COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:
Monday, January 11, 2016

TIME:
7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MICHAEL MCHALE, President
MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President
SAL VERRASTRO
TIMOTHY BURKE
CAROL SCRIMALLI
THOMAS HALLINAN
VINCENZO AMICO
THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor
PATRICK LOUGHEY, Mayor

MARIA McCool, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
(Pledge of Allegiance.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Miss 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: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mayor Loughney.

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: At this time, Mr. McHale -- President McHale if I may have yourself, Mr. Dempsey, and Mr. Amico --

MR. VERRASTRO: He doesn't want me.

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: Sal, I'm sorry.

You know what, Sal, I swore these guys in the other day.
MR. VERRASTRO: You know I've been feeling it.

MAYOR LOUGNEY: Gentlemen, if you would raise your right hand. State your name. I --

MR. MCHAILE: I, Michael McHale.

MR. VERRASTRO: I, Sal Verrastro.

MR. DEMPSEY: I, Michael Dempsey.

MR. AMICO: I, Vince Amico.

MAYOR LOUGNEY: Do solemnly swear,

MR. MCHAILE: Do solemnly swear,

MR. VERRASTRO: Do solemnly swear,

MR. DEMPSEY: Do solemnly swear,

MR. AMICO: Do solemnly swear,

MAYOR LOUGNEY: That I will support, obey, and defend,

MR. MCHAILE: That I will support, obey, and defend,

MR. VERRASTRO: That I will support, obey, and defend,

MR. DEMPSEY: That I will support, obey, and defend,

MR. AMICO: That I will support, obey, and defend,
MAYOR LOUGHNEY: The Constitution of the United States,

MR. MCHALE: The Constitution of the United States,

MR. VERRASTRO: The Constitution of the United States,

MR. DEMPSEY: The Constitution of the United States,

MR. AMICO: The Constitution of the United States,

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: And the Constitution of this Commonwealth,

MR. MCHALE: And the Constitution of this Commonwealth,

MR. VERRASTRO: And the Constitution of this Commonwealth,

MR. DEMPSEY: And the Constitution of this Commonwealth,

MR. AMICO: And the Constitution of this Commonwealth,

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: And I will discharge the duties,

MR. MCHALE: And I will discharge the duties,

MR. VERRASTRO: And I will discharge
the duties,

MR. DEMPSEY: And I will discharge

the duties,

MR. AMICO: And I will discharge the
duties,

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: As a member of
Dunmore Borough Council,

MR. MCHALE: As a member of Dunmore
Borough Council,

MR. VERRASTRO: As a member of
Dunmore Borough Council,

MR. DEMPSEY: As a member of Dunmore
Borough Council,

MR. AMICO: As a member of Dunmore
Borough Council,

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: With fidelity,

MR. MCHALE: With fidelity,

MR. VERRASTRO: With fidelity,

MR. DEMPSEY: With fidelity,

MR. AMICO: With fidelity,

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: So help me God.

MR. MCHALE: So help me God.

MR. VERRASTRO: So help me God.

MR. DEMPSEY: So help me God.

MR. AMICO: So help me God.
MAYOR LOUGHNEY: Congratulations, gentlemen. Mr. Chairman, if I may at this time, I'd like to open the floor for a motion to nominate the President of the Council.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make a motion to have Michael McHale as President of Council.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second.

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: There's a motion and a second.

MR. MCHALE: Any question on the motion?

MR. VERRASTRO: You're not going to yell at me this year, are you?

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: Roll call.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.
MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Yes.

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: Mr. Chairman, I now ask for a motion for Vice President of Council.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll make a motion that Michael Dempsey is Vice President of Dunmore Council.

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: There's a motion. Is there a second?

MR. MCHALE: I'll second.

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: Any question on the motion?

(No response.)

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: Roll call.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

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

MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Yes.

MAYOR LOUGHNEY: Congratulations, gentlemen. Mr. McHale -- President McHale, you're now in charge of the meeting.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

We'll move towards public -- excuse me, public comment on agenda items. Anybody like to speak on any agenda items tonight?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item C, motion to approve the minutes.

MR. BURKE: I'll make a motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)
MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so moved.

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

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that motion.

MR. BURKE: Second.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Resolution to approve the Tax Incremental Financing Plan for the Meade Street redevelopment area.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

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

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

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

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: All those --

MR. VERRASTRO: On the question, I think this is a good idea for the area because the first stage came out very nice. It actually followed through and it's working for the town. I would be more comfortable with seven years but it is ten years. So I think that we should get moving on it so we can get our tax money.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: F is a resolution to approve the Tax Incremental Cooperation Agreement for the Meade Street redevelopment area.
MR. HALLINAN: 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: Item G is personnel matters.

MR. MCHALE: Any personnel matters tonight?

MR. HALLINAN: I was approached by Didge. He has a couple guys that -- one is going to get surgery. He had surgery already?

MR. JUDGE: Two.

MR. HALLINAN: Two of them. I was going to ask if we consider Peter Mataloni, Jr., as part time 32 hour employee for DPW.

MR. BURKE: I'll second that.
MR. VERRASTRO: That's a temporary position, correct?

MR. HALLINAN: Correct.

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

MR. DEMPSEY: On the question, do we need to worry, Tommy, and maybe this is a question for you about with the new health insurance rules with working however many hours a week?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: That may come into play.

MR. MCHALE: Can we do it subject to our health care consultant?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: You can agree to a maximum of 32 subject to the health care consultant review.

MR. HALLINAN: I would make that motion, yes.

MR. MCHALE: You'll adjust your motion to that?

MR. HALLINAN: I would adjust my motion to that.

MR. BURKE: Second.

MR. HALLINAN: It is as needed.
MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: H is public comment on nonagenda items.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address Council tonight, please come up and state your name for the record. And if we can, try to keep it to a five minute --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Starting with Lackawanna County representative.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hetman, do you want to start us off?

MR. HETMAN: Sure. Good evening as you always, Council, Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County's Community Relation's Department. Excuse me, first, it's good to see you in the new year. Congratulations to the
four members sworn in tonight. Three returning members have seen me quite a bit and Mr. Amico I think has seen me in the last couple months too.

Many of you know what I do. For the general public and for the record, our department provides constituent relations and conducts community outreach on behalf of the Lackawanna County Commissioners. So I'm your one stop quick way to all services under the county government.

Every month I alternate between the first and second meetings. I have to cover a couple different meetings on that second and fourth Monday. But I'm here typically every month. So what we do is bring updates and announcements again from various county departments, offices, and agencies. Some of them are conducted by our department specifically.

We do a health fair for seniors in the fall and also public safety fair for kids in April normally. We've done a job fair in June that's been very successful. And we add other ones an adjustment as we go according to
public feedback and public need as we identify it.

So this month we just have one item in particular. It comes from Penn State Extension office in Lackawanna County. They do many programs throughout the year especially early on that deal with either agriculture or commercial and private gardening and growing and also personal health and wellness and physical fitness.

They would like to announce them now and start them in the spring so that people can roll out gardening and physical fitness attributes for the warm weather months. So this month they call it -- the current is January 21st. It's a Thursday. They call it the Northeast Vegetable Meeting.

It's for people who grow vegetables commercially in Lackawanna County and surrounding areas. I don't know if we have anyone here in the room tonight that does that particular type of work. We still like to announce it for the public anyway.

We'll leave the information for Council and for anyone who would like to
attend. It takes place at the Newton Ransom Fire Company. There's a $26 registration fee in advance or $36 at the door. It includes a buffet lunch.

And many of the programs provided by Penn State Extension, many cases they are free. Sometimes there is a nominal registration fee. We find that the feedback we get the return is very high. People participate for the gardening, agriculture aspect whether it's a health and wellness program they get a very good return on the investment, enjoy the program, many people participate year after year.

So we'll announce a couple more of these as the months go on, especially at the start of the year, these are some of the first things that come up for us. So that's all I have for this evening.

MS. SCRIMALLI: What is the date on that?

MR. HETMAN: It's Thursday, January 21st. It starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

MR. HETMAN: Just for the record,
I'm always here through the meeting. And I always try to stick around for a few minutes afterward so if anyone has a question or concern they are more than welcome to talk to me.

And even if it's not a county problem or issue, we'll always be happy to direct you to the appropriate agency or entity to address your issue and work with you to make sure that you get an answer and hopefully get it resolved in a timely fashion. That's all we have. Thank you folks.

ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Duncan.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street. Congratulations to the new officers of the -- newly elect Council members and happy new year to everybody. Just a few things as always, did everybody get a copy of the minutes from the last neighborhood watch? There was 10 new issues. I'm not going to go through them tonight but just so everybody's got their copy of it, we can talk about it.

Our next meeting is a week tonight. So January 18th in this room, 7 p.m. We were
lucky -- fortunate our last meeting that we had William McCarthy who is the Director of the Lackawanna County Probation and Parole office in attendance at our meeting. And he promised us at that meeting that going forward he would have a member of probation and parole office come to our meetings. So that will be a nice addition to it.

And I just want to thank the Council members who were in attendance at the last meeting, Hallinan and McHale. We appreciate the fact that you folks come out and also to School Director Kranick for just -- I have to say for your continuing assistance with everything and coming to all of those meetings, it's much appreciated.

So everybody that is here tonight and certainly all the guests that are here tonight, we hope to see you all next week at our neighborhood watch meeting. It would be great to have you all here. Thank you very much.

ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Gary. Anybody else like to address Council tonight?
(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Last chance.

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

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

MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes. Thank you. I'd like to congratulate our newest member of our team here Mr. Vince Amico. And I'd also like to congratulate our fellow officers that have just been sworn in. I do want to also thank firemen and the police department on their wonderful job. We had a horrific accident on the top of Drinker Street.

So with the work that was done together between the fire department and the police department, it just made it go smooth as far as it could. But it was very sad and, you know, it was very horrific. So thanks for your service. Didge, I guess we're ready for a little bit of snow that's coming?

MR. JUDGE: A little bit.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'm hoping, right? And I want to thank everyone for coming and
Happy New Year to everyone.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Congratulations to Sal, Mike, Mike, and Vince. And that's it. Happy New Year everybody.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, Vince, congratulations --

MR. AMICO: Thank you.

MR. VERRASTRO: And good luck. And I look forward to working with everybody that's here new term or existing. I have a picture I guess this was left here tonight finally of our new Quint fire ladder truck -- is that the way I'm supposed to say that guys -- truck 6.

I don't know if the public had any pictures of it. But it's our newest addition. I'll let them get up and maybe -- one of them can get up and come to the podium and give us a brief description of what's going on with it real quick being that we're very close to getting.

I guess it's going to land here any day from what I hear if you want to get up real quick, Bob, maybe please -- Assistant Chief
Bobby Dee.

MR. DEE: We had our trip last week out to Wisconsin to Pierce. I was in contact with Mike a few times. Thank you with your response with that. We did a three day inspection out there and everything went well, a few minor adjustments that we expected basically that goes on with any truck.

They are doing the work. They actually started the work the day before we left even as we were going over the apparatus pointing out little things here and there. They were already working on the truck. We're hoping our rep Bud Strauss from Glick, he's tentatively factoring maybe the end of this coming week it would be shipping hopefully from Pierce.

It will go to the Lehigh Valley area out to Glick to our local representative. They will service it out there again. We'll go back out with them. I invited Mike to go down if he wanted to, anybody that actually -- we're going to bring a bunch of our equipment down, kind of retrofit it into the truck. And as soon as they finish minor work down there, hopefully
get it back this way.

But it's a great looking piece.

Thank you very much. Do you have any questions?

MR. VERRASTRO: It's everything you looked at. That's what you wanted. You're happy with it? It's going to fit on the streets. We're good?

MR. DEE: Hopefully. Parking is a problem sometimes but, no, like I said, the demo we had we took all over town even up into the Bunker Hill area because we do have a height restriction on the bridge going down Ash Street. It's only 11 feet and even the current ladder truck we have now wouldn't fit under there.

So to get up towards St. Roco's and that, we're going to have to go to Bunker Hill and that. And we did take apparatus up through there and we didn't have a problem. Like I said, hopefully parkingwise people will give us a little bit of a break.

MR. MCHALE: Bobby, I wanted to on behalf of Council, yes, we approved it; and it's a million dollar piece that I think all
seven of us up here are extremely proud and
can't wait to see.

I want to thank all of your
firefighters for the input that they and
especially your committee who put in personal
time -- a ton of personnel time to get this
from a sketch that we sat in the police
department conference room about a year ago to
fruition today.

And, I mean, it's an unbelievable
piece and everybody sees the price tag of this,
but, you know, when a struggling Borough would
like to put on 15 more firefighters and
unfortunately I don't think anybody could
afford that, to have a piece of equipment like
this where at least the minimum guys that we
can get out there until the troops come
running, have everything they need on one truck
and really anything that can happen you're
ready for it.

I think we're proud of both you and
us. But again, I want to thank you and your
guys for the hard work. They went out to
Wisconsin and worked 12 hours a day just to go
through every nut and bolt on this car -- this
truck. As you could see if anybody wants to see, they have a picture here. It's going to be pretty impressive looking.

But just the operations of it will make our department much more efficient and effective for any structure or anything. Any extraction, any accident that may happen to make our great firefighters even better to have this.

So it's a proud day for us when this comes in. And I want to thank you personally. I know you and I spoke quite a bit last week out at the factory, but to bring this you guys got to be very proud to actually have this accomplishment and it's a proud day for us.

MR. DEE: Thank you. Anybody that wants to see the process you could actually go on Facebook if you're a member, just Fans of Dunmore Fire Department. The whole build process from the very first pictures we have been posting all along trying to keep Council and everybody informed. So thank you for the opportunity.

MR. MCHALE: You guys will have I assume when the weather gets better to have an
open house to show everybody this spectacular --

MR. DEE: Hopefully we can try to do a combination between the new addition on the building, the back garage that was just redone, and the new truck. Maybe we can do an open house and have like a little cook out or something for everybody to come down, tour the facility, see the apparatus. Anytime anybody wants to come down you don't have to wait for it. Once it's here, come and see it if you want to.

MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

MR. DEE: Thanks, guys.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Bobby.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Bobby.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. VERRASTRO: Other than that, I just want to thank you guys. I know those trips out there, most of it was on your own time. We just basically carried the expenses for them to get out there, paid their hotel room and plane tickets.

MR. MCHALE: That was actually part of the agreement.
MR. VERRASTRO: Yes. That is what we negotiated. Thank you very much and have a good night. Thanks for coming, everybody.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: I just want to thank everybody on Council for being so gracious to me and your congratulations tonight means a lot to me. And I look forward to serving the people of Dunmore and hope I could serve with honor and integrity. So thank you very much.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Congratulations to Vince, to the other Councilmen that were elected tonight -- to your positions as President and Vice President. Also like all the EMS and especially what we saw the other day with a gentleman terrorist run to a police care and just shoot somebody, and you keep thinking it can't happen in Dunmore.

I'm just so proud that our guys are -- the things that they do every day, our emergency workers, our firemen, our DPW guys. A lot of people don't see what you do until we need you. But I just want to make sure I give you credit every time I see you. Thank you
guys. And that's all I have. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Attorney Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Again, congratulations to everybody. Vince, I look forward to working with you and always Michael and Sal. For those of you who may not know, we -- all seven of us agreed -- we assigned a full-time uniform police officer at the Dunmore School District.

There's obviously nothing more important than the safety of our children. So we are in a financial position now to help the school district as much as we could even this little bit helps them with the budget concerns that obviously not just them but all school districts have.

So we're pretty proud of that that we were able to do that and help out the school district and have a uniform -- I think it's Captain Springer down there all day full time. So I just wanted to mention that for those of you who may not know. Other than that, thanks for coming. And I look forward to another four years.

MR. MCHALE: Four years. I don't have anything other than congratulations to
Vince and everybody who was sworn in tonight.
Vince, I look forward -- I've know Vince for a
long time. I look forward to working with him.
And I think -- I was going to speak on the fire
truck. We did that. So I think that's all I
have. We'll look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. DEMPSEY: I make that motion.

MR. MCHALE: Do I have a second?

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.
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