion failed to table? Morrell: Yeah.*

Three in favor-Marushock, Mellody, Menichetti

Three against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, as noted, and Lukasewicz

One abstain-Barnick, as noted

Motion failed to table

Lukasewicz: Okay, then, Motion #17, would someone like to make that motion.? *Marushock: Evidently I cannot make the motion, is that correct Mr. Cimini? Menichetti: I'll make it. Both speaking at once. Lukasewicz: Motion #17 is made by Menichetti, is there a second? No response. Lukasewicz: I'll second it.*

18. Motion by Menichetti

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To rescind the following motion from the February 25th meeting:

To accept the proposal for the D-8N dozer from Scranton Craftsmen, Inc. at a rate of \$145. per hour, up to \$9500.00.

(The same machine is available for \$100.00 per hour from another company.)

Marushock: On the question, again can I consult with the solicitor to check on my ability, availability voting on..... Attorney Cimini? *Cimini: I don't know what your relationship is, inaudible if you have an immediate family member that may stand to gain in any way, then you should not vote, I don't know, an immediate family member, mother, father, brother, sister, I don't know what your relationship is. Marushock: I'll tell you the relationship I have is this firm is a client of mine with my inaudible, few speaking at once, other than I have no other family members involved in this business. Few speaking at once. Lukasewicz: You can't vote on it. Marushock: Okay, speaking at once, inaudible.*

One in favor-Menichetti

Five against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Mellody, Lukasewicz

One abstain-Marushock

Motion failed to rescind

Menichetti on roll call: I made the motion, do I really have to vote for it? *Morrell: No, you really don't. Barnick: No, you don't. Morrell: But you want to vote for? Okay. Lukasewicz: At this time does any other council member.. Barnick: You still got another motion there. Chrzan: You still got another motion. Lukasewicz: What do you have?*

19. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To give Elaine Morrell, Robert Kalinoski, Christina Sullivan, Ann Marie Stoffey, Maria Pesavento and all monitors a 9.2% raise, total.

On the question:

Barone: One the question. You know, you say the civic center's going good? It's thanks to the monitors also. They do a hell of a job over there and I think they deserve it. Twice I put in for a raise and twice I got shot down. I'm trying it again, that's all I have to..... *Menichetti: You know, on the question, do you have any inaudible as to what this would cost?* Barone: What? *Menichetti: Do you have any idea as to how much money....* Barone: No, they deserve it. *Few speaking at once.* Barone continued: committees we have I hear Throop's got a lot of money so let's give it them. *Menichetti: About \$30,000.* Barone: They deserve it. *Barnick:insurance, right?* *Menichetti response inaudible.* Barone: Those monitors got a responsibility, they're taking care of kids, they're taking care of the building itself, everything. They deserve it.

**Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz, "Merry Christmas"
Three against-Marushock, Mellody, Menichetti Motion carried**

Lukasewicz: Everybody gets a raise there, right across the board so no one could argue now. *Unknown: Thank you.* Chrzan: Thank me for making the motion. *Dolan: That's 9.2%, that's a lot. Few speaking at once, inaudible.* **Lukasewicz: The total was 9.2(%) so you take off whatever they got.** *Dolan: See, now you can't be mad at me.* Morrell: I was never mad at you. *Dolan: You were.* Morrell: No, I wasn't mad at you. *Dolan: Yeah, you were.* Morrell: No, Lenore, don't say that. It wasn't at you. *Dolan: You were then, you said it to Jimmy.* Morrell: It wasn't at you. *Dolan: You were, you said you have to do my work, you have to fix make my mistakes.* Morrell: I didn't say that. *Dolan: That's what he told me.*

Chrzan: I want to make a motion to give the Planning Commission members.... *Barnick: I don't know.* Chrzan: \$100 a month, would that be fair? *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Barnick: They can get what the council people get, I believe, under the new Act that was passed. *Someone heard reading in background, "can receive salary from the Borough or City". Inaudible, speaking at once.*

Lukasewicz: How much do you want to give them, Tony, may I ask you? Chrzan: \$100 a month, well that's fair. Everybody else gets that, right? *Barnick: No.* Dolan: No, they get \$100 a year. *Speaking at once, inaudible.*

Lukasewicz: Tony's making a motion for \$100 a year, is there a second?

Barnick: I'll second it provided that the motion reads that the Ordinance that designates the Planning Agency is amended to include that.

20. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

PLEASE NOTE: THIS MOTION WAS AMENDED, SEE MOTION #20, TO \$100 PER MONTH

To give Planning Commission members \$100 per year with the Ordinance designating the Planning Agency amended to include same.

On the question:

Everyone speaking at once..... Menichetti: How much? *Lukasewicz: \$100 per the..* Menichetti: A

year? *Lukasewicz: Yeah, \$100 a year.*

All in favor

Motion carried

Mayor Lukowski:

I just wanted to say, I don't think this has ever happened in our community before. The National Commander and Department Commander will be visiting the local VFW Post on Thursday (March 28, 2002), so that's never happened before. And the hearing on Marjol last week turned out to be pretty good. We had Hugh Kaufman, the Chief Investigator, he indicated that we may have another one in April. And Hugh Kaufman has been getting some national publicity together with Bob Martin, the Ombudsman and it's just really a sorry state of affairs when the EPA *inaudible* refused to attend and so we just told him what is transpiring with that lead dump and how the people are being affected by it. That's all I have, thank you.

Council Discussion/Comments:

Barone: I want to make a motion about those lights, the time. Make a motion until 8:00 at night. *Morrell: The civic center closes at 9:00 (p.m.) though, Joe. Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Barone: From 8:00 (a.m.) to 9:00 (p.m.) *Lukasewicz: Okay, Joe would like to make a motion to put the flashing lights on at 8:00 a.m. and they will remain on until the Civic Center closes at 9:00 p.m.* Barone: Not only that, nobody has to worry about somebody, who's pushing switches or.... *Lukasewicz: Just be put on automatically.* Barone: If they're on..... *Barnick: Who's going to be responsible?* *Lukasewicz: Well, can we have, Stanley, can we have the police department go over and turn them on at 8:00 in the morning? Would that be a problem? That'll give Neil something to do.* *Furiosi: If that's what you want, I'll.....* *Chrzan: That's too much work, that's too much work. Few speaking at once, inaudible.* *Barnick: Can't they be set on the timers? Then the police won't have to turn them on.* *Chrzan: That's right, you're right. Few speaking at once.* *Lukasewicz: They could adjust accordingly inside the box, I believe.* *Barone: Yeah, there's a box..* *Morrell: I think so.* *Barone: There's a timer on each pole.* *Lukasewicz: They could be set out on the pole, that's right.* *Barone: Could have Robbie do that.* *Lukasewicz: No, on the pole there's a timer. In the box, on the pole, where the, and then you could set it manually with a time out there.*

21. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To put the flashing lights on at 8:00 a.m. and they will remain on until the Civic Center closes at 9:00 p.m.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: Okay, Joe? All right, new business. Morrell: Wait, Tommy, excuse me. In tonight's packet there's a letter from Gail in regards to the Annual Basketball Banquet for the children. When the borough took over the Basketball Program I believe they said they were going to do the same thing that the Throop Boosters always did and one thing is the banquet. They pay for the children, they buy trophies, and they provide jacket for the graduates, and I believe at the last meeting when they had, when there was a Civic Center Committee it was brought forth to the committee and, I believe it was

just a discussion at that point and they seemed to be in favor. Dolan: Tommy, could I say something about that? *Lukasewicz: Yeah, please.* Dolan: Because I was on the commission (committee), it was brought to the commission, it was never put to a vote. We told John to come back to give us figures and then we would come up to council and tell council how much this would cost. That's where it left. We told them something would be done but we couldn't say what because we didn't know how successful the program would be. We didn't know what was going to happen because she had to schedule referees, she was new at it. *Lukasewicz: Just wait, Frank (Galli), wait a minute.* Dolan: That's how, that's how it was left with the commission, Tommy. *Lukasewicz: Just wait a second, Frank.* Dolan: Tommy, that's how it was with the commission. That's why it was never brought to council. *Lukasewicz: Okay.* Dolan: The commission voted to wait until John gave us figures and wait to see what we received. We, the borough, received and then you would make the decision but the council left. The commission left. *Lukasewicz: Well what we have to do is see what....* Dolan: So, now you have to make the decision. *Lukasewicz: money was generated from the programs....* Dolan: Right. *Lukasewicz: and correspond with Gail.....* Dolan: Right, right. right. *Lukasewicz: ..and ask her to put a proposal....* Dolan: Well, if you see my report..... *Lukasewicz:to us of what is needed to provide a banquet. I don't know if it could just be handled over here at the center. I don't think it's going to be one of these big fancy banquets or whatever.* Morrell: It's usually.... *Dolan: That's up to you.*

John Musewicz (Throop Booster Club): Our basketball banquet when the Booster Club had it was never as large as the baseball banquet and it was always held at the Regal Room and Elaine's right and Lenore's right, I dealt with the commission. I don't know if all the members on council know that the Booster Club handed over the basketball program. *Lukasewicz: I remember that, yes, to the borough.* Musewicz: This past season so, in all actuality, the civic center ran the basketball program under the guidance of the Booster Club and some of our immediate members.... *Lukasewicz: Right.* Musewicz: ...that were associated with the basketball program for years. So we sort of helped them, we made an agreement that we'd help them the first year on any questions or, because there's to tell you the truth, Gail didn't know too much about the program, she didn't know too much about basketball, and we were very willing to help the first year because we..... *Lukasewicz: Right.* Musewicz: ...knew, we knew it would be difficult, the transition period and we agreed to that and when we met with the commission and Lenore is correct that the commission came back to us and they said that they would try to do, at that point in time when the commission was still there, they would try to do whatever, they would try to do whatever the Throop Booster Club did for the children in that particular sport, basketball, to the best that they possibly.. *Frank Galli: They said they would do exactly..* Lukasewicz: Frank, one second. *Dolan: No, we did not.* Lukasewicz: One second, Frank. *Dolan: No, we did not. All three speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: Frank, one at a time. Wait, for once. *Musewicz: I was the, Frank was in on the conversation but I was basically the direct contact since I was the President, I'm the President of the Booster Club.* Lukasewicz: Correct. *Musewicz: They were going to try their best. They gave us no stamp of approval but they wanted to do the same that we did for the children of the town, for the season and including the post season, which would be a banquet.* Lukasewicz: Exactly. *Musewicz: They were going to try to do whatever they could which would resemble what we did. The tape was changed here and started with Musewicz continuing: They thought, the commission at that time thought they would be able to do it but they didn't put their stamp of approval on it because it was very premature and they weren't sure, there was too many other obstacles during the course of the season.* Lukasewicz: Correct. *Musewicz: But they were going to try to do it.* Lukasewicz: That's right. *Musewicz: And that's what.....* Lukasewicz:to see what they can do, go ahead Lenore. Dolan: Tommy, to date the basketball program and cheerleading program, if you look at my report,

brought in \$3,899 - in my report. So now they got to tell you what they spent. *Lukasewicz: Yes, but are they the monies that we could use?* Dolan: Yes. *Musewicz: Just to, just to...* Lukasewicz: To give something to the kids that's really, including them and the coaches and everyone that participated. *Musewicz: Just another note and I know it was a touchy subject with the, and you know, not too many of you involved with basketball, but it's a big, it's a big item for the children of the borough. It's a big item, especially when the Booster Club handed over the program which, like I mentioned before, Gail really didn't really, basketball wasn't her game and she needed help.* Lukasewicz speaking in background at same time, inaudible. *Musewicz continued: The monitors, the assistant monitors, the assistant directors, put in an extremely big amount of time with this program and it really, really went well. The two assistants and some of the monitors that were around the civic center prior, really, really pulled this program through for the civic center. They really should be commended. I, personally, was over there last, Frank was over there a lot, Snooky (Shevchik) was there a lot, we ran the program for the kids of the borough, it ran, well I say we but it ran through the civic center, it ran very, very well. Since I'm once again, the President of the Booster Club, I did not have a problem with anybody over there. There were all for the children, okay? And some of had children over there directly or indirectly. I did not, the Booster Club under my direction, did not have a problem. I, personally, didn't have a problem.* Lukasewicz: Good. *Musewicz: The program ran very well. The Assistant Directors should be commended because they were the ones that were around the program before and they knew what to do.* Lukasewicz: That's good. That's good that we have good Assistant Directors that have been there and inaudible to help. *Musewicz: And once, like I said I'm not trying to put too many feathers in peoples hats here, but you know, you guys aren't in the, you guys govern, you guys govern the projects for the borough, we sort of govern the, we sort of govern the activities, the sporting activities for the children of the borough. Something similar but not similar. We have a very good relationship with the people over there, they all did an outstanding job.* Morrell: I, I think..... *Musewicz: The program went very, very well.* Morrell: We owe a great big thank you to the coaches and to the members of the Booster Club because without these volunteers we would have nothing and these coaches spend time with those children with practices and games and some of them don't even have children with the games.... *Lukasewicz: Right.* Morrell:and they put a lot.... *Musewicz: None of them got paid.* Morrell: No, there's no pay, there's nothing, and they do a great job with the kids. *Musewicz: They spend a lot of time with the children of the borough.* Morrell: Yes, they do. *Musewicz: Our children, our children of the borough they spend an enormous amount of time and they should be commended.* Lukasewicz: Okay, thank you. Frank, you had something to say about this or was there enough said that we will get a banquet? *Galli: Well the thing is, Tommy, we're running into, Charlene has called already the Regal Room to get prices for the banquet dates. They're April, is that right? The dates are April?* Tomasovitch: There's April and they have one at the end of May. *Galli: Uh, this is something that council will have to act on quickly because....* Lukasewicz: Well, make a proposal to us..... *Tomasovitch: All right, I'm waiting.....* Lukasewicz:as quick as tomorrow if you could. The quicker you get it done the quicker I can have council look at it and the quicker if I have to call a special meeting, I'll call a special meeting and we'll do what we have to do. *Galli response inaudible.* Tomasovitch: Okay, the Regal Room inaudible, usually the adult ticket will cover the child's ticket. You raise it up three, you know \$3.00 inaudible. *Lukasewicz: Right.* Dolan: Only the children. *Lukasewicz: So only we have to cover.....* Dolan: Only the children, only the players. *Tomasovitch: We only cover the children....* Lukasewicz: Exactly, I remember. *Tomasovitch: The parents take their children are going to have to pay their own way.* Lukasewicz: Right. Tomasovitch: I don't know what anything, I don't know exactly what the prices are yet, I'm waiting... *Galli: Char, what's your costs going to be for the awards, jackets and trophies?* Dolan: She has to come up with a

figure. *Lukasewicz: Trophies to the players and then..... Galli: Trophies and jackets to the graduates. Lukasewicz:graduates jackets both speaking at once. In the past, John (Musewicz), do you have a number that you used to spend on it, the Booster Club, on..... Musewicz: Not off the top of my head. Lukasewicz:three thousand.... Chrzan: Is \$5,000 enough? Lukasewicz: \$2,000, \$3000? Snooky, do you have any idea? Shevchik: You could get last years price inaudible. Musewicz: I could get you the figures. Lukasewicz: Get something as soon as you can to us and I'll do whatever I have to..... Shevchik: I know you mentioned having it over the civic center, I would take this into consideration, as long as the Booster Club had the basketball program, for thirty years we've been going to the Regal Room. Tomasovitch: That's why.... Lukasewicz: No problem. Tomasovitch: That's why I went to the Regal Room. Lukasewicz: Yeah. Tomasovitch: And I did asked Tom, I did talk to Gail about this and she said it would be okay if Iinaudible. Chrzan: Why don't we make a motion for the same prices that was last year. Few speaking at once, inaudible. Lukasewicz: The only thing that you would need for now is the approval to book the Regal Room, correct? Tomasovitch: Right. Lukasewicz: We'll make a motion to allow the Civic Center Director to book the Regal Room for the upcoming Basketball Banquet. Tomasovitch: Can I have her call or is it all right I call? Dolan: Well, you have to check with her. Lukasewicz: I would coordinate it with her because basically it is run by the center. Dolan: Right. Lukasewicz: And you're there, you're Booster Club, correct? Dolan: She has to make the decision. Tomasovitch response inaudible. Lukasewicz: Okay, well coordinate it with John and everyone that's involved.*

22. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To allow the Civic Center Director to book the Regal Room for the upcoming Basketball Banquet.

On the question:

Marushock: On the question, Mr. President, do we have a cost on this?

Lukasewicz: No, at this time we don't but I see the urgency of definitely a banquet at the Regal Room and.... few speaking at once in background, inaudible. There's one date left in April? Tomasovitch: No, no, there's a couple dates in April, at the end of April. I don't have it with me....inaudible.

Chrzan: See if they'll do it for the same price. Tomasovitch: Usually she does. Lukasewicz: All right, I don't think anyone's out there ...provide a service for the kids.. Tomasovitch: No, usually I know inaudible, about \$12 for an adult. Lukasewicz: Yeah, we're not going to have to pay for the adult. We're only paying the children and for the jackets and for the trophies, very minimal.

Tomasovitch speaking, inaudible. Lukasewicz continued: Probably very little.....inaudible.

Six in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Melody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz

One abstain-Marushock, not enough information on it.

(reason inaudible, everyone speaking at once). Motion carried

Lukasewicz: John, get the rest of the information to us as soon as possible, Charlene, whoever wants to coordinate this. *Barone: Tom, I want to say something before we adjourn. Lukasewicz: No, we have new business. Barone: Okay, go ahead. Lukasewicz: There's a lot of people.*

Leonard Worobey, 712 Clark St: On Pancoast Street underneath that billboard, there's an awful lot of people going past that..... *everyone speaking at once, inaudible. Lukasewicz: Unbelievable and it's*

on the Scranton side. We've even cleaned it up a couple of times and it's..... few speaking at once.
Barone: Yeah, we've called them about it twice, *inaudible, few speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: *But it is in Scranton, see we have no jurisdiction in Scranton.* Chrzan: Rob, would you talk to the Mayor?
Lukasewicz: *You have to talk to the Mayor of Scranton. Chief? Can you contact the Mayor of Scranton and try to tell him of this problem and something has to be done?* Chief: I will give him a call.
Lukasewicz: *Okay, all right. Ask him, even ask him that if they won't clean it up could we have permission to clean it up because I hate to see it as much as you hate to see it.* Worobey: The boxes and everything.....
Lukasewicz: *It's disgusting, it's disgusting. Someone has dumped so much waste there. Okay, Chief, find out for us?*

Chrzan: Elaine says she's got to have this here for \$132.50 for copy charges.

23. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To submit payment to Attorney Lou Cimini \$132.50 for copying costs.

Six in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Mellody, Menichetti, Lukasewicz
One abstain-Marushock **Motion carried**

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St: Yeah, Tommy, how come you didn't stay at that Marjol meeting last week? Lukasewicz: *I was having some personal problems. I had some things on my mind.....*
Rocco: But that's not what you mumbled Lukasewicz: *I had.....* Rocco: *..on the way out, Tommy.*
Lukasewicz: *I had some personal problems.* Rocco: That's not what you mumbled on the way out.
Lukasewicz: *Rocco, I'm telling you..* Rocco: I mean, if you didn't want to represent Throop then...
Lukasewicz: *Rocco..* Rocco: *...maybe you should step down.* Lukasewicz: *I have represented Throop at every Marjol meeting for years and years. I had some personal problems that day that I had to.....*
Rocco: Tom, that's not what you said. When you ran out of there you said, no way I'm going to stay at that meeting, you didn't know nothing about the meeting. You wanted to go see the sunset, right?
Everybody heard. Lukasewicz: *Rocco, do you understand what personal problems are?* Rocco: No, well....
Lukasewicz: *Okay.* Rocco: That's not what you mumbled on the way out. Lukasewicz: *What someone mumbles and what's going on in their mind is two different things, okay, Rocco?* Rocco: Well, you shouldn't have said what you said then.
Lukasewicz: *Well, maybe you should listen to more.....* Rocco: I ... Lukasewicz: *Okay, then, anything else?* Rocco: No. Lukasewicz: *You want me to step down and....* Rocco: Yeah, yeah. I would like to see, if you don't want to represent us.
Lukasewicz: *I wouldn't step down if God came down and told me to step down. All right? Just remember that, Rocco.* Rocco: Yeah, you were voted in to represent the people of Throop.
Lukasewicz: *I would never step down, Rocco. Remember that. I've been here a long time and I'm going nowhere. Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Bruce Sargent: I have a petition for council concerning Jones Street. Lukasewicz: *Right now pass down, pass the original down to Elaine.* Sargent: This is the original. Lukasewicz: *We passed this opening the street. We have to have a public hearing. Has that been scheduled yet? Okay, there will be a public hearing in regards to this and according to the Borough Code and how you have to properly go about it, it will be done as per the Borough Code. Everyone will be notified, everyone will have the opportunity to come here and speak on behalf of the opening of Jones Street. It will be listed*

in the newspaper, feel free to call the administrator. She'll tell you what date it will be, I'm not sure if it's been scheduled yet, but I appreciate this. Sargent: Okay, thank you.

Robert Williams: Yeah, back on that question there with Jones Street. Is that everybody on one side of Dimmick Street or is that everybody on... *Lukasewicz: Anybody in the Borough of Throop that wants to say anything in regards to the opening of Jones Street will have the opportunity to speak at that Public Hearing.*

Bette Goreschak, Meade Street: Tommy, on the flashing, yellow lighting? I think there should be miles per hour posted also *inaudible*, compliance, especially on George Street, they should put like.... *Lukasewicz: I believe inaudible, both speaking at once.* Goreschak continued:like 15 miles per hour while they're flashing? That should be posted because some people just don't care....*inaudible*.... whole area. *Chief: Well, the only thing I know with the flashing signals would be the school zone which is 15 (mph). Now, if they want to, you know, on a state route, that's a state route.* Rocco: Yeah, but you have a 25 mph..... *everyone speaking at once, inaudible.* Rocco continued: They would have to change it to 15 (mph), right? It should be changed to 15 (mph). *Chief: Well, Sanderson Street is a state route.* Goreschak: Yeah, but when you come up over the hill it's blind. I mean here..... *Chief: That's the same thing when you're coming up Sanderson and you want to turn left into the Civic Center. I mean, you're blind.* Goreschak: Well, I think it should be posted. *Barone: Something should be done there.* Goreschak: Something should be done. *Barone: If it's possible.* Rocco: Well, you can't stop somebody if they go 25 mph..... *Lukasewicz: Neil, could you look into it and make a recommendation to council and., everyone speaking at once.* Goreschak: The other day..... *Lukasewicz: Pardon?* Goreschak: They put the stop sign down on Pancoast Street? *Lukasewicz: Yes.* Goreschak: Some lady came down and was going right through, thank goodness nobody was coming up. *Lukasewicz: Yeah, that could be, I've seen that happen many times down there.* Goreschak: They don't stop there at all. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Chrzan: Neil, wait, I've got something to say. I think the Vehicle Code says it's 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Am I right? *Furiosi: 25 (mph) in a residential.* Chrzan: Response inaudible.

Paul Legos: I have a question. Since you're handing all this money out, how much progress was made with the police contract and how long is this going to go on? That hasn't been settled in a while, like how long is this going to go on? *Rocco: They should get at least \$1.00 an hour. Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Lukasewicz: At this junction, Paul, we are awaiting some correspondence from our legal counsel in regards to it and then we will be scheduling another negotiation session. *Barnick: We've been waiting over a month for that stuff.* Lukasewicz: I know we have. *Barnick: It's time to look, I said that to..* Legos: Yeah, but why didn't you do that earlier in the year instead of like, waiting? That stuff should have all been.....*few speaking at once.* Lukasewicz: *We're trying to get this, Paul, we've been trying to get this going and we're having difficulties with our legal counsel in regards to this and that's about as far I'd like to say for a public hearing.* Legos: Okay, I have one more question. *Lukasewicz: Yes?* Legos: About, well last time I was here *inaudible* contract, I'd like to thank council *inaudible.* (From notes, thanked council taking sign down.)

Nick Rocco (Jr.), Sanderson St.: Going back to the motion on what the Planning Commission gets paid, I appreciate the fact that you recognized the Planning Commission should get paid, however, I would like you to re-look at the dollar amount. \$100 is roughly \$8.08 a month. Sometimes their meetings run for two hours, that's \$4.00 an hour, that's not even minimum wage. We don't, we do

more than just meetings. We go to sites, we look at the site, there's homework involved so I would ask you to please reconsider the dollar amount to something that's more fair. *Barnick: I would like to a comparison study done with the other towns to see what they get.* Rocco: Well, right now this is brand new. Nobody got paid. *Chrzan: Well, this is, see what Blakely and them are going to get.* Barnick: Well, I want to know *inaudible* Zoning Board and stuff like that too because I don't think our Zoning Board is really up to date. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.* Rocco: *You have to understand that Zoning only meets if there's a hearing. Planning meets every month regardless if there's a hearing or not.* Chrzan: Well, why don't you check with Dickson and Olyphant..... *few speaking at once.* Rocco: *This is brand new so guys are actually....* Chrzan: Well, I'd believe to go along for \$100 a month. *Barone: I am, let's rescind that motion, give them \$100 a month.* Chrzan: I'll make the motion for \$100 a month. Is that fair? What's wrong with \$100 a month? *Dolan (Jack): I'd rather be a monitor at the civic center (laughter heard).* Chrzan: You got the job.

24. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To amend Motion #20 to change the rate of pay from \$100 a year to \$100 a month. To pay Planning Commission members \$100 per year, with the Ordinance designating the Planning Agency amended to include same.

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

One against-Mellody

One abstain-Marushock, "because I don't have enough information on that."

Motion carried

Chrzan: You guys happy with that? *Lukasewicz: Okay, continuing on down towards here? A motion to adjourn?* Chrzan: Whoa, where you going? *Galli: I have a question.* Lukasewicz: Do you have something else, Frank? *Frank Galli: Yes, I do. This is about the, since you're giving the money away here tonight and there's, we have coaches and people that volunteer their time and services over at the civic center to help with the children.....* Dolan: I don't think they should get paid. *Galli: Why don't they, why can't they get paid?* Dolan: That's ridiculous, that's ridiculous. He wants, he wants to give coaches money. *Lukasewicz: Frank, what do..... tell me?* Galli: Why can't, there's people that are, there's people that are, certain people that coach that don't have any children or whatever, it's hard to get coaches. Why can't they get..... *Dolan: Frank, that's called community service.* Galli: I understand that but you know what? The community service is going to be going down the tubes. We're having more and more of a difficult time trying to get coaches. *Dolan: I know, but I do it for my softball. We have to start for them, you've got to pay everybody then.* Galli: Well, I'll tell you what. They're paying everybody 9%, I mean.... *Dolan: Jesus.* Galli: What had happened was, there's a coach, a gentlemen right back there that coached the 6th grade team. He had an offer to coach at Mid Valley, he turned it down to stay, to coach here at our 6th Grade Program. He had *inaudible* children playing there, whatsoever. *Dolan: Well, we thank him.* Galli: I do thank him. I thank him again but the thing is what happens if we can't keep these coaches if we don't start paying them. *Barone: Well, they're not going to coach anywhere then.* Lukasewicz: Frank, I coached in Little League for years and years and years and I never wanted one penny because I *both speaking at once, inaudible.* Galli: *I understand that, understand what's going to happen here.* Lukasewicz: Well, if it happens then it happens. *Galli: Okay.* Lukasewicz: There's always a parent or a father, someone that's concerned with this borough. We're not at that point... *Galli: Oh, we're not, huh?* Lukasewicz: No, we're not.

Galli: I coached the four 6th grade teams this year, and she'll verify that.... Morrell: Yes, I will and..... Lukasewicz: Thank you for doing that. Morrell: ...yes, he did. Lukasewicz: Yes, John? Galli: And I lost 20 referee basketball games to do that. Lukasewicz: Well, then..... Dolan: Thank you. Galli: There's a gentlemen over there that doesn't have a child on the team. Lukasewicz: I understand that, Frank. I understand that fully. Galli: The point I'm trying to make is we can't get the people to come in here and coach but that's all right, we'll face that problem next year when you don't have anybody and then you'll.... Lukasewicz: Well, you've got remember the Booster Club gave it to us this year so you might as well give us no coaches next year (?). Galli: That's right. Everyone speaking at once. Galli continued: We gave everybody money here tonight but you won't give to these people to help your children. Lukasewicz: You did. Galli: and the community, nothing. Lukasewicz: You did. Galli: There's a guy here..... Lukasewicz: You gave without.... Galli: We'll take it back. I'll take it back next year myself.. Lukasewicz: Good. Galli: Make it Mid Valley. Lukasewicz: Good, Frank, all right? Wonderful. Galli: I will, wonderful. You give everybody money in this place and then when this guy volunteers his time you won't give a dime. Lukasewicz:one person like you're..... inaudible. Lukasewicz continued: John, go ahead.

John Musewicz: I know a man who has to make an announcement as far noble accomplishments. As far as we're, volunteers and people that support this..... Williamsport Little League Baseball out of Williamsport made it a fact that this charter in Throop was marked with it's 50th year anniversary and they sent us a beautiful certificate.... *Lukasewicz: Wonderful. Musewicz:and it's 50 years Little League Baseball was chartered in Throop. It's quite, quite... inaudible, audience clapping. Musewicz: A lot of good volunteers and a lot of people that supported the little league and the children of the town. It's 50 years of Little League Baseball in the Borough of Throop. Shevchik: We're the 2nd oldest. Musewicz: We received a..... Lukasewicz: Pardon? Musewicz: We're the 2nd oldest in District 17. Lukasewicz: Wow. Musewicz: We've received a beautiful certificate and I hope that nobody on council, we would really like to display it on a nice plaque over at the civic center. Lukasewicz: That would be wonderful. Dolan: I do too. That would be beautiful. Musewicz: There was a lot of people through the course of it, the fifty years, that really committed a lot of time and support for Little League Baseball in Throop. Few speaking at once.*

Lukasewicz: Charlene, what do you need? *Tomasovitch: I just want to say thank you, that our dance the other night was a success. We had about 160 kids. We're trying to do something in April inaudible. Chief: We're thinking about taking the kids to a baseball game in April. We're progressing and Friday was really successful. Inaudible, it was really successful, I wanted to let council know. Barnick: You did. Everyone speaking at once.*

Barone: You know, all this stuff with the raises everything tonight *inaudible*, this never would have happened if you had the committee over there. I'm going to make a motion to have a five man committee, or a woman committee because I think she could use the help over there. This stuff wouldn't have happened tonight if that committee was there. *Dolan: He's right.*

Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

The following motion failed, as follows:

To have a five man/woman civic center committee.

**Three in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan,
Four against-Marushock, Mellody, Menichetti,
Lukasewicz**

Motion failed

Barone: If there's any more problems over there, do not call my house. *Everyone speaking at once.*
Barone continued, unclear whom speaking to, questioning if you need help down there.
The tape ended here.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Asst. Secretary