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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, February 8th, 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

SAL VERRASTRO

TIMOTHY BURKE

CAROL SCRIMALLI

THOMAS HALLINAN

VINCE AMICO

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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4 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Miss Scrimalli.

5 MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

6 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

7 MR. BURKE: Present.

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

9 MR. VERRASTRO: Here.

10 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

11 MR. AMICO: Here.

12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

17 MR. MCHALE: Here.

18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public comment on  
19 agenda items.

20 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to comment  
21 on any of the agenda items tonight?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve  
25 the minutes.

1 MR. BURKE: I'll make a motion.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

5 (No response.)

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

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

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

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

17 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion. I'll  
18 look for a second.

19 MR. BURKE: Second.

20 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
21 second. On the question. All those in favor  
22 signify by saying aye.

23 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and  
2 so moved.

3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is  
4 personnel matters.

5 MR. MCHALE: Do we have any  
6 personnel matters tonight?

7 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes, under personnel  
8 matters, we have in the fire department, I  
9 don't know, we spoke about it quite a bit in  
10 the past the Manning Clause of 15 men. We have  
11 full time fire fighters on the floor. We had a  
12 firefighter retire.

13 So we have one that is on active  
14 reserve right now that would just be  
15 moving -- he would be working the same hours  
16 he's basically be putting to full-time status.  
17 The only thing difference between where he is  
18 now and the full-time status is I believe a  
19 couple of sick days and he's now entitled to a  
20 pension under the contract. So we have to put  
21 the 15th guy in to meet our requirements.

22 MR. MCHALE: Are you going to make a  
23 motion?

24 MR. VERRASTRO: With that, I'd like  
25 to make a motion to move firefighter Paul Kwiec

1 from active reserve to full time status.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second that  
3 motion.

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

6 (No response.)

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

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
13 moved. Any other personnel matters?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. VERRASTRO: I have none.

16 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item seven is  
18 public comment on nonagenda items.

19 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address  
20 Council tonight? Please come up to the podium,  
21 state your name for the record.

22 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton  
23 Street. I want to thank Joe Lorince for coming  
24 to the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. He  
25 pretty much went through all of the concerns

1 with me already tonight so I just want to give  
2 Joe a shout-out. And he already told me he's  
3 going to be at next Monday's meeting. And that  
4 was the other thing I just want to remind  
5 everybody. We do have a Neighborhood Watch  
6 meeting next Monday at 7. With that said, I  
7 hope everybody had a good new year. How about  
8 that Super Bowl?

9 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Mr. Duncan.

10 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you, Gary.

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

13 MS. NARO: Thanks. Melanie Naro,  
14 305 East Drinker Street. I have two things.  
15 One -- and it's only what I have been reading  
16 in the newspaper which is very limited. So --  
17 and I can't always make meetings. So I know  
18 that publically the President of Council who is  
19 also the Chairman of the Sewer Authority has  
20 spoken out against the deal.

21 And I'm not sure if this board has  
22 taken a poll or has taken a stance as a board  
23 of how they stand with the sewer deal being  
24 sold to Pennsylvania American Water.

25 MR. MCHALE: Melanie, real quick. I

1           have come out to say that I'm not against the  
2           deal. I haven't really gone either way. But  
3           to tell you that my first and foremost concern  
4           any deal that was presented would be to save  
5           the taxpayers money. If a deal is more  
6           beneficial to the taxpayers to save the money  
7           in the long run, I would back that. If not, I  
8           wouldn't back it, period, end of story.

9                         We discussed the Sewer Authority  
10           deal every week. And I bring everybody  
11           up-to-date. And obviously anybody is free to  
12           speak to you as well. But we're still in the  
13           information gathering stage even though a, you  
14           know, we're negotiating with one party right  
15           now the Sewer Authority. We're still getting  
16           information as a group on a weekly basis.

17                        MS. NARO: So has the Borough  
18           Council taken a stance yet or you're still  
19           gathering information as a board to --

20                        MR. VERRASTRO: May I? I don't mean  
21           to interrupt you, I'm sorry. Finish.

22                        MS. NARO: No, to take a position  
23           because you're the governing body.

24                        MR. VERRASTRO: What we've been  
25           doing, Melanie, so far is -- and correct me if

1           somebody doesn't think that this is what we've  
2           been doing is when we put Michael there as our  
3           representative it was because we wanted Council  
4           because of the way some talks were going in the  
5           past about maybe the sale and some other  
6           things, we wanted Council to have an actual say  
7           because, you know, once you have a  
8           representative, that representative technically  
9           is a separate affiliation.

10                         And he could listen to Council but  
11           he doesn't have to do what Council asks him to  
12           because he his own vote -- its own entity. We  
13           had -- what we tried to do is -- and I hope I'm  
14           trying to make this -- to take some heat off  
15           Mike because there is constantly stuff here.  
16           As of right now unless he changes his mind --  
17           which I don't think he will, is Mike is going  
18           to vote the way that the seven people up here  
19           as a majority vote to go whether it's 7-0, 4-3.

20                         So his final vote after we get all  
21           our information on is going to be what we asked  
22           him to vote for us.

23                         MS. NARO: And will you be doing  
24           that at a public meeting voting or allowing  
25           public comment about it or what is the feeling



1 of the board?

2 MR. MCHALE: As you know, public  
3 comment is every meeting. And we will correct  
4 at a minimum -- I don't think we -- Tom,  
5 correct me if I'm wrong, I'm sure we don't have  
6 to take a formal public vote because it is an  
7 independent agency.

8 But everybody will have the  
9 opportunity to discuss exactly where we are.  
10 And you'll know because my vote will be  
11 speaking for the majority.

12 MS. NARO: Okay. I would just like  
13 to make a comment to all of you. I was a  
14 solicitor of an ad hoc committee which Mr.  
15 Burke was also on and various other members  
16 after the debacle when the lease that we don't  
17 have to pay back -- the 1.6 million dollars and  
18 guess what? You're still paying back the 1.6  
19 million dollars and all the refinancing that  
20 you had to do because we had to pay back  
21 whatever it was calling American Angelical or  
22 something peculiar like that.

23 So it sounds like a really good deal  
24 because, oh, we're going to be getting maybe 20  
25 million dollars up front, wow, what could we do

1 with that money. But in the long run at what  
2 expense? And if you do decide as a board or as  
3 an individual as a member -- a representative  
4 of Dunmore, I suggest that you really think  
5 about putting that money away and living off  
6 the interest and not doing what they did 10  
7 years ago of hiring a whole bunch of people and  
8 spending, spending, spending.

9 You as a board have gotten our taxes  
10 down a little bit. Hopefully in the future  
11 they'll be more. But just don't go if you get  
12 the money spend, spend, spend. The other thing  
13 that I would like to address -- and again, I'm  
14 not sure if this was brought up by any other  
15 taxpayer.

16 But in the past, Councils have done  
17 a paving program. And unfortunately the roads  
18 haven't been sealed. And what's happening is  
19 the roads -- all cracks, water goes in them and  
20 form potholes and our streets in Dunmore need  
21 to be repaved again. It was about 15 years ago  
22 when the paving program started.

23 And every year we did so many.  
24 Every year we did so many. The county took  
25 care of some with the county money in the low

1 income areas. So I would ask that you really  
2 look at starting that paving program because  
3 Dunmore's roads are starting to look like  
4 Scranton's again. Thank you.

5 MR. MCHALE: Miss Naro, just -- that  
6 has been at the top of our list for a long,  
7 long time. And as you could imagine you sat up  
8 here and tried the same. When money is  
9 available and we do think we're going to be  
10 able to do some this year, we will do so.

11 We're still paying for the sins of  
12 the past every day. So once we catch up, we've  
13 come a long way. But that's one that is still  
14 unfulfilled. We're looking to do it in the  
15 short term, not the long-term. And to discuss  
16 the money on the Sewer Authority the 20, 30  
17 million dollars whatever it ends up being is  
18 putting the cart way before the horse.

19 This Council has never said that  
20 we're looking to get money out of that deal.  
21 Again, number one, the only thing that's ever  
22 been discussed is to keep the rates low,  
23 whether that kicks off money in end. There's  
24 still many, many questions in regards to the  
25 rain water, the waste water that I still need

1 to address with me personally and then inform  
2 the board.

3 Mr. Cummings is knee deep in it as  
4 well. The money will be put aside for, you  
5 know, until there is a need for it. It will  
6 not be -- we've never since we -- since the  
7 majority has gotten here spent frivolously.

8 We as a matter of fact cut a ton of  
9 spending when I first got here. And that  
10 actually wasn't even me. That was Sal, Timmy,  
11 and the Council before us that took a hard line  
12 and cut a lot of unnecessary jobs that were  
13 existing. So we did make those hard cuts. We  
14 really haven't replaced a lot.

15 You see that we put on more cops and  
16 this and that. That is because we haven't  
17 replaced them in seven, eight years. We  
18 haven't gone to -- Chief Marchese will tell you  
19 he still thinks we need five more guys. Our  
20 budget just doesn't dictate that.

21 We're living within our means.  
22 We're going to continue to do so even with the  
23 25 million dollars cash infusion if and when it  
24 ever comes. We're not going to spend that. So  
25 anybody else like to address Council tonight?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings.

3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing sir.

4 Public officials.

5 MR. MCHALE: Do you want to speak,  
6 Mr. Valvano?

7 MR. VALVANO: Yes. Just a couple  
8 things tonight real quick. The local share  
9 again for 2016 will be coming up in June. As I  
10 told Councilman Dempsey and Councilman  
11 Hallinan, the Borough can apply for up to three  
12 projects each year when the money is available.

13 Councilman Hallinan had said about  
14 the signs that needed to be replaced. And I  
15 did speak with DCED and that is one of the  
16 things that the Borough could apply for for  
17 local share money to replaces signs and stop  
18 signs and such.

19 The Blakely Street project is on  
20 hold for winter. It's in their project. They  
21 have a significant amount of concrete work that  
22 is coming up. And they built it into the  
23 project that they wouldn't do it because they  
24 need seven days and it was much cheaper for  
25 them just to do it during the summer

1 construction season so they wouldn't have to  
2 eat the concrete.

3 So probably the end of March once  
4 the weather breaks that will be ramping up  
5 again. Tom Pichiarella said that, you know, he  
6 will either let myself or you know when they  
7 are and we'll get a timetable again what their  
8 construction timetable is for this construction  
9 season.

10 And they didn't forget about the  
11 crosswalks at the tank. That is on their  
12 priority. But again, that is weather  
13 dependent. So once the weather breaks that's  
14 on their list. And that's it.

15 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.  
16 Chief, do you have anything tonight?

17 CHIEF MARCHESE: No.

18 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge?

19 MR. JUDGE: No.

20 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney?

21 MR. KEARNEY: No.

22 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Amico, do you want  
23 to start us off tonight?

24 MR. AMICO: Yeah, I just have  
25 something very, very brief. In yesterday's

1 paper there was a little tid bit saying that  
2 tomorrow there is supposed be a meeting at the  
3 American Legion in Green Ridge for the Green  
4 Ridge Neighborhood Association. I realize it's  
5 Scranton. But representatives from the  
6 Department of Health are going to speak to the  
7 sewer issue that happened in September. That's  
8 cancelled.

9 So if anybody was planning on going,  
10 that's postpone because -- or due to, you know,  
11 impending weather. And that's all I have for  
12 this evening. Thank you very much.

13 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir. Mr.  
14 Hallinan.

15 MR. HALLINAN: A couple of things.  
16 Melanie, you're reading my mind. We talked  
17 about a paving program. And obviously we  
18 determined there was no money at this time to  
19 move forward with that.

20 But I also wanted to maybe even look  
21 into some crack sealing which could save some  
22 of the not as travelled roads which is a better  
23 investment for our money to save the road and  
24 get a longer last out of it rather than, you  
25 know, repaving roads like that were done all at

1           once which is really -- I'm not a fan of that.

2                       But, you know, yes, we do need a  
3 paving program when the money does appear.  
4 Maybe we can do something on that thing. The  
5 other thing I was looking at, Mr. Kearney,  
6 we've been getting a lot of calls -- at least  
7 myself and then even going through the, you  
8 know, asking you when a date is open or going  
9 through Sally and even for the taxpayers, I was  
10 going to wonder if -- I'm asking you to put a  
11 calendar together and then you could get it our  
12 to website and then, you know, it's out there  
13 what's available, what's not so people could  
14 look at it.

15                       It's almost like advertising for us  
16 as a rental fee for like, you know, hey, look,  
17 let's look at Dunmore's Community Center, that  
18 date's open. Now they go through the motions  
19 instead of calling up and asking is that  
20 available, what's going on, I'll get back to  
21 you.

22                       And if you could do that for all the  
23 Council members, give it to us and give it  
24 to -- especially to the website. I would  
25 really appreciate that maybe by the 20th of the



1 previous month put up the, you know, the future  
2 month's agenda what's going on over here, okay?  
3 I would appreciate that. That's all I have.  
4 Thank you.

5 MR. MCHALE: Quickly, Mr. Hallinan,  
6 just to reiterate what we're talking about in  
7 the paving program, you and I have talked about  
8 to -- everybody has talked about it for quite a  
9 while. There may be money available at the end  
10 of the year. We kind of run a budget -- a  
11 legitimate budget as opposed to sometimes in  
12 the past where we watch every penny.

13 There is a contingency in there.  
14 But that is just that for a contingency just in  
15 this case, you know, something comes up. We do  
16 have construction at the firehouse and other  
17 things throughout the year. We settled -- two  
18 years ago we settled a large lawsuit that had  
19 occurred in the past and we didn't have  
20 insurance coverage.

21 So I do think, you know, fingers  
22 crossed that there will be contingency funds  
23 available. That's not the way to do a paving  
24 program, don't get me wrong. But that's the  
25 best we can do right now. So I'm hoping by the

1 end of the year we can release some of those  
2 funds to do some of the more serious because  
3 Miss Naro is right.

4 There is some areas that need to be  
5 addressed. And Didge has paving crews out  
6 there right now and doing potholes and they've  
7 been keeping up pretty good this year. Like I  
8 said, it is towards the top of our agenda.

9 You know, when we were talking about  
10 the budget I didn't mean to put Chief on the  
11 spot in saying he needs five more guys. He and  
12 I kid each other every day. You know, he's  
13 right. We do need ten more guys. We just  
14 can't afford it.

15 MR. HALLINAN: And to add to your  
16 being frugal, are there places that need, you  
17 know, the total street paved, I'm sure. But I  
18 think to copy PennDOT, there's places where  
19 maybe just half the street needs to be paved or  
20 one lane rather than wasting the money and  
21 paving something that doesn't need to be paved.  
22 So that's what I was, you know, look at and we  
23 all spoke about.

24 MR. MCHALE: And Miss Naro probably  
25 remembers too that our DPW used to do a lot of

1 paving on their own. And we've kicked around  
2 the idea of maybe buying a paving machine, not  
3 a huge one but maybe to do alleyways or small  
4 sections to replace things like that. You  
5 know, and when Didge has three, four guys on a  
6 crew on a Friday we can knock off a few. Those  
7 ideas are floating around. And if we can  
8 afford them, we're going to do them.

9 MR. HALLINAN: And if you do it  
10 in-house, the guys would take more pride in  
11 doing their own work for their own neighbors.

12 MR. MCHALE: Sure.

13 MR. HALLINAN: And I'm sure of that.

14 MR. MCHALE: I digress. Mr.  
15 Dempsey, anything tonight?

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, just real quick  
17 I see Chief Marchese here and Captain Barth.  
18 I just want to commend you guys for doing an  
19 excellent job. Every day in the paper you guys  
20 are reading something about somebody, you know,  
21 another drug bust.

22 And I see that the ENRAD machine is  
23 ramped up. And I'm getting complaints about  
24 it, which is great which is a good thing. I'm  
25 telling you, people once they enter Dunmore,

1           they're going to start hitting their brakes.  
2           The amount of citations is plenty. So you guys  
3           are doing an excellent job. I just wanted to  
4           commend you and pass that along to your guys.

5                     MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

6                     MR. VERRASTRO: Sure. I'll start  
7           with I don't know if you noticed the new fire  
8           truck outside. We received it on Friday. They  
9           brought it down specially for everybody tonight  
10          in case anyone wanted to take a look at it.

11                    I believe we plan when the fire  
12          house is done to do an open house of some sort  
13          for everybody to look at everything that we've  
14          done in the last two years with everything.  
15          But I'm thrilled that we finally got it because  
16          this particular piece of equipment is replacing  
17          two that we have now.

18                    So in the past like especially when  
19          I first got on Council, I had people  
20          questioning me on why when the fire trucks go  
21          out are there three fire trucks going out. And  
22          when I didn't know the answer to that question  
23          and I asked the fire department, they said,  
24          well, our ladder truck don't have water on it  
25          and this truck is our rescue truck. And the

1 other truck has the rest of the ladders and  
2 it's a pumper.

3 So after years of trying to figure  
4 out what we needed and what we have to do and  
5 not have money and sitting down with -- and it  
6 started with Mike and I one night sitting down  
7 and we started talking about it.

8 Literally we can operate that  
9 with -- we don't want to operate it with as  
10 little as three men but we need three men to  
11 get out the door with it and it's putting our  
12 ladder for safety reasons in the front of the  
13 house with water and it actually has all the  
14 equipment on it to be a rescue vehicle also.

15 So it's really a good fit for our  
16 department for the amount of manpower we have  
17 right now. And I wish them a lot of luck with  
18 it. I hope we never have to use it. Again,  
19 the paving program I know we have been throwing  
20 stuff back and forth, Melanie. And we asked  
21 Joe -- there was a couple of things Joe that --  
22 that Joe was going to get some bids on to throw  
23 prices around to see where we were going to be  
24 with a couple of streets that were real bad  
25 that never got attention in probably 15 years

1 or better.

2 And to just correct you, it wasn't  
3 10 years ago we had the Sewer Authority  
4 problems. It was more like 15 with that at  
5 least just if you think back. It was before  
6 you were even there that they leased that out.  
7 The money had to be paid back when you were  
8 there.

9 The paying back of the money became  
10 your problem. The lease wasn't there. It was  
11 well spent before you were even there on that.  
12 So I don't plan on spending that money if we  
13 get it. I want to live off that interest and  
14 hopefully whatever -- if the time ever comes  
15 that we do decide to do this, maybe the Borough  
16 being able to keep our tax rates lower if your  
17 sewer rates go up, will at least balance that  
18 problem out for everybody because it is  
19 basically the same people it will be affecting.

20 So with that in mind thank you and  
21 have a good night. Thanks for coming and  
22 please take a minute and look at the new truck.  
23 They're dying to show it to somebody, trust me.  
24 They want to show you guys this truck. They're  
25 proud of it. They put a lot of work into it.

1 I believe it was Assistant Chief  
2 Bobby Dee, firefighter Vince Sardo, and  
3 firefighter Greg Kamla the three that were --  
4 the three main guys that were there for the  
5 design and did all the legwork on that and put  
6 it to where it's got to be right now for  
7 everybody. So please take a look at it. Have  
8 a good night everybody.

9 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

10 MR. BURKE: Yes, I agree with Mike  
11 too exploring the idea of having our DPW  
12 getting a machine because I know they could do  
13 the job. I would look forward to that if we  
14 can do that, I think that would be a great  
15 idea.

16 As far as, Mel, the Sewer Authority  
17 that's one of the reasons I ran for Council. I  
18 remember you fighting -- I know you were on  
19 television with me fighting years ago. It was  
20 probably closer to 20 years at the start of it.  
21 We failed but we had a vote. Council had a  
22 vote then. But now I was told that Council  
23 doesn't have a vote on it.

24 That was privatization. Now this is  
25 an outright sale. Tommy told us -- the lawyers

1 from Scranton told us we don't have a say on  
2 this as far as stopping it. So it's a totally  
3 different situation. Dunmore did spend that  
4 money the first year they got it because I was  
5 on Council -- I ran for Council because of  
6 that.

7 I won. We got the majority. And I  
8 had to lay those people off that they all  
9 promoted and hired. It was horrible because  
10 they got that money, spent it within a year,  
11 promoted, hired. It was gone the first year.

12 And then after the fifth year, it  
13 was Dunmore that dropped out of the contract  
14 that forced Scranton to drop out of the  
15 contract because you had to have three votes.  
16 And it was us because you were on the board.  
17 And there was four other Dunmoreans on the  
18 board.

19 And we voted to get out of the  
20 contract because it was cheaper to get out of  
21 the contract than stay in it in which we were  
22 successful and forced Scranton to get out of  
23 the contract -- Dunmore did because we were one  
24 of three votes. And it was -- it had to be  
25 three or a 3-0 vote or one vote could stop it



1 and Dunmore's one vote stopped it.

2 We stopped the contract you and I  
3 and the Dunmore board. But this is totally  
4 different situation. It's an outright sale  
5 that we don't have a say. Now, Mike's been  
6 bringing back info, info that I could never  
7 remember getting before when I was on Council.  
8 He's been very good with that bringing  
9 back being  
10 on -- as president now we're getting a lot more  
11 info. We weren't really getting info before.

12 MR. MCHALE: I wasn't getting info  
13 before for the record. Timmy, I didn't mean to  
14 interrupt you. I apologize.

15 MR. BURKE: That's the truth. We're  
16 starting to get info now. If it does come back  
17 that it is sold, I for one would agree with  
18 Sal, I'd rather live off the interest off that.  
19 I would not want to spend a dime on anything  
20 else, live off the interest.

21 We don't know what's ahead with the  
22 storm water which could be very, very expensive  
23 if it ends up -- not taking the storm water.  
24 That could be a very big bill for future. But  
25 our children, grandchildren could end up with a

1            huge bill. If it goes through living off the  
2            interest not touching it. If it does go  
3            through, that's what I would be for. That's  
4            all I have tonight.

5                        MR. MCHALE: Thanks Tim.

6            Mrs. Scrimalli.

7                        MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you. I just  
8            want to thank Chief Marchese and all the police  
9            of the work they're doing, fabulous job. And I  
10           also want to say, Didge, great job. The  
11           article in the Sunday paper was beautiful  
12           regarding winter operations of some of the  
13           areas of municipal DPWs. So great job there.  
14           And that's all I have tonight. And thank you  
15           all for coming.

16                       MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Carol. Just  
17           real quickly, I spoke on both the paving and  
18           the Sewer Authority I think ad nauseam to this  
19           point. The one thing the fire truck, Sal  
20           touched on it. It is a proud day for me. And  
21           I know the three people on each side of me as  
22           well that we can sit here and afford a truck of  
23           that magnitude.

24                       Not only does it put our residents  
25           in a more safe position to have something like

1           that. It also does to our firefighters which  
2           obviously is a huge concern to us as well. You  
3           know, a couple years ago we sat here, we're  
4           looking on figuring how to pay payroll less  
5           than five years ago trying to find ways to pay  
6           payroll at the end of the year and not pay our  
7           vendors and so on and so forth.

8                         For the past four, five years, we  
9           paid every single one. We never raised taxes.  
10          And now we're starting to see the fruits of our  
11          hard work by being able to afford something  
12          like this that we desperately needed. Every  
13          truck that we have, you know, Sal, correct me  
14          if I'm wrong, I think the youngest one is 15  
15          years old.

16                        And those were demos that we all  
17          bought. We never bought a truck built for this  
18          town and for the safety of this town. So it is  
19          a proud moment that financially we turned the  
20          Borough around enough to be able to give the  
21          cops what they need, the cars and the -- you  
22          know, the guns that we've invested and a lot of  
23          investments with those guys in past two, three  
24          years and with the fire department putting up a  
25          new firehouse and with the help of state grants

1 and, you know, obviously the fire truck that  
2 we're able to afford.

3 So it is a proud day. So please go  
4 out and take a look at it. We're going to have  
5 an open house when the weather starts to  
6 cooperate and the fire house is finally done.  
7 It is getting close to that point. So we'll  
8 wrap everything up and have a barbecue when  
9 that's all completed and show off our goods.  
10 So we're very, very proud of it.

11 So with that, I'll look for a motion  
12 to adjourn.

13 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make a motion.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

15 MR. MCHALE: 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: We're adjourned.  
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