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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, August 10, 2015

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

MICHAEL MCHALE, President

PAUL NARDOZZI, Vice President

SAL VERRASTRO - absent

TIMOTHY BURKE

CAROL SCRIMALLI

THOMAS HALLINAN

MICHAEL DEMPSEY

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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4 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

6 MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

8 MR. BURKE: Present.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro. Mr.

10 Dempsey.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

15 MR. NARDOZZI: Here.

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

17 MR. MCHALE: Here. Tom, for the  
18 record, Mr. Verrastro is trying to get here.

19 He's at a -- his personal job. He's trying to  
20 get here as quick as he can.

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number three  
22 is public comment on agenda items.

23 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to speak  
24 on agenda items tonight?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number four is  
3 a motion to approve the minutes.

4 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that  
5 motion.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

7 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
8 second. On the question.

9 (No response.)

10 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
11 signify by saying aye.

12 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
16 moved.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve  
18 and pay the open bills.

19 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
20 motion.

21 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

22 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
23 second. On the question.

24 (No response.)

25 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor

1 signify by saying aye.

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
6 moved.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six  
8 under personnel hire is a motion to hire Thomas  
9 Butler, Stephon Burgette, John Kane, Corey  
10 Condrad, and Josh Ruddy as police officers for  
11 the Borough of Dunmore from the list supplied  
12 from the Civil Service Commission.

13 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that  
14 motion.

15 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

16 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
17 second. On the question.

18 (No response.)

19 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
20 signify by saying aye.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
25 moved.

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven  
2                   is a motion to approve a resolution and  
3                   ordinance designating Larch Street to Madison  
4                   Avenue and the 1300 block of Madison Avenue as  
5                   two-hour parking for resident parking only.

6                   MR. BURKE: I'll make a motion.

7                   MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second.

8                   MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
9                   second.

10                  MR. HALLINAN: On the question. I  
11                  just want so the people know that we've gotten  
12                  complaints from some people in that area where  
13                  PPL has some employee parking. And they are  
14                  not using it. So we had to do something for  
15                  these businesses to have parking.

16                  And we've come up with a two hour at  
17                  least limit to help the businesses and also for  
18                  the residents if they live there to get a  
19                  permit to park there so there would be no  
20                  problems. But that's the reason for that.

21                  MR. MCHALE: And to add, Tom, this  
22                  is something that is as Tim said earlier that  
23                  has been going on for years. So I have a  
24                  motion and second. Anybody else on the  
25                  question?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
3 signify by saying aye.

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
8 moved.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight  
10 is motion to approve a resolution and ordinance  
11 on the emergency medical services dispatched  
12 responses in the Borough. Basically all Basic  
13 Life Support, BLS incidents will follow the  
14 system that is currently in place.

15 Advanced Life Support, the ALS  
16 incidents if Pennsylvania ambulance has  
17 inservice automatic Advanced Life Support  
18 transport vehicle within the Borough of Dunmore  
19 coverage area that vehicle should be the only  
20 ambulance dispatched.

21 If Pennsylvania ambulance does not  
22 have an inservice automatic vehicle location  
23 Advanced Life Support transport vehicle in the  
24 Borough of Dunmore coverage area, the closest  
25 available automatic vehicle location advanced

1 support vehicle along with the recommended  
2 basic life support truck will be dispatched.

3 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that  
4 motion.

5 MR. MCHALE: Do we have a second?

6 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second.

7 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and  
8 second. On the question.

9 MR. NARDOZZI: On the question?

10 MR. MCHALE: Sure.

11 MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Chairman, this is  
12 for the people in the public to know, recently  
13 in the last few weeks especially we have  
14 Pennsylvania Ambulance designated as our EMS  
15 carrier -- ambulance carrier for the Borough.  
16 There's been a competing ambulance company  
17 that's been staging their ambulances in town  
18 all over downtown.

19 And they have been jumping the calls  
20 on Pennsylvania Ambulance. And what that is  
21 doing is, when Comm Center is dispatching the  
22 competing ambulance service and our BLS who is  
23 Pennsylvania Ambulance responds, it's creating  
24 a double bill for residents.

25 So the problem is that unfortunately

1 if you're unfortunate to have call at your  
2 house and you get two ambulances, you are  
3 getting two bills.

4 What this resolution does is, it  
5 stops that. We're notifying the county, the  
6 Comm Center that Pennsylvania Ambulance is our  
7 primary designated EMS carrier for the Borough.  
8 And that's the way it should be so that we  
9 don't -- and to avoid the double billing.  
10 Anybody that had a call in the last few weeks  
11 will get double billed.

12 MR. MCHALE: So this takes care of  
13 that.

14 MR. NARDOZZI: That takes care of  
15 that.

16 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
17 question?

18 MR. NARDOZZI: One last thing, Mr.  
19 Chairman?

20 MR. MCHALE: Yes.

21 MR. NARDOZZI: This was requested  
22 actually by the Director of County Services  
23 EMS. This is what they required from the  
24 Borough in order to institute this policy.

25 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
3 signify by saying aye.

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
8 moved.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is  
10 a motion to approve the advertisement of the  
11 bid for the firehouse addition. Submitted  
12 proposals will be open and read by Borough  
13 Council in Council's chambers on the advertised  
14 date.

15 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make the motion.

17 MR. MCHALE: Second?

18 MR. NARDOZZI: Second.

19 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
20 second. On the question. Quickly I'll speak  
21 on the question. This is obviously what it  
22 says advertisement for the bid of the firehouse  
23 addition. This is a \$345,000 grant, am I  
24 right?

25 MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

1 MR. MCHALE: \$345,000 grant we  
2 received last year. This is bringing us a step  
3 forward to making this possible. We're hoping  
4 to stay within that 345 and get it done ASAP.  
5 So like it says, we'll open in Council chambers  
6 and let you know maybe at our next meeting,  
7 Tom?

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yes, sir.

9 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Anybody  
10 else on the question?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
13 signify by saying aye.

14 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
18 moved.

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: The next item is a  
20 motion to approve the advertisement for the bid  
21 for the Dunmore Community Center stripping and  
22 refinishing of the gymnasium floor. Submitted  
23 proposals will be open and read by Borough  
24 Council in Council chambers on the advertised  
25 date.

1 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

2 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that

3 motion.

4 MR. MCHALE: Second?

5 MR. BURKE: Second.

6 MR. MCHALE: On the question, this  
7 again says exactly what it was. Chris, correct  
8 me if I'm wrong, 10 years that this hasn't been  
9 done in the gym?

10 MR. KEARNEY: 2006.

11 MR. MCHALE: 2006. And you know how  
12 much this gym gets used. We need to have it  
13 stripped and repainted and all of that to keep  
14 it up-to-date and obviously to protect the  
15 floor as well. So anybody else on the  
16 question?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
19 signify by saying aye.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
24 moved.

25 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number 11 is a

1 motion to approve the purchase of new duty  
2 firearms for the Police Department. Purchase  
3 price new trade in not to exceed a total of  
4 \$5,500.

5 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

6 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
7 motion.

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

9 MR. MCHALE: On the question.

10 (No response.)

11 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
12 signify by saying aye.

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
17 moved.

18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 12 is a  
19 motion to approve the purchase of 20 new  
20 Kenwood TK-2312 portable units with KMC-45  
21 speaker microphone for the Police Department.  
22 This purchase shall not exceed \$7,500.

23 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that  
24 motion.

25 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second.

1 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
2 second. On the question.

3 (No response.)

4 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
5 signify by saying aye.

6 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
10 moved.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number 13 is  
12 Mr. David Valvano, Chief of Staff for  
13 Representative Frank Farina.

14 MR. VALVANO: Nothing tonight, Mr.  
15 Chairman.

16 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number 14, Gerard  
18 Hetman, Coordinator, Lackawanna County  
19 Community Relations.

20 MR. HETMAN: Council, Gerard Hetman,  
21 Lackawanna County's Community Relations  
22 Department. Just a few items that we have this  
23 evening. First is actually one that Borough  
24 Council in particular Mr. Nardozzi asked me  
25 about in the past few months.

1                   That is our annual tire recycling  
2 collection event. There's a few different  
3 components with this and some of that will be  
4 up to Borough Council in terms of how you would  
5 like to approach it. We do have public  
6 drop-off hours coming up.

7                   They will be from September 16th  
8 through September 18th. That is Wednesday  
9 through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the  
10 County Recycling Center on Boulevard Avenue.  
11 It will be open at that time for any members of  
12 the public to drop off tires.

13                   We ask that they be off the rim.  
14 There is a \$2 charge for the tires that are off  
15 the rim. If they are still on the rim, it's  
16 \$5. It's the added cost of recycling. It will  
17 also be open Saturday, September 19th from  
18 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon, four days in a row, \$2  
19 per tire if they are off the rim and \$5 on the  
20 rim.

21                   Second part of this is that the  
22 Borough would like to do their own tire  
23 collection. You're certainly welcome to do  
24 that. Barbara Giovagnoli the person in our  
25 Environmental Sustainability Office who puts

1 the tire event together does encourage that.  
2 It would be up to Borough Council if you would  
3 like to do your own tire drop-off here. That  
4 would be welcomed. She asks that you give her  
5 a call. We've got her number here. And then  
6 the DPW or whoever would take the tires sets up  
7 an appointment to bring them down that Monday  
8 the 21st.

9 She just asks that because she  
10 doesn't want 10 trucks arriving at once to dump  
11 the tires. It's up to you however you want to  
12 do it. Regardless of whether or not you choose  
13 to have the drop-off, this is open to the  
14 public at the hours I specified.

15 We get questions on it year round  
16 and looking forward to seeing folks cleaning  
17 out their garages, their properties, helps cut  
18 down on blight. And, you know, we're here to  
19 answer any questions on it.

20 The second item -- and this is one  
21 that kind of I had a lot of contact on because  
22 I did a lot of work on this project so I could  
23 answer any questions firsthand. It will be the  
24 fact that the Lackawanna County Courthouse will  
25 be featured later this month on the

1 Pennsylvania Cable Network for a segment of  
2 their historic courthouses documentary series.

3 The series goes around the  
4 Commonwealth. This is the fourth summer that  
5 they've done this. They just visit five or six  
6 courthouses every summer around the state and  
7 do documentary on county courthouses -- history  
8 of famous cases, all those types of things.

9 Our segment is going to air on  
10 Thursday, August 20th, 7 p.m. on the PCN,  
11 Pennsylvania Cable Network. It will then reair  
12 on Saturday, August 22nd at 2:00 p.m. It runs  
13 for about 30 minutes. It's narrated by  
14 Commissioner O'Malley and President Judge  
15 Munley.

16 They speak to the architectural  
17 history of the courthouse both exterior and  
18 interior, some fun facts on the county and  
19 famous proceedings. It's a really neat series.  
20 And we'll look forward to a good reception.

21 And we'll also have a preview event  
22 for this where the document will be showing in  
23 its entirety at the Children's room at the  
24 Lackawanna County Children's Library. It takes  
25 place on Tuesday night, August 18th at 7:00p.m.

1 The screening is free and open to the public.

2 It's a good project done at no cost  
3 to the county. Pennsylvania Cable Network and  
4 the County Commissioner's Association fully  
5 fund the project. And we've had I think it's  
6 16 to date for the past three years that have  
7 been done. This is one of four for this  
8 year -- five, excuse me. Please tune in.

9 And then just two save the dates.  
10 I'll have flyers for these later this week.  
11 Our annual Senior Health Fair takes place on  
12 Friday, September 18th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.,  
13 at PNC Field. As usual we'll have various  
14 exhibitors, healthcare providers dealing with  
15 senior health and wellness free and open to the  
16 public.

17 We'll have some refreshments. We  
18 will be running some shuttle buses also. So  
19 we'll let you know here with Council and we'll  
20 let the center know if you could do a drop-off  
21 for your seniors which we've done in the past  
22 and has proven very effective.

23 And the next day is our Public  
24 Safety Fair which we call Heros Day. It's  
25 Saturday, September 19th, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at

1 the County's 911 Center in Jessup, free guided  
2 tours of the 911 facility and we'll also have  
3 various displays of emergency and public  
4 service equipment, vehicles, lots of good  
5 stuff.

6 One thing we would like to note with  
7 that date is it is the same day as the Race For  
8 The Cure. We've run into this now for the  
9 third year in the row. We start the event  
10 later in the day so that we don't conflict with  
11 the race. A lot of folks who walk in the race  
12 come to our event both as attendees and as  
13 participants.

14 We don't want to interfere with  
15 that. We talked to the race organizers the  
16 first year it happened and then they said just  
17 start it, you know, late in the morning, early  
18 afternoon and we'll be fine with it. So we  
19 haven't seen a problem with any type of  
20 conflict.

21 The 911 center, it's funny but the  
22 building is open 24/7, you know, for use by  
23 people and that's what makes it tough is that  
24 sometimes Saturday mornings, afternoons you'll  
25 have various emergency providers trainings and

1 classes. So it's a challenge. That was the  
2 only date that we would get this year that  
3 would be within the timeframe that we want. So  
4 thank you as always. Have a great night.

5 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

6 MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks, Gerard.

7 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 15,  
9 Gary Duncan, Dunmore Neighborhood Watch.

10 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton  
11 Street, Dunmore. First off, I know I sent  
12 everybody copies of the last Dunmore  
13 Neighborhood Watch minutes. I didn't get any  
14 response yet on any of the concerns that were  
15 listed.

16 We have a neighborhood watch meeting  
17 next Monday so I'm wondering if you've looked  
18 at those minutes. The last text I got from you  
19 was you would take a look at them. I didn't  
20 know --

21 MR. MCHALE: They were forwarded to  
22 all the department heads. I'll summarize all  
23 the responses myself.

24 MR. DUNCAN: If you could get me a  
25 response because I would be able to read it to

1 the group next Monday.

2 MR. MCHALE: Yes, sir.

3 MR. DUNCAN: Thank you. I have a  
4 couple questions just from concerns from  
5 different people. There's a barber shop down  
6 by the tank. Mr. Genovese -- it's a little two  
7 chair shop. He was wondering if there was any  
8 way we could get a crosswalk put in down there.

9 He has elderly clients. That's a  
10 difficult section anyway when you come down  
11 Short Street and everything there. And he said  
12 some of his clients can't even get across  
13 there. And the cars do fly through there.  
14 That's a difficult intersection. So he asked  
15 me if there was anything we can do to look at a  
16 crosswalk or something to help with his  
17 business.

18 And I know how it is trying to get  
19 across. It's brutal. If we can put that  
20 somewhere in the notes and take a look at that?

21 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, Gary, there  
22 used to be a crosswalk that used to go from  
23 Gallagher's lot -- La Cucina's lot over to the  
24 tank, from the tank over to the business there  
25 that's on the corner.

1                   Well, it's -- they are doing that  
2                   project. Maybe they should have been put back  
3                   in. I don't know if when they scoped that  
4                   project -- the lines were probable worn out.  
5                   We have to contact the State to have them put  
6                   back in and then maybe we'll do them or  
7                   whatever for to go right across to his  
8                   business, you can't --

9                   MR. DUNCAN: However it was done in  
10                  the past if we can revisit that.

11                  MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, and, Didge, you  
12                  could probably paint that in.

13                  MR. DUNCAN: Do you have any idea  
14                  what the turnaround time on that would be?

15                  MR. HALLINAN: That's something  
16                  we're probably going to talk about too  
17                  because --

18                  MR. JUDGE: We got to do all the  
19                  schools --

20                  MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, and we're  
21                  short --

22                  MR. DUNCAN: Will you be following  
23                  up on that so that I know who the proper person  
24                  is to come back to?

25                  MR. HALLINAN: Yes, I will follow up

1 on that.

2 MR. DUNCAN: Thank you. I  
3 appreciate that.

4 MR. HALLINAN: If I have to paint  
5 them myself. I used to do that for a living.

6 MR. DUNCAN: I have some other  
7 concerns. Walnut, Chestnut, Ross, and Hill,  
8 all of those streets multiple concerns about  
9 increased ATV use, speeding, etc., by the ATVs.  
10 I want to get that out there. These items were  
11 not in the minutes of the last neighborhood  
12 watch meeting.

13 Mike Dempsey, I'll ask you about  
14 this one. The Borough website, where do we  
15 stand with getting that updated? I went onto  
16 it the last agenda items and what is in terms  
17 of even receiving the agenda prior to these  
18 meetings?

19 When I looked at the Borough website  
20 I think it was October, November of 2014 was  
21 the last time we had any minutes or agenda  
22 items or any of that sort of thing posted.  
23 It's been quite a while. This is a pretty good  
24 drought going.

25 I'm wondering where are at with

1 getting the new website or at least getting  
2 things posted or can we at least get the agenda  
3 before the meetings put up on the Borough  
4 website so that we can at least pull that up  
5 for the group at large?

6 MR. DEMPSEY: That's a great point.  
7 I have an e-mail here. I was going to talk  
8 about it during public officials comment. I  
9 could address it now.

10 MR. DUNCAN: Sure.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: The website is up,  
12 Dunmorepa.gov. It's up. It's working. I just  
13 got this e-mail today. So the agenda wasn't on  
14 today. Hopefully in the future -- well,  
15 definitely in the future it will be up. We  
16 have to get them a few things, photos,  
17 calendars, everything like that.

18 MR. DUNCAN: Is the site up?

19 MR. DEMPSEY: It is.

20 MR. DUNCAN: It wasn't when I went  
21 on it today.

22 MR. MCHALE: The old site is still  
23 up as well.

24 MR. DUNCAN: Okay. Is there a new  
25 site --

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Dunmorepa.gov. I went  
2 on it today. It's up. It's working. There's  
3 a -- you could sign up for alerts. You could  
4 sign up -- there's a Facebook, Twitter,  
5 Instagram, whatever other sorts of media  
6 outlets are there. You could sign up for  
7 those. You could sign up for any sort of alert  
8 that the Borough has.

9 There's a dropdown box. You'll have  
10 to give me your minutes and whatever else you  
11 want up there.

12 MR. DUNCAN: You would have those.  
13 Every member of Council has those. And then  
14 the next -- thank you -- and, Mr. McHale, I  
15 want to return to you. Do you have any idea  
16 when you could get back to me on the results of  
17 the things, maybe over the weekend at least by  
18 then so I can --

19 MR. MCHALE: Yes, definitely by the  
20 weekend.

21 MR. DUNCAN: Last but not least,  
22 obviously a weekend night August the 17th, at  
23 7 p.m., we'll have our August Dunmore  
24 Neighborhood Watch. So certainly we have a  
25 nice crowd tonight. I certainly encourage

1           everybody to come and join us and let your  
2           voice be heard.

3                     It's your community. And it's great  
4           to see this big of a crowd. This is community  
5           activism. So thanks everybody for coming.  
6           Thank you, Council.

7                     MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

8                     ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 16 is  
9           comment on nonagenda items.

10                    MR. MCHALE: Would anybody like to  
11           address Council tonight?

12                    MR. GARBOLINO: Jake Garbolino, 307  
13           Sherwood Ave. We have a problem with an alley  
14           on Harrison Street. We just would like to know  
15           who is responsible for repair to that alley?

16                    MR. MCHALE: I would assume it's  
17           ours.

18                    MR. GARBOLINO: What?

19                    MR. MCHALE: I would assume it's  
20           ours, Mr. Garbolino.

21                    MR. GARBOLINO: I can't hear.

22                    MR. MCHALE: I would assume it's  
23           ours, the Borough.

24                    MR. GARBOLINO: All right. Right  
25           there at Harrison Street is a dead end. And a

1 lot of people 90 percent of the people turn  
2 around in that alley. And when you make that  
3 turn, you're wearing off the alley very, very  
4 much. You could see the turn is doing that.  
5 It's about four homes in which right now  
6 somebody goes up there and repair.

7 Now, I have been there for 55 years.  
8 My neighbor has been there about 25 years. We  
9 never had any problems before. It seems as  
10 though now they don't want to do anything  
11 anymore. I went down to the Assessor's office  
12 and they told me who is responsible. Somebody  
13 is getting liquid fuel from that alley. I know  
14 we are not getting it.

15 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, would you be  
16 able to go up tomorrow and take a look at this  
17 and at least temporarily until we can find  
18 somebody to pave it?

19 MR. JUDGE: I know right where  
20 you're talking.

21 MR. MCHALE: You'll take care of it?  
22 He'll take care of it tomorrow, okay?

23 MR. JUDGE: I'll meet you over there  
24 tomorrow.

25 MR. GARBOLINO: Thank you.

1 MR. MCHALE: You got it.

2 MR. GARBOLINO: Another thing that I  
3 would like to say. That alley is 16 feet wide.  
4 I think the alley is only 13 feet wide. So the  
5 people today, they drive pretty fast when they  
6 go around the turn. They turn up. My house is  
7 right along side of the alley.

8 A car or a truck or something hit  
9 the wall. It did not damage the wall. But the  
10 paint is scraped off. Also by the alley coming  
11 down to 13 feet, there's a garage there. And  
12 they park in front of that garage. That means  
13 some of them they park over into the alley. So  
14 they make a sharper turn there.

15 And some of the trucks, they can  
16 knock them down. I would like to see in my  
17 opinion to put a sign there on the corner of  
18 the alley that says no parking in that alley.  
19 First of all, in the winter time we don't have  
20 much room to get rid of the snow. So maybe we  
21 could put some snow there instead of a car.

22 I understand that we have a problem  
23 there. There's an awful lot of cars on that  
24 street. But that's the only thing that I would  
25 like to --

1 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, you'll take  
2 a look at that as well? He'll take a look at  
3 that tomorrow too.

4 MR. GARBOLINO: Thank you.

5 MR. MCHALE: You're welcome.

6 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Jake.

8 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

9 MS. HALLINAN: Kelly Hallinan, 1723  
10 Madison Avenue. Following up on issues I  
11 informed Council of at the last meeting, tenant  
12 next door to me living at the illegal apartment  
13 in violation of zoning was guilty of harassing  
14 me, fined \$300, told by the magistrate if it  
15 happens again you will go to jail.

16 At the hearing, tenant's defense was  
17 that his landlord told him he had been informed  
18 by the Borough that Kelly Hallinan will do  
19 anything to get his building shut down that she  
20 is causing trouble for certain Borough  
21 employees and that this harassment claim is  
22 just a vendetta against the landlord and his  
23 tenants because she does not want any renters  
24 in her area.

25 His landlord was at the Borough

1 Building speaking with Joe Lorince on June  
2 29th. I have been informed of that. Monday  
3 after the garbage incident, the harassment took  
4 place on evening of July the 1st, at which time  
5 the tenant screamed, Hey, lady, you like  
6 calling the cops and causing trouble for  
7 people.

8 I believe that the detailed  
9 information that this tenant spoke of at the  
10 hearing could have only been provided by a  
11 Borough official as it consisted of details  
12 from documentation I submitted as part of my  
13 zoning complaint. The landlord has never  
14 attended a meeting I've spoken at.

15 I also believe the unethical release  
16 of privileged or confidential information to  
17 this landlord directly resulted in the  
18 harassment which upset my entire family, forced  
19 my husband and daughter to have to take time  
20 off from work to attend the hearing and have us  
21 fearing for our safety along with our dogs in  
22 our own home and yard.

23 Also in regard to the same property,  
24 there's no evidence of a citation or fine to  
25 the property owner for the month's worth of

1 garbage on the porch that was kept out in 80  
2 degree weather when a rat problem has been  
3 proven to exist in the block.

4 DPW, police, and the assistant Code  
5 Enforcement Officer had to come on a Friday  
6 evening to address and correct this violation.  
7 Drug residue was found on the porch and should  
8 have been reported in writing as the tenant's  
9 minor children are allowed to stay in this  
10 apartment only through a court order due to  
11 prior drug offenses by the tenant.

12 Code violations found by inspectors  
13 at the same property continue to exist though  
14 ordered by the State's inspector to be abated  
15 by June 21st. I do not see where a fine has  
16 been issued for this property owner not abiding  
17 by the order.

18 In only three months since I first  
19 informed Council of the ordinance and zoning  
20 violations, this issue has grown from  
21 overcrowding to nuisance to health hazard to  
22 personal safety issues and now outright and  
23 constant fear. All factors that would not be  
24 occurring if Dunmore ordinances were being  
25 enforced.

1                   The petition that Madison Avenue  
2 homeowners presented to Council has never been  
3 acknowledged or determination rendered.  
4 Anything? Any answers? We presented a  
5 petition Madison Avenue residents, single  
6 family property owners from the 1700 block of  
7 Madison Avenue on June 8th at the June 8th  
8 meeting.

9                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Was it -- you  
10 presented a petition to achieve what? I'm  
11 sorry, I didn't see the petition.

12                   MS. HALLINAN: Well, who was the  
13 petition supposed to go to?

14                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: You know, let me to  
15 kind of get some order to it because I'm  
16 familiar with some of the things. And I won't  
17 do them in particular order. We have received  
18 multiple open records requests incident to the  
19 properties and complaints, etc., and they are  
20 public documents.

21                   The only thing that is not available  
22 are active police investigation reports or  
23 communications between attorneys. So if a  
24 landlord wants to come in and see the  
25 complaints lodged against him, the Borough has

1 an obligation to turn them over to anybody that  
2 request them.

3 It is my understanding that records  
4 have been presented to the zoning office  
5 indicating that it was a three unit as far back  
6 as 1980. The challenge to that if there's a  
7 party aggrieved, the proper challenge it's my  
8 understanding is not to present a petition to  
9 Council but to file a complaint before the  
10 Zoning Hearing Board disagreeing with the  
11 ruling of the Code Enforcement Officer that  
12 there's been documentation that's been there  
13 for 25 years.

14 MS. HALLINAN: I have done that. I  
15 have been at the zoning meetings and I have  
16 filed a complaint online through e-mail to the  
17 Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning and they  
18 refuse to put me on the agenda.

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: No. If you file --  
20 if you pay the fee and request a hearing, they  
21 have to. And I'm not saying you did or you  
22 didn't. But if there was a hearing that you  
23 were denied, then your next course of appeal is  
24 to county court.

25 If there's just a request to be put

1 on the agenda, that doesn't constitute a  
2 hearing. But online is the current Dunmore  
3 Zoning Ordinance where it sets forth the  
4 procedure to request a hearing to contest a  
5 decision of the zoning officer.

6 I'm not aware of -- I have not  
7 seen -- and I'm not questioning you -- a state  
8 issued list of violations that had to be  
9 remedied. I will certainly check that between  
10 now and Friday. And that's basically the only  
11 answer I have so far for you.

12 MS. HALLINAN: Okay, well, because I  
13 don't get any answers and I have gone to the  
14 Zoning Hearing Board. I have spoken to Zoning  
15 Solicitor. And then I tried not to go to court  
16 because it is my town. I'm a taxpayer born and  
17 raised in Dunmore, I thought maybe if I came to  
18 Council I could get the answers or some action.

19 So here is a formal request of a  
20 determination in writing, whoever it's supposed  
21 to go to, please forward it to them. I have  
22 been advised by my attorney that, you know, I  
23 need it in writing.

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Okay.

25 MS. HALLINAN: And I should be

1           able -- and should have already got it in  
2           writing from one of the agencies of the Borough  
3           that are supposed to be handling --

4                    ATTY. CUMMINGS: At the direction of  
5           Council if they so choose, I would happy to  
6           take the liberty of that and respond within  
7           seven days to you. That's up to Mr. McHale.

8                    MR. MCHALE: Absolutely, please.

9                    MS. HALLINAN: Okay. Thank you.

10                   MR. HALLINAN: Tommy, just so we're  
11           aware -- and this is her request to get in  
12           front of the Zoning Hearing Board? You want a  
13           hearing before the Zoning Board I'm sure,  
14           correct?

15                   MS. HALLINAN: I already tried to  
16           get one.

17                   MR. HALLINAN: You tried but you  
18           still want one.

19                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: If I could suggest,  
20           let me take this and I will respond in writing  
21           in seven days. There's no miscommunication and  
22           the resident has an absolute in writing  
23           determination of what's to be done.

24                   MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

25                   MS. MALIA: Andrea Malia, 210 East

1 Elm Street. We live next to 212, 214 East Elm  
2 Street. And the residents of the 200 block  
3 have been basically coming to you for 30 years.  
4 The apartment is in horrible condition.

5 They -- I have gone myself two years  
6 ago to Joe Lorince who has come to the property  
7 because of snakes and rodents that are coming  
8 from that property into mine. And I'm so happy  
9 that the gentleman mentioned the zoning  
10 ordinance online.

11 I have read the zoning ordinance.  
12 You are not allowed the 35 plus trees that he  
13 has in his one-eighth acre yard. You're also  
14 not allowed dead trees. In the -- July 4th  
15 they were shooting off fireworks. And one of  
16 the dead trees caught on fire which happens to  
17 be right next to another resident of the 200  
18 block that is at this meeting today.

19 Joe stated to me the landlord had to  
20 clean up the property both times he came.  
21 Nothing has been done to clean up the property.  
22 Joe also stated that there's not enough parking  
23 because he has five apartment buildings and no  
24 parking.

25 Joe said that he was going to have

1           him put in a stone front yard so they would be  
2           able to pull in there. That hasn't been done.  
3           The cops were at that property five times in  
4           the month of July. We supposedly have a three  
5           strike rule in the Borough. I'm not sure why  
6           they are still there.

7                         Not only are the tenants still  
8           living there, the one two-bedroom apartment is  
9           now housing four adults -- four adult females,  
10          one male, and a six-year-old child. I am now  
11          the second generation of people who are coming  
12          to you and asking you to please look at this  
13          property and do what has been promised for  
14          many, many years.

15                        There's not enough room to park. I  
16          was told by two police officers that came that  
17          it was going to be parking on one side of the  
18          street and the signs were going to be put up.  
19          That still hasn't been done. So I'd like  
20          possibly for the next meeting to see if the  
21          three strike rule is in place, why are these  
22          people still living in the apartment.

23                        And since Joe Lorince is aware and  
24          has been at the property twice already, why are  
25          the dead trees still allowed to be there and

1 catch on fire next to homes that are this close  
2 (indicating) and putting our houses in danger  
3 as well.

4 MR. MCHALE: Joe, will you take a  
5 look at that immediately?

6 MR. LORINCE: Yeah.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Chief, the three  
8 strike rule is still in effect, correct?

9 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Can we check on that,  
11 Chief, so we can have an answer for her?

12 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

14 MR. BARONE: Good evening, Jeff  
15 Barone, 421 Foote Street, Dunmore. I'm here  
16 tonight on behalf of a property owned by my  
17 wife and I at 711 Terrace Street, a very simple  
18 request.

19 Our property has been pretty much  
20 dealing with a water issue for a couple years  
21 now where water's been jumping over the curb  
22 and coming down the sidewalk approximately  
23 about 150 feet and going into the property's  
24 garage area.

25 I've had the sewer cleaned three

1 times. We don't have any issues with  
2 backbills. We're not asking for the Borough to  
3 pay for that. We're just asking for the curb  
4 to be fixed immediately just to prevent any  
5 long-term damage to the property.

6 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, do you know  
7 where he's talking about?

8 MR. JUDGE: I have been up there.

9 MR. MCHALE: Is there anything we  
10 can do?

11 MR. JUDGE: -- run a curb all the  
12 way down take it to the basin --

13 MR. MCHALE: I know where he's  
14 talking about.

15 MR. JUDGE: He does have a problem.  
16 Absolutely.

17 MR. MCHALE: Can you call me  
18 tomorrow and we'll figure out what we can do?

19 MR. BARONE: Appreciate it.

20 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mr. Barone.

21 MR. HALLINAN: In all honesty me and  
22 my partner the Mayor went by there. We sat  
23 there and looked at it and I dropped the ball  
24 on it. Sorry about that. Your wife was at the  
25 Borough Building. I went up that day and

1 looked at it and we said something has to be  
2 done here. I'm sorry, I apologize for dropping  
3 the ball.

4 MR. BARONE: No, I appreciate it.  
5 Thank you.

6 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Mr. Barone.  
7 Anybody else tonight?

8 MARY ROSE MALIA: Mary Rose Malia,  
9 210 East Elm Street. I would like to address  
10 the three strikes and you're out. I happen to  
11 be one of the people that was responsible years  
12 ago coming to Council and asking to have that  
13 ordinance passed.

14 In the month of July as my sister  
15 said, the police were at that apartment five  
16 times July 4th, 24th, 26th and two times in  
17 between 4th and the 24th. And one of those  
18 times there was a female officer who was one of  
19 the officers that came.

20 I spoken to the police. I've asked  
21 them, Do you make a report when you are called?  
22 And the response was, Well, it depends. Which  
23 basically means that the answer is no. Am I  
24 correct?

25 MR. MCHALE: The Chief is back

1           there.

2                   CHIEF MARCHESE: There should be a  
3           report.

4                   MARY ROSE MALIA: Is that correct?

5                   CHIEF MARCHESE: There should be a  
6           report.

7                   MARY ROSE MALIA: There should be a  
8           report every time that they are called?

9                   CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah.

10                   MARY ROSE MALIA: Well, that's not  
11           what the officer told me. And my comment is,  
12           if there is no report and the police have been  
13           there five times in one month -- and that's not  
14           counting the times before that, then that three  
15           strikes and you're out ordinance means nothing.

16                   MR. MCHALE: I assume, Chief, you're  
17           going to look into this immediately?

18                   CHIEF MARCHESE: Absolutely.

19                   MARY ROSE MALIA: I would hope so  
20           because, I mean, there were a whole group of us  
21           who came and we were here. At that time you  
22           were still meeting in the Borough Building.  
23           And we came month after month until it was  
24           finally passed. So I cannot get a copy of the  
25           Borough Code. I have a copy of the zoning

1           ordinances which doesn't address that.

2                   But I would like to know if it is  
3 still in effect because if it is, then there  
4 should be something done. And we shouldn't  
5 have to put up with the police coming almost  
6 every other day.

7                   MR. MCHALE: You shouldn't.

8                   MARY ROSE MALIA: So thank you.

9                   MR. MCHALE: You're welcome.  
10 Anybody else tonight? Please.

11                   MR. BARTOS: Joe Bartos, Sunset  
12 Drive. Anybody on Council drive up Summer  
13 Street or up Potter Street? Do I have to say  
14 any more about those streets?

15                   MR. HALLINAN: No.

16                   MR. BARTOS: All of Potter Street  
17 should be paved. The sewer covers are sinking.  
18 You could ruin a tire just going up and down  
19 from the bottom of Potter to the top of Potter.  
20 They should be all paved. Is there anything  
21 anybody is going to do about it?

22                   MR. HALLINAN: We had a pothole  
23 patcher out the last two weeks which would  
24 absolutely probably do nothing for Potter  
25 Street, which it should be milled and paved.

1 MR. BARTOS: Right.

2 MR. HALLINAN: And I don't think  
3 there's a paving program this year or if we  
4 have money to do that or we can maybe look into  
5 somebody take bids to do some partial patching  
6 because, I mean, once you get up by Chestnut  
7 Street, yes, it's like one big long rumble  
8 strip for about 500 feet.

9 MR. BARTOS: And nobody's done  
10 nothing about it.

11 MR. HALLINAN: And it's terrible.  
12 Well, we did try to pothole patch it last year  
13 and what we figured out it's just a waste of  
14 money trying to put that in there. It's not a  
15 hole per se, it's all like the pavement heaved.

16 MR. BARTOS: And you can't pave it.

17 MR. HALLINAN: No. Well, to be  
18 paved, we'd have to do it right and mill it out  
19 and then put a base down, some binder and pave  
20 it over. If somebody wants me to go get bids  
21 on that, Mr. Chairman, I could ask, like,  
22 maybe, you know, some contractors or something  
23 and send bids.

24 MR. BARTOS: That's a well driven  
25 street. I mean --

1 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

2 MR. BARTOS: You how many people go  
3 street up Potter? How many people?

4 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

5 MR. BARTOS: It's a disaster.

6 MR. MCHALE: Just so you know, sir,  
7 Mr. Verrastro brought up -- obviously money at  
8 this time of year we try to get through the  
9 year and budget things. And I hope you do  
10 realize that, of course.

11 But, we do have contingencies if we  
12 don't use them we are going to -- he had asked  
13 if we can put several streets including Potter  
14 out to at least see how much it would cost to  
15 if we can do a partial paving on some streets.

16 There are a lot of streets that need  
17 to be paved. And, yes, we need to develop a  
18 program to pave a lot of the streets. My  
19 street -- my sewer basin and I sit on the Sewer  
20 Authority Board is probably 2 feet deep. So I  
21 know what you mean.

22 MR. BARTOS: Who is responsible for  
23 the manhole covers, the Sewer Authority? Do  
24 they take care of all of them sewers?

25 MR. MCHALE: Sewer Authority.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Sewer Authority.

2 MR. BARTOS: Somebody should call, I  
3 mean, come on.

4 MR. MCHALE: I will honestly -- I  
5 will make that call. I promise that you. But  
6 we will look to try to pave --

7 MR. BARTOS: Before somebody gets  
8 killed if one of those sink.

9 MR. MCHALE: I agree. I agree.

10 MR. BARTOS: Summer Street, there's  
11 a trench in Summer Street that must be 3 feet  
12 long, about 2 feet wide, and about a foot deep  
13 halfway between from Oak to Smith Street. It's  
14 been there all summer. Nobody ever told you  
15 about that -- Summer Street?

16 MR. MCHALE: Is that -- did someone  
17 do a project there? Forgive me I'm not  
18 exactly in my mind where --

19 MR. BARTOS: You go up Chestnut  
20 Street, you take a left up Summers after the --

21 MR. HALLINAN: It's almost like the  
22 shoulder of the road is all rutted out rather  
23 than running the pave.

24 MR. BARTOS: It's like 3 feet long,  
25 2 feet wide, and about this deep (indicating)

1 right in the center of the road. Somebody is  
2 going to get hurt.

3 MR. HALLINAN: Do you think maybe if  
4 you could look at that tomorrow, Didge?

5 MR. JUDGE: That's from the heavy  
6 rains I would imagine.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah. You'd probably  
8 have to put some stone down there or something.

9 MR. MCHALE: He'll take a look at  
10 it.

11 MR. BARTOS: Thank you, guys.

12 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Anybody  
13 else tonight? Please.

14 MS. VALUNAS: Laurie Valunas from  
15 1721 Madison Avenue. And it's just more of a  
16 statement listening to everything that's being  
17 said tonight as to why the neighborhood of 1700  
18 block of Madison is so vehemently trying to  
19 fight for the character and stability and the  
20 safety of the neighborhood how it's been just  
21 as you guys are fighting.

22 And it just goes to the question of  
23 if we're following up with zoning ordinances  
24 and zoning laws, if we are following up with  
25 the punishments and the fines that we're saying

1           they are supposed to have, then maybe the  
2           police are not going to have to spend all of  
3           their time chasing down these nuisance calls  
4           that they don't want to do.

5                   My mom had an issue -- a real police  
6           issue for something. And it took them a while  
7           to get to us because they were already on one  
8           of those calls. I don't want the policeman to  
9           have to -- policewoman to have to go to drug  
10          addict houses.

11                   And why do we have them here? If we  
12          are following rules that are set forth in code,  
13          if we're enforcing them, if I tell a two year  
14          old don't do and I don't enforce it, they're  
15          going to keep doing it if there is no followup  
16          to punishment. The police will have to keep  
17          going on nuisance calls. I don't want them to  
18          have to go to nuisance calls. I don't want  
19          them in the neighborhood either.

20                   I want my police to be safe doing  
21          what they are supposed to do, not taking up  
22          nonsense time. So the whole thing is the  
23          general thought of if we follow the rules if we  
24          enforce what we set forward, it's got to  
25          trickle down that all of this nuisance and

1 nonsense stops. Thank you.

2 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Please.

3 MR. GROCHOWSKI: Joe Grochowski,  
4 1711 Adams Avenue, Dunmore, PA. I just -- I  
5 missed the beginning. I just had two  
6 followups. One is I missed the personnel  
7 matters. Can you just review what they were  
8 again?

9 MR. MCHALE: We hired five  
10 additional full-time police.

11 MR. GROCHOWSKI: Yeah, names? I  
12 just didn't catch them.

13 MR. NARDOZZI: Stephon Burgette --

14 MR. MCHALE: Do you want to relay --

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Thomas Butler,  
16 Stehpon Burgette, John Kane, Corey Condrad,  
17 Joshua Ruddy.

18 MR. GROCHOWSKI: And just on the  
19 website, I know it just came up; but did you --  
20 I mean, expectation of basic features, is it  
21 going to be like agenda items like we said  
22 being posted before -- let's say, like, the  
23 budget that we get here on paper will be posted  
24 there and meeting minutes and all -- just do  
25 you have any additional comments on, like, core

1 features, or specs or anything like that.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: There's everything on  
3 there. Calendar for DPW calendar, meeting  
4 minutes will be on there, agendas as soon as we  
5 get them because sometimes we only get them,  
6 you know, the day of the meeting or a few days  
7 before the meeting.

8 Those will go up and community  
9 events that are going on, anything at the  
10 community center, parks, you know, anything.

11 MR. MCHALE: DPW delays, things like  
12 that.

13 MR. GROCHOWSKI: Do you have a  
14 website --

15 MR. MCHALE: It's up.

16 MR. GROCHOWSKI: No, someone, like,  
17 who is monitoring like an IT person.

18 MR. MCHALE: Yeah.

19 MR. GROCHOWSKI: And I just thought  
20 of it because people were bringing up the  
21 areas. But I don't know if anybody knows the  
22 house on -- it's on the corner of Adams and  
23 Delaware near me. And I think it's owned by  
24 Swinic or Swanic.

25 I'm 40 years old and I think since

1 I'm kid the house has looked like it has today.  
2 And I know -- I've been back home two years.  
3 And it's just dormant. It's like -- it's  
4 empty. And I talk to the mail people. I mean,  
5 I just don't know. Does anybody know anything?  
6 Have people complained about it?

7 MR. MCHALE: A for rent sign goes up  
8 every so often.

9 MR. GROCHOWSKI: Yeah, the lawn get  
10 taken care of by some people. But I don't  
11 think it's even liveable. I'm just curious if  
12 it's been a problem house.

13 MR. MCHALE: Joe, do you know the  
14 house he's talking about -- the yellow house on  
15 the corner of Adams?

16 MR. GROCHOWSKI: It's a yellow house  
17 if you go down Delaware it's on the left. It's  
18 just vacant. It's been vacant. It's like  
19 yellow and brown.

20 MR. LORINCE: I don't know. But if  
21 you give me the address --

22 MR. GROCHOWSKI: I think it's owned  
23 by the owner of the Glider Diner --

24 MR. LORINCE: Oh, you're talking  
25 about the guy --

1 MR. GROCHOWSKI: It's across from  
2 the Bells --

3 MR. LORINCE: You're talking about  
4 the guy that owns Chick's Diner.

5 MR. GROCHOWSKI: Yeah, exactly.

6 MS. HALLINAN: It's Jim Swanic.

7 MR. MCHALE: He'll take a look at it  
8 tomorrow.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale, do you  
10 want to go off the record and have a  
11 conversation or do you want to limit them to  
12 one at a time so that there could be a record?

13 MR. MCHALE: Sorry.

14 MR. GROCHOWSKI: Yeah, sorry. I was  
15 just curious if there was -- I'm just curious  
16 because I've been there and it seems like it's  
17 set up for rentals but no one lives there. I  
18 didn't know if it's livable.

19 MR. LORINCE: No one is living  
20 there.

21 MR. GROCHOWSKI: Is there any  
22 complaints before about it?

23 MR. LORINCE: We went out in June to  
24 start making them cut the grass and make sure  
25 he maintains it. Next thing he's going to do

1 is siding, put windows and decide what he wants  
2 to do with it.

3 MR. GROCHOWSKI: Okay. All right.  
4 Thanks. Thank you.

5 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?  
6 Please.

7 CAPT. SPRINGER: Bill Springer,  
8 Dudley Street. I'm also a Captain with the  
9 Police Department. I'd like to thank you and  
10 commend you all for the addition to the Police  
11 Department.

12 Four of them already work for us.  
13 And some of the finest and most dedicated  
14 officers that we have. Congratulations,  
15 gentlemen. You know, these guys we send out to  
16 fill a shift and they are calling, you know,  
17 sometimes on a couple hours notice an emergency  
18 comes up and they come out.

19 I would like to thank the Chief. He  
20 got us up in the woods a couple weeks ago. We  
21 had some problem at the reservoirs. Thanks,  
22 Chief, for being amenable to that. I would  
23 also like to thank you for the hard work you  
24 put in on the guns and the radios. That was  
25 sorely needed.

1                   And he's taken steps already to  
2                   ensure that these guns get updated and receive  
3                   regular care. We sent Officer Garzella to  
4                   armor school already for Glocks. Behind me,  
5                   Tom Richardson and Ray Reynolds, I just want to  
6                   say this publically, congratulate them on the  
7                   terrific job they did on Night Out this year.

8                   It went flawlessly, you know, and  
9                   good job. And I'm really proud of the way you  
10                  guys stepped up again with that. That's it.

11                 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

12                                 (No response.)

13                 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

14                 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Comments from  
15                 public officials.

16                 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, do you have  
17                 anything?

18                 MR. JUDGE: No.

19                 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince?

20                 MR. LORINCE: I don't.

21                 MR. MCHALE: Anything further?

22                 MR. LORINCE: No.

23                 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney?

24                 MR. KEARNEY: No.

25                 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Ruggiero?

1 MR. RUGGIERO: No.

2 MR. MCHALE: Chief?

3 CHIEF MARCHESE: I'm good.

4 MR. MCHALE: Tom?

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir.

6 MR. MCHALE: Do you want to lead us  
7 off tonight?

8 MR. NARDOZZI: Absolutely. I would  
9 just like to congratulate the five officers. I  
10 see two of them in attendance tonight -- are  
11 there four here? Maybe if they want to stand  
12 up just so people could see who they are. Give  
13 them a hand; Stephon Burgette, Jake Kane, Tommy  
14 Butler, Corey Condrad, of course, we have Josh  
15 Ruddy too who is not here tonight.

16 The police radios and the weapons  
17 are something that -- it's a tool that these  
18 guys need, especially the radios  
19 communicationwise. And that's something that  
20 we had to do. And one last thing, Mr.  
21 Chairman, on Harper Street Ed Zech came to the  
22 last meeting and asked us to look into the  
23 parking situation.

24 There is one sign in particular that  
25 was on a tree that was worn out. And there

1           should not be any parking allowed because it  
2           was forbidden in the past. Tom, maybe through  
3           PennDOT because it is a state road, do we have  
4           to go through PennDOT first to properly sign  
5           it?

6                         MR. HALLINAN: For --

7                         MR. NARDOZZI: No parking.

8                         MR. HALLINAN: Off the record, I  
9           think it might be a Borough decision before a  
10          State decision.

11                        MR. NARDOZZI: But it needs to be  
12          done.

13                        MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

14                        MR. MCHALE: Didge will take it --

15                        MR. JUDGE: What street is it?

16                        MR. NARDOZZI: Harper Street,  
17          right-hand side going down to Blakely Street,  
18          people are just starting to park on that  
19          street.

20                        MR. MCHALE: You guys have a lot of  
21          work to do.

22                        MR. JUDGE: I think that is a State  
23          road.

24                        MR. HALLINAN: It is a State road.  
25          I would say just from my experience that it

1           would be a State responsibility -- or Borough  
2           responsibility with parking rather than the  
3           State's. They maintain it. You do it.

4                     MR. NARDOZZI: That's all, Mr.  
5           Chairman.

6                     MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

7                     MR. HALLINAN: First, I would say  
8           congratulations to the officers. I'm glad  
9           you're here because you heard what goes on in  
10          this town as far as what a lot of the concerns  
11          are the neighborhoods. And we want to keep  
12          them safe.

13                    And this is one of my first things  
14          when I ran for office was to, you know, hire  
15          more police officers. And the concerns of the  
16          citizens are to protect their neighborhoods.  
17          You see something, please write it up. Do it.  
18          And do the right thing because this is what  
19          Dunmore is all about.

20                    It's a community that is  
21          unbelievable. And we want to keep it this way.  
22          And we want to keep it safe. And like I said,  
23          I didn't want to get into that before where  
24          there was an out-of-town landlord or not, Joe,  
25          with that Elm Street.

1                   It's just some of the problems that  
2                   we do have with the out-of-town landlords they  
3                   just don't seem to care about, you know, what  
4                   goes on. I ask you to please do your job. I  
5                   know you will. You know, you hear what the  
6                   citizens want and please act on it, okay?

7                   Next thing I want to know, I was  
8                   having a discussion with the girls in the  
9                   office. I want to know if we can give  
10                  permission to the Borough Manager to hire a  
11                  cleaning company not to exceed \$400.

12                  Do we have to take a vote on that,  
13                  Tommy, because we haven't had them clean -- the  
14                  girls complain that nothing -- we've been short  
15                  employees, vacations, and nobody's been  
16                  cleaning the --

17                  ATTY. CUMMINGS: The appropriate  
18                  course would be just for motion to authorize  
19                  the Borough Manager to handle the situation  
20                  capped at \$400 a month.

21                  MR. HALLINAN: Okay. I would like  
22                  to make that motion then that Borough Manager  
23                  give permission to find a cleaning company so  
24                  we can clean the Borough Building and the  
25                  Police Department.

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Before the second,  
2 is there any public comment on the issue?

3                   (No response.)

4                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: There being none,  
5 it's fair to proceed.

6                   MR. NARDOZZI: I'll second it.

7                   MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
8 second. On the question.

9                   (No response.)

10                  MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
11 signify by saying aye.

12                  ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13                  MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

14                  (No response.)

15                  MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
16 moved.

17                  MR. HALLINAN: I'd also ask that we  
18 would John Padula a county sheriff, we put him  
19 on the part-time list if that would be -- make  
20 a motion for that.

21                  MR. MCHALE: Add a part-time police  
22 officer, do we have to open up to comment  
23 again?

24                  ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yes. If there is  
25 any public comment on an addition of a

1 part-time police officer.

2 MR. MCHALE: Just added to the  
3 roster.

4 MR. HALLINAN: Just being added to  
5 the roster because we're having all of these  
6 guys move up.

7 (No response.)

8 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

9 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll second that.

10 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
11 second.

12 (No response.)

13 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
14 signify by saying aye.

15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
19 moved.

20 MR. HALLINAN: And on a personal  
21 note, I hope I could keep it together. What  
22 happened Friday night was just truly amazing  
23 for me and my family and for everybody else  
24 that lost somebody in this community. I don't  
25 know if everybody here witnessed it.

1                   It was amazing. And I thank  
2                   everybody for participating. Thank you from  
3                   the bottom of my heart. That's all.

4                   MR. MCHALE: Michael.

5                   MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, thanks for that,  
6                   Hal. Unbelievable Friday night. That should  
7                   be yearly. That should be annual. Commendable  
8                   job there. Tommy, great job National Night  
9                   Out, you, Ray, Captain Springer, all you guys  
10                  did an unbelievable job.

11                  My kid loved riding on the fire  
12                  truck. So I appreciate that. I don't think I  
13                  need to say any more about the website. It's  
14                  up, Dunmorepa.gov. Please check it out. Call  
15                  me with any questions, concerns, comments just  
16                  let me know how you think it is.

17                  Still a few bugs to work out but  
18                  it's -- I think it's a great start.  
19                  Congratulations to these guys back here -- at  
20                  least four of you. You guys are unbelievable  
21                  at your jobs. I'm so glad to have you guys on.  
22                  I can't wait to get to know you guys more at  
23                  least over the next four years. Give me all  
24                  your cell phone numbers. Thanks a lot.  
25                  Congratulations to you guys. That's all I

1           have, Mr. Chairman.

2                   MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

3                   MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you. I'd like  
4           to, first of all, thank everyone for coming.  
5           This is a great process that we have where you  
6           come to the meetings and you let us know what  
7           it is on your mind or what needs to be done and  
8           we hope to follow up.

9                   But I do want to say if you ever do  
10          have a problem that you think can be addressed  
11          without you coming to Council, please call  
12          either myself or call anyone of us. We would  
13          like to help you if you can't make it to a  
14          meeting. But if you can, that's even better so  
15          thank you very much.

16                  I do want to congratulate our new  
17          officers. I've been so glad to, you know,  
18          getting to know you. And this is a great time  
19          for the Borough. So we thank all of you for  
20          your service so far and we look forward to what  
21          you're going to bring to the Borough.

22                  We had a Scranton/Abington Planning  
23          Association meeting last month. And in doing  
24          that we are moving forward with the  
25          municipal -- Multi Municipal Plan. And we are

1 getting to the stage of this process where we  
2 need an ordinance to approve the  
3 Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation  
4 Agreement. So, Tommy, I would ask you to write  
5 that one up and --

6 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'll have it  
7 available for the next meeting in September.

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes, please.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sure.

10 MS. SCRIMALLI: If you do have any  
11 questions tonight on the SAPA Plan, we do have  
12 Denise Prowell here, the Secretary of SAPA.  
13 And she would be happy to answer any of your  
14 questions.

15 I'd also want to thank Captain  
16 Richardson and Ray Reynolds for the great job  
17 that you did for the Night Out. It was  
18 fabulous. I also would like to let you know  
19 that Sherwood Park is having their annual  
20 festival. And that's Thursday, Friday, and  
21 Saturday.

22 It should be a great time. We have  
23 the new splash pad there. It's beautiful. The  
24 kids love it. We look forward to you coming  
25 there. And that's all I have for tonight.

1 Thanks everyone.

2 MR. MCHALE: Thank you very much.  
3 Mr. Burke.

4 MR. BURKE: Yes. I would like to  
5 thank Officer Richardson and everybody else  
6 involved with National Night Out. Great job,  
7 DPW, everybody involved. Also shout out to  
8 Claire Duncan and Holy Cross students who went  
9 to West Virginia for Habitat For Humanity.  
10 That's just a great honor to have our students  
11 from this area go down there and do that work.

12 It takes a lot for a high school  
13 student to care that much that and go help  
14 people in need like that. You must be very  
15 proud, Gary. I know we're proud of her and the  
16 rest of the students from Holy Cross that did  
17 this.

18 Also what I brought up last week  
19 with about hiring somebody to research our --  
20 whether we have a say or not on the sale of the  
21 Scranton Sewer Authority. I did talk to two  
22 people who helped -- from Gary getting me the  
23 paralegal number. She gave me two different  
24 numbers, Mike.

25 I talked to -- one was \$175 an hour.

1           One is \$185 an hour. The one -- the 175 said  
2           if we can get more information from the Sewer  
3           Authority, like, the contract, past contract  
4           when they did privatization or you know, things  
5           like that, of course, it would be a lot  
6           cheaper, anything that we can get without  
7           having to go through a Right to Know.

8                     That is up to Council if they would  
9           like to pursue it. I would like to pursue it  
10          because like I said, I would like to know if --  
11          before the Sewer Authority is sold if we had a  
12          chance to stop it or give advice and it passes  
13          without us, you know, finding out later that we  
14          had a say and we could have stopped it or, you  
15          know, you know, we let it go.

16                    But I would like Council's approval  
17          to, you know, to decide on who they want to  
18          hire to pursue this. I'll make a motion we  
19          hire somebody to look up the information.

20                    MR. MCHALE: Who?

21                    MR. BURKE: Well, either one. I  
22          could go with either one. I mean, we go with  
23          the best price which is 175. But I make a  
24          motion that we hire to find out before the  
25          Sewer Authority is sold find out if we have a

1 say on the sale of the Scranton Sewer  
2 Authority.

3 MR. MCHALE: \$175, do you want to  
4 cap or we'll just watch it you and I?

5 MR. BURKE: Okay.

6 MR. MCHALE: Do you want to do that?

7 MR. BURKE: That's sounds good.

8 MR. MCHALE: Tommy, I can't make a  
9 second.

10 ATTY. CUMMINGS: You need to go to  
11 public comment.

12 MR. MCHALE: Do I need a second  
13 though first, Tom?

14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Before you vote on  
15 it there has to be public comment if you have a  
16 second. If you don't, then it just dies.

17 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion. Do I  
18 have a second?

19 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll second it.

20 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
21 second. Now on the question. Laurie Valunas  
22 again.

23 MS. VALUNAS: I'm sorry, yeah,  
24 Laurie Valunas, 1721 Madison. I caught the end  
25 of the Scranton Council meeting. And I didn't

1 get a chance to look at the whole thing. But  
2 the part that I saw was that they were talking  
3 about the Sewer Authority. And they said  
4 Dunmore has a say.

5 And I think they said what are they  
6 going to do and they said we haven't heard.  
7 They did specifically say Dunmore has a say.

8 MR. MCHALE: We own 20 percent of  
9 that. And I'm the -- I sit on that Board as  
10 the Dunmore representative. And my vote is  
11 going to be Council's vote.

12 MS. VALUNAS: Okay.

13 MR. MCHALE: So whatever ends up  
14 happening, a sale, a lease, or nothing, that  
15 asset is still Dunmore's up until a sale.

16 MR. BURKE: And the thing we're  
17 looking for I know privatization we do have a  
18 vote that could stop it or let it happen. We  
19 went through it before. But now they are  
20 talking about a sale, which we haven't been  
21 able to find out for sure or I would just like  
22 research done because this is happening in  
23 other boroughs across the United States. And  
24 I'd like to know if we do have a say.

25 MR. MCHALE: For the record -- I

1 don't mean to interrupt, Tim. Attorney  
2 Cummings has and the attorneys -- the two  
3 attorneys who sit for the Board at the Sewer  
4 Authority have looked into it and haven't found  
5 anything. I'm not saying -- I support what  
6 Timmy's doing. Don't get me wrong. But it has  
7 been looked into. We haven't found anything.

8 Now, if there's nothing there,  
9 you're never going to find anything. If  
10 there's something there, I'm all for taking  
11 another look, just so you know.

12 So I have a motion and a second.  
13 Anybody else on the question?

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, Tommy, didn't  
15 you research this issue already?

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: The response that I  
17 issued was that the Dunmore Borough has a  
18 representative on the Sewer Authority which is  
19 a one-fifth vote being one of five and that the  
20 conveyance of the property and/or the  
21 termination of the Authority is covered under  
22 the Municipal Authorities Act.

23 It's my understanding that that was  
24 deemed an insufficient answer. So I contacted  
25 the two solicitors for the Sewer Authority.

1 Both reviewed it and came up with the same  
2 response to the Borough of Dunmore that we have  
3 a one-fifth vote. And it is by majority rule.  
4 But it has to be within the confines of the  
5 Municipal Authorities Act as to how and what  
6 the Authority does.

7 That was also referred by the Sewer  
8 Authority attorneys to the Pennsylvania  
9 Association of Municipal Authorities. They did  
10 not respond because they found nothing  
11 different. That is the answer that has been  
12 provided. You're free to hire somebody else to  
13 find a different answer, if you wish.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: So there is three  
15 lawyers that said we have a one-fifth vote or  
16 one-fifth percentage, 20 percent.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Correct.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: And, Tim, is that an  
19 insufficient answer? I'm not sure -- why are  
20 we hiring a paralegal to --

21 MR. BURKE: The answer if you  
22 remember took me a year and a half to get that  
23 answer.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: But if that's the  
25 answer --

1 MR. BURKE: What I'm looking for,  
2 Mike, that one-fifth, is that enough to stop a  
3 vote of a sale that one-fifth vote.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: A 20 percent vote? I  
5 think the answer would be no.

6 MR. BURKE: Okay. So I know this  
7 has been happening throughout the United  
8 States. The lawyer I talked to today said, you  
9 know, I'd have to research this and get all of  
10 this information maybe from our lawyer with the  
11 answers he's gotten and, of course, it would be  
12 easier for her to research it.

13 But if we were privatized before and  
14 we did have a say, she said she couldn't  
15 understand how if it was sold that now we don't  
16 have a say to stop that. So she would, you  
17 know, she would like to do the research on that  
18 if we do hire her. That I can't understand  
19 either myself, like, why --

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Are we going to cap  
21 this at a certain amount?

22 MR. BURKE: Yeah, Mike mentioned  
23 capping it at a certain amount. Sure.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: What was the cap? Was  
25 there one? I don't want to spend all of this

1 money for the same answer that we already got.

2 MR. BURKE: No, Council can decide  
3 on a cap.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: I think there should  
5 be a cap on it.

6 MR. BURKE: Yeah, I agree.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: -- if we're going to  
8 spend that money to get the same answer that we  
9 already got.

10 MR. BURKE: No, I agree too.

11 MR. HALLINAN: On the question,  
12 Mike, also. Timmy, what is the union -- their  
13 union, are we going to be doing double work?  
14 Is their union also looking into this and then  
15 we're going to spend our taxpayer -- rate payer  
16 money to do the same thing that three lawyers  
17 did.

18 Their union is obviously going to  
19 try to protect their employees and maybe stop  
20 the sale too from the letters we've been  
21 receiving. So I just want to make sure we're  
22 not, you know, throwing money away. I mean,  
23 I'm all for protect -- I'm against the sale.

24 I want to protect the rate payers.  
25 And I want to protect the employees because we

1           have a lot of people from Dunmore that work  
2           there. And that's my stand. But I just don't  
3           want to be throwing money around like a fool.

4                        So I just want to say if you want go  
5           for a paralegal and we cap it somehow that's  
6           fine. But I would love to know if the union is  
7           also doing it and we're not doing the same  
8           research that maybe your union is doing.

9                        MR. BURKE: No, our union is not  
10          doing anything.

11                      MR. HALLINAN: The union is not  
12          doing anything to stop the sale?

13                      MR. BURKE: No, they can't do  
14          anything to stop the sale.

15                      MR. DEMPSEY: I don't think it's a  
16          good use of taxpayer money to hire a paralegal  
17          to do a job that three attorneys have already  
18          done. You know, I --

19                      MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
20          question?

21                                (No response.)

22                      MR. MCHALE: Tom, how about a voice  
23          vote?

24                      ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sure. Mrs.  
25          Scrimalli.

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

3 MR. BURKE: Yes.

4 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: No.

6 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Is this with a cap,

8 may I ask?

9 MR. BURKE: Yes.

10 MR. HALLINAN: I'll vote yes with a

11 cap.

12 MR. BURKE: We go for a thousand

13 dollars cap.

14 MR. HALLINAN: A thousand dollars?

15 MR. BURKE: Yeah.

16 MR. HALLINAN: Fair enough.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Is that a yes?

18 MR. HALLINAN: I vote yes, I'm

19 sorry.

20 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardoizzi.

21 MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

23 MR. MCHALE: Yes. Anything else,

24 Tim?

25 MR. BURKE: Oh, and also, I would

1           like Tommy to look into policies on social  
2           media for all employees of the Borough. I know  
3           Denise is checking to see if other towns have  
4           any policies on social media.

5                       I talked to one person who told  
6           me no for the school district but if we can  
7           look into that just for our own protection.

8                       ATTY. CUMMINGS: Policies in what  
9           sense?

10                      MR. MCHALE: On what could be said  
11           on social media so we're protected and the  
12           people of Dunmore are protected from social  
13           media, any mistake by police, fire, anybody  
14           employed by the Borough.

15                      ATTY. CUMMINGS: Okay. I'll have  
16           that for you at the next meeting.

17                      MR. BURKE: Okay. Thank you.  
18           That's all I have, Mike.

19                      MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Tim. Being  
20           last it's a little tough to repeat everybody.  
21           But everybody at National Night Out I couldn't  
22           make it last year. But this year with Captain  
23           Springer, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Reynolds,  
24           Chief, it really was a special event. So I  
25           congratulate you all.

1                   And the four gentlemen that we hired  
2                   tonight we budgeted -- I'm sorry, the five.  
3                   Four of them are here tonight. I apologize.  
4                   The five that we hired tonight, you know, this  
5                   has been budgeted for two years. And we have  
6                   been watching every penny.

7                   It's been sorely needed. And we  
8                   kind of held off as we have been watching every  
9                   penny. But I'm happy to have a bunch of young  
10                  guys who have an unbelievable reputation.

11                  And a lot of guys who come up with  
12                  your names time and time again applauding you.  
13                  So congratulations and we appreciate you  
14                  sticking with us for the whole year that this  
15                  process -- more than a year that this process  
16                  has gone on. So thank you. Congratulations  
17                  and welcome. And that's all I have. So I'll  
18                  look for a motion to adjourn.

19                  MR. NARDOZZI: So moved.

20                  MR. HALLINAN: Second.

21                  MR. MCHALE: All in favor.

22                  ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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