COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:
Monday, April 13, 2015

TIME:
7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MICHAEL MCHALE, President - absent
PAUL NARDOZZI, Vice President
SAL VERRASTRO
TIMOTHY BURKE
CAROL SCRIMALLI
THOMAS HALLINAN
MICHAEL DEMPSEY
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OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. NARDOZZI: To start tonight's meeting, we're going to start off -- I'm sorry, roll call first.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.
MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.
Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.
MR. DEMPSEY: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.
MR. HALLINAN: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale. Mr. Nardozzi.

MR. NARDOZZI: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: You may commence with the hearing on the Department of Economic Development.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Petrini.
MR. PETRINI: Thank you. My name is John Petrini. I'm with Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development. We are the
administrating agency of the CDBG Program. We administer the program for 38 communities within Lackawanna County.

This one in particular is for Dunmore Borough and for the 2015 federal fiscal year grant funds. We're looking at approximately $130,000 to use towards a new program next year. And in the packet there I left in front you, it does have a list of the eligible activities that these funds could be used for.

It ranges from water, sewer improvements, street improvements, park improvements. Just to give you an example of some of the ones we've recently done within the Borough, we're applying for the handicap ramp here for in front of McHale Park and doing the storm water improvements on Laurel Street and the street improvements on Larch Street.

Those are all going to be done probably within this year. There is also a list of the ineligible activities there that wouldn't be -- that wouldn't qualify for the program, different fundability requirements that the state requires is -- this is all
stuff that you guys can look over on your own time.

There is going forward for your 2015 projects a needs assessment. These are the current need assessments that we have on file within our office. We can either go through these now -- I don't want to take up too much of your time or you guys could go through it yourselves, decipher which one is most important.

If you want to remove any or you want to add any, I mean, that's completely up to you guys. There is also a blank one within that packet that if you guys wanted to add or remove anything. And that's really all I have. Is there any questions on the program? Anything that we're doing currently?

MR. VERRASTRO: The Laurel Street project and the handicap ramp are coming out of the funds that are already --

MR. PETRINI: That was part -- the Laurel Street is part of the 14 funding as well as McHale Park. So that application just went in on January 1st. So we should have a letter from the state sometime this year hopefully to
get that funding.

MR. VERRASTRO: So the money that is available to us doesn't include those projects that are already being --

MR. PETRINI: Yeah.

MR. VERRASTRO: That money is already technically spent. And the money we're talking is future money.

MR. PETRINI: For a future project, yeah. So like I said, you'll have roughly around I think it's 125, 130 somewhere around there for the project.

MR. VERRASTRO: And we can spread it out over as many projects as we want or we can hold it until 2016 if we wanted to do a bigger project, correct?

MR. PETRINI: If you want to do a bigger project, you have to spend the money within three years. We can ask for an extension of that three years up to five years. To be honest try to spend the money within the three.

The most you would be looking at is probably, you know, 400,000 if you want to do a bigger project.
MR. NARDOZZI: Anybody else have anything for Mr. Petrini?

(No response.)

MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks, John. I appreciate you coming.

MR. PETRINI: Thank you.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: We'll return to the regular portion of the meeting. Number three, public comment on agenda items.

MR. NARDOZZI: If anybody has any comments on the agenda items, come up, state your name and your address for the record, please.

(No response.)

MR. NARDOZZI: Seeing that there's none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number four, motion to approve the minutes.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.

MR. NARDOZZI: We have a motion and a second. Any question?

(No response.)

MR. NARDOZZI: Roll call.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.
MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item is a motion to approve and pay the open bills.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that motion.

MR. NARDOZZI: I'll second. Any question on the motion?

(No response.)

MR. NARDOZZI: Roll call.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.
MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is a motion to accept ordinance 2015-2 ratifying membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative. This was approved at a prior meeting. This is formality of the ordinance.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPESEY: I'll second it.

MR. NARDOZZI: We have a motion and a second. Any question on the motion?

(No response.)

MR. NARDOZZI: Roll call.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPESEY: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.
MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven is a motion to appoint Northeast Inspection Consultants as additional third party building inspectors for the Borough of Dunmore.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

MR. NARDOZZI: Before we get into that, we have representatives from Northeast Inspection if one of you gentlemen want to come up to the podium?

MR. MARINO: Hello, ladies and gentlemen, my name is John Marino from Northeast Inspection Consultant. We're a third party agency that does building construction inspections here in the County of Lackawanna.

We also have five other counties that we work in. But we're primarily Lackawanna County. A couple weeks ago we sent brochures to the Council to request to work within the municipality, not as a substitute agency but as an agency that will work along side the existing agency.
Currently most of the other municipalities in the county are starting to have two agencies who will enforce the Act 45 UCC Building Code. Reason being, it backs up the other agency or it helps out the town if the other can't do the job.

Plus it gives the owners and operator a choice of what agency they want to use. So we put a proposal to the Borough and they gladly brought us down to vote on it to bring us into the town. We currently are in 30 municipalities.

Out of 30 we're in 18 of them within Lackawanna County. Out of the 18, 10 share us and another agency. So we brought that venue to Dunmore to see if they will accept the terms as all the other towns. So that's what we're here for.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you.

MR. MARINO: Any questions?

MR. VERRASTRO: On the question, when you were speaking briefly we were talking about if there's a difference in rates. You'll use the rates that we currently have --

MR. MARINO: Correct.
MR. VERRASTRO: -- in effect right now. So there won't be any increases or any changes. It will be uniform with what we have, correct?

MR. MARINO: We'll adapt to whatever you have right now so there's no discrepancy within town so there is no hiccup.

MR. VERRASTRO: Thank you. And they could be less they just can't be more.

MR. MARINO: Exactly. Any other questions?

MR. VERRASTRO: I'm fine. Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you, Mr. Marino. We have a motion and a second. Any questions, Council members? Any other further questions?

(No response.)

MR. NARDOZZI: Tom, roll call.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPESEY: Yes.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item is report from Gerard Hetman Coordinator from Lackawanna County.

MR. HETMAN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County Community Relations Department. John is a tough act to follow but I'll do my best here.

First a reminder that our annual -- third annual children's Bike Safety Fair takes place on Saturday, April 25th, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. at PNC Field in Moosic. Again, each child in attendance gets a free bike helmet compliments of PNC Bank.

We'll also have law enforcement officers present from the Lackawanna County Sheriff's Office, Scranton Police Department, and Pennsylvania State Police to do free bike safety checks and adjustments and also bike helmet fittings.

So each child will go home with a helmet for his or her appropriate head size.
Again, it's a free event. The first of the year in terms of the community outreach events our department organizes. So come one, come all. We'll hope to see it be a success.

Second, the county's Arts and Culture Department is conducting -- I think this is a first since we've been on the job what they term intellectual property workshop. This is geared towards artists, entrepreneurs and others who may develop items that constitute intellectual property. It's being held on Wednesday, April, 29th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Electric City Trolley Museum on the grounds of Steamtown National Historic site.

It will feature presentation from an attorney who is involved with the Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the arts, which is part of the arts and business culture of greater Philadelphia speaking specifically on intellectual property laws and regulation. And also features a panel of discussion of local artists and entrepreneurs regarding how to protect individual's intellectual property. We just got this today.
It looks like a pretty neat program.

The third thing we always get questions on this as the year goes on especially as baseball season begins, we have the excursion schedule here from the Electric City Trolley Museum for the trollies that run from the museum to the RailRiders baseball games year.

They have dates running from May 10th through August 23rd. It's not every game. But they have looks like nine or ten games here the trolley does run for. I believe they are all Saturday and Sunday dates. It explains here how the pricing works.

If you already have your ticket for the game, you could buy a ticket just for the trolley run. Or if you want to buy a ticket at the same time as the trolley ticket purchase you can do that as well. It just affects the price a little bit.

Secondly, the first of our two fishing derbies on the county's Parks and Recreation Department. It takes place at McDade Park on Saturday, May 9th. It's open for children ages 4 to 12. There's two
different time slots there so we don't have the younger children fishing the same time as the older children. It's just a five dollar cost for child that covers the bait that's provided. They don't allow spinners or outside bait to be used.

This is the first of two. There will be a second one later at Merli Sarnowski Park later in the year typically early October. And then lastly, this is a first time event. But it looks like it's pretty exciting. Penn State Extension in Lackawanna County is holding an event, Earth Day Is Your Day.

It's kind of a kick off and celebration of Earth Day and of the month of April with all the good environmental focus on it. It takes place Saturday, April 18th, this coming Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. at the Mall at Steamtown. It's basically a walk around the fair type of event and everyone is welcome.

Last item I will mention I've been meaning to follow up on this this time of year. Sometimes we see it at different times. But Councilman Nardozzi had asked in the past
months about tire collection that our office of Environmental Sustainability has held in the past. We haven't heard yet if there's going to be one this year or when it will be.

We've gotten a few requests for that and we're waiting for some information to see when that will be. It's been in the fall sometimes. Last year it was late May. I think it was the week before Memorial Day. So we'll try to let you know as soon as that comes up and as soon as the office that runs that plans it if they do it this year, I will pass along the information. And that's all we have.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks, Gerard.
MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine, Gary Duncan, Dunmore Neighborhood Watch.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street if you need it. I just got -- I'll be very brief. I'm going to run through. We had a Dunmore Neighborhood Watch Saturday. So first and foremost I have to thank the people that came out. It was a cool brisk day.

So I really want to thank Councilman Burke's not here tonight. He was nice enough
to join us. I want to thank Tom Hallinan. And I have to give credit. Mayor Loughney came out with us and probably about nine-tenths of the walk he covered with us.

It really -- I have to tell you as somebody who lives in the town, there's nothing nicer than seeing the Mayor of the town and Council come out and participate in a neighborhood walk like this.

And we covered quite a few blocks. We covered the area of Grove, Prescott, Buenzli, Williams, Monroe, and Clay Avenue. So we took in a pretty fair sloth of this section of the town. I'm just going to run through some of the things that we picked up during it -- and, Didge, I'll get you a copy after this. I will get everybody an e-mail.

I got it typed up late. And I got a copy today. So I'll get folks' e-mails. I think I have enough here for everybody who wants a hard copy. And I'll e-mail it and the same to you, Solicitor, we'll get you a copy.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Thank you.

MR. DUNCAN: Anyway Grove, Prescott the signs are respray painted with WOHO. And
we have a neighborhood watch meeting next week. And we'll have Captain Springer and I'm sure Patrolman Richardson will be with us. But these are signs that were replaced last year. And they are resprayed -- and I swear at some point last year somebody we knew who W.O.H.O. is who sprays this. And I believe we were informed that that person was spoken to. But this was freshly sprayed again. And it's a shame. And it's just ugliness on the town. Tom, you certainly were with us. You could verify what we're saying. Some of the stop signs over at the Grove and Prescott are faded.

Where the old grove house -- grove warehouse is the old silk mill and everything, all of those signs on that block are either rusted or faded. And really, I don't even know if they are in use anymore if we needed them since the warehouse for all intents and purposes is down to nothing.

Blocked storm drains, the one storm basin at Prescott and Grove is totally sunken in. And Nibs honest to God we walked over to it. He said that is very similar to the
situation where the child went into the storm drain last year. We have cones in it -- the red cones, you know, Didge, the orangish cones, they're -- it looks like cars hit them. They are just like crushed down in that storm drain. That was a serious issue.

They have broken -- the cones essentially covering it. But 116 Grove Street and this thank God for Tom Hallinan because he picked up on it. It was -- the sidewalk was dangerous if you remember where I'm speaking about because that was your observation.

Grove and South Grove, Blakely the stop signs are graffiti. We have a home at 109 East Grove. Again I have to give Nibsy credit. He went with me. We went behind the bushes in the house. There's a hole in the side of the house that's wide open so animals can get into it.

God Bless him. He went in up in the street. It looked like the house was abandoned. And I'll give people copies and we can notify Joe or whomever and get people involved in this. The 400 block of East Grove Street Tom was with me. That whole block is
rutted pothole heaven. Remember we were talking about --

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

MR. DUNCAN: -- you helped me with that one. North Webster and Grove another one, the stop sign's in bad shape; Clay and Grove, blocked storm drains; West Grove and Clay the same thing. The storm drains are blocked. The stop sign was tagged Luna on that one.

The island by Sibo's on Grove --

I keep looking at Tom because he was right there with me. He stayed with me for the whole walk -- but totally whited out the do not enter sign. You couldn't even see it. It serves little or no -- literally no function where it was posted.

But Tom picked it up. It looked like somebody took a paintbrush because even the white is above it on the telephone pole. So they had to work to totally obliterate the sign. And then Tom brought up a good point about maybe some type of a beautification project after the rotted trees were taken out there.

It looks like termites had a field
day. They must have got -- they must have fed half of Africa in termites in those couple of trees. They're rotted out. Yet, they're budding. And Tom mentioned maybe about Dave Lopatka getting an engineering study done in that area, correct?

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

MR. DUNCAN: Okay. 200 East Grove, signs are in bad shape, 1209 Monroe Avenue it looked like about a 3 or 400 pound piece of steel that they had a large metal plate covering a section of the road down there; 1205 Monroe, one side of the house looked deteriorated so we don't know what's going on there.

Taylor and Williams, blocked storm drains; Buentzli, I went through there today because I continue to get messages from the people in that particular neighborhood. It was interesting. We went up Williams Street and two people told us the neighborhood was great.

And we jeepers creepers we made a right to Buentzli Court and we got a tonsillectomy. So we looked great and then within a half a block we had a tonsillectomy.
So Buenzli we have a garage is collapsing. A roof was caving in. It was open on one side. The caution -- not the police tape, the caution tape is up around and around that one; 1109 North Irving in the rear of the house.

When I was in the alley looking at other things, we looked up there's a second floor enclosure over a porch. When you look at the garage, the enclosure is pulled away from the chimney about this much (indicating.) It's pulling away.

There's two beams holding it up. You could see clear through the beams they're rotted straight through. We saw squirrels going up and down through the bottom side of that porch. So there is vermin in there as well.

And then one of the neighbors came out to see what I was looking at and proceeded to tell me that there's children that live on the first floor of the house with the second floor collapsing; 111 North Irving there was a question about potential drugs in that house from a neighbor.

114 Buenzli, we went through this
last year with this house. Apparently they are back. The landlord lives in the house but he's out of there in the afternoons. A neighbor come out to tell me that other people, friends of his go into the house. They drink in that alleyway. There were syringes found across the alleyway from this residence last year.

And then we came down Prescott after we made our huge loop. And the wooded lot which is next to 1201 Prescott it's right across from Schautz Stadium but that wooded lot, it looked like trees were taken down in there. But the trees that fell, they're just laying there. They're rotting out.

And as much as the area behind Nina's looked loaded with liter, that area across from Schautz Stadium, that wooded area it's -- looks like it's five times worse than the area behind Nina's with liter. And if you look down behind -- Francis, you and I, we looked down the hill behind it. There's a gigantic Interstate 81 road sign down in there that somebody hauled back in there.

Last -- and so that's everything. But I hope you agree with me that when you
drive through a neighborhood it's one thing.
But when you walk through, we picked up on just
so many things just with the power of
observation and using our bifocals at least in
my case.

(Councilman Burke enters the
meeting.)

MR. DUNCAN: So I want to thank
Timmy Burke. I want to thank Tom Hallinan.
And I want to thank Patrick Loughney for taking
the time to come out and join us. It was a
cold brisk day. We have our next neighbor
watch meeting a week today, 7:00.
If anybody wants copies of this I
could give it to you. But I will definitely
e-mail everybody and I'll get it to you as soon
as I get home tonight.

MR. VERRASTRO: If you could get
Vito a copy of that, we'll set something up
with the Sewer Authority. He will get the
storm water drains.

MR. HALLINAN: Didge, do you know
why that plate is down on Monroe Avenue -- I'll
talk to you after. That big steel plate, it has to be like a --

MR. JUDGE: That has to be the Sewer Authority.

MR. HALLINAN: It has to be like a four by eight.

MR. JUDGE: That's not ours.

MR. HALLINAN: Okay.

MR. JUDGE: I saw it. I'll find out tomorrow.

MR. HALLINAN: Have them pick it up and look at it. If it's not theirs we'll take it and we can use it. It's a nice piece of metal.

MR. NARDOZZI: We can only have one person talking at a time. Poor Maria is trying to get everything. Next.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number ten, Mr. Valvano from Representative Farina's Office.

MR. VERRASTRO: I just had a text from him.

MR. NARDOZZI: As did I.

MR. VERRASTRO: He's having car trouble. He asked me to share with everybody
that the shredding program is going on at his office -- I'm sorry, Frank's office here Friday from 10 until noon. And all the shredding is free, I believe.

MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

MR. VERRASTRO: Anything you want to bring down is free shredding for any documents you need to have shredded.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 11 is public comment on non agenda items.

MR. NARDOZZI: Anyone in the audience have public comment? Please keep in mind you're limited to five minutes. Please state your full name and address for the record for Maria.

MR. MCGRAW: Jim McGraw, 2028 Delaware Street in Dunmore, resident on that street for over 50 years. I started out there on Brook Street and now it's Delaware Street. So I've been there a long time and noticed the improvements.

But we still need more. And one is on the top of Delaware Street where it runs into Blakely. I've asked a number of times on the left-hand side going up the right coming
down that there should be a 25 foot marked off section for no parking, period.

Because when you go to make the turn into Delaware Street, sometimes I think I have cars in the back of my car. I mean, they are so close coming down. If you slow up for a pothole, somebody is going to get hit. And there's enough potholes for people to stop at.

And it's strictly a safety hazard that shouldn't exist. They are parked on the sidewalk and some have been out as far as Blakely Street. And I travel that area every single day.

And the other area if we're going to have the state working on Blakely Street, they will be backed up to Moosic Street if we don't get a cop at the Dunmore Corners during the daytime because what happens, traffic comes down Drinker Street and if they can't make the turn they block the turn.

I've waited for three lights to make a turn left to go to Throop. And I travel it five times a day. You people are working. You don't see what is taking place. And if a buddy comes into fill a pothole if they don't notify
the Borough in advance, it's a disaster.

They're backed up to Throop. And if they don't notice you -- don't notify you, what if there's an accident at the corners? A police car is there in five minutes. If something unexpected happens if they're going to repair a pothole that you didn't think they were going to repair, then get a cop there, you know, unless they're out at an accident or they are needed elsewhere.

But there should be no excuse to say, well, the state didn't notify us. We didn't think they were coming until the middle of June. Well, if they come the 1st of June, there should be a cop at the corners. I don't know if you could put a part-time policeman on.

But there should be somebody there. And every Friday -- I don't know if you drive Blakely Street, it's backed up down to the tank whether it's payday and everybody goes to the corners I don't know. But the traffic is there. And it's just waiting for an accident and it's up to you people to cure the illness.

And there is an illness on the top of that street. And I heard complaints at the
neighborhood watch. People on the sidewalk, you know, in my neighborhood down a few houses, they're on the sidewalk because every week there is somebody's car that's struck with the passing vehicle taking a mirror off.

And it's so narrow. I have friends that say it's a very narrow street. It's hard to drive up. Well, don't drive up it at 25 miles an hour. Use Green Ridge Street. And they are all people in the sixth ward that should know better.

If you go up there it should be 15 miles an hour. There's not a sign going up since somebody hit the pole down at Webster Avenue. And we do have a sign in front of my house that's been there for years. Paul had it put up when, you know, Stanley Golden was down there.

But since then, it is a narrow street. There's maybe about 30, 40 young children that will be playing there. And it's just waiting for an accident. So it's up to you people. You have to get it done.

MR. VERRASTRO: Is the speed limit already 15 miles an hour there?
MR. MCGRAW: What's that?

MR. VERRASTRO: Is the speed limit already 15 miles an hour there and it just has to be posted.

MR. MCGRAW: There's nothing coming up.

MR. VERRASTRO: That's what I'm asking you. It's already been --

MR. MCGRAW: There's one that I believe it was 10. And then we said 10 or 15. You know, generally a parking lot on military basis and government agencies it's 10 or 15, you know, they give you a little leeway. And that is a parking lot.

MR. VERRASTRO: No, what I'm trying to figure out is if it's already 10 or 15 or if you're asking for it to be changed to 10 or 15.

MR. MCGRAW: One is ten and there is 15 coming up.

MR. VERRASTRO: So you're just asking for the signs.

MR. MCGRAW: Right. Right in front of my house there's --

MR. NARDOZZI: Didge, can you see --

MR. VERRASTRO: Can you order two
new signs with proper speed limit?

MR. JUDGE: Yeah.

MR. MCGRAW: And I thank you for the stop sign in the alley. You were a lifesaver there.

MR. VERRASTRO: My other question because it confuses -- I always thought you were talking about the parking on the bank side. Are you talking about the parking across from the bank?

MR. MCGRAW: Across from the bank where the B and B --

MR. VERRASTRO: Because the last couple times you were up, you were saying that you didn't want parking on the bank side.

MR. MCGRAW: Oh, no, as far as the parking on the bank side it was allowed after they took out the concrete barriers that 14 cars can pull directly out onto that street which when that was approved, there was a barrier -- little concrete blocks that you couldn't pull out on Delaware.

You had to use the alley or go out onto Blakely. So they were removed over the years. And now because they don't park there
because of the parks -- the availability for
them to pull out. But I'm talking on the far
side --

MR. VERRASTRO: You're talking
across the street from there.

MR. MCGRAW: Across the street
coming down. That's where the 25 feet should
be marked off, whited out. We have problems
with them parking too close to the alley. But
that's -- that will take another meeting. But
thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: All right, Mr.
McGraw.

MR. BURKE: Thanks, Mr. McGraw.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: Anyone else?

MS. SHANE: Good evening, Council,
Jane Shane, 1343 Adams Avenue, life-long
resident. I'm here to again ask for something
to be done between New York Street and Ferguson
Place across the street from where I live there
is abandoned railroad property.

I think now part of the property is
owned by two individuals. I think Maccioccos
own part of it down so far because there is
markers on trees that were put there when
surveyors were there a couple years ago.

So far nothing has been done there.
It's a dumping ground. Trust me. Okay, we
have a lot of windy weather lately. Nobody
takes care of that property. When we have
wind, you step off my front porch, I have two
steps. You can't find them.

There's so many leaves there and we
have to wind up cleaning them, bagging them,
and getting rid of them. Now, I've addressed
this particular issue many times. I think
those trees were trimmed down because now some
of the branches are hanging over onto cars that
park onto Adams Avenue on the other side of the
street.

There are tires. There's garbage.
There's soda cans, bottles, you name it. It's
there.

MR. VERRASTRO: I don't mean to
interrupt you. Is this the empty lots you're
talking about? Because I thought last time you
were here you were talking about a dumpster
that was parked across the street.

MS. SHANE: That wasn't me.
MR. VERRASTRO: I'm confused then because I don't remember you talking about the empty lots there.

MS. SHANE: Oh, well, maybe I didn't talk about it when you were here. It might have been at a neighborhood meeting. But this has been an ongoing thing for years. I've lived in this house all my life. It's abandoned railroad property.

And it's owned by Mr. DeNaples. Now, that's all well and good. If that property -- my property was abandoned and looked that way, you could darn well be sure that somebody would, you know, send me a letter. All I want is someone to come down and clean up the debris that's there.

And I don't know if the Borough is responsible for that. I think the people who own property are the ones responsible.

MR. VERRASTRO: See me afterwards. We'll get that.

MR. BURKE: The property owner is responsible.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mrs. Shane, we'll have Joe Lorince contact the property owners
and get them down there and tell them what happened at the meeting tonight and we need that cleaned up. And if it's feasible for those trees to be trimmed.

MS. SHANE: If they would trim those trees, we wouldn't have so many leaves because with all the snow -- now the leaves that were there from last fall are still there. And every time we have a windy day, we get them. So I would appreciate anything that the Borough can do.

MR. NARDOZZI: I'll speak with Mr. Lorince tomorrow.

MS. SHANE: Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: One good news, would you tell us about the 1330 the lit street light?

MS. SHANE: Yeah, well, the street light is back on after all of those months.

MR. NARDOZZI: It took long enough, didn't it?

MS. SHANE: Yeah. But you have to keep tugging away at it. Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.
MR. NARDOZZI: Anyone else in the audience have anything tonight?

(No response.)

MR. NARDOZZI: With that we'll move onto number 12, Tom.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

MR. NARDOZZI: Let's start with Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: The only thing just an update on the website. They apply for the dot gov the new website I guess it's called the domain name, I don't know, web address. So they applied for that.

They're currently in the process of designing different looks of the website for us to look at and choose from. So still moving forward. It's still plugging away. It's a process but making some good strides. And that's all I have tonight.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you. Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Didge, do we have any graffiti paint removal? Do we have anything like that?

MR. JUDGE: Yes.
MR. HALLINAN: So can you hit some of those signs? I mean, there's some brand new ones. And again, I'm new to Council for less -- well, a year now. But I don't know, were there any grants for sign -- our signs in this town and to buy them singly I think is ridiculous.

Is there something out there where we can get a grant or something? I wish Mr. Valvano or somebody was here to get us some kind of money to really overhaul the whole town with stop signs. It's ridiculous.

MR. NARDOZZI: Tom, aren't we in the middle -- isn't there state grants that have been lingering?

MR. VERRASTRO: They said that wasn't -- it wasn't part of the scope.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yeah.

MR. HALLINAN: I mean, I remember a Congressman running for office here saying we can get you money for signs. Yet we have -- nothing's changed. And it's really, you know, if you're from out of town and you're driving these streets, there is no reflectivity at all on any of these stop signs.
And I just would like that addressed somehow, someway. And because I say buying them singly is ridiculous. It's, you know, we should somehow we should be able to get them wholesale with a grant. That's all I have.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'd like to thank everyone for coming. Gary, thank you so much for your participation with the neighborhood watch. That is fantastic. I do want to mention that next Sunday here starting I believe at the Community Center we're having a 5K run. What time? Does anybody know?

MR. NARDOZZI: Registration -- Carol, registration is at 8:00 and the run starts at 9.

MS. SCRIMALLI: So just please be aware that some of the roads will be blocked. I'm not sure exactly. Paul, do you know what roads will be blocked?

MR. NARDOZZI: There's going to be a lot of them around there because I'm coming down here. I'm working it too for Olyphant PD.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Okay, so just to let you know there that some of the roads will be
blocked. And I think that's it for me. Thank you so much.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Yes. Didge, will you be able to get a stop sign for up Dunham Drive, a few of them? I don't think there's any -- or not stop signs, I'm sorry, speed limit signs -- 25. I don't think there is one on the road. And we do have a school bus that travels there.

MR. JUDGE: All right. On Dunham you want them?

MR. BURKE: Yeah.

MR. JUDGE: I'll check tomorrow. I don't even know what the speed limit is there.

MR. BURKE: I'd say it's got to be 25 or below. There's a house there with -- where children are picked up for school.

MR. JUDGE: All right. I'll check with Sal tomorrow.

MR. BURKE: Okay. I can't see it being any higher than 25.

MR. JUDGE: I'll check with him in the morning.

MR. BURKE: Tommy, I was wondering if you got the info on the Sewer Authority if
we have --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yeah, the -- under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, it deals with the disposition of property but not the contracting out of services. And with the disposition of property, it would be an anomaly because the plan would be I think jointly owned.

But the lines would go back to each municipality. So that's not a scenario I think would work. Under the original articles of corporation from the Sewer Authority, I don't see limitation as far as the majority or unanimous vote to take out contracts and/or leases.

And I don't see anything in the ordinance when Dunmore conveyed its lines. So as of right now, I don't see anything where Dunmore could totally control the situation as a unique entity. Naturally if the authority took an avenue which wasn't appropriate under their powers or under state law, Dunmore would be in the same seed as anybody else to take action.

I am going to go through the
original American Anglian file to see if there's any limitations in there by stipulation where Dunmore was allowed to control the entire matter with their 120th vote.

It's also my understanding although I haven't seen any documentation yet that everybody not just Scranton but a lot of the sewer authorities and municipalities are on hold to see what the Governor's program will entail as far as financing with bonds.

But as of right now, I don't see a way for Dunmore's singular vote to hold up a conveyance or lease hold or a contract. But I'm hoping maybe if I go through the American Anglian file I may find something.

MR. BURKE: So legally there's nothing Dunmore -- you believe there's nothing Dunmore could do to stop the sale of the Sewer Authority or the lease of the Sewer Authority?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Well, we have a one-fifth vote. And we can -- if Council voted outside of our representation there, we could take, you know, legal action for injunction relief to try to stop it. But I thought my assignment was I don't see anywhere it says
that the one-twentieth percent could control whether or not if there's a lease hold.

In the Municipality Authorities Act it doesn't address leases, holds, or contracts. It addresses once the debt is defeased, which happened I think eight years ago then in that event the incorporated municipalities could just take their property back and liquidate the authority.

MR. BURKE: Okay. And last time -- is privatization and leasing, is that the same thing or no?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: It depends on what the -- you could own it and contract for the service. You could own it and lease it out. So there's varying degrees. It depends on what you want to privatize. Do you want to privatize the operation, do you want to private the control.

Normally privatization is a complete sale. You take the authority and give us X-dollars. And then the Public Utility Commission would come in and monitor and give -- much like with Pennsylvania American Water, they get a percentage profit day in and
day out --

MR. BURKE: I mean, excuse me --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sure.

MR. BURKE: If -- okay, when this happened last time we did find out that Dunmore had a vote. Is there any possible way of finding out if we have a vote?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: We have a vote.

MR. BURKE: So what I'm getting at when it happened last time privatization we already know what could happen with privatization Dunmore could out vote it and shut it right down. We know that. Is there any possible way of finding out if Dunmore's vote could shut down a sale or a lease?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: That's what's I have to look at the American Anglian file to find out what language they use. I haven't found anything in the Municipal Authorities Act. I haven't found anything in the original articles of corporation of the Sewer Authority. I haven't found anything in the Dunmore ordinance where we joined the Sewer Authority and conveyed over our lines.
MR. BURKE: Maybe as being a member of the Sewer Authority of Dunmore, maybe if we could send them a letter and ask their lawyer what is their legal opinion?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Okay.

MR. BURKE: Because let them pay for it since we're part of the Sewer Authority and they have their own legal -- they have their own lawyers. Let them look up the information and ask them for an answer.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I think you have to direct them to American Anglian because I have discussed it with solicitors from four other authorities and nobody was aware of any vehicle for one-fifth vote to stop it. So I'll certainly send a letter tomorrow to Mr. Barrett to direct him to have their solicitors and attorneys look at the American Anglian file because if it's anywhere, that's where it would be.

MR. BURKE: Right. If you remember last time when this happened when it was privatized nobody knew for quite a while -- actually they did know that Dunmore could have stopped it.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: I wasn't here. I don't know that.

MR. BURKE: I know that for a fact because it happened and Dunmore voted to privatize last time.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Right.

MR. BURKE: And they couldn't do it without Dunmore's vote. So I would think they have the lawyers they've been going over this for a year. They must be -- I mean, they must have found out what Dunmore's -- if Dunmore could stop it or not.

I can't see them going through this for almost two years now and then all of a sudden, wait a second. We forgot about Dunmore. So I --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I agree with you.

MR. BURKE: The lawyers has to know whether we could stop it or not. And I just think that they -- it's long enough for them, you know, they have to let us know because if our rates are going to go up in Dunmore to bail out Scranton, Dunmore's rate payers have a right to know this and the sooner the better.

They are -- if you read the
newspaper, Courtright's been saying this for over a year now they are going to sell it. It's part of -- that Amorosa said it's part of their plan to save the city. But Dunmore still has no clue and this is over a year now. Dunmore still has no clue if we have a say.

We only know we have a say in privatization. But I think the Sewer Authority owes us that answer so if --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'll call Mr. Barrett tomorrow and have him put it in writing.

MR. BURKE: Okay, can we e-mail him so it's on record?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yeah. Oh, no, I'll send him a letter and I'll call him also. Yeah, that's what I'll do and I'll send you a copy.

MR. VERRASTRO: I would feel more comfortable -- excuse me, Timmy, I don't mean to interrupt you, if Tommy still researched it because we're asking their attorney that's -- that doesn't make sense to me -- their attorney to give us direction on the direction that they're taking.
MR. BURKE: I still want Tommy to research it too but I've been asking this question since last year.

MR. VERRASTRO: No, the way you just put it you told Tommy to have their attorney do it.

MR. BURKE: Right, because I want that on record too because we're rate payers too.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'm not -- I'm just saying you didn't --

MR. BURKE: I don't want Tommy to stop searching.

MR. VERRASTRO: Okay. What you said was we might as well have the Sewer Authority's attorney pay for it. It sounded like you were taking him off it. That's what I'm trying to get at.

MR. BURKE: No. I think they would have told us by now. But maybe if we put pressure on them -- if we put pressure on them to give us an answer --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'll get a written response one way or the other.

MR. BURKE: Right. I asked this
question back in June and I still haven't found anything different. I appreciate that, Tom.
Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: Tom, can you make sure that we all get copies of whatever you do too --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: What I usually do is I send to Vito and then it's on the Borough server and it goes out to everybody. He'll send it to you.

MR. NARDOZZI: This way --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'll send it to Vito and he'll send it to you.

MR. BURKE: It would be a shame to read it in the paper that we were sold and this whole time we didn't know. Like I said, I brought these questions up in June and we still don't have an answer.

MR. NARDOZZI: I agree with you, Tim. I agree with you.

MR. HALLINAN: I agree with you. But I don't think that could happen, Tim. But I don't think they could go through the process. We have a representative and we have our attorney. I'm just thinking --
MR. BURKE: I'm saying we don't have an answer though.

MR. HALLINAN: I understand where you're coming from.

MR. BURKE: I have an answer on privatization. We went through it. I know it. But Tommy says he doesn't know it and he's a lawyer.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, I said I haven't found what you're looking for. I found what happens if it's privatized. I think it has to go back to the city and the borough for them to actually handle the sale.

I have not found a way for the Borough of Dunmore as a one-twentieth interest one of five votes to freeze out what the city wants to do. That's what I haven't found yet. I have found what we can do. I have found what our authority is.

And I think you're referencing the deal with the American Anglian. And the next step would be to direct Mr. Barrett to have his people research that file and show me where either Dunmore can or cannot stop a privatization or a lease hold.
MR. BURKE: Right. I know we could have stopped the privatization. I know that. A lease and sale I don't know because we did go through that. Thank you.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: You're welcome.

MR. BURKE: That's all I have, Paul.

MR. NARDOZZI: Okay, Tim. Sal?

MR. VERRASTRO: I have a couple things. First, Didge, is our street sweeper working now?

MR. JUDGE: Yeah.

MR. VERRASTRO: It's on the road? We can start using it?

MR. JUDGE: Every day.

MR. VERRASTRO: Great. Thank you. I mentioned the shredding. Tom, there is a house on Drinker Street that nobody has lived in now for probably I'm going to go back as far as four or five years. It's on the right-hand side going through Sport Hill. The porch roof literally collapsed on it.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Where the two are for sale?

MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, one of those two. And it's the house next to it there is
somebody living in. Did Joe or did we look
into those at all or is it just empty? Like,
is there something we can start to do on --
ATTY. CUMMINGS: I could have Joe go
up and inspect it tomorrow and condemn it.
MR. VERRASTRO: Please. I'm saying
not even saying it has to be condemned. But at
least get that debris cleaned up. It's
everywhere. It's on both properties. It's in
the front -- it looks terrible. It's
definitely a safety hazard.

Also, Councilman McHale asked me to
put out there that he's sorry that he missed
tonight's meeting. It couldn't have been
helped. It's tax season. He has a couple days
left. And he's still working on my way down
here when I was talking to him.

So he apologizes for not making
tonight's meeting and wanted to thank everybody
for taking over tonight. All right. Other
than that, have a good night. Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you. Tom, I
meant to ask you, do you have anything else?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir.

MR. NARDOZZI: I have a few items.
First of all, thank Gary for the continued effort you do with your organization. You know, it brings to light to us a lot of things that we don't see, especially I think Mrs. Shane mentioned we work a lot, you know, so there's a lot of things we don't get a chance.

And I apologize for not being able to but I was on duty on Saturday and unfortunately had to work, you know? A couple other things, Vito asked me to bring to people's attention and myself also with yard waste we're going to starting to be picking up yard waste now.

People are putting them out in plastic bags. They have to be put in either an empty can or biodegradable bag. That's the only way the Recycling Center will take them. Am I correct, Didge, with that? If they are plastic bags, we're not going to pick it because the Recycling Center is not going to take it.

So if we can get that out there and maybe, Tom, if we can have Vito put that on the website. Although I think it was addressed on there if I'm not mistaken. We're also the
advent of garage sale and yard sale signs that
seemed to be plastered all over the -- not only
our town but others. In the past people in
Dunmore who have put yard sales up are pretty
good in taking them down.

I see the majority of the issues are
from people who don't live in Dunmore. Old
Forge, Scranton they put signs up and I know,
Tom, we addressed this before.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: They have 24 hours
after the event to remove the sign or be cited.
The difficulty is if it's outside the Borough,
it's a little bit difficult to collect on the
violation.

MR. NARDOZZI: Or find out who
actually had it. But if anybody knows anybody
with yard sale signs -- I don't think anybody
is going to care if you put a yard sale sign
up on a pole for a day or two whenever you're
having your sale. But please take them down.

It it's very unsightly. And if you
drive up and down Green Ridge Street starting
now, you're going to start seeing them all over
the place. There's some guy from Binghamton
that comes down and does music and CD sales in
Wilkes-Barre all the time. There's signs still up from last year that they didn't take them down.

They don't care. Once they go up, they think somebody else takes them down or they come down on their own. One thing too another thing Vito asked me to address the Council tonight. Moscow Borough was looking for a possible use or rental of our street sweeper.

And Sal brought it up and I don't know if that's going to be feasible. I wanted everybody to be aware of that. Something that I noticed and I think other Council members and probably, Gary, your group, there's some new phenomenon going around and it's parking on sidewalks and in front yards.

I don't understand it for the life of me. I have three neighbors on South Apple Street that continually park on sidewalks. One of the issues I have with it as a police officer is that you're blocking someone who possibly is handicapped from walking on that sidewalk and forcing them out in the street.

I've seen it on Green Ridge Street.
I think we've had the police department address it on the 2000 block of Green Ridge Street. I don't understand it why people park on sidewalks and block the passage -- safe passage for people.

Gary, I'd appreciate it on your walks or when you're around, you know, your group if you could address and let us know if there is any continuing problems that you may see. I have addressed it. I've given it to the police chief already.

MR. DUNCAN: On Grove Street. We'll let you know.

MR. NARDOZZI: Yeah, it's becoming -- it's a problem. The other thing we have to do, I got four or five reports in the last week of people -- if we pick their garbage up today, they're putting garbage out on the curb the next day.

Now, I know we addressed three properties on Monroe Avenue last week down by the cleaners. So that should not happen again. And one last thing I have is just announce Mike asked me to ask or announce is that I'm sure everybody is aware that DEP is having an open
house up in the Throop Community Center on Monday, April 27th. They're having two sessions concerning the landfill.

One is from 11 in the morning until 2 in the afternoon. The second one is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. And that's an open house concerning the landfill up at the Throop Community Center. With that, I have nothing else.

MR. VERRASTRO: The award we got today.

MR. NARDOZZI: Oh, jeez. I forgot about that. That's right. Do you want to --

MR. VERRASTRO: You're the President tonight. You're the Vice President.

MR. NARDOZZI: We were given an award. I'm not sure what was the organization -- O'Della -- it was a state organization. But they ranked the 40 top towns in Pennsylvania as far as commuters. I don't know where they got their information but we did get it.

We're ranked number 17 in the state out of the 40 top towns in the whole state as far as people using -- commuting to work and,
you know, using -- I guess a lot of people work in Tobyhanna so they car pool. Car pool was a big value with this award that we got today. So I just wanted to make everybody aware of it. But 17th out of the top 40 here. I think Sal might have it here. And here's what it reads:

It says Dunmore is a great place to live if you're looking for the best mix of big city amenities, job opportunities, small town charm -- and we know we have that -- more perks of calling Dunmore home including low crime, high graduation rates and an affordable cost of living.

Dunmore earns our praise for its high percentage of car poolers. Almost 12 percent of Dunmore residents share a ride to work which is 20 percent more than the average city on our list. So that's the award we received today. Thank you, Sal. That's all I have. Anyone else on Council?

(No response.)

MR. NARDOZZI: Call for adjournment?

MR. BURKE: I'll make the motion.

MR. NARDOZZI: Timmy.

MR. HALLINAN: Second.
MR. NARDOZZI: We're adjourned.

Thank you.

(Whereupon, meeting concluded.)
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