

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Meeting for General Purposes
Monday, October 22, 2001
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Of Council:

Joseph Barone-P

Vice President - James Barnick-P

Anthony Chrzan-P

President - Thomas Lukasewicz-P

Jim Mellody-P

George Marushock-P

Joseph Keyasko-P

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski-P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini-A

Treasurer - Lenore Dolan-A

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell-P

Announcements:

- Blood Drive - Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 23rd at the Civic Center from Noon to 6:00 p.m. - Sponsored by the Throop Lions Club and Throop Civic Center.

- The regular monthly work sessions and meetings for the months of November and December are re-scheduled due to Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. November's Monthly work session & meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2001 beginning at 6:30 p.m. December's monthly work session & meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2001 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The following topics/projects were discussed at great length:

South Valley Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project, the Warsaw Storm Sewer Project, the Eddy Creek Sewer Project, the 400 Center Street Sewer Project: Bids will be opened Oct. 29 at the regular monthly meeting. The Bellman Street Park Project, the Ordinance and Motion regarding the opening of Franko and Catherino Streets a.k.a. Sharkey Street to Ridge Street, the request of Matt Cortazar for smallpox vaccine, the defibulator for the Civic Center and Police Department.

Audience comments on motions:

Joe Sklareski, Pendel St-Commented on the Bellman Street Park Project, access to the adjacent properties.

Daryl Menichetti, North Street, Betty Goreschak, Meade Street-Commented on the defibulator.

Matt Cortazar, Lenore Dolan,,Mayor Lukowski, Jack Dolan, Renee Marushock and Dave Repchick all commented on the opening of Frank and Catherino to Ridge Street.

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barone

To direct Louis A. Cimini, Borough Solicitor to proceed with condemnation on the properties where easements are not procured within 20 days in regards to the Warsaw Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Mellody

To rescind Motion #18 of October 11, 2001 as follows:

To grant a 15' access along Bellman Street Park for abutting lots to access their properties and to move the fence alongside the playground.

On the question:

Lukasewicz-I don't have a happy solution to this and I cannot give up this land. I just cannot give up more of the park. I went down there, I walked, we spent \$250,000 on this park and \$250,000.... all we got is a parking lot, the park and a little basketball court. I just can't see giving up any more for you to have parking. And I've always said that we should try to give access to these people and their properties but I, there's no easy answer so I'll be voting to rescind this.

Barnick-I think it's an outrageous disgrace that this is going to happen to these people and have access (inaudible). The property was originally deeded to the borough. In the right place, the borough didn't do the right thing in the right place when they (inaudible) appeal this with D&L

Realty. You're taking away access to the people that had it for many, many years. I just think it's wrong. (Inaudible) you're just going to make peoples lives hard.

Barone-I think we should do what Joe said. Wait for Monday, get everybody down, take a look at the place. Instead of looking up in the air, we don't know what's going on. Go down and look at it. What? Four or five more days?

Lukasewicz-Joe, I tend to agree with you.

Barone-Five more days, let them all look at it. Then vote on it.

Lukasewicz-Tomorrow we're going down there and I tend to agree with you but unless we can come up with a solution that's better than what we have now, I'm going to vote the way.....

Barone-Why does it have to be rescinded tonight?

Everyone spoke at once.

Lukasewicz-Because there's construction crews, somebody's got to give these guys direction of what to do down there. The fence guy is not ready to come back in yet so we probably have some days to wait.

Barone-There you go. I think we should go down there and look at it and then decide and if it passes....

Marushock-I think we basically know the situation that exists down there and.....

Sklareski-But maybe there would be another solution to it somehow.

Marushock-Can I add to this? What I'd like, and you had said your lawyer was speaking here where they said that you have to give up accessibility. Perhaps hopefully, you and the neighbors who were interested in this piece can sit down and renegotiate this and I feel that some type of, waiving from you for liability or something, that this could be opened without the borough going.....

Sklareski-....giving up the land, this is the future of my kids and I don't know what they're going to do.

Marushock-That I understand.

Sklareski-That's it.

Marushock-All I believe that we're asking for is for you to give up 10' of your property there. The rest is still accessible, it would be in the far corner....in the extreme rear.

Everyone spoke at once.

Chrzan-That's right, why can't the borough give it up?

Lukasewicz-He doesn't want to give it up, I don't want to give it up.

Marushock-Why should we have all the citizens in the borough giving up the accessibility and the full benefit of that park? That's my opinion.

Lukasewicz-So there's a motion on the floor, do you want to proceed as is or do you want to table it, or what do you want to do. It's up to you, you made the motion.

Marushock-To keep, rescind the motion and hopefully this could be resolved between the neighbors that are down there without everyone.....

**Four in favor-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
Three Against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan Motion carried**

A discussion continued with regard to Motion #2, everyone speaking at once.

3. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Keyasko**

To reconsider the motion to open Franko St. and Catherino St. (a.k.a. Sharkey St.) to Ridge St.

All in favor **Motion carried**

4. Motion by Barnick **Seconded by Barone**

To authorize Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer to review and design specs and to accept the easement from Martarano in regards to the opening of Franko St. and Catherino St. to Ridge St.

(Please be advised that, in the comments, Tommy said once the engineer gets into this council will sit down with the them step by step and that this will be a number one priority.)

All in favor **Motion carried**

5. Motion by Chrzan **Seconded by Barone**

To authorize to pay the annual membership dues for the PAL chapter membership in the amount of \$350.00.

All in favor **Motion carried**

6. Motion by Marushock **Seconded by Keyasko**

To vacate the Vice President's chair.

On the question:

Barnick-Good luck with the banks, again.

Barone-You voted him out, the town's going to come to a halt again.

Marushock-I don't think so.

Barone-It came to a halt already.

Chrzan-Joe, let them do what they want already.

Lukasewicz-....get some real things done.

Four in favor-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
Three Against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan Motion carried

7. Motion by Keyasko

Seconded by Marushock

To appoint Jim Mellody as Vice President.

On the question:

Barnick-I think it's outrageous to put him in as Vice President for the simple fact is to go out and question one of our borough employees about putting flags, having too many flags in the town, makes me sick. Sick to think that he's going to be the Vice President of this town.

Mellody-Who did I question about that?

Barone-This is when the guys were putting the flags out here around the building, didn't you say they were getting carried away?

Barnick-Yes, he did.

Mellody-They were putting up dirty flags.

Barone-So, you said they were getting carried away.

Mellody-Well, yes.

Barnick-Yes, there you go.

Everyone spoke at once.

**Four in favor-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
Three against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan Motion carried**

Morrell-We're going to need a motion to adopt a Resolution to change the signatures on all the bank accounts. And I'll have to look up the Resolution #.

8. Motion by Keyasko

Seconded by Marushock

To adopt a Resolution to change the signatures on all the bank accounts. (Resolution #26 of 2001).

**Four in favor-Marushock, Mellody, Keyasko, Lukasewicz
Three against-Barone, Barnick, Chrzan Motion carried**

Audience Comments:

Daryl Menichetti, North Street- Stated she thought some conduct is just horrible, a disgrace to the borough and they didn't act like gentlemen picking on an older gentleman.

Bette Goreschak, Meade Street-Asked when the sewer projects would be put out, Meade (Street) is very bad.

Rose Kaminski, Bellman Street-Asked what would be done about the water problem coming down between the two houses, coming off Bellman Street, no street drains. A discussion took place.

9. Motion by Marushock

Seconded by Keyasko

To authorize Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Borough Engineer review the storm water problem area in the 200 block of Bellman St. and to come up with a solution.

All in favor

Motion carried

Matt Cortazar, Throop Borough Ambulance-Questioned if the bids for ambulance providers was resubmitted and they asked for a special meeting and didn't receive word on that yet.

(Bids for ambulance services was re-advertised, due in Oct. 11, 2001 and no ambulance bids were received.)

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary