

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting for General Purposes
Thursday, May 17, 2001
following the 6:30 p.m. work session**

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

Robert Mraz-A

Vice President - George Marushock-P

Joseph Keyasko-P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-A

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-P

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements:

Dedication of the Warsaw Playground - Saturday, May 19th at 4:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Jack Dolan, Planning Agency Chairman-Questioned discussion at the work session, a motion for the Planning Commission with regards to Tiffany Estates.

Lukasewicz-Explained the discussion and the motion, the action needed to be taken by Planning, preferably as soon as possible.

Rose Kaminski-Commented the need for more than two swings at the Warsaw Playground, and the park was very nice.

Lukasewicz-Answered a few more swings will be added. This was discussed earlier.

Opening of the Bellman Street Park bids:

Name	Address	Bid
Lake Construction Inc.	222 Packer St Avoca PA 18641	\$189,222.00 10% Bid Bond
Bob Miller Construction	127 Ross St. Dunmore PA 18512	\$162,582.10 10% Bid Bond

1. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To reject the Bellman Street Park bids and to re-advertise immediately. Bob Bernosky is to revise the plans as discussed at the work session.

On the question:

A discussion took place, this being much larger than Warsaw, a lot more equipment, three shelters (open pavilions), 16' x 16', a roof, concrete, tables, plus the slides and the swings and then some rides. The plans will be revised to address the concerns of some homeowners in the area. As soon as possible, quick, immediately.

All in favor

Motion carried

Opening of the Sanderson Street Sidewalk & Curb Improvements Project bids:

Name	Address	Bid
Pioneer Construction Co. Inc	299 Main St. Sturges PA 18447	\$288,839.00 10% BB
Kaminski Brothers Inc	226 New Boston Road Pittston PA 18640-9611	\$201,711.55 10% BB
Linde Enterprises, Inc.	RR 1 Box 1755 Honesdale PA 18431	\$244,220.50 10% BB
Minichi, Inc.	810 Susquehanna Ave. West Pittston PA 18643	\$496,805.00 10% BB
Leeward Construction Inc.	RR2 Box 2062 Honesdale PA 18431	\$250,120.50 10% BB
Fabcor, Inc	1205 Mid Valley Dr Jessup PA 18434	\$246,055.65 10% BB

2. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

To refer the Sanderson Street Sidewalk & Curb Improvements Project bids to Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Engineer, Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner and Louis Cimini, Solicitor, for their review and recommendation.

On the question:

Marushock-Again, we're doing this as hopefully a yearly venture here where over time the whole town will be done, do a little bit every year and maybe improve it (inaudible).

Barone-I'm against all these bids, I think this project should be put on hold because and that money should be put in the Boulevard and down on South Valley Avenue and other sewers that are needed.

Barnick-I'll say this, like I did before, I'm going to vote against it just for the simple fact there's a lot more sewer projects that have got to be done (inaudible) this town, people get backed up and it's not right. Not when the people in the Boulevard paid for partial coverages down there, it's not fair at all. A lot of sidewalks are good on Sanderson Street and it's more important to get these sewer lines in. The people may not see them but...

Lukasewicz-I'd like to state that we've got six bids, one was extremely high and four were relatively around the \$250,000.00 mark, this other one came in at \$201,000.00 which seems to be a good price for what we're getting there. I feel it's great important that we start the beautification project in Throop and this is only the beginning of a lot more that could be done and, hopefully, it's a gain to the Civic Center and the Borough Building and it's justified. I disagree with you, Jimmy.

Barnick-Getting back to this sidewalk project, we just spoke about Eddy Creek or any street and Franko, Delaware, that's going to be massive project. Where we going to come up with this money? You've got flashing lights behind us, you have a playground that's been needed for down in the Boulevard? You're talking two bids that come up \$190,000.00, \$170,000.00, \$160,000.00, we're not going to make it, not going to make it.

Marushock-Where did you get the money before to do the Boulevard Project?

Barnick-I fought for that.

Lukasewicz-It's not going to do any good arguing. You've got your opinion, I have my opinion.

Barnick-I stated it.

Lukasewicz-Okay, you're opinion's stated, my opinion's stated. It doesn't do us any good to disagree and argue in front of the people, vote on your opinion and what you think is fair.

Chrzan-I have something to say, I think we can't afford it right now and number two, if we have to start digging up Sanderson and putting in sewers in, they're going to tear the sidewalks up again. I don't think we should do it, we can't afford it right now. The poor people in the Boulevard had to pay for theirs, I think these people should pay something. If you do it for one you've got to do it for the other.

Three in favor-Marushock, Keyasko, Lukasewicz

Four against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan

Tie Vote

Mayor in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To grant permission to Frederick C. Spott & Associates to conduct test borings on South Valley Avenue in regards to the South Valley Avenue Sewer Project and to have John Szczepaniak accompany the boring team and for John to use his discretion to stop it.

On the question:

Barnick-The upgraded, they did so much boring because they know there's a lot of rock (inaudible) because we should keep it in the same trench line instead of wasting a lot of money on boring after. I would go with....

Lukasewicz-Boring to....

Barnick-Use their discretion.

Keyasko-Don't go too stingy on the boring either.

Lukasewicz-Boring with discretion and have John Szczepaniak there as the boring is being done so we could have the discretion to stop it.....

Barnick-Because they could be going all the way up, once they hit a rock....

Lukasewicz-Instead of them just saying someone there to do the boring, have John accompany the boring team.

(Both spoke at once.)

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To notify Leeward Construction, Inc. that they have thirty days to complete the Boulevard Project or the Borough will complete it at Leeward's expense.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To allocate \$1,000.00 to Jamie Shevchik, Civic Center Director, for the summer recreation program at the Washington Street Park.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize Elaine Morrell to purchase computer software module for accounts receivable program.

All in favor

Motion carried

Morrell-I would like to say this would help us keep track of all the paving assessments and any subdivision and land development, it's not just for the general income.

Morrell-Do you want an evaluation and design, or just an evaluation first?

Barnick-I would say some kind of rough specs to see where he recommends it to go?

Marushock-There's probably only one way to go. Maybe he can go down (inaudible).

A discussion took place.

Lukasewicz-Instead of actually designed, just look at it and come up with a cost evaluation?

To evaluate and come up with a possible design with a cost in mind by the end of the month work session.

16. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To authorize the Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Associates to evaluate and design for bid, with cost in mind, the sewer extension connection for 400 Center Street (Pearl Chorba's) by the end of the month work session.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Keyasko

To dedicate/name the new playground in the Warsaw Section on Ollendike St. the "Warsaw Playground".

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Barone

Seconded by Chrzan

To vacate the Vice President's chair.

Three in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan

Three in against -Marushock, Keyasko, Lukasewicz

Tie Vote Mayor-Against

Motion failed

Audience comments:

Betty Goreschak-Questioned the Mayor what was in the paper (The Wall Street Journal) with regard to Marjol. The Mayor mentioned he would give her a copy of the article.

Dominick Rocco-Questioned the motion made about Tiffany with regard to the fence. He asked that council put something in about the open drain pipe. (The open drain pipe and the storm drains going down the hill.)

19. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

To send a letter to the Planning Commission to enforce the policies within their jurisdiction in regards to storm water retainage for the Tiffany Estates.

All in favor

Motion carried

Rocco-Said having no sidewalks on Sanderson was very dangerous, sewers are more important and where there is no sidewalk at all is even more important. A discussion took place, everyone spoke at once.

(The tape was changed here.)

20. Motion by Barnick

Seconded by Chrzan

To direct the DPW to cut a path along Sanderson Street.

Four in favor-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan, Lukasewicz

Two against-Marushock, Keyasko

Motion carried

Lukasewicz-Anything else?

Rocco-Yeah, to make a motion you put storm drains on that hill.

Lukasewicz-From what I could see, Rocco, the Planning Commission, which is the legal authority in regards to storm drains on that development, is going to receive a notice from council to move forward and address that with Tiffany Estates and once they address it, if Tiffany Estates doesn't want to do whatever they're supposed to do, at that point council is going to have to do it. (Both spoke at once.)

Debbie Cesari, Murray Street-On the parking thing, I was wondering if there's such thing as if you could allow the residents, maybe between the hours of 10:00 till 7:00 to park where they want to park on their sidewalks, and in the daytime most of them like you said are gone to work or whatever but if they're not, allow a space enough for people to walk.

Lukasewicz-That's a great idea, especially (inaudible).

Rose Kaminski, 221 Bellman Street-I had gone to Robbie about this a few months ago and then again, Bellman Street doesn't have any signs. There's only two, one on the bottom of Dimmick and one on Pancoast, there's none on Rebecca or Bellman.

Lukasewicz-Street name signs?

Kaminski-Street name signs, for Bellman Street. When they were putting the road in they took the pole and everything down, they never replaced it.

Lukasewicz-Asked Elaine to contact whoever is in charge when Robbie is gone and find out if there is signs available and go down and post whatever has to be done to post the property. If there's not actual signs that say the name, I'm sure they have other items there that we can use and make temporary signs and order new signs. A discussion took place. He also asked that Dave Palfrey be contacted to bring public notice, posting numbers on the homes, was there an ordinance passed with regards to this.

Etta Lukowski, 106 Eddy Street-Can you tell me the distance, legally, for legally parking by a fire hydrant.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary