COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

MR. NARDOZZI: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sorry about that.

Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public comment on agenda items.

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

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve the minutes.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

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

MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Chairman, I'll make that --

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

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

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: All those in favor signify by saying aye.
ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is a motion to approve acquisition of Arc View Software from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., for the Zoning Office to modernize the Borough's mapping system that will link to the Lackawanna County Assessors System.

This 2015 version will replace the presently used 1992 version. The Purchase will not exceed $1,400 which will include a single user license and will be paid for out of the Code account. It does not impact the general budget.

MR. MCHALE: I'm looking for a motion.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make the motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question.
MR. VERRASTRO: On the question, Vito, for the single user license, what does that being that I'm --

MR. MCHALE: Only one computer.

MR. VERRASTRO: Should we have this for more than one computer?

MR. RUGGIERO: No. It will be on Joe's computer. If you want it on multiple computers, you need multiple licenses.

MR. VERRASTRO: I was just thinking a while back when we were talking about doing it in conjunction with the Tax Office, this way if they were going in or they would know if there was a bunch of liens on the property, stuff like that. Will this system -- or is this a different system we're thinking about doing now?

MR. RUGGIERO: This is just keeping up-to-date with the county. I guess it would benefit if the Tax Office had currently -- if our Tax Office has any questions they would ask Mr. Lorince. So you could explore that option as well.

MR. VERRASTRO: If we are, we can always add it later.
MR. RUGGIERO: Absolutely.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven is a motion to advertise RFPs for Design, Content Management and Custom Application Development and Site maintenance of the new Borough website. The project will include all Borough departments, functions, messaging boards, and payment capabilities for user friendly interface with Borough residents.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

MR. NARDOZZI: I'll second.

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

MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, on the question, this is a request for proposals for those who
visit our website often or not so often, it's not very user friendly. There's not a lot on there. So this is to get the proposals from different companies to completely revamp, you know, hopefully we can pay taxes on it, parking tickets, you know, get our calendar up, get minutes up, you know, like that. Vito would have that access to it. So that's what we're looking for with this motion.

MR. HALLINAN: Would it also -- on the question here, would it also be able to interact with citizens? Would they have like an area say if they had a complaint or something?

MR. DEMPSEY: Anything is possible. I don't know a ton about computers. That's why we're requesting --

MR. RUGGIERO: Councilman Hallinan, on that question the way I envision it is each department would be on the home page of the Borough -- a little bit of history of the Borough and an offsite -- or each department or each office would have their own separate pages, i.e., police department would be able to request reports. If there's a fee, pay for
them there, pay parking tickets, pay fines there.

Have Council and elected official areas that would be able to get in touch with elected officials, so on and so forth.

MR. HALLINAN: Who would be administrator, you, Vito?

MR. RUGGIERO: Well, it depends. We're asking for site maintenance and administration cost and how much that would be. I would like the Borough to have an administrator to update on the fly if we needed to and respond to requests and things of that nature.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: I think it was -- I know the frustration you had too especially when we were having all the landfill meetings trying to get stuff on to the website. You don't have that capability right now. And that was a huge deal to -- a lot of the people wanted the stuff it kind of looked like we were delaying getting stuff which it couldn't be further from the truth.

MR. RUGGIERO: Well, what sparked
this is I believe Mr. Clark when he and I or
Mr. Duncan were talking, there was -- I was
trying to get the information requested on
there and requested it numerous times. And
there was a big lull or a big lag in time
period that it would show up. This would allow
the Borough the capability at any point to put
up anything that is requested or chosen at the
strike of a key.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: Vito, it says on the
payment capabilities, are we also talking about
the property taxes?

MR. RUGGIERO: Well, the payment
capabilities, anything that would be payable to
the Borough, i.e., property taxes, parking
fines, whatever that may be, request for
proposal if there is a cost per page, anything
and everything would be payable right on line.

And, you know, in today's society
people like the convenience of their own home
doing these things. You know, prime example is
Christmas time. They have Cyber Monday I
believe it's called. So people like to stay in
the comfort of their own homes and do things,
so why not offer that amenity -- not saying we're going to close the Tax Office window or not accept payments at the bank, but just another avenue that a resident could have to explore these possibilities.

MR. NARDOZZI: And that's something we've talked about the last several years anyway about doing -- exploring. Thanks, Vito.

MR. RUGGIERO: You're welcome.

MR. VERRASTRO: And the way that it's set up though is they are all the things we can potentially do with it. We're not actually doing all of them --

MR. RUGGIERO: No.

MR. VERRASTRO: Because we don't have a lot of things set up to do that.

MR. MCHALE: Depending on costs.

MR. RUGGIERO: It's going to be costs and this is actually the infancy or inception phase of this. And I would ask for Council's input or anybody else, Borough resident's input what they feel the need to have on there is and we can explore that expense and do that to make everyone's lives
MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the question? I just quickly want to thank Mr. Dempsey for taking the lead on this and putting some work in with Vito to bring it to at least to this point and drawing up a pretty detailed proposal what they're looking for. So thank you guys. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight is report from Lackawanna County Community Relations Coordinator Gerard Hetman.

MR. HETMAN: Good evening as always, ladies and gentlemen, Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County Community Relations Department.

Just the one item that we have that's new this evening and the Borough offices may have already received a letter that comes from our Arts and Culture Department. The
County's Municipal Arts and Culture Grant Program is up and running for the 2015 calendar year as normal.

And this program -- I use the term as normal because this has been done over many years now and provides funding for art and culture programming that takes place in this case in the Borough of Dunmore. And that grant could be up to the amount of $500.

Again, we talk about arts and culture programming, it's used in many different projects across that realm in different communities in the county. Some places use it for concert series in one of their parks. Others use it for festivals, sometimes to support an art exhibit maybe in a municipal building or somewhere else in the community.

There's a broad range of possibilities. All that we ask is that Borough apply for it at some point during the year because we do like to see the funds used to make a difference in the community. And if anyone needs suggestions, we can get the lists of projects and point to you some examples that
have been used in the past.

MR. NARDOZZI: One quick question on that.

MR. HETMAN: Sure.

MR. NARDOZZI: The overpass -- the railroad bridge up in Jessup by Jessup Pizza in that area, I notice there were murals painted. Was that not this same grant?

MR. HETMAN: That wasn't this grant. That was provided through different arts and culture funding. But if you wanted to do -- if you had an artist who wanted to do something like that, I'm sure it would be possible. I know it's possible to apply for it.

And that may very well be an applicable fit for it if you had a project that wanted to be done. It could be for something that's like a series, you know, some communities use it for again let's say a concert series or a drama festival every year.

It could be used for let's say a community improvement type of art project. Like if someone wanted to do a mural or if someone wanted to do a sculpture somewhere in a place that would benefit the community as a
whole.

I believe those projects have been
done in the past. And it would be applicable.
So if anyone has any questions on it you can
talk to me. And we could also put you in touch
with Maureen McQuigan who is our Deputy
Director for Arts and Culture. Her office
handles the applications.

And there's no bad ideas. We'll
certainly be willing to talk about anything
that you would like to consider. And again,
the only stipulation is that we ask that the
application be submitted approximately 30 days
before any program could take place.

And that just allows time for the
paperwork to be processed and for the checks to
be cut once it's approved. Again, if there's
any hangups or it needs to be refined if you
meet the criteria, we can work with you on that
to make it correct. So that's all we have.
We'll leave a copy of the letter.

I think it should have gone to the
Borough Building. But we'll make sure we have
one here for you just in case. And then also
the second one that we have last month
Mr. Nardozzi mentioned the county's annual winter golf clinic.

That takes place again late February through late March at South Scranton Intermediate School. I do have the flyer for that now. I did drop a few off at the Borough office at his request. But we'll leave the flyer for all of Council to see.

That is the first of many programs and leagues and clinics that take place under our Parks and Recreation umbrella during the year. We should have a master schedule of those soon. Normally we have it around this time of the year.

So if not now, it will certainly be by your next meeting. And we'll leave that as soon as we have it also. The only other program they have ongoing it's not camp or a clinic. McDade Park has a designated area for the second straight year now for sledding, sleigh riding, whatever you want to call it, saucer riding, etc., etc.

And over the years that from my understanding was against the park rules to engage in sledding and sleigh riding. Many
individuals did so. And last year our Parks and Recreation Department managed to carve out an area where it's a designated designed slope to engage in again, sledding, sleigh riding, that type of stuff.

It's open. It's getting great use. It's completely free. We just ask that visitors obey all the park's rules and regulations in doing so. And, of course, if they come on a snow day just be careful on the roads.

Don't take any big risks. But it is open when there is snow on the ground. And that's all we have. Thank you always.

ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney -- Chris, real quick. The $500 grant that he's speaking of, maybe for the Summer Program you do do an arts program within the Summer Program?

MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, we did it last year.

MR. MCHALE: Did you get the 500?

MR. KEARNEY: We got the 500.

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes, I got it last year.
MR. KEARNEY: I was in contact with Miss McQuigan.

MR. MCHALE: Good. All right.

Thank you.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine, Gary Duncan, report from Dunmore Neighborhood Watch.

MR. DUNCAN: I'll be real quick.

Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street, Dunmore. Just a few things. I talked to Vito. And I talked to Didge. The lights at 1339 Adams and Ferguson Place and Didge is going to help us out with this one.

But Ferguson Place has been out for two months now. 1339 Adams, I drove by there. And it looks like parts of the light aren't even put on. And I just talked to Vito and Didge. So they assured me they would get back to me on this one.

I went through there the other day that block on Adams Avenue that is an awful long block. It's real dark in the middle. It's right in front of Miss Shane's house. I saw it on your's too. It's on three or four social pages. I get three or four phone
calls --

MR. NARDOZZI: I just want to let you know that I personally called Urban Electric too about that. I gave them the address. Mrs. Shane contacted me.

MR. DUNCAN: I know. Believe me, I know everybody she contacted because I hear her too. But anyway and so thanks, Didge, and thanks, Vito and everybody else. And that's it with the last thing. Vito, thanks for the prompt responses on three pages and then some.

And thanks to all of those that helped you do that. We're having another Dunmore Neighborhood Watch a week tonight, 7:00 right here. And I certainly hope the weather is better. And I know you -- Councilman Dempsey has been at the last few.

So we appreciate that. But certainly everybody is invited. And also, Gerard, thanks for your card tonight. And you and I have to get together. Thank you, everybody.

MR. VERRASTRO: When is that meeting again?

MR. DUNCAN: A week tonight, 7:00.
MR. VERRASTRO: And also, Didge, that light on Sixth Street, did that ever get taken care of?

MR. JUDGE: I talk to them every week. I don't know what's up.

MR. VERRASTRO: Okay. Because I know that's been out for two months or longer.

MR. JUDGE: At least. I talked to them personally.

MR. VERRASTRO: Okay.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number ten, public comment on other items.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to speak to address Council tonight?

MR. CLARK: Pat Clark, Jefferson Avenue. I'm not on Council but I almost stood up clapping for the website thing. Just one question I want an update. On December 19th, did we ever get a report back from Martin and Martin? It was due back on the 19th of January. Did they ever send anything to us?

MR. MCHALE: I e-mailed -- let me do it so I'm accurate, Pat. I received an e-mail at 6:10 p.m. with a draft copy of it. I didn't know it was coming.
MR. CLARK: Will that be publically available when it's done?

MR. MCHALE: Yes. It has to be, Tom, correct? Is a draft copy public?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: At Council's discretion.

MR. MCHALE: I'll send you a copy, Pat. I don't have a problem sending it to you.

MR. CLARK: All right. Great. And then one more update for anyone here and all of Council. It's not related to the actual fee agreement. Friends of Lackawanna is having a public community meeting this Thursday night from 6:30 to 9 in this room.

You're all invited. Please attend if you want to. It won't be -- nothing to do with the fees. It will be about the community and the future and what the pros and cons of the expansion would be. So it's an open community meeting.

Everyone is invited. So if you're available Thursday night, please stop by. It's open from 6:30 to 9.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Pat.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks, Pat.
MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

MS. TEEVAN: I have a quick question. Joanne Teevan, Spring Street. Snow removal, do we have an ordinance of some sort?

MR. NARDOZZI: Sidewalks?

MR. TEEVAN: Yes.

MR. NARDOZZI: Yes, we do.

MS. TEEVAN: A couple places come to mind because I walk dogs. The side of Green Street Beverage the Green Street side, I don't think it's been done all winter. And the bus stop across from the Borough Building.

MR. NARDOZZI: In front of St. Joe's?

MS. TEEVAN: Around the corner, yeah. They do the front. Nobody does around the corner. Some places you're forced out on the street.

MR. HALLINAN: If I'm not mistaken, I saw there's a bus stop there that's maintained by the company that -- I saw them shoveling just the other day because I come up that street.

Like, you know where the -- are you talking the glass enclosure where the people
that are waiting for the bus?

MS. TEEVAN: Yes.

MR. HALLINAN: They were shovelling that.

MS. TEEVAN: When you go around that corner, it's usually not done.

MR. HALLINAN: Okay, we'll check with St. Joe's to make sure.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'm sorry, Tommy, do we own that piece over there -- the Borough? Isn't there something with the parking lot or do they just let us use that?

MR. NARDOZZI: They just let us use that.

MR. VERRASTRO: They just let us use that?

MR. RUGGIERO: Where on Green Street are you talking about? On the side of --

MS. TEEVAN: Yes.

MR. MCHALE: Adjacent to where we park, Vito, walking into, you know, accessing where they allow us to park.

MR. VERRASTRO: It would be from where the parking lot stops to the corner.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?
MR. FAZIO: How are you doing, Council? Andy Fazio. I have a couple things to address tonight about the towing. I was here last year about it. Things improved a little bit. But I had a problem the past two weeks.

I had two of our customers come to our shop asking why we didn't tow their car when they broke down in Dunmore. And I guess I'm not going to mention any names. A woman in Dunmore had her car stolen and it was over the weekend. And Dunmore Police recovered the car.

I guess they didn't contact the lady to have the car -- like, they found the car. And DeNaples actually ended up having the car which is neither here nor there.

MR. NARDOZZI: Can I answer that real quick for you?

MR. FAZIO: Absolutely.

MR. NARDOZZI: They are our impound lot. So whenever a car is recovered that's stolen --

MR. FAZIO: No, I understand that.

MR. NARDOZZI: Just so you know -- I don't know the particulars of what you're
talking about. I could just tell you whenever a vehicle that's stolen that's recovered, it's got to be put in a secure area and DeNaples has that because it has to be processed.

MR. FAZIO: Right. I understand that. But the one major problem I have was actually on Saturday night a gentleman called me. His car broke down on the corner of Drinker and Field Street. I called my driver. My driver headed up there. And the customer was there. And the Dunmore Police were there.

I don't know if it was obstructing traffic or what. But I guess the guy was DUI. Okay, the car broke down there. My driver got there, was in front of the car getting ready to tow the car. He wanted it towed to Brown's.

The police officer kicked my driver out of there and told him that he's not allowed to tow the car when the customer told us to come pick up the car. It doesn't matter. The customer has all right to tell --

MR. NARDOZZI: Not when there's an arrest. Just so you know, not when there's an arrest.

MR. MCHALE: Captain Springer, were
you saying something?

CAPT. SPRINGER: I didn't say anything.

MR. MCHALE: Could you please? You can stay there, Bill.

CAPT. SPRINGER: First of all, the stolen vehicle I absolutely called her. So that's a fallacy. They give us a house number what they want to call, the cell phone number. We can only call the number that they give us. Absolutely contacted. That's as far as it goes.

Now, when we make an arrest, many times we maybe get a search warrant or something for the car. It goes to DeNaples. And it is very pricey. But it does -- that's where it goes because they have a secured impound facility there.

As far as that lady, we did call her. She just -- it was two days later I made the call personally and so she called two days later wanting to know --

MR. FAZIO: Right. It was something like that. Right. Yeah, she told us that.

MR. NARDOZZI: And, Billy, it's the
same thing with a DUI arrest. The car is going
to get impounded. The driver does not have the
choice of where the car goes. None.

MR. FAZIO: Yeah, but that was
before the police officers even got there
though.

CAPT. SPRINGER: I can't second
guess what those guys did. That was the first
I'm hearing about it.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Bill.

MR. FAZIO: I guess, whatever
happened there, you know, the guy broke down
and they called us before the cops were even
there. And when we got there the police
officer was there. Like I said, I don't know
if the car was obstructing or what.

But the cop was there and told my
driver you could leave. We got our own. It's
being impounded.

MR. NARDOZZI: And it goes right
back to what Billy and I said. It's going to
be towed and impounded incident to the arrest.
That's procedure. You don't have a secure
impound lot.

MR. FAZIO: Yes, I do.
MR. NARDOZZI: Where?

MR. FAZIO: We can put whatever is impounded in the garage. Everything is secured.

MR. NARDOZZI: DeNaples has been getting all of them whenever there is an arrest. Billy, is there an indoor? Do they have an indoor?

CAPT. SPRINGER: Yeah. This particular -- I don't want to speak out of turn because the Chief is not here. But the -- one of the issues that came up with the Chief the other day was the cost of that particular car that you were talking about.

So he was looking -- the Chief was looking for some way to defer the amount of money that it costs people to get their cars back. The best thing to do would be to call him and say, hey, listen, what can we do here?

MR. MCHALE: Yep.

CAPT. SPRINGER: Maybe there is something that you could work out with the Borough that makes it cheaper.

MR. FAZIO: Absolutely.

CAPT. SPRINGER: I don't know. And
I don't want to step on Chief Marchese's toes.

MR. FAZIO: No, I understand.

CAPT. SPRINGER: He had some issues with the cost and that was what that particular lady had complained about was how much -- the cost.

MR. FAZIO: Yeah, I remember. She came to the garage.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Bill.

MR. FAZIO: I forget what number it even was. But, you know, she did say it did cost a pretty penny.

MR. HALLINAN: Let me ask you a question, Billy, just to help this gentleman out. If I was going to have a lot and I told you it's secure, does that mean anything to the District Attorney's Office, the police department?

Do you have to do something to inspect that area to make sure, okay, this goes through the hand off of --

CAPT. SPRINGER: It has to have a lock and key. The good thing with DeNaples is, they could put -- they put that car inside the building for us. So there's really -- and it's
on video. There's no way if someone tampers with that car or the defense or something wants to make an accusation the car's been tampered with, we have certifiable chain of custody that this car, you know, been here. And if you had video or whatever, that --

MR. FAZIO: No -- yeah, we do. But I picked up that car at AAA the next day. Billy, I don't know if they told you what that car was. It was in the Borough wreck area outside.

CAPT. SPRINGER: Yeah, because I -- once I released it, that's where they put it.

MR. FAZIO: Oh, okay. All right. I didn't know if you knew that or not.

CAPT. SPRINGER: Once we released it, that's where they put it.

MR. FAZIO: All right. All right.

MR. HALLINAN: Just a suggestion, why don't you put some kind of proposal to --

MR. FAZIO: I definitely want to put a proposal together to try to make it -- you know, there's two towers in Dunmore -- big towers in Dunmore, DeNaples and Andy's. Why can't we get on a rotating list or something to
make it all even to everybody?

MR. MCHALE: Since I've been here I know you've been here ten times since I've been sitting here. And I personally made ten phone calls. And I know these guys have as well. Mr. Springer is right.

We'll get the Chief together, get you in the room, DeNaples in the room. We'll figure something out. It's tough to sit here. And, Billy, knows what he's talking about.

MR. FAZIO: No, I understand that. There's a handful of cops that actually ask people if they have AAA or not. The newer cops they really don't -- they're under protocol to the Chief call DeNaples which is fine. I understand that.

MR. MCHALE: Don't say that the Chief says that because we don't know. He's not here to defend himself.

MR. FAZIO: No, I understand that. Whoever, you know, whoever officer is on scene that is -- has been around the bush a couple of times they know what's going on.

MR. HALLINAN: I would also say not to start pointing fingers. But the police also
ask who do you want to tow it. And if
sometimes, you know, in an accident people are
just, oh, my God, just tow my vehicle. So you
have the right to whoever you want to tow your
vehicle. Let's not make it seem like, you
know --

MR. FAZIO: No, no, I'm not making
it seem that way at all.

MR. HALLINAN: Oh, I'm sorry. I
misunderstood you.

MR. FAZIO: I didn't mean it to
sound that way.

MR. NARDOZZI: Except, Tom, with the
exception when there's an arrest involved.
They do not have a choice.

MR. HALLINAN: I've never met you.
I never heard this argument before.

MR. FAZIO: We have a secured lot.
We have a garage that we can put a vehicle in,
you know, if it's impound or it's a recovered
theft, whatever the case may be. We have the
room to do what we need to do.

We've done it before. We can do it
again. And if, you know, a gate needs to be
put up after we see that we're getting calls
that we could actually put a fence up, we'll put a fence up. And it will be all lock and key and no big deal.

Our whole facility inside and out is all cameras. So we know who's in there and who's not in there. There's only three people that are allowed in the garage, me, my father, and my brother. That's it. They are the only people that have a key to that place right on Blakely Street.

MR. MCHALE: Like I said, I'll sit with Vito tomorrow morning and we'll get the Chief involved, Mr. Springer. And we'll see what we can come up. Unfortunately, that's the best we can do for you. Every time you come here we tell you we make phone calls and we do.

MR. FAZIO: I understand.

MR. MCHALE: It's just a matter of, you know, we got to keep reinforcing what we ask. And I promise you we will.

MR. FAZIO: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. FAZIO: Thank you.
MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney?

MR. KEARNEY: Nothing.

MR. MCHALE: Didge?

MR. JUDGE: No.

MR. MCHALE: Vito?

MR. RUGGIERO: I just want to let Council know and everybody know that we are up on salt. For the last six weeks we ordered about 880 ton. They are using it on the streets and the roads are showing it.

I'd like to thank the DPW and the Sewer Authority for Saturday night. They cleaned the corners of the snow. And that's about it.

MR. MCHALE: Attorney Cummings?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.

MR. MCHALE: Attorney Dempsey, would you like to start off tonight?

MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, you know, just thank the DPW and Sewer Authority for cleaning that up. It looks great. Didge, glad you're
all right. Glad to get that call from you. And, Vito, thank you for putting that RFP together on the website. You did a great job. I appreciate that. That's all I have.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Nothing, just glad Didge is okay. We've been in touch with PennDOT on that right, Buddy? So we know you're good. That's it. The streets are great. I'm, you know, you're doing the best you could with these little rinky-dink things and now buckle up for the cold weather that's coming this weekend. Thank you everybody for coming. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Nardozzi.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, just one thing on what Mrs. Teevan brought up something about people not shoveling their sidewalks. And there's somewhat of a minor epidemic in this town.

I'm not going to mention a certain businessman, but people came to me in the neighborhood complaining about their sidewalks not being done.

And it was addressed. And the
response I got back was if I want it done, you do it yourself. So I've instructed Mr. Lorince to move forward with it. Vito is aware of it today. But it is, it's more commonplace than anywhere.

I know you picked out a couple places that you saw. But there is more than just what Miss TEEVAN said and what I've seen. And unfortunately our Code Office only has one full time and one part time. And it's tough because there's been a lot going on, especially with the request for proposals.

I know they are helping Tom out and Vito. There's so much going on that they can't always get out around town. But what I'm asking for if anyone sees any places, you could call me. I have a forum on Facebook. You could inform me where. And I'll carry the ball and bring to Joe's attention and Vito's attention to have it enforced.

I know a lot of people are sometimes afraid to speak out. But I'll be their voice for them and do it. So if you know anyone that they are not shovelling their sidewalks and I've seen it. I've seen a few places. And I'm
very surprised at some of the owners of the properties that they are not seeing it through. But just let us know. We'll follow up on it. That's all I have.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Paul.

Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Just a couple of quick things. Vito and Didge, I don't know with the fire hydrants are we checking to make sure they are cleaned out or are we going to send somebody around to make sure they're --

MR. RUGGIERO: I could mention it to the Fire Chief if he could send somebody. I know Didge looks every time that he goes out to see if they are buried.

MR. JUDGE: I told the drivers of the garbage trucks any of them that they see buried, write them down. A lot of times the neighbors do it.

MR. VERRASTRO: They get hidden because we're plowing everything to the sides and we're going to forget it and have a problem. Secondly, there's a pothole. It's enormous at this point. It's right before you go to the reservoir the stop sign there next to
where the hotel is. Can we get something
temporary in there now? I know it's going to
happen no matter what.

MR. JUDGE: You know why? That's
where all the trailers stop at that stop sign.
Do you know how many times we filled that?
We'll get something in there.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'd appreciate it.
It's really big at this point, yeah.

MR. HALLINAN: Sal, like I said,
back to my days with PennDOT, that's been there
forever. I think there's got to be some kind
of void or something there. It really has to
be probably dug out and really done right.

MR. VERRASTRO: It's probably
whatever they are putting it onto is bad at
this point. It's going to have to be cut out.
At this time of year whatever we do isn't going
to be permanent anyway. But we got to get
something in it.

Now it's like a small lake there's
so much water in it today when I drove by.
Other than that, I'd like to thank everybody
for coming tonight and drive safely because the
roads are spotty. Thank you.
MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: I'd just like to thank
Didge and DPW and Sewer Authority for helping
us out at the corners and down by the school.
And I got one pothole too, Didge, on Potter
Street near Tom Pic's that big one in the
middle of the road.

MR. JUDGE: We filled that, Tim, the
plow probably pulled it out. We'll get up on
it this week. There's a few of them. One near
Burger King they all pulled out.

MR. BURKE: And then if there is any
other side streets where you get caught up, if
you guys could work on them, on maintenance
when you get caught up on the other stuff.
That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I too want to thank
everyone for coming. And I want to thank the
DPW Department and Didge for doing such a great
job clearing the corners and the school and
whatnot. I got a lot of nice phone calls.
People appreciate that. And also today it was
so icy out today. You guys did a great job
salting and removing, you know, getting that
ice taken care of.

MR. JUDGE: I'd like to maybe bring them in at 4 in the morning because all of this slop that is left is going to freeze tonight and get a jump on it if I could.

MR. HALLINAN: I'd say so.

MR. MCHALE: I don't know.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I would say yes.

MR. VERRASTRO: Do we have any chains for any of the trucks?

MR. MCHALE: I'm kidding.

MR. VERRASTRO: We should probably get a set for the hills or the mountains.

MR. JUDGE: That would be a good idea, not on all of them.

MR. VERRASTRO: We could designate one truck. But I think we should get a set of chains.

MR. JUDGE: I think you're right. Yeah.

MR. VERRASTRO: I don't know if you want to get with Dom tomorrow and see what we need to order to have them. I think they need to be --

MR. JUDGE: Good idea.
MS. SCRIMALLI: And, Didge, there's just one pothole that I would ask you to be aware of and maybe if you could fill it. It's over by Burger King.

MR. JUDGE: Yeah, I saw it. Tomorrow we'll get it.

MS. SCRIMALLI: That's a big one. All right. Thank you. I appreciate it. And, you know, thank Gary Duncan, you're doing a great job. Thank you so much. And, Gerard, appreciate you. And again, thanks everyone for coming and have a very safe night.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mrs. Scrimalli. I really -- other than reiterating Didge to all of your guys everything that you've done, I got a pleasant phone call from Didge on Saturday or Sunday thanking for everything we've done to get them the equipment that they have right now.

MR. JUDGE: 30 years this is the best equipment we've ever had.

MR. MCHALE: It's nice to hear. It's, you know, what you guys are doing is great. What you guys did Saturday night as Carol said I got a lot of phone calls
especially down near the school that you guys did. There's a lot of people complaining the views coming out of the school you couldn't see anything. So thanks for knocking down that pile. I have nothing else. I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. HALLINAN: Can I just ask one question?

MR. MCHALE: Please.

MR. HALLINAN: Billy, community service, do we have like kids maybe help shovel elderly people's sidewalks or something? I know we're always looking for something for the community service kids to do or something. I don't know if that would be --

CAPT. SPRINGER: Chief Reese was working on that. And he had -- last I knew there was like a waiver that he wanted and that was the last we did anything with it. So I know Tom approved a waiver. Right? You approved that? I mean if you guys wanted to do that, it's feasible.

MR. HALLINAN: Like, if there's somebody we know, you know, without going into advertising and somebody we know that is an
elderly person that has a problem that we keep
going back to because their sidewalks and we
realize there's a problem there, why can't we
have that be done by community service. And
even the walkway over Drinker Street, you know,
over 81 have that shovelled or something.

CAPT. SPRINGER: We've been turning
community service away.

MR. HALLINAN: I'm not bringing back
the chain gang.

CAPT. SPRINGER: It's certainly
feasible.

MR. HALLINAN: I'm done. I'm done.

MR. RUGGIERO: Council, Magistrate
Ware actually scheduled six or eight over the
last four months to go up and help with DPW for
their hours needed. What I could do is contact
Magistrate Ware and if he has any to schedule,
to schedule them here. They could actually dig
out the fire hydrants that we need dug and they
could be utilized on the sidewalks that maybe
need some extra attention.

MR. VERRASTRO: Thank you, Vito.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. VERRASTRO: Can I make a motion
to adjourn?

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second that.

MR. MCHAILE: We're adjourned.
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