COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:
Monday, May 11, 2015

TIME:
7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MICHAEL MCHALE, President
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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

MR. NARDOZZI: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: The first order of business prior to the actual meeting is to conduct a public hearing on the application of Club 530 that the current license is Club 530 in Scranton to transfer that liquor license for 6-pack sales to Drinker Street Six Packs To Go, 788 East Drinker Street.

This is the same type hearing we
had five or six times in the past two or three years. Basically the LCB allows a transfer of licenses from one municipality to the other and in this proposed case from Scranton into Dunmore but requires review of Borough Council and a public hearing for comment.

The other ones have gone through, as a matter of fact, we do have the benefit of the transfer fee and the annual renewal fee as well as such other taxes as they generate.

The applicant is here this evening with their attorney. They have submitted the plans. And first I guess would be if anyone on Council has a particular question.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody?

(No response.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: There being none, does anybody in the general public have a question?

(No response.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: There being none, the hearing is then closed. We go back to the public comment on agenda items. Number four on the agenda as printed will come in after number five.
MR. MCHALE: Would anybody like to speak on any agenda items this evening?

(No response.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item is a motion to approve the transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor Control license R13470, LID number 54512 from Club 530, Incorporated, current license municipality Scranton, Lackawanna County to Drinker Street Six Packs To Go, LLC., located at 788 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA 18512.

MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

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: Thank you.

Gentlemen, you're free to go. And thank you for attending. The next item is a motion to
approve the minutes.

    MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that
motion.

    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: Motion to approve
and pay open bills.

    MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that
motion.

    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: Personnel matters, motion to hire part-time firemen Shane Bushpicks, Zachary Calvert and Stephen Warner.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

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

MR. VERRASTRO: Just to refresh everyone's memory, these are the gentlemen that we said we wanted to hire last meeting. They completed all the background checks. They started their training. And now they are doing their inservice, just as an update.

MR. MCHALE: Quickly, just these are not additional firemen. These are added to the part time available roster.

MR. VERRASTRO: Part time added to the roster for vacation days, if somebody calls in sick, holiday, stuff like that. And this is the first round of part-timers that we actually
had do physical fitness. This is the first set of part-timers that we actually had go through a couple extra steps, a PT test and they all did very well on it along with the other services that they had.

MR. MCHALE: Okay. 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: Not on agenda but will be subject to public comment prior to any action, discussion the Borough at the last meeting had discussed retaining a new firm to handle the street lights maintenance and outages in the Borough, basically have service without any problems.

Is there anybody in the public that would like to comment on the Borough retaining a new company to maintain the street lights?
(No response.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: There being none.

Mr. Hallinan?

MR. HALLINAN: I'd like to make a motion that we hire MJ Cordaro, Joe Kries to do street light maintenance. It's something we've been lacking. And I just want to see us move forward with a final contract that Tommy and Vito could put together. I'm putting a motion out there that we hire Joe.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

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

MR. BURKE: On the question, the last company wasn't getting the job done. A lot of people in the audience could attest to that. Street lights, it was a must to get somebody to actually do the job.

MR. VERRASTRO: With that, we're talking about a one-year contract, right? I think we should set a --

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, I'll go with a one-year contract. I have no problem with that.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Chairman, when
would it commence?

MR. MCHALE: As soon as Mr. Cummings and Mr. Ruggiero negotiate final terms.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: I assume, Tom, that's what you want?

MR. HALLINAN: Yes, that's what I want. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed.

(No response.)

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

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is public comment.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address Council tonight, please. If you could state your name and address for the record?

MR. HOGAN: My name is Bob Hogan,
Hill Street in Dunmore. First off, we should be able to set aside at least 30 spaces out here to be able to park. There is no reason that this center that the parking is for can't do it when there's parking available for them to park.

But that's something that should be looked at and there should be at least 30 spots.

MR. HALLINAN: I think the construction is deterring a lot of parking spaces. But I couldn't agree with you more.

MR. HOGAN: The second question is, how about the letter for Council for opposing or supporting the landfill?

MR. BURKE: We decided to do more legal research on it.

MR. HOGAN: Okay. The parking, I don't want to get a handicap sticker just to come in here.

MR. MCHAILE: Thank you, sir.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MS. GRAFF: My name is Connie Graff. I live on East Elm Street. I'm here with some neighbors. We're having an awful time with a
new neighbor. They own the home. She owns the
home. But it's overrun with teenagers for some
reason, very suspect.

They're loud. They are running up
and down the street. They have probably five
dogs between them. And there are illegal
tenants in the basement. It's not equipped to
rent. And they are allowed to run all over.
We have an elderly neighbor that had to call
her son to clean up the dog dirt because they
just don't.

They nipped a neighbor the other day
as well. They are out late screaming, carrying
on. And they don't live there. They are just
teenage company.

MR. MCHALE: Visitors.

MS. GRAFF: One looking a little
rougher than the other. And the police were
called your records will show how many times
someone called the police. And just the other
night they were there because of the dog bite.

And they no sooner pulled away when
this lady was in front of the house screaming
at the top of her lungs. I don't know if she
was coming off something or on something or
just angry, you know. And I didn't call the
police but they were just here.

MR. HALLINAN: No, no. Call them
again.

MS. GRAFF: Like should we have a
substation there? What are our rights?

MR. NARDOZZI: Mrs. Graff, one of
the things we do in the summer I know with the
police department they do foot patrols every
summer. And I know the weather is starting to
get nice now. I will talk to the Chief.

MR. VERRASTRO: I already have.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Verrastro already
talked to him about putting actual foot patrols
up there.

MR. VERRASTRO: There will be foot
patrols starting at Willow and Elm Street.

MS. GRAFF: Oh, really, because
during the day it doesn't seem to be a problem.
The kids are in school.

MR. VERRASTRO: No, this will be at
night.

MS. GRAFF: But they're teenage and
there is something not right there.

MR. VERRASTRO: What's the address
there?

MR. HALLINAN: Do you want to give that address after to Mr. Verrastro?

MR. MCHALE: And we'll have Mr. Lorince look into the basement issue as well.

MS. GRAFF: Yeah, because I know from the previous person that lived there went to a nursing home. The kid sold the house. It's a living room area type. They gave her a room for a computer, a shower, and a toilet. That's all that's down there. They have four adults and three or four dogs.

MR. NARDOZZI: Is it a single family home?

MS. GRAFF: Yes.

MR. NARDOZZI: I know the one you're talking about.

MS. GRAFF: So the whole situation is -- it's actually scarey. We have a mixed neighborhood. We have kids. We have older, retired, you know. We have people still working. We sit on our porches at night like most folks and you can't. It's just unbelievable.
MR. HALLINAN: Please call the police anytime. And at any time repeatedly call them because then that only builds up the record against them too.

MS. GRAFF: I thought oh, my God they just made --

MR. HALLINAN: No, they will keep it anonymous for you too.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mrs. Graff, we will be on this tomorrow.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MS. OCCULTO: I'd like to comment also.

MR. MCHALE: Can you say your name and address for the record?

MS. OCCULTO: Joan Occulto.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MS. OCCULTO: 136 East Elm Street.

I'd like to follow her story. I have seen young children from age 14 -- the oldest is 16, 17 years old. I seen them -- drugs being passed from one to the other.

The policemen come. As soon as the car pulls up then the kids start coming. They see a car there they're not coming. They go
the other way. One of the men came -- all --
we're talking all kind of race, all kind of
race, mixed race. One man that lives there a
black, he was coming down the street to go home
and the police car was across the street.

He saw that and he kept going and
went around the corner. Right then the cop
pulled out and he must have been around the
corner watching. He goes back and goes in the
house. And no sooner the cop left, a car pulls
up lets the motor run which is done ten times a
day.

He goes in. Lets his door open
even. Goes in. Knocks on the door. Comes out
and two minutes, pulls out and goes. They are
going in there for drugs and everybody knows
it. And I think it's a shame that we're
allowing a house like that in our area.

I mean, Dunmore is supposed to be a
safe place. It isn't anymore not if we're
allowing stuff like that.

MR. HALLINAN: No, no, it is a safe
town. Just give us the address after. And
we'll -- and again, I don't know what the
police are doing. They could be watching the
place. I don't mean to interrupt you but they have a job to do and they have to kind of watch how they are doing it too.

MS. OCCULTO: The police found a needle in front of their home. And guess what the owner said? Oh, I don't know where that came from. I mean, so then they get away with it?

MR. NARDOZZI: But you still have to have proof, Mrs. Occulto. You still have to have proof.

MS. OCCULTO: I could be a witness. I see kids go in there two girls come up the street --

MR. NARDOZZI: Back up for a second. You said they found a needle. You still have to have proof who put it there.

MS. OCCULTO: I'm saying we know who put it there. What has to happen --

MR. NARDOZZI: That don't cut the mustard in the law.

MS. OCCULTO: Somebody has to watch the house or it's going to stay there.

MR. HALLINAN: That's why we'll tell the Chief and do things --
MS. OCCULTO: Okay.

MR. HALLINAN: Okay? All right.

MS. OCCULTO: If anything is done about it, would you please let one of us know up on Elm Street so we know it's being taken care of?


Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mrs. Occulto, I'll keep in touch with my cousin Patty and your husband. I see your husband from time to time.

MS. OCCULTO: Okay. Thank you.

MS. HALLINAN: My name is Kelly Burke Hallinan. I live in the 1700 block of Madison Avenue -- lower Madison Avenue, the lower half of the 1700 block.

We are in an R1 single residence zone. I have gone to zoning. I was on the agenda. I filed a formal grievance. I attended two meetings. And the outcome was I was told to get parking permits to be able to park in my neighborhood.

We have a problem where now it must be eight homes -- single family homes have been
turned into apartments. I have asked for permits. I've asked for inspections. There are no fire escapes on most of these homes renting with children on third floor, no way out of the homes.

And I also complained -- this was last September, the end of August, September. I also complained about a rat problem that all of a sudden became which I told them was overcrowding on the block. It was transient people living there. Tenants coming in. I got five college students in a second floor apartment 7 and a half feet away from my house.

There are -- there's garbage in bags out on porches, falling down decks. There is a house -- I don't know if anyone remembers where Besoirs{sic} lived. Drive by it. It looks like your typical explanation of that --

MR. NARDOZZI: Kelly, have you brought these to Joe Lorince to the Code Office?

MS. HALLINAN: They have been e-mailed. They've been -- all of this information.

MR. NARDOZZI: Do you have one extra
MS. HALLINAN: Sure. I have all the ordinances are broken. They are not being upheld. I have to abide by these ordinances. Now, I have contacted an attorney who deals with and he specializes in real estate and zoning.

I also contacted I've been working with a man from the Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development who assures me I'm not misinterpreting the ordinances. Joe Lorince told me that nothing could be done about it because people are already moved in.

So I told him when two other homes were purchased the homes are now owned by new people and they appear to be breaking them down, turning them into apartments. They are being altered illegally actually according to the ordinances.

We are a single family residence zone. I have it in the map. We're R1B, single family zone block. And I have students literally 7 and a half -- they're -- and now they're moving out. And these are females and
males now we have three guys moving in.

There's never three. He leases to three, you end up with five to seven that stay every night. There's motorcycles parked all over the front yards. They are not providing parking -- off street parking which is also in the ordinance.

They are all illegally done. They are not being maintained. They're not being kept or not being inspected. And something bad is going to happen.

Now, not to stray, but I do believe that the serious rat problem -- this rat was in my grill that I cook my family's food in. They are big as woodchucks down there. This one we just got last week on my basketball court. He tried to get away. I have two dogs. I can't set traps and bait.

I did call Joe. And Joe didn't do anything about it so I called Carl myself. Carl came down. And he said I baited the back alley but it appears when -- I don't know if you know Fazio's house there was a Joe Fazio that died.

The house went for sheriff's sale.
It was a single family. We were there too. We were at zoning for that meeting. It was supposed to stay single family and Joe Lorince said he let it go to be a two family because Fazio -- Andy Fazio and his brother were going to live there.

Well, they flipped it and now it's for sale as a multifamily and it was a single family. So this is just an ongoing problem. So if you can tell me -- if you can't help me, I've gone to zoning already. I went through all of the proper steps. I met with an attorney first. He told me stop with the e-mails. File your complaint the way you should. Get on the agenda which we did.

And there were other neighbors that couldn't be here tonight. But there were other neighbors there with me -- homeowners because now what's happening is -- like even Bewick's house was sold and it's being rented out. The owner doesn't live there. He lives in Florida. It's a single family. I mean, it's not supposed to be like that.

MR. NARDOZZI: There are -- in the ordinance, there are maximum number of
unrelateds that could live -- I believe total it's four if I'm not mistaken in one unit.
The only thing we can do is get on for zoning.
There's no official action Council can do.

MS. HALLINAN: I just got a call actually 5:30 tonight that other people were having a problem because -- and I have called the police. I was told call the police, call the police, call the police.

Well, you check and see in the last eight years how many times Dunmore Police have been to the 1700 block of Madison Avenue, drunken college students walking into our houses because they don't even know where they live yet. And they go out and get monkeyed up and they don't know where they live.

They park their cars in the middle of the street. We have pizza delivery guys ringing our doorbells all night long because they are looking for -- you know, Chinese food, pizza, everything. It's terrible and it shouldn't have been allowed to happen because we are clearly -- I have the map here what we're zoned for.

And I have all the ordinances for --
like I said, I consulted with an attorney. And he said, no, you're not misinterpreting. Nothing is being done.

MR. HALLINAN: Tom, can I ask you a question? When these houses are -- can we go in and inspect them at any time or do we have to wait until the tenants move out?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: If it's a multifamily, we have the right to give notice of intent to inspect. And then if they refuse us access, we give -- there's like a two or three step procedure. And then we can't force our way in but we can then condemn it because they refused to let us inspect it. But that's in a multifamily.

MR. HALLINAN: And are they listed as multifamily when -- I don't know this -- they are single homes but they are just doing it on their own?

MS. HALLINAN: Yeah, I have 1731, now it's two apartments. And they are doing it without -- so if they are applying for permits and getting permits for a single family home, one address, it should be one. It shouldn't be allowed. We're in an R1 single family zone
area.

MR. VERRASTRO: Where the loophole is multifamily home starts at three units. We have to figure out how to do it because a duplex isn't considered a multifamily.

MS. HALLINAN: There was two homes with two addresses that were -- Fazio's was full. We had up to 30 college students. We had them hanging off the roofs and everything at that time. Unfortunately Fazio got very ill and the house went up to sheriff's sale but fortunately --

MR. VERRASTRO: Did that happen after we talked or before we talked last time? The Fazio -- because we talked about this. You and I talked about this last year.

MS. HALLINAN: Oh, Fazio's just happened. Fazio's after we went to zoning and it was a single family with one door. And I showed them the deed with one address. It got two addresses. You try to find a house -- if someone becomes a fireman that is unfamiliar with Dunmore or an EMT comes, you can't find the houses even if you have your lights lit up because that's the problem.
There's, you know, 1731 and a half people put because there is only one number on the house. People are looking for these houses. Also there's a lot that Bewicks had complained about in the back of their home where they got funding from a grant from Lackawanna County and got it torn down.

No one has ever looked at it again. There's possums. There's woodchucks, maybe that's where a lot of the rats are. This is feet from my house also in the rear. No one cuts the grass. The people that rent Bewick's use it as their dog's toilet and never clean it up.

No one's ever come back to that property since it's been torn down. I thought they were supposed to if they had a grant to knock them down I thought someone was supposed to maintain the property. I mean, at least just cut the grass or now they have to go in with a machete or something.

MR. HALLINAN: There's an ordinance over, you know, keeping your lawn --

MS. HALLINAN: And the house next door to me is my biggest issue. If anything
can be done right now, the house next door to me which I have the name of the owner because it's not, of course, he's a lawyer. It's not under his name. It's under a corporation.

He's the one that has -- we just got two nice new tenants on the third floor that I happened to go on Unified Judicial and saw a lot about them. I know you can't do anything about that. But I could hear the activity.

But they are on third floor. Like I said, I have college students on the second floor. He rents to three and there's never three in there. And sometimes there's 20 on a weekend. And they're out partying on -- wait until you see the porch.

The house in between Bewick's and this house -- it's the house between myself and Bewicks. When it's windy, the wood actually flies off the house. The shingles hit my house. A satellite fell off the house.

MR. HALLINAN: The dirty yellow house.

MS. HALLINAN: The dirty yellow house. And you go on Bewick's side, you could watch the squirrels and the birds fly in all
day because the siding is actually pulled away from the house. And there are animals just crawling up the side of the house. This is right next door to my house and the rats. I mean, come on, a rat in your grill? You know, I have to boil everything before I even attempt to cook on it and I have dogs. So there must be, you know, the saying is if there's one rat there's a hundred. I have two dogs in the yard for them to come up on my porch -- thankfully for Mother's Day I got a security camera so I will find out where the rats are actually coming from.

I can't put traps out because of the dogs and I shouldn't have to. I grew up in this home. There was never a rat problem.

MR. NARDOZZI: Kel, we'll be on it tomorrow and the other one too. Kelly, if you can e-mail -- my e-mail is on there. You can e-mail whatever you have. If you send it to me, I will forward it to everybody else.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Duncan.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street, Dunmore. Just a couple announcements and I'll be very quick. From the Dunmore
Neighborhood Watch for those folks that are here tonight, you are certainly welcome to come to our meetings fortuitous that we're here together tonight.

We're having our community neighborhood walk which will be this Sunday, May 17th. We conduct those walks at noon, okay? We're going to be going through the Gilroy, Hill, Smith, Cooney, Chestnut Street corridor. Parking will be at St. Anthony's playground. That will be this Sunday at noon.

The next Dunmore Neighborhood Watch meeting will be a week today. It will be Monday, May 18th. We keep our meetings just like Council. It's at 7 p.m. It's in this room. So again the neighborhood walk is Sunday, May 17th at noon. Park at St. Anthony's playground. We hope to see you folks there.

The meeting is a week tonight. We'll have the results of the walk. We'll get those out to Council obviously and out to Vito and the Solicitor and everybody. Thank you very much.

MR. NARDOZZI: Gary, did that
vehicle come back the one we talked about?

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Gary.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Anything from Representative Farina's Office?

MR. VALVANO: Just one thing, May 21st from 10 to 2 p.m. here at the Dunmore Community Center, Representative Farina is having a senior health fair. The public is invited. So that's it. Thanks.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to address Council?

MR. HOGAN: Don't forget the dedication for the Korean War Veterans the 30th down at the tank at noon.

MR. MCHALE: The 30th at noon at the tank.

MR. HOGAN: Right. You are involved in it.

MR. MCHALE: Yeah, absolutely.

Anybody else like to speak?

MR. ZECH: Eddie Zech, 206 Andrew Street. Since summer sprung upon us lately, there's been some problems with these outdoor
patio fire boxes whatever you want to call them, heaters, whatever, where people start them up when they are having a party or something or when they are just sitting outside and they go to bed and those things are left outside.

Two, 3:00 in the morning all of a sudden you get up because you smell smoke because your windows are open now and your screens are in the doors and windows. And the first thing you think your house is on fire. Are those allowed? Are they considered open burn?

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: What the Chimineas?

MR. ZECH: Not the ones with the propane, the ones that they -- fire boxes, pit, whatever you want to call them.

MR. NARDOZZI: Fire pit, yeah.

MR. VERRASTRO: Some people use Chimineas but they have wood in there.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I don't know if it's considered open burning.

MR. ZECH: Well, the flame is there.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'm not saying it
is or isn't. I'll look what the ordinance says and report to Council.

MR. ZECH: Right. I hope somebody would look into that. The only other thing I have is the next scheduled meeting would be Memorial Day; am I right, is that going to change?

MR. MCHALE: We cancelled it. Thank you, sir.

MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to speak tonight?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli, do you want to lead us off tonight?

MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do want to thank everyone for coming. And I feel so bad about your issues. This is the first I'm hearing about it. And, Connie, I feel your pain. And I'll give you my phone number afterwards. You could call me anytime.

MS. GRAFF: Individually you can't
do anything.

MS. SCRIMALLI: You could call me with the issues that you have. And also the Act 32 Wage Tax meeting was cancelled for this past month. However, I do think we are going to be having a meeting for May.

And also Mr. Hogan had brought to our attention that the dedication for the veterans is going to occur May 30th.

MR. HOGAN: Korean War Veterans.

MS. SCRIMALLI: And that's the Korean War Veteran. They redid the tank. What else did they do? They put lighting in there and sidewalks and whatnot.

MR. HOGAN: I don't have a copy of the plans. There is renovation work going on in the area. Sal's more filled in.

MR. VERRASTRO: There's a monument.

MS. SCRIMALLI: That will be May 30th at noon. And I hope you all could make it. And that's all I have for this evening. Thank you so much for coming. I appreciate it.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Yes, Miss Occulto, keep reporting because it will go on record. And,
Gary, did the county -- when the county spoke
about the drugs that are coming to the area
they are saying stopping in quick in and out.
But you have to keep track of that, right?

MR. DUNCAN: Yes.
MR. BURKE: And always keep calling
the police on that.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: I can't do that
because that will be four times a day.

MR. MCHAILE: Guys, we can't go back
and forth.

MS. HALLINAN: I could call every 10
minutes.

MR. NARDOZI: Excuse me, one at a
time. We have a court reporter.

MR. MCHAILE: We have a court
reporter. We can't go back and forth. I
apologize.

MR. BURKE: That's what they
suggested. That's what the county drug
force --

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Timmy, we were
told that you have to put a complaint in. The
police were called at least a half a dozen
times recently, right? Doesn't that constitute
a complaint?

If you call 911, are you putting in a complaint in or does it have to be in writing or do we have to appear someplace?

MR. BURKE: I believe the call itself is a complaint. I too, I mean, you could call me at any time. I'm close to your neighborhood. I'll come up too. I'll get on the police. We all will. Everyone on Council will.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: The police were there and they did stay maybe two hours, two hours and a half and we don't know what was--what they told them. You call 911 again they said you have to put a complaint in.

Well, the police cars are there like three or four times a month. I don't know what a complaint means.

MR. BURKE: I think just a call itself is a complaint according to the county. We'll make sure that they are checking it out.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Hey, Timmy, as soon as the police cars leave, I mean, I'm not complaining. They come when you call them, right? But as soon as they leave, the influx
of these kids, they are coming out of the sky
as soon as they see the police cars leave.

There was one girl and her
boyfriend, young. I don't think they were 15
years old screaming, walking the whole block of
Elm Street, using profanity. And the one girl
laid right on the sidewalk there screaming.

MR. MCHALE: Sir, can we have your
name for the record?

MR. OCCULTO: Ross Occulto.

MR. MCHALE: Okay. Thank you, sir.

Anything else?

MR. BURKE: Okay. We'll be on --
you can call my house at any time and I'll
check on it too. We have to keep on them. And
it is -- like the county said, this is
happening not only in your neighborhood but Sal
said we'll have foot patrols up there. I do
belive that will help. Nobody wants that --

MS. OCCULTO: These kids --

MR. NARDOZZI: Mrs. Occulto, there's
a quorum at a meeting only one person can speak
at a time because Miss McCool here she has to
record it and she can't record what two people
are saying at the same time.
MR. BURKE: Even too if you guys ever get a chance to come to the crime watch meeting, it's -- there's a lot of info, very, very informative. And he gets good guest speakers. You could learn a lot from that on what to do in a situation.

Council comes to the meetings. He has police officers here. He has drug force people here. And you could learn a lot from it and what to look for. And like I said, I wouldn't want it in my neighborhood. It is. It is in my neighborhood too. We have the same kind of houses too.

And they are hard to catch. You call the cops and they're gone. The cops leave and they are back again. I know it's very hard. Eventually they will get hit with a sting operation. Try to stay in there and we'll do the best we can. Don't be afraid to call us. That's all I have for tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yes, to start just to let everybody know unless there's any objections then I'll do it in the form of a motion. We have the funds to pay the TAN. I
just want to let everybody know and the public included that our TAN with the bills for approval this month, we'll pay our TAN off too.

That's our Tax Anticipation Note.

Secondly, Tom, how do we go about this? I just want to get some information on it. Do we have the Fire Chief just do it or through Comm Center? Our fire department's having a problem at times with on-calls. They're getting stepped on.

I would like to see if there's a cost to start and what we would have to do to have our own frequency for our fire department. Like, our police department has its own frequency. Scranton fire has a frequency. Our fire department is sharing a frequency.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: You want two frequencies?

MR. VERRASTRO: I want to see what's involved in getting one for our fire department because they were on call last week. And they were on a -- they had a smoke -- I forget how they phrase it. They were on a call were they had smoke wherever they were.

And they were trying to communicate
and it's -- there's was a call coming in for
incidentally a Chiminea in Moscow that
everybody was up there a supposed brush fire
and these guys were on a call for a building
that had smoke in it. And they couldn't talk
to each other or Comm Center because that call
was stepping on theirs because of -- and I
guess it happens quite a bit.

So I don't know if we're sharing a
frequency because of -- that's the way it was
set up whenever it was years ago for cost or if
there is no room for other ones. How do we go
about -- is it just a call to the county or
does the Chief call and request or do we
have --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'll find out
tomorrow.

MR. VERRASTRO: I have no idea.
They came to me at a safety meeting about it.
And I didn't know what route to go.

MR. NARDOZZI: Sal, if I may
interject?

MR. VERRASTRO: Sure.

MR. NARDOZZI: At one time before
you guys got on we had a local. We had our own
for Dunmore fire --

MR. VERRASTRO: No, they don't want us to have on that county channel --

MR. NARDOZZI: No, it was a dedicated channel that was just for Dunmore fire. So it's just something to look into, Tom. It still might be there just it's not active. We still might have the license for that frequency.

MR. VERRASTRO: I don't know what it is. And lastly with regard to Elm Street, I'm not going to talk it to death everybody is talking about it. But we'll get somebody there. I had complaints on Willow Street. So I had talked to the Chief and he told me he had some problems in that whole area.

So with the weather coming, he was going to start doing some foot patrols. That was last week. I don't know when he is starting to schedule them. I'm sure after tonight he'll have seven phone calls tomorrow and it will get done quicker than it was supposed to.

Kelly, if you think that is something that will help you there because of
the problems, I mean, summer there is no kids
there now with summer with Marywood. Is it all
year long or just --

MS. HALLINAN: It's all year long.

MR. VERRASTRO: Maybe we can request
it for your block also because if you think it
will help deter some of it. Word gets out they
can't have fun in that neighborhood maybe
they'll stop --

MS. HALLINAN: Well, you know,
bigger than that I have a teenage kids. I got
kids. There's little kids up higher -- it's
the overcrowding, the noise. It's
unbelievable -- cars. I mean, this is because
it's illegally done. I didn't move in a block
and I don't pay taxes for a block where there
is multifamily homes --

MR. VERRASTRO: I understand.

MS. HALLINAN: So it's right next
doors to your home. We had a nice little lady
living there who went to bed at 9:00. And now
you have people coming in and out all hours of
the day and laughing, talking, motorcycles,
you know, right next door.

MR. VERRASTRO: No, I understand. I
just -- if you want that I can request that in that neighborhood also if you think it will help.

MS. HALLINAN: It wouldn't hurt.

MR. VERRASTRO: Okay. I'm done.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Nardozzi.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. and Mrs. Occulto, when you call Comm Center, you are generating a report every time. So no matter the type of call that you are calling in, whether it's a nuisance, a threat or a theft, whatever it may be, there's a code.

Every call gets logged. So every call if you're calling to say, you know, 110 West Street, it gets logged under 110 West Street so someone could go back -- the Chief could go back on the computer at the police station and just check to see how many calls and what type of calls have come in on that particular place or even in the area.

So every time you call, that's why it is important that you do call. If you see anything, that's what the police are there for. So just so know, it is generating a type of complaint at all times. So just keep -- if you
have to call five times a day, call five times a day. It helps down the road.

What you're doing is you're building a paper trail against that address. And one of the things I notice is -- and I live close to you guys as you well know, you know, our area has changed. And I'm sure there is other parts of the town that have changed. But I see it down on Apple Street. It's the same thing. People walk by and you wonder, Where are you coming from, Bud?

One thing you can't do. There are laws unfortunately that protect. So you got to watch too sometimes what you say when it comes to why, you know, housing they are protected believe it or not.

However, when they are violating the law, that's when there are steps to take. So calling the police all the time and generating whatever has to be done a typical complaint, that helps a lot. Trust me. And we will be making sure the Chief they have the foot patrols up in your area and down by Kelly's too.

And the other thing, Kelly,
responding to you we will be on the Code Office. That is for them to enforce. The Code Office is an enforcement. For the issues you brought up, I think you brought up about parking permits too?

MS. HALLINAN: Yeah, that was the whole --

MR. NARDOZZI: Can I finish? What you could do is you get with your neighbors if you could maybe get a petition together and petition and we can look into the possibility of like there is down by Marywood. I don't know if we can do it. We have to research it with the Solicitor as far as parking permits for your area.

You see it done at the CMC, at Marywood, you know, just have to have a parking permit to help with you parking.

MS. HALLINAN: I understand that. I live that -- I don't live next to a college or a school. I didn't buy a house next to one. I live by a --

MR. NARDOZZI: Kelly, just do what I -- if you can get a petition together for us as far as --
MS. HALLINAN: In regard to what you just said about 911, if I may, we went myself and the neighbors to calling the non emergent number. Just like last week I found two people coming up on our porches with flashlights in their backyards under the porches. And I got my neighbor's attention and he called the non emergent. So does that get filed?

MR. NARDOZZI: Yes, because the police are being dispatched.

MS. HALLINAN: It's the Dunmore Police though do they --

MR. NARDOZZI: The police are being dispatched whether you call 911 or 342-9111. Whatever number you call, the police are getting dispatched and the incident is generated same date and time.

And again depending on what you called in, if it's logged, it's that kind of complaint.

MS. HALLINAN: Okay. Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: You're welcome. Mr. Chairman, that's all I have for tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Kelly, please don't
hesitate to call the police. Call them ten
times a day. Call as often as you want. And
as far as the properties are being mishandled,
give me the address even if you don't want to
talk to Joe we'll get them down there.

What's probably bringing in the rats
too is just the high grass and they are living
in there. And even the properties thing, don't
put up with it. Let's go after it. You're
paying good taxes in that area. Please. And
if there is anything you need you call me.

We're related through marriage so
everybody knows we're not brother and sister.
But anything you need, Kel, just, you know, you
shouldn't have to put up with that.

Even the people that are making the
noises, 1, 2, 11:00 at night, I think the noise
ordinance goes to 10 at night. Call.

MS. HALLINAN: 10 or 11?
MR. HALLINAN: Whatever, call. And
it gets documented and then the police have a
reason to, you know, make it almost like a
nuisance household or nuisance complaint. Do
what you have to do. And please don't feel
threatened like, you know, because everything
could be done anonymous too. You don't have to leave your name. Do what you have to do.

MS. HALLINAN: Oh, I go right out after them.

MR. HALLINAN: I know you have some moxie in you. And that's all I have. Thank you.

MS. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. MCHAILE: Attorney Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Yes, just quickly, Timmy brought this up before but I really encourage you guys to go to the neighborhood watch. They do a terrific job. They take down all the minutes. They get it to us the next day. Vito takes care of everything and what he can't, you know, he gets all the information to all of us.

So I would encourage you to do that. And the police are out there. They are doing the best they can. Friday night they conducted a drug patrol unit from 6 to 12. They collected $3,000 cash, 30 grams of cocaine and arrested several individuals.

So they are out there. And I would credit the Chief to that and I think it was
Officers Karem and Tommy Butler. They are out there. They are doing the best they can. But they need all the information. So I encourage you to keep calling, okay? And go to the neighborhood watch meetings.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: That's 7:00, right? Next Monday?

MR. DUNCAN: Yeah.

MR. DEMPSEY: That's all I have.

Thank you.

MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Chairman, if I may? I'm addressing with the police departments, sometimes when there's drug issues you don't know what's going on. You don't know what they are doing. They could be watching it.

They could already have insider information what's going on like what happened over this past weekend. Just because you don't see anything don't mean nothing is being done. You know what I mean? So that's how we operate. Sometimes you don't.

MR. VERRASTRO: But keep complaining about it.

MR. NARDOZZI: Keep complaining
about it.

MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: I am.

MR. NARDOZZI: You have to keep complaining about it. You really do. But sometimes you just have to wait.

MR. VERRASTRO: Not complaining, telling them about it.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: I forgot to mention the Mecca girls, the two of them were coming home at midnight the other night. And two teenagers ran from that house over to them and they almost dropped dead. Now that's two elderly people in their 80s. You are not safe on the street at midnight because of that house.

MR. NARDOZZI: It's unfortunate that our world has changed for the worse. So just so you know, what you're addressing tonight don't only happen in Dunmore. I work in Olyphant Police. We have the same issues in Olyphant and in Dickson and in Throop and everywhere. It's not unique to Dunmore.

I know we were used to in our area especially everybody knew everybody. I'm sure
in the other parts of town it was the same way.
It's changing unfortunately. It's changing.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: We need more

police.

MR. NARDOZZI: Well, that's --

MR. MCHALE: We're trying.

MR. NARDOZZI: That's coming.

That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

MR. MCHALE: Vito, do you have

anything tonight?

MR. RUGGIERO: No, I do not.

MR. MCHALE: Is Mr. Kearney here?

MR. KEARNEY: No, nothing.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge.

MR. JUDGE: No.

MR. MCHALE: Attorney Cummings?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir.

MR. MCHALE: I apologize, Tim,

please.

MR. BURKE: Tom, I was wondering on

that followup with the SSA. Anything new?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Attorney Belardi
did not get back to me. I'm still waiting to
get a response from the Pennsylvania Municipal
Authorities Association Eastern Pennsylvania
Solicitor. Their law firm is in Harrisburg.

He did not report back to me yet.

I'm having him handle it yet because there's no cost to us.

MR. BURKE: And that's been over a month he --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I think it was two weeks.

MR. BURKE: Two weeks that he told you that? And then at a Council meeting --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yeah, because it was the day of the last Council meeting which would have been two weeks ago. I think the guys name is Hann, H-A-N-N, the lawyer.

MR. BURKE: All right. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: That it, Tim? I really don't have much. Again guys, please keep calling. We'll do everything we can. I know Paul will be at the Zoning Board tomorrow and we'll follow up. We promise. Keep coming to the meetings too even though it got a little out of hand tonight. We'll do everything we can. We promise.

This is the first time I'm hearing about it. We did hear about the zoning issues.
I apologize, yes, we did. You're going to follow up on that as well. That's all I have. Anybody else? One more thing down there?

MR. HALLINAN: I'd like to thank Didge and his guys for doing Grove Street.

MR. MCHALE: Tom is having a fundraising event. He's more of a sponsor of a fundraising event.

MR. HALLINAN: We're having a fundraiser in my daughter's name for Make a Wish. All proceeds will be benefitting Make a Wish. It will be May 23rd down at Morgan's Pub and Eatery. So if anybody could make it. Thank you for letting me announce that at this meeting.

Like I said, everything will go to Make A Wish in my daughter's name. And that's how she got to meet Harry Styles. That's teen idol. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else with anything before I adjourn?

MR. NARDOZZI: No.

MR. VERRASTRO: Motion to adjourn.

MR. NARDOZZI: Second.

MR. MCHALE: We have a motion and
second. All in favor.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: We’re adjourned.
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