

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
for General Purposes
Thursday, November 14, 2002
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Anthony Chrzan - **A**

James Barnick - **A**

Vice President- Thomas Lukasewicz - **P**

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

George Marushock - **P**

Daryl Menichetti - **P**

Joseph Barone - **A**

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - **P**

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini - **P**

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - **P**

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

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

1. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To appoint David Cheplick, Marion Circle, Throop for part time temporary help to work with the DPW (Department of Public Works) during the absence of a full time employee. (The Teamsters Union is in agreement.)

On the question:

Mayor: He's got quite the qualifications.

Marushock: Right here, he has thirty two years of experience and....

Mayor: And you picked a good man, I think.

Menichetti: *Inaudible, questioned what rate of pay would be.*

Morrell: The summer temporary help has always been \$7.00 (per hour), even when it's been carried through to the winter. *Menichetti, Marushock, inaudible.* Morrell continued: I do believe I did mention it to him when he came in, that's what the rate has been in the past.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: Before we go on, in anticipation if he doesn't want it for that amount of money could we hire someone else just in case?

Marushock: I would recommend Randy Hebden in case Mr. Cheplick *(does not accept the position)*.

Lukasewicz: So it would have to be another motion then, so do you want to make a motion?

Marushock: Okay. I move that we, as a backup just in case Mr. Cheplick would not accept this position, that in his place we would appoint Randy Hebden from Charles Street, again, at the \$7.00 per hour rate.

2. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Lukasewicz

In the event David Cheplick does not accept the position, to appoint Randy Hebden, Charles Street, for part time temporary help to work with the DPW (Department of Public Works) during the absence of a full time employee. (The Teamsters Union is in agreement.)

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To ratify the roll over/purchase of the Sunny Day Fund CD, Account # 511022334 in the amount of \$286,316.04 for 1 year at 2.6% interest at FNCB.

On the question:

Marushock: *Inaudible*, comparison to other banks to make sure it's the proper rate, the best rate?

Morrell: Yes, I did.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Marushock

To ratify that Application for Payment # 1 was paid to Scranton Craftsmen, Inc., South Valley Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project, \$112,086. (EPA Funding). (Reimbursement request submitted . We can only request 55% each payment up to the \$200,000.00 grant.) Also to ratify that Application for Payment # 1 was paid to Scranton Craftsmen, Inc., South Valley Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project, \$26,010. (Borough Funding).

On the question:

Marushock: This is with the borough engineer's recommendation and the street commissioner's recommendation?

Morrell: Yes.

Dolan: It's already paid.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: In regards to that project, I don't know if anybody's been really watching, they seem to be doing a heck of a job. *Inaudible*, get as much done as they got done so far. I anticipated a lot of problems with traffic and this and that but I've been going through every day and it's been easy. *Menichetti inaudible, asking status of something, Morrell mentioned she just gave the person Scranton Craftsmen's information. Lukasewicz, inaudible.*

5. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To adopt Throop Borough Ordinance # 14 of 2002 setting a 20 MPH Speed limit on Copperrick St.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Menichetti

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution #23 of 2002 updating the authorized representatives for 2002 EPA Appropriations Act Grant, James Mellody Jr, Thomas J. Lukasewicz and Robert Kalinoski.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Menichetti

To donate \$1,400.00 to Throop Hose Companies for the Annual Santa Claus Parade.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize payment to PMPS in the amount \$750.00 for administration of Non-Uniform Pension Plan from the assets of the fund.

All in favor **Motion carried**

9. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Marushock**

To approve application for Payment #3, Minichi, Inc., Warsaw Project, \$80,919.63 from the CDBG Grant as approved by the engineer and LCRA.

On the question:

Marushock: One question here, do we need Robbie's recommendation, we have the engineer.
Lukasewicz inaudible.

All in favor **Motion carried**

10. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize the purchase of the warranty for 2003 Crown Victoria - \$3,100.00 for 3yr/100,000 miles. (The original quote was incorrect.)

All in favor **Motion carried**

11. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Menichetti**

To authorize Rainey & Rainey to perform the 2002 Audit, at the same rate as the 2001 Audit.

Audience Comments on Motion #11: None

All in favor **Motion carried**

12. Motion by Lukasewicz **Seconded by Menichetti**

To direct the Borough Solicitor, Louis Cimini, to contact the particular group regarding the cell towers and to review the information.

Audience Comments on Motion #12:

Charles Reed: My only problem with that is maybe we want to check into all the reports on that

electro-magnetical field these towers are putting out that are found to cause cancer.

Mellody: Okay.

Reed: And they, being that close to the, our residents, I mean that's a big concern.

Keyasko: Nobody else wants them in the valley and we're going to take them?

Menichetti: We're looking into it, we're not taking it, we're only looking into it and believe me, I'll be the last person in the world that will vote for it *inaudible*.

On the question:

Marushock: This will be with the understanding that we are only looking into this....

Few speaking at once, inaudible.

Lukasewicz: ...to tell what, if there are any financial benefits to the borough.

Few speaking at once, inaudible.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Lukasewicz

Seconded by Marushock

To authorize the Civic Center Director, Gail Ercoli, and three maintenance men, Dick Fuhr, Ralph Savitski and Ted Warney, to attend the clinic for Sports Wood & Gym Floors that is being sponsored by Pennsylvania Paper & Supply at a cost of \$25 per person.

Audience Comments on Motion #13:

Dolan: Where is the clinic at?

Morrell: I believe it's at the J.C.C., it's in Scranton.

Dave Morrell: On the gym floor, we had practice over there, I think it was either last night or the night before, it was still a little slippery and they have a game going on there tonight and I talked to *inaudible* over there now and he had talked to the employer's and they said that it's going to be fine. You can actually hear the sneakers squeaking on the floor now where you couldn't before because of the oil and *inaudible*.

Dolan: That happened once before. The key to that is the buffing.

Lukasewicz: You've got to be careful with that (the floor).

Menichetti discussed sending all three maintenance men and the director.

All in favor

Motion carried

Dolan: I have a question, the motion you just passed, is it mandatory that they go?

Marushock: I would recommend that they go. *Few speaking at once, inaudible.*

Lukasewicz: Yes, I would say mandatory, yes, definitely.

Menichetti: Absolutely.

Lukasewicz: Definitely mandatory.

Dolan: Okay, all right.

Audience Comments:

Susan Shortz, Franko Street - *Inaudible*, Questioned if Atty. Blazey was doing anything else for the borough besides handling the Gould zoning matter.

Lukasewicz said he believed not, but he was handling the zoning issue. Menichetti said we were not giving up on the fight but that the borough could not afford anymore.

Morrell asked council if Blazey should be asked to attend the possible meeting that was to be in the borough, just Gannett Fleming, EPA, DEP and all the legislators were going to be asked to attend. A discussion took place, Blazey should be asked to attend the meeting at no charge to the borough.:

Dave Morrell, 315 George St. - Commented on the landfill, when he was in Harrisburg it was discussed that Ohio and Keystone Landfill were probably the only places to go, New Jersey is almost at maximum and another one in New York is topping off now.

Lukasewicz discussed the landfill revenue, this was a rude awakening and Menichetti said this is the wake up call.

Charles Reed - Discussed bringing up an AED for the civic center, several times. One was obtained for the police vehicle and Rescue 27, he thought council should make the investment of \$2500, it was not a lot if it saved someone's life.

Lukasewicz, inaudible, discussed once the budget was looked at they would try to see how it could be done and Menichetti agreed.

The meeting was adjourned

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Asst. Sec.