

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
for General Purposes
Thursday, May 8, 2003
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Military and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Anthony Chrzan - **P**

James Barnick - **P**

Vice President- Thomas Lukasewicz - **P**

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

George Marushock - **P**

Daryl Menichetti - **P**

Joseph Barone - **P**

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - **P**

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini - **P**

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **A**

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

Announcements:

- * An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:15 p.m. regarding personnel matters
- * Thursday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. - Public Hearing as per a petition requesting a hearing in regards to the vacating of Clay St. between Ridge St and Martarano Dr. - A Special Meeting will follow to act on vacating Clay St.
- * Thursday, May 22, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. - Monthly work session followed by the monthly meeting. (Due to the observance of Memorial Day, the May monthly meeting will immediately follow the work session.)

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

1. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$1,921.00 to Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc. as per the recommendation of Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner. This represents the retainage for the 400 Center St. Sewer Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To ratify the purchase of a Sunny Day Fund CD # 47327, Account # 40-302424-7 in the amount of \$59,399.96 for 6 mos at 1.42 % on April 30, 2003 at the First National Community Bank. This represents 10% of the Host Municipality Quarterly Check from Keystone Landfill.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Marushock**

To amend the March 31, 2003 Minutes - Final vote on Motion # 10. The original minutes did not show that Mr. Barnick changed his vote. (The motion still carried to pay Elliott, Reihner & Siedzikowski.)

Six in favor - Chrzan, Lukasewicz, Marushock, Menichetti, Barone, Mellody
One against - Barnick

Motion carried

4. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To ratify the announcement of award and notice to proceed to the lowest most responsible bidder Scranton Craftsmen Excavating by our Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Associates for the "Keystone Detention Basin, Outlet Replacement Project", for a total of \$33,700.00. Also to ratify the purchase of pipe at the lowest cost from Central Clay for a total of \$25,512.40

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

Motion carried

5. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize the quarterly payment in the amount of \$833.33 to Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Services from the assets of the Non-Uniform Plan.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Chrzan Seconded by Lukasewicz

To allow Marc Mureko to return to work without restrictions as per the doctor's release.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Lukasewicz Seconded by Marushock

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 4 of 2003, a resolution amending the Interjurisdictional Agreement with the Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority with the solicitor's review. (Appendix B and D)

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Lukasewicz Seconded by Marushock

Motion #8 failed, as follows:

To have Attorney Cimini send a letter to Leo Murray (Excalibur Insurance Management Services, a member of Volpe Insurance Group) stating there are no jobs available in the DPW department within the restrictions placed by Michael Bianchi, D.D.S.

On the question:

Menichetti: Do we have a written policy or anything?

Morrell: I don't believe there was any written policy. But we haven't had any light duty for any DPW workers.

Four against - Chrzan, Barnick, Menichetti, Barone

Three in favor - Lukasewicz, Marushock, Mellody

Motion failed

Council went into Executive Session for approximately five minutes.

9. Motion by Lukasewicz Seconded by Marushock

To have Attorney Cimini send a letter to Leo Murray (Excalibur Insurance Management Services a member of Volpe Insurance Group) to request a 15 day extension to review the situation further.

Three Against - Chrzan, Barnick, Barone

Four in favor - Lukasewicz, Marushock, Menichetti, Mellody

Motion carried

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

To authorize Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, to have Turner Hydraulics repair the packmaster at an estimated cost of \$3,589.68. To authorize an overnight stay for the workers, if necessary.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Barone**

To grant permission to St. John's Church to close Hulse Street along side of the church while they are cleaning the steeple. (To coordinate it with the Chief.)

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To authorize Street Commissioner, Robert Kalinoski, to include in the paving project the portion of George St. in front of Gangi's.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Barone **Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, to handle all the "Punch List" items in regards to Crawford Court Phase II Project and the Boulevard Project that was not completed by Leeward with the recommendation of the solicitor.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize the Solicitor, Lou Cimini, to do whatever is necessary regarding Leeward in reference to the Boulevard Project and Crawford Court Phase II Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

Council Comments:

Chrzan: I want to entered into the record. Last week on April 28, I was accused by a certain party in here, that I was thrown out of the VFW. It's an absolute lie and I want to read the letter from the commander. *The letter was read from the Peckville VFW* and is incorporated and attached hereto. Hartshorn: I said he was thrown out of the VFW. I did not say he was thrown out as a member but he was thrown out of there for his mouth.

Chrzan indicated he was never thrown out and a discussion ensued.

Marushock: Note that this letter is from the VFW in Peckville, Pa.

Barnick: That's where he's a member.

Chrzan: I'm a member up in Peckville. A life member. I served my time in Korea, Geddy, and I don't like being accused of something like that.

Barone: Pertaining to Franko and Catherino Streets, that South Valley Avenue, when they start fixing the sidewalks it's going to be a mess down there. I think we ought to put that on the agenda and get that straightened out as soon as we could. *Barnick said it would never get straight.* Barone continued: Well, we're not get it straightened out by sitting here and not doing anything about it. If we have to get a hold of Martarano and do what we have to, let's do it. *Chrzan said something should be done.*

Mayor: Well, you said you're going to widen Franko Street. Where can widen Franko?

Chrzan: Who said that, Mayor? *Few speaking at once.* Who said they were going to.....

Mayor: Widen Franko Street. It's in the minutes, a couple of times.

A discussion ensued, few speaking at once.

Audience Comments:

Susan Shortz, Franko Street - Mentioned Doug Blazey bringing an associate to the Zoning Hearing and if he brought someone the borough should not pay if it was not authorized by council.

Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Marushock

To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary