

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, September 25, 2000  
7:00 p.m.**

**The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Of Council:**

Joseph Keyasko-A  
Vice President - Anthony Chrzan-P  
George Marushock-P  
Thomas Lukasewicz-P  
James Barnick-P  
President - Joseph Barone-P  
Robert Mraz-P  
**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski-P  
**Controller** - Daryl Menichetti-P  
**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini-P  
**Treasurer** - Lenore Dolan-P

**Announcements:**

- An executive session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. with Attorney Doug Blazey regarding legal issues, Marjol Battery Site and also with Throop Hose Co. #2.
- A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 with Marvin Brotter regarding a recreational grant. A Budget Work Session will follow.
- A Special Work Session followed by a Special Meeting for General Purposes will be held on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Council Comments:**

- Joe Barone announced there will be a motion be put on the agenda to adopt Ordinance #18 of 2000 regarding no parking on the right side Simpson Street.
- Jim Barnick announced he would like to add motions pertaining to the sewer waste plan, sending it to the planning commission and the required fee, from Jefferson Township, going through Throop, and to return any parking ticket fees to people in the Borough of Throop.

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda: None**

1. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To accept the treasurer's report, police reports, zoning report, landfill inspectors' reports, minutes of the August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meetings.

All in favor, except  
Barnick, against police reports.

Motion Carried

**MONTHLY BILLS.**

**Lenore Dolan, Treasurer read the totals only of the list of bills to be paid.**

**Mrs. Dolan also reported on the paid monthly bills, Home Program Account, the Credit from Keystone Landfill/Quarry and the Interest Free Loan from Keystone Sanitary Landfill.**

2. Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Lukasewicz

To pay the monthly bills against the borough.

On the question:

**Marushock-I'm going to be voting against things, Blue Cross & Blue Shield for Attorney Cimini and Mr. Shevchik, I will be against the bill that we have this month for payment regarding the Civic Center, I will be against the \$6,250.00 for Attorney Cimini's fee for last month, I will be against Gannett-Fleming's total of \$15,174.76. One other question I did have was regarding the permit fees for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regarding the Boulevard Sewer Project, permit fees were \$14,150.00, does anyone have any explanation on that?**

Dolan-Is Robbie here? Robbie looked into all of them, they were all held back. Where's Robbie? He could explain that, he will.

Kalinoski-What's up?

Dolan-Rob, he's questioning, you want me to tell him, Geddy, or....

Marushock-Yeah, Rob, the question I had was regarding the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, permit fees for the Boulevard Project. We have a total of \$14,150.78 they're looking for, is that recent?

Kalinoski-That's not firm.

Marushock-Pardon?

Kalinoski-That's not firm, there's still more bills coming in.

Marushock-That's just for permit fees?

Kalinoski-Inspection fees.

Marushock-I'll tell you, it's a lot of money, I mean, is this legit as far as.....

Kalinoski-There was a conflict on two of the bills, they were held up for probably 2 ½ months for PennDOT to get to back to us. They had billed us twice in the same day but that was straightened about two weeks ago.

Marushock-Is everything straightened out now, or.....

Kalinoski-There is also a letter that, I believe, Lenore has that's actually billed from PennDOT.....

Marushock-And this would only be for the state roads that they inspected?

Kalinoski-There's separate ones. There's separate ones for Crawford and there's separate ones for Boulevard Avenue. I believe all that is from Boulevard Avenue Project only which would be Boulevard and Rebecca.

Marushock-That's the way everything is listed as the Boulevard Project.

Kalinoski-There should have been another one, it might have been paid last month.

Dolan-It was.

**Marushock-If we have to pay it, okay, I would vote to pay that.**

Dolan-Isn't the credit on there? Is the credit there? Isn't there one that said credit?

Marushock-For the PennDOT?

Dolan-Yes, it would be in the list of.....(unclear).

**Marushock-The other thing would be against the petty cash reimbursement for the Civic Center, it should be \$597.00.** I believe that is it at this time, thank you.

**Barnick-On the question, I already addressed this with the chief. The only thing I would be against is the head badges, six of them.** They weren't approved by the purchasing committee and, furthermore, they should be from the uniform allowance.

Dolan-Which one, Jim?

Barnick-Six hat badges at \$420.00.

**Chrzan-I'm going to be against the badges too for the hats, I feel they should come out of their allowance.**

Barnick-I just ask that any time it's over \$200.00, this is the second time that I know of right here, that they contact the purchasing committee before they go and purchase something and get some kind of accountability.

Chrzan-That happened before, too.

Barnick-Yes.

Chrzan-It's got to stop.

Barone-Elaine, roll call.

**In favor-Chrzan, except as noted.**

Mayor-Why should they contact the purchasing committee if, wait a minute, this is double talk. Why should they have contacted the purchasing committee if you're now saying it should come out of their allowance? Now we have a double standard here, what is it? Should they (unclear) or should they have gone through you?

Chrzan-They didn't come to us, they should have come to us, we give them everything they want. David, have I ever turned you people down for anything?

Mayor-Yeah, but you're saying.....

Chrzan-Nothing, right? The procedure is you got to go through the committee, why do you have a committee? Mayor, that's why the committee.

Mayor-All that has been paid for by council in the past.

Barnick-Yeah, well they have and I talked to Neil about it. We approached him the other day, we brought him in here, some were, some were not.

Unknown-The majority of them.

Repchick-If you go back thirteen years ago there might be some yes, some no. As of the probably the last six they were.

Barnick-Two new ones.

Mraz-What happened to the statement that we had at an executive session with police officers stating that all decisions will come to the borough president, go to the mayor, then talk to Neil, not this behind their back talk.....

Barnick-He was there.

Mraz-The Chief.

Lukasewicz-Then why wasn't all seven council members when it was decided there?

Barnick-I don't have to go through anybody, I don't care what you.....

Mraz-No, I thought we decided in a meeting, gentlemen.

Lukasewicz-You don't remember, Joe? How could you not remember?

Mraz-You don't remember, Mr. President? When I stated, when I called a personal meeting here? You don't remember that, all of a sudden you got memory lapse?

Lukasewicz-Joe, you can't remember that?

Mraz-I'm not saying about bills we have, I'm questioning about the meeting. And I believe Mr. Cimini was here too. Mr. Cimini, do you remember that decision I made? I got it in writing, maybe he wants to see it.

Chrzan-If they went through the procedure, there would have been no problem, all they had to do was ask.

Mraz-I didn't bring that up, I'm bringing up about this private stuff going on, on the sides, when other people have to work.

Marushock-Evidently what Mr. Mraz is questioning is Mr. Barnick's private meeting with Mr. Furiosi, that's the question.

Mraz-And we got it, it was supposed to go through the borough president, to the mayor, to the chief, if we all went to the, if we all went, wait a minute, I have the floor Mr. Barnick.

Barnick-That's pretty bad that a public official can't have.....

Mraz-Please could I speak?

Chrzan-Bob.....

Mraz-What?

Chrzan-Don't get excited, you know what happened last time you got excited.

Mraz-Why can't I speak? Mr. President, please conduct the meeting properly.

Barone-Go ahead, speak.

Mraz-What I'm bringing up is if all seven of us, this was what we stated at the meeting when we had it privately here, if all seven of us come to the chief.....

Barnick-Now he's bringing up that executive session into.....

Mraz-No, no, you know what? Forget it. I guess Mr. Barnick doesn't want me to talk, that's why he keeps interrupting me. He wants the paper to get his name in the paper, not anybody else's, no, no, no.

Barnick-Okay, I'll finish. As a representative of.....

Mraz-I say we table this and.....

Everyone spoke at once, the tape is unclear.

Lukasewicz-Is the procedure as stands as stated in the prior meeting stated by you and all members of council that any negotiations with the police would be council president, all members of council, and the mayor. That was stated here, don't get.....mind lost, Joe.

Everyone spoke at once.

Mraz-July 17<sup>th</sup> we had a procedure, complaints pass to the president, to the mayor, to the chief, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Lukasewicz-That's right.

Mayor-What is more peculiar is that every motion was brought up at the work session on Thursday is on here, motion for the two radios is not on here. What is that all about?

Morrell-Oh, that's because I forgot it.

Barnick-I had to leave early so I don't know.....

Mayor-Why isn't it on there?

Morrell-I forgot it, Mayor.

Mayor-Oh then, sorry Elaine.

Mraz-Why do you have meetings and agree to things prior and then change it all the way around. That's what I want to know.

Barnick-You might have agreed to it but I didn't.

Mraz-Oh, okay, okay, no, we all have.....

Barnick-We all have our individual minds and represent the people in different ways.

Mraz-Yes we do.

Barnick-And I'm going to question every bill that goes through here. The ones I feel need questioning.....

Mraz-Yeah, okay, good.....

Barnick-And that's my right as an elected official and I will reserve that right at any time.

Mraz-Good.

Barnick-Just like I question Robbie on things, I question anybody, any purchases.



Mraz-And I'm still on the question.  
Chrzan-I called the question.  
Lukasewicz-Still on it.  
Mraz-Did I stop?  
Barone-When he calls the question, that's it.  
Lukasewicz-That doesn't mean that's it.  
Mraz-Huh, for certain people.  
Everyone spoke at once.

**In favor Marushock for all except against Mr. Shevchik and Mrs. Dolan**

Chrzan-Could you tell us why Mr. Marushock you're always against them two people and the civic center, would you please explain to these people.

Marushock-Discrepancies over there I'm not.....

Everyone spoke at once and a discussion took place about the Civic Center.

**Barnick-For all except the three hours.**

**Lukasewicz-For**

**Mraz-For everything**

**Barone-For all except the hours**

Three in favor-Marushock, Lukasewicz, Mraz  
Marushock against Shevchik and Dolan's checks  
Three against the three hours in question-Chrzan, Barnick, and Barone  
Tie Mayor-in favor Motion carried

Barnick-Mr. Chairman, I would like to question that, Mr. Cimini could look that up later on to see if it passed because I don't believe what it's concerning, whose authority, if the tie could be broke.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**4. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Chrzan**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor Motion carried

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT.**

**Daryl Menichetti, Controller read the controller's report.**

**5. Motion by Lukasewicz Seconded by Marushock**

To accept the Controller's Reports and Financial Statements.

On the question:

Barnick-Do we know how much interest we've collected on CD's so far?

Menichetti-Do you want the CD's that were rolled over? Because we don't collect the interest until.....

Barnick-I understand.

Menichetti-General Fund CD on 02/02 from Pioneer Bank \$20,415.39, Sunny Day from the Pioneer Bank 04/19 \$14,133.97.

Four in favor-Marushock, Lukasewicz, Mraz, Barone  
Two against- Chrzan, Barnick Motion carried

To accept the Borough's Annual Audit for year ending December 31, 1999 prepared by Bernard A. Fagnani, CPA.

On the question:

Marushock-I'm in favor of accepting the audit however, there's a \$78,000.00 discrepancy that's never been resolved. I believe between the years 1997 and '98 the year ending balance for the one year versus the year beginning balance for the next year is where the discrepancy occurred. To the best of my knowledge it's never been resolved and right now I believe we're carrying false figures without that final resolution of that number however, **I would vote to accept the annual audit for 1999 but with notation that we need to get this thing resolved. Where's the \$78,000.00?**

Barone-\$78,000.00?

Marushock-I believe so, sir.

Chrzan-I thought it was \$7800.00.

Marushock-Let's see, for the year ended December 31, 1997 we showed a fund balance ending December 31, 1997 of \$1,767,085.00 however for the fund, okay, for the report ending December 31, 1998 on that report it says the fund balance beginning, which would have been December, I'm sorry, which should have been January 1<sup>st</sup> of '98, \$1,688,492.00. So what we need to do we need to take is take the number \$1,767,085.00 and subtract \$1,688,492.00 and whatever that difference is, is what's the discrepancy and this has been well, since 1998, since December 31<sup>st</sup> of '98.

Barone-Can anybody answer that?

Barnick-I don't know, (unclear) was budgeted (unclear).

Lukasewicz-I have no idea of what he's talking about.

Everyone spoke at once.

Barone-Daryl, do have any idea of what he's talking about?

Menichetti-Yes, the ending balance at the end of the year has to equal the balance at the beginning of the year and it doesn't.

Chrzan-Why wasn't that brought to our attention? And why wait 'till now? 1998?

Marushock-First of all this is the first annual audit that I have voted. The numbers for, that I just mentioned, have never been resolved. So how did we start with a number.....

Barone-You have an answer for that, Lenore?

Dolan-Don't look at me, I don't do the posting, the Controller does the posting.

Marushock-.....January 1<sup>st</sup> of 1999, what was the real number?

Menichetti-I wasn't the controller then.

Dolan-Then you'd have to go to Mr. Namyak.

Menichetti-You hired a certified public accountant, you should go to him and ask him.

Dolan-Yeah, that's what I just said.

Marushock-I believe Parente and Randolph, (unclear) they did the report. There's a report here from Gavigan and Company.

Dolan-Gavigan only did the Civic Center. That's all he did. He did nothing else.

Marushock-Okay the Borough of Throop's financial statement, I guess December 31<sup>st</sup> '96 was done by Gavigan and Co.

Everybody spoke at once.

Marushock-What I'm questioning is this the real number? What's the real number that we started.....

Dolan-Well the real number would probably be looking at the bank rec., that would be the real number.

Marushock-Does he look that back far.....this number that has never been resolved.

Dolan-Well, sure you could. Well, yeah, the bank recs would, yes, Ms. Menichetti did the bank recs when she was treasurer, so yes, you could go back that far.

Marushock-Well, I don't know what, again, this was between 1997 and '98.

Barnick-On the question Mr. Chairman, like I said if the bank recs were done it should be shorted there, if they were done. The only reason I will be voting against this audit, until I get some questions and answers and Lou, I pose the questions to you, and hopefully you'll get them answers back to me, the accuracy of this.

Three in favor-Marushock, to accept it but notation as noted, Lukasewicz, Mraz  
Three against-Chrzan, Barnick, Barone  
Tie Vote Mayor-in favor Motion carried

**7. Motion by Lukasewicz Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize payment to Bernard A. Fagnani for the sum of \$4,100.00 for the 1999 Annual audit.

On the question:

Barnick-I will be voting against this bill for the simple fact I want some questions answered before I would vote for it.

Three in favor-Marushock, Lukasewicz, Mraz  
Three against-Chrzan, Barnick, Barone  
Tie vote Mayor-in favor Motion carried

**8. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Chrzan**

To replenish the postage meter in the amount of \$500.00.

All in favor Motion carried

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

To authorize a payment to Compudata in the amount of \$609.23 for computer support for the borough controller.

On the question-

Barnick-Again, I'll say it was not authorized by the purchasing committee, but that's besides the fact but my understanding of it was that the problem still wasn't fixed as far as interest and what happened and what occurred with that system so I don't think we should be paying until the system is addressed properly.

Menichetti-The problem that was occurring at the time has been corrected.

Chrzan-Can I ask you why you didn't go through the purchasing committee? You know it was standard procedure.

Menichetti-First of all, we have a contract.

Chrzan-I don't care about the contract. (Everyone spoke at once)

Three in favor-Marushock, Lukasewicz, Mraz,  
Three against-Chrzan, Barnick, Barone  
Tie vote Mayor-in favor Motion carried

**10. Motion by Barnick Seconded by Chrzan**

To allocate \$900.00 for the Annual Halloween Party.

On the question:

Marushock-Will all documentation be accounted for this \$900.00 and in what time frame will that be done?

Dolan-You have a rule, thirty days.

Everyone spoke at once.

Barone-You want to cut that out too?

Marushock-No, I'm just asking.

Mraz-What's the date on that?

Shevchik-The date hasn't been set yet, right now it's the Saturday before Halloween.

Marushock-How about that we have a full documentation and accounting of that money.....

Barnick-Always has been, always has been.

Chrzan-Are you the same guy that said there's too much recreation in Throop the way it is?

All in favor

Motion carried

**11. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize Leeward Construction to replace existing deteriorated 180 lf of curbing on George St. (Crawford Ct. to Meade St.) for a lump sum of \$2,000.00. Additional curbing beyond the 180 lf will be completed at a per foot cost of \$11.11.

On the question:

I just ask that the additional 180 feet be included only if the engineer recommends it or the grades and l dimensions come out properly (unclear).

Lukasewicz-So, this is for 180 feet of curbing plus a possibility of how many more feet.

Barone-(unclear) George Street in front of Gangi's and around (unclear).

Lukasewicz-I understand, that's 180 feet, I understand that, who's going to decide how much more is going to br done on the \$11.11 per foot?

Chrzan-The engineer.

Marushock-I believe it was discussed.....

Barnick-....only for the coverage of the building.....

Marushock-I don't think the additional.....

Everyone spoke at once.

Lukasewicz-It's very open ended, it doesn't state where to, that's all I'm asking, where to?

Everyone spoke at once.

All in favor

Motion Carried

**12. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 32, a resolution naming Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary and/or Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary as the authorized confidential representatives to make requests upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer Associates, relative to the collection of wage and occupational taxes.

On the question:

Marushock-I believe we had a meeting with the representative from Berkheimer and at that time she said something that she would do a drive through and an assessment of the town at no charge to the borough, and I thought we were going to go from there. Also, I cannot see naming two people to this position because there's going to be some very confidential information involved in this that I don't think we want anyone else





Barnick-This has nothing to do with this?

Cimini-No. I don't think, this was just sent in for council's review, review and comments and that.

Barnick-That's got to be advertised and everything.

Cimini-That's for a couple people last month, to develop an ordinance for landlords and tenants and I did that but I sent it in today. It still has to be looked and comments made.

Everyone spoke at once.

Marushock-This is basically so that the borough is aware and fire people, everyone else is aware of the occupants of the building.

**The tape was changed here.**

Chrzan-Anybody want the job?

Marushock-I'm not saying hire more people.

All in favor

Motion tabled

**Motion withdrawn:**

To direct the solicitor to develop and advertise an ordinance to have Dauphin Court (the alley near Dr. Clause's office) one-way from George Street to Charles St.

On the question:

Barnick-I know a letter was submitted here by a resident who lives there. Doesn't anybody think about doing, having a study done by our chief and the street commissioner to see if it's vital? (Unclear) before they went and developed it and advertised an ordinance?

Marushock-Is a study necessary for them to do that?

Chrzan-Yes.

Barnick-Yes, it is on every street they want to change the speed limit on, every street you want to change parking on, this stuff has to be done. I only wish that some of you would get together start reading the Borough Code and follow the laws.

Marushock-There were very few people involved here and we felt for the safety we should have a limit.....

Barnick-Maybe the safety issue, but you have to have back up or the next thing you know you could end up in court.

Repchick-You've got to have a traffic and engineering study.....

Barnick-Exactly.

Chrzan-That's right.

Repchick-..... before you do any posting of signs or other.....

Chrzan-You're right, Captain.

Lukasewicz-If Mr. Marushock would withdraw his first and I'll make a motion that there be a traffic and engineering study performed by the chief and the engineer.

Marushock-Okay, I will do that.

Barone-To table this motion.

Lukasewicz-No, no.

Barnick-No.

Lukasewicz-I withdrew my second, he withdrew his first, and I'm going to make a motion that a study be performed by the police department and the engineer and the street commissioner.

**19. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To have a study performed by the police department, the engineer, and the street commissioner with regard to Dauphin Court (the alley near Dr. Clause's office) one-way from George Street to Charles St.

All in favor

Motion carried



**24. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the Civic Center from Hoban Supply & Furniture Co., Inc.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

**Motion changed:**

To authorize the purchase of Christmas decorations, pole lights not to exceed \$10,000.00 from Rileighs Outdoor Decor. (Price quotes were also obtained from Display Sales and Glorion. Rileighs prices are the lowest with shipping included.)

On the question:

Morrell-One thing I do have to say is we can only go up to \$10,000.00 without.....

Barnick-\$9,999.00

Morrell-Okay, without advertising, it's \$4,0000.00-\$10,000.00 without advertising. We can do \$9,999.99 or whatever.

Barnick-I'll make the motion but to change the amount. \$9,975.00

**25. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize the purchase of Christmas decorations, pole lights not to exceed \$9,975.00 from Rileighs Outdoor Decor. (Price quotes were also obtained from Display Sales and Glorion. Rileighs prices are the lowest with shipping included.)

Morrell-One thing we have to realize is we are limited on the styles we can get because of the size, the height requirements over our roads, and the wattage.

Chrzan-You did a good job, Elaine.

Morrell-We're very limited.

Barnick-Get them done, get them out.

Morrell-Okay.

All in favor

Motion carried

**26. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize PPL to install the necessary electrical connections on the utility poles in conjunction with the Christmas lights at a cost of \$200.00 each.

On the question:

Chrzan-I think \$200.00 is a lot of money but I'll still vote for it.

Barnick-I think it's a lot of money too.

Everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-We've got 20, so what are you figuring about?

Morrell-Depending on the cost we can do more than 20.

All in favor

Motion carried

**27. Motion by Lukasewicz**

**Seconded by Marushock**

To authorize payment to Attorney Edward Krowiak, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor in the amount of \$4,141.25 for the period of February 26, 2000 through September 14, 2000.

On the question:

Barnick-Does everything have (unclear) as far as these hearings, as far as advertisements everything was done where we didn't have to do extras? I know there's a question on a couple of the hearings that they weren't advertised on time or something like that?

Morrell-I can't answer that.

Barnick-I'm going to ask him, that's all. He's been doing it for years so I don't see a problem with it so I'm going to vote for it anyway.

Marushock-I can commend Attorney Krowiak for the great job he did as far as I know, I mean all this time that was involved in this.

All in favor

Motion carried

**28. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution # 36 of 2000, a resolution Declaring the Discrepancies in Maintenance Practices Between Townships and Boroughs by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

On the question:

Barnick-I think this is where everybody should get involved, this is where PennDOT really actually rapes the boroughs with permit fees, inspection fees, bonds, etc. It's not fair. In townships they go and do the work. The boroughs, we've got to pay.

Mayor-The townships are spread out a lot more than boroughs are, miles and miles of roads and everything else.

Barnick-I'm only hoping we can collect some of that back money after everybody (unclear) PSAB.

All in favor

Motion carried

**29. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To amend the agreement with Adelphia Cable TV to expand the 3% franchise fee to include premium and pay per view packages.

On the question:

Marushock-By approving this motion aren't we putting an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers of the town because this is just going go backwards to the, this is going to be absorbed by (unclear) the borough.

Barnick-Originally it was supposed to be on all the amusement with Verto, I don't know how it got changed to basic or how it happened but.

Marushock-I feel it's an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers (unclear).

Barone-The agreement was 3% (unclear).

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

One against-Marushock

Motion carried

**30. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize Louis A. Cimini, Solicitor to attend the hearing and protest GSP I II III Corporation (Harper Collins) appeal of their property taxes and to authorize an appraisal of their property if necessary.

On the question:

Barnick-This is going to keep on happening. They just had a reduction, I think the school district is paying back so much a year right now, the borough paid back how much now because they had an assessment and a judgment ordered? That was about two years ago, I think, or a year and a half, Bob?

Lokuta-Correct.

Barnick-And now they're going for another tax reassessment and the only way it's going to stop is if the county does a reassessment. It's the only way, and get it equal for everybody.

Mayor-Not only that but you have to establish a (unclear) otherwise this is the second time, it will be the third time, it will be the fourth time, you know these are large firms and it doesn't.....

Everyone spoke at once.

Mayor-I mean the borough itself, but the school taxes and everything it really raises school taxes because they're not getting their revenue. We have to start a precedent, we have to start arguing this case and not just let it be automatic, not let it be rubber stamped.

Unknown-Excuse me Mayor but we're also going to try to hire an assessor also to go up.....

Mayor-Before it was like we were so complacent, just like go ahead, well not now, not now.

Marushock-I believe there's some also residents that have gotten property tax reductions, did we fight that, did we restrict that at all or no?

Everyone spoke at once.

Barnick-Are you saying you're more worried about the residents? I'm more worried about the businesses getting away with big tax breaks. I'm not so much worried about the residents.

Marushock-Can we single out businesses and not.....

Barnick-Am I singling out businesses? Hey, do a tax reassessment of the whole county, you won't have to single out anybody.

Mayor-Well, in a lot of cases residents have a justification over the tax.....

A discussion took place and everyone spoke at once.

All in favor

Motion carried

**31. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize the reimbursement of costs related to the drug and alcohol testing, health assessments, state police clearance and child and welfare clearance to the two Marywood University students who will be doing their internship at the civic center.

On the question:

Barnick-Just if by chance it comes up positive, they got to pay for it.

Chrzan-That's the standard procedure.

Barnick-Standard.

Marushock-Also, for the time these people will be involved with the operation of that, will the borough be responsible to reimburse them for their time?

Chrzan-No.

Cimini-No.

Marushock-Okay, just so we have a clear understanding on that.

Mayor-No, really, you know this is a part of their education. Just like a teacher going out into the field, same thing.

Everyone spoke at once.

Marushock-The borough's responsible only for the cost of the clearances and health assessments.

Chrzan-I'm going to just give them a \$200.00 bonus for coming to Throop.

All in favor

Motion carried

**32. Motion by Marushock**

**Seconded by Lukasewicz**

To request financial reports from the Throop Community Ambulance Association.

Barnick-Where did this come up?

Lukasewicz-I believe (unclear) brought this up because we wanted to get the financial statements in regards to possibly giving them a contribution of \$5,000.00 towards their expenses.

Marushock-Correct.

Chrzan-Are we doing that with the hose companies?

Lukasewicz-We've done that with the hose companies.

Chrzan-Are you sure?

Lukasewicz-Whatever we did, the money we've asked for...

Chrzan-Just so we don't have a problem.

Marushock-This is in regards to us giving the \$5,000.00 donation to the hose company evidently that they never received, something was allocated in the 1999 budget.

Barnick-Did somebody second it?

Morrell-No.

On the question:

Barnick-There was \$5,000.00 allocated but, as I stated before, until we have everything right over there and we ensure that all the Throop people are getting their calls handled, not only that, they collect off the insurance of the people versus the fire departments that don't collect anything from the insurances (unclear), I'm not going for it. If they can buy a new ambulance, they got plenty of money.

Mraz-I believe there's a motion for a request of financial reports from them, we're not asking.....

Barnick-I'm just stating, I'm stating my objections, Mr. Mraz. If you don't like that fact, you are not going to restrict on what I say.

Mraz-I just want to clarify what we're understanding here, what we're making a question on. There's nothing stating about giving money out to anybody, Mr. Barnick.

A discussion took place.

Four in favor-Marushock, Lukasewicz, Mraz, Barone,

Two against-Chrzan, Barnick

Motion carried

**Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

**Motion changed:**

To notify PAWC that they will be restricted from obtaining any permits within the borough until the existing problems are resolved.

Mayor-Now again, could you explain that, Jim? Could you explain that in depth?

Barone-What's that?

Mayor-Until the problems are resolved, what problems?

Barone-We have a lot of problems with Kriger Construction.

Chrzan-And they hired, PAWC hired Kriger.

Everyone spoke at once.



**36. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To send a copy of Jefferson Townships Sewer Waste Plan to the Throop Borough Planning Agency for review and recommendations and to collect the proper fee.

Mayor-Explain that a little more, how is that going to effect Throop if Scranton Sewer Authority is going to handle their waste.

Barnick-It's got to come through Throop.

A discussion took place.

All in favor

Motion carried

**37. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To return any parking ticket fees within the Borough of Throop for the last two years.

On the question:

Marushock-What dates do we want this to be?

Barnick-September 1st or September 25<sup>th</sup>, back two years.

A discussion took place.

Rocco-I asked before for

Barnick-For the reason, I want to be fair.

Rocco-In which way?

Barnick-In the administration of parking tickets in the last two years.

Rocco-Are you trying to say they were, some tickets were fixed.

Barnick-That's as far as I'll go.

Everyone spoke at once, a discussion took place.

Barnick-I want to make sure that we have an accounting of the zero numbers of the parking tickets and the amount issued, that's all.

Four in favor-Chrzan, Marushock, Barnick, Barone

Two Against-Lukasewicz, Mraz

Motion carried

**Motion by Marushock**

**Motion failed**

The borough purchase parking ticket warnings for the Throop Police Department to be administered by the Throop Police Department.

Chrzan-Mayor, they have them, don't they?

Repchick-We don't have a regular one, we used to have, there used to be a thing that said warning by Throop Police, you're in violation.

Mraz-It doesn't matter, we can give people money back in two years, we only hold it for two years.

Barnick-You think that's pretty funny there, Mr. Mraz.

Marushock-To explain this motion, didn't the police purchase parking ticket or warning for the police department, a general warning form?

Chrzan-Why don't you just let the mayor do that?

Everyone spoke at once and a discussion took place.

To authorize the zoning officer or code enforcement officer to file charges against PP&L in conjunction with the nuisance ordinance for creating public hazards throughout that area (100-200 Sanderson Street).

All in favor

Motion carried

**Mayor Plaque Presentation:**

Presented to Patrolman Paul Legos in recognition of 27 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the people of Throop Borough as a police officer, 1973 to 2000, presented by Throop Borough Officials. The Mayor mentioned that Paul has been an institute within our police department and that he has been efficient, courageous, personable and he's been good to this whole community.

Paul Legos thanked the people of Throop, the mayor, everybody, and the support of the police department, they're doing a good job, thank you.

**Official comments: (The tape was changed.)**

**Mayor Lukowski announced a Blood Drive, October 26, 2000 and asked anyone that can give to please do so.**

**Audience comments:**

**Frank Tanana**, Coppernick Street asked if anyone could explain the status is on the rear of Coppernick Street (Cambria Court). Joe Barone mentioned the bids will open on October 12<sup>th</sup> and Jim Barnick mentioned the biggest hold up was the easement.

Barone-Thanked Mr. Lokuta and Mr. Kalinoski with regard to obtaining the easement.

A discussion took place.

**Dominick Rocco**, 110 Sanderson Street-Brought up the poles and when the borough would get the lights because it was a safety hazard. Originally the electric company was waiting for the roads to be marked and they have been marked now for over a month.

**Jack Dolan**-Said PP&L is about four months behind according to the representative he spoke to.

**Rocco**-Mentioned something should be done and that it is a safety hazard.

**Jerry Butash**, 162 Brick Street-Asked when the roads in the Boulevard section going to be done and if it would be before the winter? Also, when the trailer would be taken care of.

**Chrzan**-Indicated they were supposed to start today.

Everyone spoke at once and a discussion took place.

**Barnick**-Mentioned that it was issued to proceed and question **Kalinoski** who said they were waiting for insurances and his performance bond.

**Kalinoski**-No, a notice of award was issued to him. We're waiting for the insurances and his performance bond. Barnick mentioned that Kalinoski should get hold of him tomorrow and make sure this goes as quick as possible and the job would only take a few hours.

**Butash**-Questioned the Evans & Evans sheet metal shop in the old school and was there anything you could do to control his hours? He made complaints about the noise and being woken up, especially on Saturday mornings.

**Chrzan & Barnick** mentioned an ordinance and he should contact the Throop Police.

Everyone spoke at once and a discussion took place.

**Repchick**-Mentioned the ordinance and he should call Comm Center is needed,

**Kalinoski**-I also got some quotes from Skelly & Loy for the noise testing down there. It was in the range of like \$3700.00.

**Barnick**-But you said you won't need it as long as you have enough neighbors complaining, it's a public nuisance.

**Kalinoski**-I have charges that were already filed with the building. I believe the court date is either the 23<sup>rd</sup> or the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

Dave Repchick mentioned he would get a copy of the ordinance and a discussion took place

**Larry Hartshorn**, 140 Dimmick Street-Asked if everything was done on the Boulevard Project, mainly the pipe work. A discussion took place about the pipe work, the pump house and the sewer authority, the borough's sanitary system. He also requested the curb on Boulevard Avenue be fixed at his mother's house (from the new curb to her hedges or her sidewalk). **Barnick and Barone** mentioned Leeward would fix everything that was damaged, it was part of the project.

**John Musewicz**, President of the Throop Booster Club-Questioned Tiffany Estates and their plans for Sanderson Street storm water drainage and if the plans were started yet because of the problems.

**Dave Morrell**-Thanked officials for fixing the potholes on the top of Simpson and Dunmore.

**Lenore Dolan**-Addressed George Marushock about his voting against her and Jamie Shevchik's pay. Everyone spoke at once.

**Mraz**-I have a question for the police, I'm glad somebody stuck around. With the parking thing, I know we're giving money back and now, I suppose, we're giving warnings out or whatever. What is the parking laws in the town? Are you allowed so many warnings or do, can you disregard all the signs now?

**Repchick**-Actually, (unclear) where the problems are. If we wrote parking tickets and Tony, I hate to bring you into this but for a second I will, even when you worked as a police officer, if you wrote a parking ticket for every single violation, how many problems would you get from the people in the community? (Unclear) You'd have to write, take George Street for instance, how many people first off, are parked facing the wrong direction? If you want to go letter of the law, then we've got to (unclear), and that's letter of the law. Too close to a fire hydrant, too close to an intersection, you get blocks of the street where people are parking where it specifically says no parking. The problem with this town is years ago when this town was established the streets were small but the people didn't have the cars they do today. Right now I think everybody has two or three vehicles that live here. Take Coppernick Street, go up Coppernick Street and see how many people live there and absolutely have no where to park. This is a major thing that needs to be addressed with council, period. That's my personal opinion. When you do an executive session or whatever, there are a lot of problems that need to be addressed with parking. You take lower Throop, for example, go on one of those side streets and try to go through where I go through with one of these vehicles. They're not illegally parked but those roads are too narrow. Get a car parked facing the wrong direction on George Street, somebody coming up on George Street, that vehicle goes to pull out, you know what? He can't see you coming up. Sanderson Street is a problem.

A discussion took place about the problem with parking in the borough.

Motion by Chrzan

Seconded by Barnick

To adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary