

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, September 29, 2003  
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

*“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”*

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members of Council:**

Anthony Chrzan - P

James Barnick - P

**Vice President-** Thomas Lukasewicz - P

**President-**James Mellody Jr. - A

George Marushock - A

Daryl Menichetti - A

Joseph Barone - P

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski - P

**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini - P

**Treasurer** - Lenore Dolan - P

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

**Mayor’s presentation:**

**Mike Andrews Plumbing  
2003 Champions  
Miss-E League**

Jessica Cortazar

Leah Dolan

Kaitlyn Fitzgerald

Alysha Hartshorn

Amanda Hartshorn

Brittany Haynos

Alicia Honney

Jaclyn Keyasko

Kathryn Kujawski

Ashley Luchansky

Heather Lukowski

Julie Neri

Margaret Rabel

Renee Rozaieski

Coaches: Jamie & Lori Cortazar, Phil Rozaieski

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

Gail Ercoli, Civic Center Director, discussed the rates for the pre and after school programs.

**1. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the zoning report, landfill inspector's reports and the minutes of the Aug. 25 and Sept. 11, 2003 Council Meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

**TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

**Lenore Dolan, Treasurer, read the treasurer's reports and the totals of the paid and unpaid monthly bills.**

**2. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the treasurer's reports as read or posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough.

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	<b>\$ 76,170.71</b>
Paid bills: ( As of 09/23/03)	<b>\$101,433.59</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$177,604.30</b>

Keystone Landfill Credit	<b>\$ 9,057.72</b>
Revenue Report	<b>\$ 47,560.52</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**3. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

**4. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

Acknowledgment was made by council of letter received from Atty. Matt Barrett with regard to the Miesko property on Edgar Street.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

**5. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement and Loan Balance for the month of August, 2003.

General Fund Checking Account		<b>\$375,972.54</b>
General Fund Petty Cash		<b>200.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account		<b>8,381.50</b>
Tax Escrow Account		<b>1,788.23</b>
Civic Center Account		<b>250.00</b>
Civic Center Petty Cash		<b>250.00</b>
FNCB Escrow Acct. Throop vs. Gould		<b>201,876.45</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's		<b>2,454,069.46</b>
Home Program State Grant		<b>-0-</b>
Capital Projects Account		<b>1,549,957.32</b>
Civic Center After School Program		<b>500.00</b>
South Valley Ave. Grant		<b>5,422.76</b>
Warsaw Playground		<b>28,398.14</b>
Liquid Fuels Account		<b>134,764.57</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$4,761,830.97</b>
<b>(Interest Free) LOAN Balance:</b> <b>Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Inc.</b> (Payment in the amount of \$262,500.00 will be paid in October,2003.)	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,662,500.00</b>
<b>FNCB - LOAN</b>		<b>\$1,550,000.00</b>

All in favor

Motion carried

**6. Motion by Chrzan** **Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize the loan payment in the amount of \$262,500.00 to Keystone Sanitary Landfill in October after the quarterly host municipality check is received.

All in favor Motion carried

**7. Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Chrzan**

To authorize payment to Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania that is due by Oct. 1, 2003.

All in favor Motion carried

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

To authorize Payment #1 in the amount of \$22,290.16 to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating for the Dunmore Street Sanitary Sewer Project Emergency Repair as recommended by the Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Associates.

All in favor Motion carried

**9. Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Chrzan**

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution No.17 of 2003, Objecting to any Reduction in the Monitoring Modifications Regarding the Marjol Battery Site as Requested by Advanced GeoServices Corporation.

All in favor Motion carried

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

To authorize interested members of the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Agency to attend the Lackawanna County Association of Boroughs meeting at Fiorelli's on Thurs., Oct. 30, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Reservations must be honored.

On the question:

Mayor: At a recent meeting, the Executive Director of the Lackawanna County Council of Governments (LCCOG) urged people to represent their respective communities, to be there. The borough pickups up the tab because of dinner. But this is going to be very, very important.

All in favor Motion carried

**11. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski, Zoning Officer, and Arthur Tetreault, Asst. Zoning Officer, to attend the Zoning Decisions Course on Thurs., Oct. 30, 2003 (afternoon) at the Holiday Inn, Wilkes Barre, at a cost of \$25.00 per person.

On the question:

Barnick: Rob, did Art ever to go to this, do you know?

Kalinoski: I don't think so. This is the first time that they're ever having it that I'm aware of, Jim. It's all on cases.

Barnick: Is he available to go, do you know?

Kalinoski: He may be.

Chrzan: We might as well throw his name in there.

**Lukasewicz: Add into the motion that if he can attend for him to attend also.**

All in favor

Motion carried

**12. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To rescind Ordinance #6 of 2002, an Ordinance to Open the Ash Street West Extension as a public road to the Eddy Creek property (commonly referred to as the 48 acres). The borough will access the Eddy Creek property pursuant to the 40' wide perpetual right of way and easement described in the August 27, 2001 deed from DEP to Throop Borough.

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Atty. Cimini, this is the way we should go with this?

Cimini: I think so. We had a meeting today, Robbie, myself and John, and there's really no need to open it up as a public road. You need access to the property and the deed that we received from the DEP contains a perpetual right of way and easement to the property.

Barnick: We'll never use it as a road there because there's going to be a gate on it just like the rest of the other parks.

Cimini: We already have access pursuant to the deed.

All in favor

Motion carried

**13. Motion by Barnick**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To rescind Ordinance #13 of 2002, an Ordinance to Open the Ash Street West Extension as a public road to the Eddy Creek property (commonly referred to as the 48 acres). The borough will access the Eddy Creek property pursuant to the 40' wide perpetual right of way and easement described in the August 27, 2001 deed from DEP to Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

**14. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To extend the part-time DPW temporary summer help, namely Dave Cheplick and Richard Forbes, for a period of thirty days. Teamsters Local 229 has agreed, in writing, to extend the DPW temporary summer help at council’s discretion.

On the question:

Barnick: Didn’t we already just extend them as long as it was approved by (the union)?

Morrell: It was to find out if Robert needed them and then to check with the union if they would agree to it.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Motion #15 Tabled, as follows:**

**15. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barnick**

To direct the Throop Booster Club to return the \$20,000 advanced by Throop Borough Council and as future expenses are incurred to submit the expenses directly to the borough for payment.

All in favor

Motion tabled

**16. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded Barnick**

To amend Ordinance #7 of 1995 to include *To prohibit refuse generated outside the Borough of Throop to be deposited on the curb by Throop residents for collection*, as per the recommendation of Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, pending approval and review from Louis Cimini, Solicitor.

On the question:

Barnick: Do you think this is going to really solve it?

Kalinoski: Jim, it won’t solve it completely, Jim, I don’t think you ever will but right now the Ordinance reads only non-residents. But what I’d like to do is sit and discuss that with Louie for the proper wording. *Few speaking at once. A discussion took place.*

Mayor: None of it even makes sense. What are we talking about here? What are you really talking about?

Kalinoski: What’s happening, Mayor, is we have residents, property owners, that are bringing garbage in from businesses out of town where they may work. And it’s not one bag or two bags, we’re counting six, seven. And it’s all business material and it has the addresses in the garbage and it’s all correspondence, it’s all documents.

Mayor: I knew about that but it should have been spelled out.

Kalinoski: Well, what I’d like to do is sit with Mr. Cimini and have him do the wording on it.

Barnick: We can go with this for now if it’s going to help you out.

All in favor

Motion carried

**17. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To submit a letter to Gould, Inc. to request the Franko Street (extension that goes up through the North Woods area) be included in the cleanup of the Marjol Battery Site to ensure in the future the road could be properly opened without contamination.

Audience Comments on Motion #17: None

On the question:

Lukasewicz: Basically, what we're trying to is Franko Street that extends into the North Woods that will actually go to the 48 acres some day, we want to make sure that when they have their cleanup to clean that area where the road is so we can open the road properly without having contamination later.

All in favor

Motion carried

**18. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To vacate the President's chair.

Audience Comments: None

All in favor

Motion carried

**19. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To appoint Thomas Lukasewicz Council President.

Audience Comments: None

All in favor

Motion carried

**20. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To vacate the Vice President's chair.

Audience Comments: None

All in favor

Motion carried

**21. Motion by Barone**

**Seconded by Chrzan**

To appoint James Barnick as Council Vice President.

**Audience Comments:**

Dominick Rocco, 110 Sanderson St. - Are you going to end up changing next month? Last time you went maybe two months....

Chrzan: Rocco, nothing's been getting done, nothing.

Rocco: I realize that, I'm not saying anything. I'm saying you guys are only making a fool out of us.

Barnick: No, but come January, we're going to have to change it over again.

Rocco: You know, one month you do it then the next month you change it. That's what I'm saying.

All in favor

Motion carried

**22. Motion by Chrzan**

**Seconded by Barone**

To adopt Resolution #18, authorizing the change of signatures on all Throop Borough bank accounts/cd's.

Audience Comments: None

All in favor

Motion carried

**Audience Comments:**

Dominick Rocco: Is something going to be done to the riverbank? You know, it's pretty heavy.

Kalinoski: I can't guarantee (it). We started on Pancoast Street today. We get done with Pancoast Street this week.

Rocco: Is it more important, the river, than Pancoast Street? I think that's more important. You know, we were pretty close to getting flooded out. You get your priorities first.

*After discussion, two DPW workers would be placed to clean the riverbank.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary