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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, September 26th, 2016

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

MICHAEL MCHALE, President

MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President

TIMOTHY BURKE

CAROL SCRIMALLI

THOMAS HALLINAN

VINCE AMICO

SAL VERRASTRO

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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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: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Before we start the actual Council meeting, we'll conduct a hearing on the application for LERTA approval for the property located at 121 Apple Street. I believe the applicant is here. Mr. Lorince is here.

By way of background, the property had originally been the Dunmore High School then the Dunmore Junior High School and then

1           was sold and converted to commercial use and  
2           went through a total destruction fire. The  
3           property is basically cleaned up, ripe for  
4           development. And the applicant seeks a LERTA  
5           tax approval wherein continue to pay property  
6           tax at the current rate but any improvement  
7           that was authorized by planning and zoning --  
8           we don't know what the application is yet.

9                         Any taxation on that improvement  
10           there would be -- there would be a 10 year  
11           relief. So at the end of -- during that 10  
12           year period, the property owner would continue  
13           to pay the taxes as they pay now on the  
14           appraised value of the raw land -- the real  
15           estate.

16                        And then at the conclusion of the 10  
17           year period, taxes would commence on the  
18           assessed value of the improvement. And it's  
19           the purpose of LERTA is my understanding anyway  
20           from county, to give an economic incentive to  
21           increase the dollar value of the real estate  
22           investment on the particular premises.

23                        So I believe the applicant  
24           Mr. Senofonte is here. Mr. Lorince is here if  
25           you have any questions. It is subject to

1 zoning and planning. And basically that's the  
2 gist of it. If they're questions from Council  
3 and/or the public, I would answer them as to  
4 the best of my ability as would the applicant.

5 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address  
6 the LERTA application tonight? Please come  
7 up.

8 MR. LEVANDOSKI: As a citizen?

9 MR. MCHALE: Yes. Yep. If you  
10 could, sir, state your name and address for the  
11 record?

12 MR. LEVANDOSKI: My name is Ed  
13 Levandoski. I live at 209 South Apple Street.  
14 Mr. Cummings had mentioned that the property  
15 has been cleaned up. I beg to differ. It has  
16 been cleaned up partially since the Planning  
17 Commission meeting where I brought up to the  
18 attention to the commission that it wasn't  
19 cleaned up at all that there was a lot of work  
20 to be done.

21 I thank Mr. Senofonte. He has done  
22 some of the cleaning up but there is a lot to  
23 do. If you went by there today, there's still  
24 weeds that are about 3, 4 feet high. And  
25 everything that was on the outer edge is pushed

1           into the middle. So you have kind of like an  
2           island filled with stones, debris, and  
3           whatever. I understand also that Mr. Wegford  
4           was up there trying to eliminate some of the  
5           rodents that are running around in that  
6           property.

7                       My question and my concern is, I  
8           just want to see the property cleaned up a lot  
9           better than it has. If members of Council  
10          would take a ride by there and take a look at  
11          it and you tell me if you think this is  
12          something that you want to see outside of your  
13          window every morning. I think the project will  
14          be great. I hope it goes through. But in the  
15          meantime, we're dealing with an eyesore on  
16          Apple Street in Dunmore.

17                      ATTY. CUMMINGS: It's a separate and  
18          distinct question from the LERTA application.  
19          But certainly as Council's approval, they could  
20          instruct Mr. Lorince and I'm sure Mr. Senofonte  
21          would agree to expedite the cleanup -- has  
22          started it's my understanding, Mr. Lorince?

23                      MR. LORINCE: Yes.

24                      MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

25                      MR. LEVANDOSKI: Thank you.

1 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to  
2 address Council on the subject?

3 (No response.)

4 ATTY. CUMMINGS: There being no  
5 further discussion, the hearing would be  
6 appropriate to close. And we'll go back to the  
7 agenda of the meeting with public comments on  
8 agenda items only.

9 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to comment  
10 to Council on agenda items right now? There's  
11 a separate portion for anything else. Anything  
12 on the agenda tonight that anybody would like  
13 to discuss?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Personnel matters,  
17 if any.

18 MR. MCHALE: Anybody have any  
19 personnel matters tonight?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number five is a  
23 motion to approve the recommendation for 121  
24 South Apple Street for Local Economic  
25 Revitalization Tax Assistance or LERTA which as

1 I explained during the course of the hearing  
2 simply exonerates the property from tax on the  
3 improvements for a 10 year period.

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

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

6 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'd like to second  
7 that.

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

10 MR. AMICO: I have a question.

11 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Amico.

12 MR. AMICO: If I'd read -- I'd like  
13 to corrected if I'm incorrect or wrong but I  
14 thought we -- I thought Planning Commission  
15 said they weren't going to go forward with  
16 approval on this -- we weren't going to go  
17 forward on approval unless the property was  
18 clean. Am I correct on that or am I incorrect?

19 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince?

20 MR. LORINCE: Yes, he's correct.

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: That I can't speak  
22 to.

23 MR. AMICO: I just wanted to make  
24 sure I understand what happened at the Planning  
25 Commission meeting.

1 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
2 question?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. MCHALE: Tom, roll call or voice  
5 vote is fine?

6 MR. BURKE: On the question too,  
7 Vince, you said everything was contingent on  
8 the place being cleaned up?

9 MR. AMICO: That was my  
10 understanding.

11 MR. BURKE: That's true, right?

12 MR. MCHALE: Is that true?

13 MR. AMICO: I believe so.

14 MR. LORINCE: Planning Commission  
15 recommended that it should be cleaned up  
16 before --

17 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Senofonte, are you  
18 okay finishing the cleanup?

19 MR. SENOFONTE: At the Planning  
20 Commission meeting --

21 MR. MCHALE: Al Senofonte, Drinker  
22 Street.

23 MR. SENOFONTE: -- Planning  
24 Commission did recommend motion for approval.  
25 And it's to go in front of Council for final



1 approval. In the meantime, taking notice of  
2 Mr. Levandoski talking about the cleanup,  
3 immediately after the meeting we got equipment  
4 in there and started cleaning it up.

5 And if you go there you will see  
6 next to Mr. O'Malley's home, most of the  
7 product is there. Mr. O'Malley asked me to not  
8 clean it up until we get some type of water  
9 down because he doesn't want the dust. So  
10 believe it or not, we're waiting for a good  
11 rain to come in there and start cleaning up  
12 that last part -- the last portion.

13 There are some weeds on the  
14 perimeter of the foundation. But there were a  
15 lot more, you know, since we've been cleaning  
16 it up. We have been hauling a lot of stone out  
17 of there. I don't know anything about rodents,  
18 that's news to me. But all I know is Planning  
19 Commission recommended it for approval, no  
20 contingencies.

21 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Levandoski, do you  
22 want to --

23 MR. LEVANDOSKI: Mr. Michaels is  
24 here from the Planning Commission. I believe  
25 he was the one that made the motion that it was

1 subject to cleaning up the property. And at  
2 the last meeting at the Planning Commission,  
3 Mr. O'Malley did bring up the -- that there was  
4 rodents running around. In fact, he felt them  
5 around this house. So there were rodents. And  
6 that was brought up at the Planning Commission  
7 meeting.

8 Now, it is subject to cleaning up  
9 the property. Now, cleaning up is relative.  
10 What is clean to me, may not be clean to  
11 Mr. Senofonte. But before you go any further,  
12 I would think, you know, maybe Mr. Lorince  
13 could make a comment or you could go and take a  
14 look at it yourself and tell me if you think  
15 it's clean.

16 Right now everything is pushed into  
17 the middle. And there are weeds in the middle.  
18 There are 3, 4 feet high as well as ones around  
19 the exterior. Where the sign is there is a  
20 tree growing there that is probably about 4, 5  
21 feet high. But all I'm saying is, I have no  
22 problem with the project.

23 But it's going to stay like this for  
24 the next 6, 8, 12 months, I mean, I don't think  
25 it's fair to the neighbors that every time you

1 look out your window you see an eyesore. And  
2 another thing, an eyesore, it's relative.  
3 What's an eyesore to me may not be an eyesore  
4 to you.

5 But I think before you make any kind  
6 of motion maybe Mr. Lorince should go take a  
7 look at it and if he thinks it's clean -- in  
8 fact, I talked to Mr. Lorince about the  
9 property. And he mentioned to me that things  
10 can be done to get it cleaned up that  
11 everything was moved to the center.

12 So you have an island of rock and  
13 stone in the center of the property. And to me  
14 a cleaned up property is pretty much level  
15 where things can't go in there and hide around  
16 and kids can't go and break an ankle or  
17 something like that jumping around on the  
18 stones.

19 And like I'm not here to condemn the  
20 project. I think it would be great for the  
21 neighborhood. But in the meantime it's been  
22 three -- I don't know how many years now, three  
23 years, Joe?

24 MR. LORINCE: About three years.

25 MR. LEVANDOSKI: About three years

1 and that property has been a mess. And I  
2 brought it up at the Planning Commission  
3 meeting and I asked Mr. Senofonte, he said it  
4 took him two and a half years to settle on his  
5 insurance.

6 Well, okay, now that it's settled, I  
7 think what we should do if you consider a clean  
8 property a level property, then it's not a  
9 clean property. If you consider on the  
10 exterior level in the middle an island of stone  
11 and rock, then you know --

12 MR. HALLINAN: Mr. Levandoski, would  
13 you be comfortable then if Mr. Lorince pending  
14 our approval or disapproval, would, you know,  
15 he would supervise the cleanup up there. And  
16 obviously, we can only follow what's in our  
17 ordinances. But again, your decision of  
18 cleanup, Mr. Senofonte's decision of cleanup,  
19 and what we're bound to are three different  
20 animals.

21 So I would ask that if Mr. Lorince  
22 would, you know, maybe supervise what he thinks  
23 within our ordinance is of cleanup, then I  
24 don't have a problem. Would you agree to that?

25 MR. LEVANDOSKI: That's fair. I

1 agree to that.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Does anybody else on  
3 Council have a problem with that?

4 MR. BURKE: I agree with what you  
5 just said, Tom. It's only fair. I agree with  
6 the project the same as you do, Ed. But I  
7 would like to see it cleaned up too.

8 MR. LEVANDOSKI: I trust Joe.  
9 That's fine with me.

10 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Senofonte?

11 MR. SENOFONTE: I don't know what  
12 else to say. I'm trying to make an effort to  
13 do -- this is a process. The first thing you  
14 do is you have to apply for LERTA because it's  
15 a blighted area. And you receive your LERTA  
16 and you go in and start cleaning it up and  
17 building.

18 It happened up on Meade Street.  
19 They didn't clean it up before they got the --  
20 it's a process. Give me my LERTA. We'll come  
21 in there -- I was cleaning up only because Mr.  
22 Levandoski asked me to start cleaning up. Had  
23 Mr. O'Malley not asked me to stop the cleanup,  
24 I would still be up there cleaning up. He said  
25 it was creating a lot of dust. So we figured,

1 well, we'll get some rain. We'll come in there  
2 and we'll clean it up and then we'll eliminate  
3 the dust situation.

4 MR. HALLINAN: So, Mr. Senofonte,  
5 you're going to clean the property.

6 MR. SENOFONTE: I have to. I want  
7 to build something.

8 MR. HALLINAN: There you go. So  
9 let's just try to move forward, Joe. If there  
10 is any problems, we'll go through Joe and we'll  
11 visit this again. But otherwise, I think we  
12 move forward with the project.

13 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Senofonte, you'll  
14 work with Joe to get this done?

15 MR. SENOFONTE: Sure.

16 MR. MCHALE: I appreciate it.

17 MR. SENOFONTE: I want to do it  
18 ASAP.

19 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely. No, it's  
20 good for the town. We appreciate it. I have a  
21 motion and a second. Anybody else on the  
22 question?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. MCHALE: Tom, do you want a  
25 voice vote or can I just do a --

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: It's your call.

2                   MR. MCHALE: All those in favor

3 signify by saying aye.

4                   ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5                   MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

6                   (No response.)

7                   MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it 7-0.

8                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is  
9 a motion to support Marywood University's  
10 application for Local Share Account Monroe  
11 County Grant request of \$360,000 to create a  
12 new recreational, cultural, and educational  
13 space that will serve the greater Northeast  
14 Pennsylvania region -- the Amphitheater at  
15 Marywood University's Learning Commons.

16                   MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that  
17 motion.

18                   MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

19                   MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
20 second. On the question. This -- all -- I  
21 shouldn't say all this is. Marywood -- we  
22 would be the municipal sponsor for this. It  
23 doesn't come out of our money. It doesn't come  
24 out of ours. We're just sponsoring along with  
25 them lending our supports.

1                   We've done in the past for several  
2                   nonprofit, so on and so forth. This is for the  
3                   gambling money -- casino money -- gambling is  
4                   probably not the right term. The casino money  
5                   for them to apply for this. There's a big  
6                   dissertation. I won't bore everybody with what  
7                   they wrote.

8                   But it seems like heck of a project  
9                   that I'm happy to support as well. Anybody  
10                  else on the question?

11                  (No response.)

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

14                  ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

15                  MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

16                  (No response.)

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

19                  ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number item seven  
20                  is a motion to approve the 2017 Minimum  
21                  Municipal Obligation as calculated by Joseph  
22                  Duda actuary for non-uniform police and fire  
23                  pension funds.

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

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



1 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

2 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
3 second. On the question. For the record and  
4 for the audience, the MMO is what we have to  
5 budget for next year's budget for the municipal  
6 obligations for the pensions. What they're  
7 being calculated on this year for our  
8 non-uniform, our clerical is \$70,680; for our  
9 firemen's pension plan, \$342,109; and for  
10 police pension plan \$641,561. As comparative  
11 purposes, it's very similar to last year as  
12 well. Anybody else on the question?

13 (No response.)

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

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight  
22 is motion to approve a resolution for the  
23 Borough to elect a special funding method for  
24 the unfunded liability of the Borough of  
25 Dunmore Non-uniform Pension Plan pursuant to

1 the provisions of Act 205 of 1984, known as The  
2 Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard  
3 Recovery Act, as amended.

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

5 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that  
6 motion.

7 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second that.

8 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
9 second. On the question, not to bore  
10 everybody; but all this is, is a vehicle on how  
11 to calculate the pension. There is different  
12 ways to do it actuarially, if that's a word.

13 And doing so for this pension plan  
14 for the Non-clerical Pension Plan is beneficial  
15 to the taxpayers. If we did it for the other  
16 ones it may not be. It's based on the life  
17 expectancy of many of the officers, the police  
18 pension plan, our firefighters, and our  
19 non-clerical. It's just a mathematical  
20 equation.

21 One method we could use. The other  
22 method we could use. This is more advantageous  
23 for this plan. So we have to elect it, put it  
24 in the file and that's when we can calculate it  
25 based on that. So it's just really a

1           mathematical equation. Anybody else on the  
2           question?

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

5                       ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

6                       MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

7                       (No response.)

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

10                      ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is  
11           a motion to authorize the Solicitor, President,  
12           and Vice President of Council to negotiate  
13           refinance and review related options for  
14           pension funding.

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

16                      MR. BURKE: Motion.

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

19                      MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.

20                      MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
21           second. On the question. This is not asking  
22           for more debt for the Borough. This is just an  
23           exercise in trying to be -- continue to be  
24           fiscally responsible. The rates on our debt  
25           are very good. But rates have been going down.

1                   So we're going to explore, see if  
2                   there is any savings in there, anything else we  
3                   can do to save the taxpayers money in  
4                   anticipation of our upcoming budget.

5                   So that's all this is. This just  
6                   gives Michael, myself, and Solicitor Cummings  
7                   the option to negotiate on behalf of the  
8                   Borough. Anything that we would do, would have  
9                   to come back in front of everybody and have a  
10                  full Council vote before we took on anything  
11                  anyway.

12                  It just gives us the authorization  
13                  to meet with some banks. Anybody else on the  
14                  question?

15                  (No response.)

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

18                  ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19                  MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

20                  (No response.)

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

23                  ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale, there  
24                  may be a minor amendment to the agenda which  
25                  would be open for public comment. I received

1 after the agenda came out -- but it is somewhat  
2 time sensitive, the report from Reuther-Bowen  
3 approving the PennDOT 40 District Office  
4 renovation expansion of the Borough of Dunmore,  
5 which was also approved by the Dunmore Planning  
6 Commission.

7 It was reviewed at prior meetings  
8 and it's all on the existing site at PennDOT  
9 for reconstruction -- small expansion of their  
10 building. It would be appropriate considering  
11 the upcoming weather and construction time  
12 frames to open it to public comment and for  
13 Council to entertain a motion on it. I  
14 apologize it didn't hit the agenda.

15 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Senofonte, did you  
16 pass that at last meeting?

17 MR. SENOFONTE: Yes.

18 MR. MCHALE: No contingencies?

19 MR. SENOFONTE: No.

20 MR. MCHALE: Would anybody like to  
21 discuss that project?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none, Tom.

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Appropriate would  
25 be for a motion to approve.

1 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion  
2 to approve based on the Planning Commission  
3 recommendation.

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

6 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 10 is  
15 public comment on nonagenda items.

16 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address  
17 Council tonight?

18 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.  
19 Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County's  
20 Community Relations Department. I'm sorry I  
21 haven't seen you guys in a few months. Summer  
22 throws our schedule out of whack especially  
23 with some of the meetings that meet twice a  
24 month and then they go to once a month.

25 And it's a good thing. But it just

1 changes our schedule a little bit. So I'm  
2 sorry I haven't been here for a few months.  
3 Our countywide tire recycling collection event  
4 is coming up October 12th through the 15th.  
5 We'll leave a schedule of all of our -- the  
6 drop-off dates.

7 There's a variety of sites around  
8 the county including the Lackawanna County  
9 Recycling Center. That's open all four days.  
10 And each of the other municipal sites, most of  
11 them are open one evening or one afternoon in  
12 that time frame. Some of them do two days, but  
13 most of them are one.

14 There's a variety of them from  
15 Benton Township through Mayfield, Vandling,  
16 Roaring Brook and a few other ones. So lots of  
17 opportunities to dispose of your unwanted  
18 tires. They are \$2 a tire. If they're off the  
19 rim \$5. And they have to be car or SUV or  
20 reasonable truck size tires.

21 We can't take heavy tires from  
22 construction vehicles or anything like that.  
23 But again cars, pretty much any passenger  
24 vehicle we can take. And also, the Lackawanna  
25 County Commissioners' blood drive comes up this

1 Wednesday, September 28th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,  
2 in a new location this year.

3 It's in the lobby of the former  
4 Globe Store on Wyoming Avenue in Scranton.  
5 It's been at the University of Scranton in the  
6 past. We have no complaints with that site.  
7 We wanted to make it a little bit more  
8 assessable to downtown residents and workers.  
9 And a lot of folks have asked us can we get  
10 into the Globe Store and check it out.

11 So we thought this event would be a  
12 good way to make that happen on a pretty neat  
13 fashion. So please come out. Give the gift of  
14 life. We're trying to hit 27 donors or more  
15 and we would love to have some of you join us  
16 for that event.

17 Also we have a few arts and cultural  
18 related events. Wake Up With The Arts  
19 breakfast is a free event Friday, October 7th  
20 at PNC Field -- actually this year it's at the  
21 Radison at Lackawanna Station. I didn't  
22 realize it had changed until I saw it here in  
23 the small print. But that's free and open to  
24 the public.

25 They just ask that you make



1 reservations. We'll leave the information for  
2 that. And also our Community Projects Grant  
3 workshop from the Arts and Culture Department  
4 comes up this Wednesday, September 28th, 5:30  
5 at the Electric City Trolley Museum.

6 Good opportunity not just for the  
7 Arts and Culture Grants, I know we have several  
8 community groups here that have applied for  
9 that and other grant funding from county. But  
10 anyone who is interested in grant writing,  
11 really helpful, free sessions. We'll learn  
12 more about that topic.

13 So that's all we have for this  
14 month. We should see you next month with some  
15 information with the tentative proposed county  
16 budget for 2017. The Commissioners have to  
17 release that by October 15th. So we'll have  
18 some information probably at your second  
19 meeting of the month on what the proposed  
20 county budget will look like.

21 And we'll give you a breakdown. I  
22 can't say for now because I don't know. But  
23 whatever the Commissioners decide on and  
24 propose for the county, we can do a briefing on  
25 that at my next meeting. Thank you, folks.

1 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Gerard.

2 MR. BURKE: Gerard. You said the  
3 12th through the 15th for the tires. You said  
4 afternoon and nights they'll be open?

5 MR. HETMAN: There's different  
6 sites. The different sites are open at  
7 different times. Some of them are only one day  
8 or two days. The one that is open all four  
9 days is the Recycling Center on Boulevard  
10 Avenue.

11 MR. BURKE: Okay. And how can we  
12 find out what times?

13 MR. HETMAN: I could leave this with  
14 you. I've got some extras. And it's also  
15 listed on the county website at Lackawanna  
16 County dot org. We'll also be running an ad  
17 in the Scranton Times.

18 MR. BURKE: Okay. I would like a  
19 copy. Thank you.

20 MR. HETMAN: No problem. Thank you.  
21 Anything else?

22 MR. MCHALE: No. Thank you, sir.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

24 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard.

25 MR. HETMAN: Thank you.

1 MR. HALLINAN: We'll post it on our  
2 website too.

3 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton  
4 Street, Dunmore, and Dunmore Neighborhood  
5 Watch. Just a few things, I was wondering,  
6 this was in the Scranton Times, Council. And  
7 it was about Scranton City Council urging new  
8 easement letters that went out regarding the  
9 sale of the Scranton Sewer Authority.

10 I was going to look to Council. I  
11 don't know if that is going to affect, you  
12 know, letters went out to residents of Dunmore  
13 and how many -- they quote like 600 letters  
14 went out to residents of Scranton. And I know  
15 we're part of the Scranton Sewer Authority.

16 So they had a motion at Scranton  
17 City Council to request SSA send out new  
18 letters to the people that were affected. I  
19 didn't make the Sewer Authority meeting that  
20 was held last week I believe it was held at  
21 Lackawanna College at what was the former  
22 Mellow building.

23 So I don't know if that was  
24 something that affected Dunmore. And I did  
25 want to ask Council tonight. And I know,

1           President McHale, you're part of the authority  
2           if you could speak to that for a second before  
3           I finish up with everything else?

4                   MR. MCHALE: Gary, quite honestly, I  
5           have not met with the attorney since. We did  
6           not have a Sewer Authority meeting since. I  
7           did read the same article and wanted to get  
8           information from Mr. Walker. Mr. Cummings,  
9           have you had any difference of opinion from  
10          what I -- I haven't talked to Attorney Walker  
11          to get the --

12                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: The Sewer Authority  
13          administration has not responded to City  
14          Council, nor has the City issued a directive to  
15          the -- request to the authority to my knowledge  
16          endorsed by the Mayor. I do know they have  
17          been working on case-by-case basis answering  
18          questions and contacting people.

19                   MR. AMICO: I was at that meeting  
20          and at least as of the meeting, Attorney Walker  
21          said they weren't going to send out any more  
22          letters that the letters were sent out and  
23          that's the way it was. That was as of last  
24          week.

25                   MR. MCHALE: And Attorney Walker

1 works for the board. And we haven't met yet.  
2 And if the board wants to do it I have no  
3 problem doing it. But that's got to be a --  
4 the board has to make that --

5 MR. DUNCAN: Yeah, my concern was  
6 obviously the tone of the letter. And you said  
7 you read the same article I did. So I'm not  
8 going to go rehash things that we're all  
9 capable of reading. But I guess the tone of  
10 the letter was one of the things some of the  
11 folks had problems identifying where their  
12 properties were.

13 I know a map was shown briefly. And  
14 I'm sure that those same concerns would come up  
15 in the Borough. Like I said, I wasn't at the  
16 meeting. I have a concern myself related to  
17 that issue. And I asked my wife. I know we  
18 didn't get a letter. So I don't know if  
19 everybody did or how that worked out. That's  
20 why I did want to ask today.

21 MR. MCHALE: Many of the  
22 properties -- most of the properties that have  
23 these lines underneath them have easements.  
24 But when they went through the sale and  
25 identified all of these properties that don't

1           have easements it's -- most of these lines were  
2           there 100 years ago literally, well before  
3           these homes were built.

4                         Now when they went through the  
5           closing process, should an attorney have found  
6           these things, probably. Someone messed up.  
7           But as the sale goes through, Pennsylvania  
8           American Water asked the Sewer Authority to  
9           make them whole, go get these easements.

10                        Do I think the letter was wrong?  
11           Absolutely. I didn't read it before it went  
12           out. And I'm not placing blame. Attorney  
13           Walker took the blame. I took the letter home,  
14           handed it to my wife who -- we don't have --  
15           it's not underneath our home. She said it  
16           looked shady. That was her words.

17                        And even though after I explained it  
18           to her, she's like, okay, after you explain it,  
19           it's not a big deal because literally it's been  
20           there -- it's not under my house so I don't  
21           want to put words in the other people's. But  
22           God forbid something does happen, they have to  
23           go in and fix it.

24                        And they have to get the easement  
25           then to do so. And you'd want them to go and

1 do that. The letter was not done correctly,  
2 period. End of story in my opinion. So --

3 MR. DUNCAN: How do we find out the  
4 addresses where the situations --

5 MR. MCHALE: Well, they did have  
6 that at the public meeting. They had maps.  
7 And quite honestly, they'll tell you the maps  
8 are an estimation, Gary. They could send  
9 letters to you and it's not under your house.

10 They are estimating where they are.  
11 And they are trying to cover all paths just in  
12 case. But nonetheless, I'll find out and see  
13 if we can get more details for the next  
14 meeting.

15 MR. DUNCAN: All right. If you can  
16 let me know.

17 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

18 MR. DUNCAN: And the public, if you  
19 would.

20 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

21 MR. DUNCAN: Just a few other  
22 things, I just want to -- October is fire  
23 safety month. I talked to Chief DeNaples over  
24 the weekend. For the last four years he's been  
25 really good about sending members of the fire

1 department to the neighborhood watch.

2 You know, we average 20 to 30 people  
3 at our meetings. And they bring public service  
4 announcements and some fire safety information.  
5 So Chief said it would be absolutely no  
6 problem. So he's going to join us for the  
7 October 17th meeting. So I want to thank Chief  
8 DeNaples. I know he's not here tonight. But  
9 for the record, I appreciate his support all of  
10 the time for the meetings.

11 I want to thank Joe Lorince for  
12 coming to the last meeting. When he comes to  
13 meeting it just makes such a difference for us  
14 because he's able to answer so many of the  
15 public's concerns and questions.

16 And I don't know that Joe always  
17 gets the credit that he's due, but for the  
18 record, Joe, you're a real public asset.  
19 You're really beneficial for our meetings  
20 because it cuts down on the amount of messages  
21 that I get as well from concerned citizens.

22 So it means a lot to us and Vince  
23 Amico who represented Council at the meeting,  
24 it's just such a good thing. Gerard Hetman, he  
25 joined us at the meeting last month. And what



1 he said about writing grants and everything, I  
2 know he's a tremendous help. I'm waiting for  
3 approval for a grant I wrote for the Historical  
4 Society.

5 And Gerard helped steer me in the  
6 right direction for that. And Tom Richardson  
7 who is not here tonight, but I have to say  
8 we're four years and change with neighborhood  
9 watch. I think the police may have missed one  
10 meeting.

11 And Tom Richardson -- we had some  
12 concerns last week and he went right out after  
13 the meeting and he went down and addressed it.  
14 So I have to thank Tom Richardson, I mean, the  
15 department as whole, Chief. But he's always  
16 here with us and God bless him. He goes right  
17 out after the meeting.

18 And we had some new people last  
19 week. Jack Price joined us from the District  
20 Attorneys Office and Nicole Lynady came from  
21 Lackawanna County Probation and Parole. So we  
22 had a couple new people last week and we had a  
23 couple new citizens that haven't come in four  
24 years and they turned out last week.

25 So I just wanted to thank everybody

1           for coming. I had a couple e-mails bounce back  
2           to me. I just want to make sure you guys all  
3           got the e-mails that I sent out for the  
4           minutes. With that said, I hope to see  
5           everybody at October 17th at 7 and thanks for  
6           the -- trying to help me out with the situation  
7           with the Sewer Authority.

8                     MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

9                     MR. DUNCAN: Oh, and there were some  
10           other concerns about the lights that came up at  
11           our meeting and, Tom, I sent you some of the  
12           concerns about the height and the weight and  
13           those things.

14                    MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

15                    MR. DUNCAN: That's still just an  
16           ongoing -- and it should be in the minutes of  
17           the meeting, okay?

18                    MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

19                    MR. DUNCAN: Thank you.

20                    MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to  
21           address Council tonight?

22                    MR. HOLECKO: Good evening. My name  
23           is Eric Holecko, property owner of 932 and a  
24           half East Drinker Street. I'm here tonight to  
25           follow up with my appeal to -- for an appeal

1 to revoke an on street handicap parking spot in  
2 front of 940 East Drinker Street.

3 Again, I would like to remind  
4 Council that Mr. Fortese has two separate  
5 driveways to his property and both would  
6 provide him more room to board and exit his  
7 vehicle than this reserved on street handicap  
8 parking spot.

9 Also parking in this area is  
10 extremely limited. Some houses have no off  
11 street parking at all. I'm concerned that  
12 Mr. Fortese has misled the Borough to what his  
13 needs actually are. If this reserved parking  
14 space is allowed to stand, it will set a  
15 perverse precedent for others to follow suit.  
16 Again, this has me very concerned. Thank you  
17 for your consideration in this matter.

18 MR. MCHALE: Chief Marchese?

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I had that  
20 scheduled for -- because we're off the second  
21 meeting, I had that scheduled for a response  
22 for the first meeting of October. I apologize,  
23 I don't have anything this evening.

24 MR. MCHALE: Do you want me to go to  
25 Chief Marchese or not until next week?

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sure.

2                   MR. MCHALE: Chief, you've addressed  
3 this I understand?

4                   CHIEF MARCHESE: We had talked to  
5 Mr. Fortese and he said that he couldn't get  
6 the wheelchair -- there wasn't enough room in  
7 the driveway. That's why the handicap sign is  
8 in front of the house.

9                   MR. MCHALE: Okay. Tom?

10                  ATTY. CUMMINGS: I won't have it  
11 finalized --

12                  MR. MCHALE: He'll take a final look  
13 at it along with Chief Marchese and we'll  
14 provide an opinion from our legal counsel.

15                  MR. HOLECKO: Again, there is more  
16 space. I have a picture for Chief Marchese to  
17 show that his driveway is actually has more  
18 space than the on street parking or the on  
19 street parking space that he has requested  
20 would have. He also has two of them. And  
21 parking is extremely limited in this area.

22                  CHIEF MARCHESE: I'll look at it.

23                  MR. MCHALE: Chief, can you take  
24 this with him and then meet with Tommy and  
25 we'll formulate a response for our next meeting

1 in two weeks?

2 MR. HOLECKO: Can I show Chief  
3 Marchese the pictures?

4 MR. MCHALE: Please do. Thank you.  
5 Anybody else like to address Council tonight?

6 MS. RICE: Good evening, Council.  
7 My name is Mary Rice. I live on 214 North  
8 Apple Street. I addressed Council last week  
9 about concerns in our neighborhood. I would  
10 like to thank the police department. There has  
11 been a little bit of an improvement in our  
12 area.

13 I would also like to thank the  
14 Council for the new stop signs. They have  
15 improved the traffic flow in that area.  
16 However, our neighbors feel that we can't let  
17 this go. Parking is still very limited.  
18 Unfortunately, some of the residents in one of  
19 the buildings near our Apple Street, it's the  
20 Dunmore High Rise, we can't limit them where  
21 they can park.

22 However, they don't know the proper  
23 way to park. Parking is all over the place.  
24 Sometimes you try to approach them nicely and  
25 they get very agitated, which I understand.

1           They can't park in their building because  
2           there's not enough room. We had brought up  
3           about residential parking. And I was just  
4           wondering if you've had time to discuss that  
5           matter for our neighborhood?

6                   MR. HALLINAN: I handed that off to  
7           Mr. Lopatka our engineer. And I don't know if  
8           he's gotten back to us yet, Joe?

9                   MR. LORINCE: No, he didn't get back  
10          to me.

11                   MR. HALLINAN: So what we were  
12          looking at is that was one avenue. I also  
13          spoke to the housing authority. And I guess  
14          there is a dentist office on the side that they  
15          were maybe going to try -- please don't -- try  
16          to get into some kind of negotiations for some  
17          spots there that they can rent because they  
18          understand that I guess there is also only a  
19          limited -- I don't want to guess on how many  
20          spots there are.

21                   But obviously there are more drivers  
22          in their building than spots. So they  
23          understand that there is a problem there at the  
24          housing authority. They also know that --  
25          they're trying to work -- they tried to buy a

1 property and I don't think that's going to  
2 happen. And I think our avenue might be  
3 residential parking almost like Marywood or  
4 something like that.

5 MS. RICE: I'm glad to hear that  
6 this isn't going by the wayside.

7 MR. HALLINAN: No.

8 MS. RICE: Okay. Thank you. Thank  
9 you for your time.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

11 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to  
12 address Council tonight? Mr. Carr.

13 MR. CARR: Richard Carr, 413 West  
14 Drinker Street. I would like to know when the  
15 Borough intends to hold a Municipal Pension  
16 Board meeting and will my application be on  
17 that meeting?

18 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings?

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: At the discretion  
20 of --

21 MR. MCHALE: The Pension Board  
22 discretion. Mr. Cummings, do you have any  
23 information Mr. Carr is looking for?

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Your application  
25 certainly can be addressed by the board. It

1           would be the actuary that will issue the  
2           response.

3                       MR. CARR: Will there be a meeting  
4           scheduled, Mr. Cummings?

5                       MR. MCHALE: Yes, there will.

6                       MR. CARR: When will that happen,  
7           sir?

8                       MR. MCHALE: We'll get together  
9           very -- it's up to Council to do that. So  
10          we're long over due for one. So we have to  
11          schedule one. We're the only members who are  
12          on that board. So we'll have to check with all  
13          of the members to make sure that there is a  
14          meeting. It will be before one of our meetings  
15          typically.

16                      MR. CARR: So there is -- it's an  
17          open ended commitment?

18                      MR. MCHALE: Commitment, no --

19                      MR. CARR: Will there be a meeting  
20          at some point in 2016?

21                      MR. MCHALE: Yes.

22                      MR. CARR: Will it be published  
23          or --

24                      MR. MCHALE: Yes. I'll call you.

25                      MR. CARR: Thank you.



1 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to  
2 address Council tonight?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: The 10th is  
6 Columbus Day. Are we having a meeting?

7 MR. MCHALE: I believe so.  
8 Everybody okay to still having a meeting on  
9 Columbus Day? Yeah, Tom, we'll have a meeting.  
10 Tom, where we at, public officials? Chief  
11 Marchese, do you have anything tonight?

12 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah, in regards to  
13 that parking plan on Apple Street, we did order  
14 new signs. And I think they just came in. I  
15 talked to Didge the other day.

16 MR. MCHALE: If you can, keep  
17 working with Mary to try to alleviate that  
18 situation, anything you can do. Joe, do you  
19 have anything?

20 MR. LORINCE: No.

21 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, do you have  
22 anything?

23 MR. JUDGE: PennDOT called me today.  
24 6:00 they are going to start putting them in  
25 the O'Neill Highway down to the first bridge at

1           night starting Sunday night and that's it  
2           because the concrete work is not done from  
3           there down, they're going to -- they're going  
4           to finish it in the spring they said. I'm just  
5           giving you a heads up for the traffic. It's  
6           all going to be done at night they said.

7                     MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

8           Anything else? Mr. Kearney?

9                     MR. KEARNEY: No.

10                    MR. MCHALE: Did I miss anybody?  
11           You guys don't have anything for the record, do  
12           you -- Mr. Ufberg -- our labor attorneys are  
13           here tonight. I guess we'll go to Council.  
14           Mr. Amico, do you want to lead us off tonight?

15                    MR. AMICO: I have nothing tonight.  
16           Thank you.

17                    MR. MCHALE: I'm sorry. Mr.  
18           Cummings, do you have anything?

19                    ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.

20                    MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan. He  
21           always has something.

22                    MR. HALLINAN: Just a little  
23           information. We met with PP & L today. And  
24           just to let you know that their project is  
25           probably ending by November 5th they're looking

1 at. Not to say that there could be other  
2 things that could happen there, but more or  
3 less they are being very cooperative as far as  
4 they want to get more information out.

5 They guaranteed us that there is no  
6 way that any more 69.KV volts go through that  
7 line. It would take an act -- and they have no  
8 plans in the next 10, 20 years. But they said  
9 if anything, you know, they never say never,  
10 but they said that would have to go through PUC  
11 and public hearing.

12 So it's not anything that they could  
13 just automatically put up another line and push  
14 power through. And like I said, that was  
15 pretty good, Mr. President. That's all I have  
16 this evening.

17 MR. MCHALE: Attorney Cummings --  
18 I'm sorry, Attorney Dempsey. Too many  
19 attorneys here.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: I don't have anything.

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: You could never  
22 have too many attorneys.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: I second that.

24 MR. MCHALE: Do you have anything  
25 tonight?

1 MR. DEMPSEY: No.

2 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

3 MR. VERRASTRO: I have nothing  
4 tonight.

5 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

6 MR. BURKE: Yes, I just have what  
7 Tom said about the meeting, I asked this  
8 morning. The reason why they went -- the poles  
9 that they were using what they were replaced,  
10 they were replaced because just wear and tear  
11 that those lines were -- I don't know, Tom,  
12 like 70 years old?

13 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

14 MR. BURKE: And so they're stronger  
15 lines that will last longer. But just to  
16 repeat what Tom said too is that it's just  
17 going to be the same line -- power that is  
18 going to that line and they would have to go  
19 through the PUC.

20 I also asked them that any trees  
21 that they take down if they could find out if  
22 they could be replaced or if they can ask  
23 before they put in another pole and they're  
24 going to remove trees, ask the person that  
25 lives on that block what they want done. Maybe

1           it could be shaped, which I think it should be  
2           shaped at the resident's request other than  
3           stripped.

4                         Sometimes they strip the trees and  
5           they look terrible and it takes so much life  
6           out of the trees. They said they would get  
7           back to me on that. But that was my main  
8           concern was about the power going through those  
9           lines. And they assured us at least that it  
10          would have to go through the PUC if any extra  
11          power is going through that line. And John  
12          McGurl -- if anybody else has any questions  
13          they are willing to answer.

14                        And John's number is 650-9001,  
15          650-9001, if anybody has any questions on that  
16          he'll answer it. That's all I have tonight.  
17          Thank you.

18                        MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Tim. Mrs.  
19          Scrimalli.

20                        MS. SCRIMALLI: Just to say thank  
21          you all for your time tonight and have a very  
22          good evening. That's it.

23                        MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Carol. I  
24          have nothing further tonight. I'll look for a  
25          motion to adjourn.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

2 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor

3 signify by saying aye.

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.

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