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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, July 10th, 2017

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 - absent

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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4 MR. MCHALE: I guess I'll handle  
5 the -- Mrs. Scrimalli.

6 MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

7 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

8 MR. BURKE: Present.

9 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

10 MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

11 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Amico.

12 MR. AMICO: Present.

13 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Present.

15 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

17 MR. MCHALE: Mr. McHale is here.

18 Number three, public comment on agenda items.

19 Oh, I'm sorry, we're going to make a change on

20 the agenda upfront. We'll do 6.1 personnel

21 matters. I apologize. We mistakenly omitted

22 that this time. So back to Number three,

23 public comment on agenda items. Anybody like

24 to address Council on agenda items?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. MCHALE: Number four, motion to  
2 approve the minutes.

3 MR. BURKE: I'll make the motion.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

7 (No response.)

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

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
14 moved. Number five, the motion to approve and  
15 pay open bills.

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

18 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

21 (No response.)

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

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
3 moved. Number six, motion to appoint Planning  
4 Commission Members, Seat A, Gary Duncan, Seat 2  
5 expiration 2018; Seat 3, Joseph Grochowski,  
6 expiration 2018; Al Senofonte, Seat 4,  
7 expiration 2018; Gerard Michaels, Seat 5,  
8 expiration 2018; Elizabeth Zangardi, Seat 6,  
9 expiration 2020; Thomas Pichiarella, Seat 7,  
10 expiration 2020. I'll look for a motion in  
11 that regard.

12 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make a motion.

13 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

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

16 (No response.)

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

19 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
23 moved. 6.1, personnel matters; does anybody  
24 have any personnel matters tonight?

25 MR. DEMPSEY: I do, Mr. Chairman.

1 I'd like to hire Michael Butler part-time DPW  
2 to assist with summer help. And we're losing a  
3 lot of guys right now with vacations and we're  
4 not getting a lot of the potholes filled that  
5 we should be and garbage pickup. So we do need  
6 part-time help. So I make a motion to hire  
7 Michael Butler as part-time employee DPW  
8 laborer.

9 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

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

12 (No response.)

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

15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
19 moved. Number seven, public comment. Does  
20 anybody like to address Council tonight?  
21 Gerard, do you want to start us off from  
22 Lackawanna County?

23 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, folks.  
24 Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County  
25 Commissioner's office. Just a few items



1 here at the PNC Field regardless of whether the  
2 Railriders are playing in it or not. Hopefully  
3 they will be. Even if they don't qualify, the  
4 game will still be held here. And that happens  
5 every year, two leagues agree to hold it in a  
6 stadium in the league regardless of who wins.

7 So last year it was I think was  
8 Nashville or maybe Memphis. And it's going to  
9 be here this year. So the thing with this is  
10 just like the air show, the better it does, the  
11 better chances it looks for other opportunities  
12 down the road, namely in this case, hopefully  
13 AAA All Star Game.

14 And we all remember the last time  
15 the All Star Game was here I think was 95 and a  
16 young Derek Jeter was playing in the All Star  
17 Game for the Columbus Clippers. So hopefully  
18 this will lead with good participation in the  
19 area to get the All Star Game back in the near  
20 future.

21 Some of our other announcements,  
22 just a few, Penn State Extension is offering  
23 their safety certification course for folks  
24 that work for or volunteer in the food service.  
25 It's August 2nd and August 9th, so a few weeks

1 away.

2 The Family Fun Day series that we  
3 have at the parks, we still have three dates  
4 left for that. The next one is at Merli  
5 Sarnowski Park, this Saturday, July 15th. And  
6 there's two more July 22nd and August 5th at  
7 the different parks.

8 Our 3 on 3 basketball tournament is  
9 open for registration. It takes place later  
10 this month July 28th and 29th, rain date July  
11 30th. We always see lots Bucks jerseys on the  
12 courts down there, lots of kids from the  
13 borough and even some adults participate. So  
14 please spread the word if you can.

15 We keep getting a good reception  
16 downtown. Everyone that participates enjoys  
17 being on the streets playing, you know, in  
18 front of family and friends at the curb  
19 watching. So it's back there again. And we're  
20 happy to see it be a success.

21 And there's two arts and cultural  
22 items. Our Art In The Parks series starts  
23 tomorrow at Merli Sarnowski Park. It's a  
24 little later this year because of July 4th  
25 being on a Tuesday last week. And also the



1 same department arts and culture runs All Eyes  
2 On You social media workshop, Saturday, July  
3 15th at the Scranton Cultural Center, 1 to 3  
4 p.m.

5 And just last but not least, I see  
6 information of there that farmer's market  
7 vouchers still have a few dates left for  
8 distribution. So we just like to remind folks  
9 of that when they come up. That's all we have.  
10 Thanks guys.

11 MR. MCHALE: Thanks.

12 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard.

13 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to  
14 address Council, please come up and state your  
15 name for the record.

16 MR. CANCELLERI: Chuck Cancelleri,  
17 202 Jessup Street, Dunmore. I happened to see  
18 in the paper that you're going to be moving  
19 forward on a Paving Program. And I just wanted  
20 to mention I saw Jessup Street was going to be  
21 in this.

22 And to give you a heads up, the side  
23 by Jerry's got all washed out last year in one  
24 of those heavy rains. And if they are just  
25 going to mill it and pave over it, I'm just,

1           you know, afraid you're going to waste your  
2           money on it.

3                         Whoever you used for engineering or  
4           whatever if they could look at that, probably  
5           maybe even need to curb and maybe that side,  
6           maybe a better base over there because the  
7           water does rage down both sides. But the side  
8           I live on doesn't really get hit too bad.

9                         But that side has ripped up pretty  
10          bad, almost of the full block. And I'm just --  
11          like I said, just a heads up that whoever your  
12          firm is that is going to spec it out maybe  
13          would look at that and look where it washed out  
14          rather than waste your money. You may have to  
15          spend a little bit more but it wouldn't cause a  
16          future issue. That's it.

17                        MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir. We'll  
18          definitely send those notes to our engineer.  
19          The bids are open this Friday actually. I  
20          would assume that he does know. But I'll call  
21          him tomorrow myself to remind him exactly what  
22          you said and to make sure that it's addressed.  
23          We appreciate the heads up.

24                        MR. CANCELLERI: Thank you.

25                        MR. MCHALE: Anybody else? Please.

1 MR. KARZENOSKI: Steve Karzenoski,  
2 1105 John Avenue, Dunmore. On the same issue  
3 with the paving issue, I noticed in the paper  
4 the streets that are going to be paved. Our  
5 street really is not that deplorable of a  
6 condition. There's some holes but it's not in  
7 dire, dire need of paving, some patch work,  
8 yes.

9 My concern is our alley the one that  
10 runs between John Avenue and Paul Avenue. I'm  
11 there 42 years. I think it was paved maybe 30  
12 years ago. It's at the point now where you  
13 enter from John Avenue, you can't even come in  
14 that way.

15 That's these past couple rain storms  
16 and actually took the alley away. And my  
17 garage and my neighbor Mr. Lydon, it's a T  
18 alley. When you're coming through you come and  
19 make the turn up to our garages. And at this  
20 point if you don't have an SUV, you're not  
21 making it through.

22 That's how bad it's humped in the  
23 middle. I don't know how you determine which  
24 alleys need paving, but myself and my neighbors  
25 would appreciate it if something can be done

1 about that one. And also there's a catch basin  
2 in that alley that runs between John and Paul.

3 And at this point the lid is right  
4 off it -- the cover. It's been off. It's  
5 filled right to the top with debris. So it's  
6 basically useless. It's not picking up  
7 anything. So that's another hazard in the  
8 winter because the water is -- just freezes  
9 right there. So I appreciate it if something  
10 could be done with the alley and the catch  
11 basin. Thank you.

12 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge isn't here  
13 tonight. We'll call our DPW about the catch  
14 basin. The paving just to -- how it was done,  
15 mostly our DPW told us what painfully needs to  
16 be done. If they missed yours, we may subtract  
17 some stuff off of this list and add others  
18 depending on maybe utility is going to do a  
19 certain road that we didn't know about.

20 The engineers did check with  
21 everybody prior to putting it out to bid. But  
22 there may be instances where that's a fact.  
23 And we may be able to substitute in and out.  
24 But it's an ongoing thing.

25 Now that we know about your alley,

1 we'll do what we can if it gets added to the  
2 list. At minimum Mr. Judge will get it up to  
3 snuff a little bit more than it is.

4 MR. KARZENOSKI: I mean, I wouldn't  
5 be here if it was just --

6 MR. MCHALE: No, of course not.

7 MR. KARZENOSKI: But it's totally  
8 destroyed.

9 MR. MCHALE: Understood.

10 MR. KARZENOSKI: Do you know what  
11 I'm saying to you?

12 MR. MCHALE: Yes.

13 MR. KARZENOSKI: And all it's doing  
14 is causing damage to someone's vehicle.  
15 Naturally you have some children there that  
16 ride their bikes and so on and so forth; you  
17 know what I mean?

18 MR. MCHALE: Yep.

19 MR. KARZENOSKI: So I appreciate it.

20 MR. MCHALE: We appreciate you  
21 bringing it up.

22 MR. KARZENOSKI: Thank you.

23 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Mr. Duncan.

24 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton  
25 Street. I sent it out a couple of times. Did

1           everybody finally get all the minutes from the  
2           last neighborhood watch meeting and the  
3           neighborhood walk? I don't know how it  
4           happens. I put it in as an attachment and I  
5           don't know what if it's at my end or what. But  
6           I just want to make sure that if you don't have  
7           it let me know and I'll send it again.

8                         There won't be a meeting next  
9           Monday. I saw Chris coming in. But whoever we  
10          need to clear it with, I'll be in Cape Cod next  
11          week. So if we can move it the 24th this  
12          month, the neighborhood watch meeting, so July  
13          24th. And if we can get it up at the Borough  
14          that would be great.

15                        MR. MCHALE: Mr. Duncan, Chris is  
16          there.

17                        MR. DUNCAN: Sorry, I didn't see  
18          you.

19                        MR. KEARNEY: You're fine.

20                        MR. DUNCAN: Okay. Thanks. Sorry  
21          about that. I didn't see you. Thank you. I  
22          put in the neighborhood watch minutes in with  
23          the walk minutes. We were talking about  
24          alleys. It's not a street. It's the alley  
25          between Barton and Delaware.

1                   It looks like the Ho Chi Minh  
2                   Trail. There's some potholes in there. It  
3                   looks like they hit them with 50 millimeter  
4                   motar rounds. So I don't know if you could add  
5                   that. Tom, I see you smiling.

6                   MR. HALLINAN: I have gone over it  
7                   a few times.

8                   MR. DUNCAN: Yeah, Jimmy Hoffa might  
9                   be in some of those potholes. But if you could  
10                  just ask, maybe Didge could take a look at it  
11                  and see what they can do. What else? Oh, for  
12                  anybody that is here tonight that hasn't been  
13                  at the Farmer's market, I'm up there -- I've  
14                  been there the first week it opened.

15                  I'm up at the Historical Society.  
16                  But if you haven't been to our farmer's market,  
17                  no offense, Gerard, please come up and see what  
18                  our farmers market is all about because, you  
19                  know, we have a lot of nice produce up there.  
20                  We have some nice vendors up there. I know  
21                  Sharon was up there. I'm sure she could  
22                  testify to it.

23                  And even from the Historical Society  
24                  perspective, I have a stake in this because we  
25                  have some stuff up there and we have some

1 T-shirts and things. But more importantly the  
2 Historical Society is at Tripp and Barton  
3 Street. We're there every Saturday from nine  
4 until noon. We have a lot of neat stuff in  
5 there, a lot of neat artifacts and great  
6 photographs of the railroads and everything.

7 And encourage everybody in this  
8 town. It's really a gem to come in there and  
9 just take a look around. It's just the  
10 greatest deal there is because it's free. And  
11 free beats cheap. So come in and visit us and  
12 see what we have there.

13 We did get some signs donated from  
14 the Royal Order of the Moose. They gave us 13  
15 neighborhood watch signs. I have four  
16 addresses from people that are with the  
17 neighborhood watch. And I wanted to give  
18 everybody time to ask one more time.

19 And so I'll bring those signs to the  
20 24th meeting. And if I don't have any other  
21 takers, I can give whoever from Council comes  
22 to that meeting the addresses and maybe we can  
23 get the signs up or if we have to clear it with  
24 the Chief or however we have to do it.

25 My other thing is Tom Richardson,



1 I'm going to miss him because he was on second  
2 shift and he's on day shift. And Tom was kind  
3 of the police liaison in our neighborhood watch  
4 meetings. So if you can ask the Chief for  
5 somebody on the 24th.

6 I just love having the officers  
7 here. And Tommy Richardson was pretty  
8 religious about it. So if we can just make  
9 sure we have somebody down here for that, that  
10 would be great. And, of course, you folks are  
11 always welcome.

12 And last but not least, I want to  
13 thank Council for the appointment to the  
14 Planning Commission. You have no idea how much  
15 it means to me. I go to bed in Dunmore. I  
16 wake up in Dunmore. I love Dunmore. So thanks  
17 a lot.

18 And thanks everybody. I won't be at  
19 the farmer's market this Saturday but I'm sure  
20 you all will be.

21 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Gary. Anybody  
22 else like to address Council? Going once?

23 (Seeing none.)

24 MR. MCHALE: Public officials.  
25 Chris, do you have anything?

1 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, I want to give  
2 you an update on the Summer Program. Today  
3 Mr. Finan told us that we registered our 100th  
4 kid. Now, we don't have 100 every day. That's  
5 down here at the DCC. St. Anthony's has 25  
6 which is up from what we've had. Sherwood is  
7 up to between 60 and 70.

8 Now, that's what's registered. We  
9 don't get them every single day. There's kids  
10 on vacation. We had a nutritional education  
11 going on this week. The CEO people, they do  
12 the lunch program for the summer.

13 And they sent an educator down. So  
14 she's here every day. She's going to go to the  
15 parks all week. Every Friday we have the arts  
16 and crafts with Christy Hinton and Jena. And  
17 that is every Friday. And plus we had pizza  
18 donated from Grande's Pizza last Friday. And I  
19 thanked them on our Facebook page. And  
20 Mr. Amico is in touch with an art instructor  
21 Jena? We have lots of Jenas.

22 MR. AMICO: Yeah, Jena Romanini.

23 MR. KEARNEY: Otherwise it's going  
24 well. The teachers, instructor are really  
25 doing a nice job at each place. And I drive

1           around and supply them with stuff every day.  
2           That's all.

3                       MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Chris. I see  
4           Chief DeNaples back there.

5                       CHIEF DENAPLES: Nothing tonight.

6                       MR. MCHALE: Did I miss anybody?  
7           Mr. Amico, do you want to lead us off tonight?

8                       MR. AMICO: I'm good tonight. Thank  
9           you very much.

10                      MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

11                      MR. HALLINAN: I have DePietro's  
12           Pharmacy has been kind enough from last when we  
13           got rained out but August 1st with a rain date  
14           of August 3rd, we're doing movie night here at  
15           the Little League, the Sand Lot. So nice  
16           movie, bring the family, have a good night.  
17           Let's hope the weather cooperates.

18                      And to say what Chris is -- we --  
19           Grande Pizza through, you know, everybody on  
20           Council and a couple people, they donated the  
21           pizza. And we've gotten -- because of that, we  
22           have five other Fridays and people have already  
23           stepped up to donate pizza every Friday for the  
24           rest of the season, which is very nice. And  
25           then that's all I have, Mr. McHale. Thank you.

1 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: I got nothing tonight.

3 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

4 MR. VERRASTRO: Nothing tonight.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

7 MR. BURKE: I would just like to  
8 thank Grande for the donations and DePietro's.  
9 Tom, what time is that movie?

10 MR. HALLINAN: Dusk.

11 MR. BURKE: I don't have anything  
12 else. Thanks.

13 MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

14 MS. SCRIMALLI: I just want to  
15 congratulate everyone that was appointed for  
16 the Planning Commission. Congratulations. I  
17 also want to thank Chris for the great job that  
18 he's doing with the Summer Program. Thank you  
19 very much. Good work.

20 And we as Council as the Borough  
21 we're now going to be a member of the Scranton  
22 Chamber. And we'll be working with Stephanie  
23 Longo. So I look forward to that. So thank  
24 you all for coming.

25 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mrs.

1 Scrimalli. Just real quick, one thing that I  
2 think has touched everybody up here today, the  
3 passing of Mark Rinaldi from the high school.  
4 He was a coach of mine. He's the athletic  
5 director now. But more importantly when I was  
6 in school he was a young teacher.

7 And I've told many many people this.  
8 And I went onto college for several whatever,  
9 but best teacher I've ever had. So it's a big  
10 loss. Great guy. Cared about the kids in  
11 Dunmore. And, you know, he has a great family.

12 Just he's gone too soon, kind of  
13 puts things in perspective. But our prayers  
14 are with his family and I speak for all of  
15 Council. But that's all I have. I'll look for  
16 a motion to adjourn.

17 MR. BURKE: Motion.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

19 MR. MCHALE: All in favor?

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.

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