COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

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DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. MCHALE: I think Mr. Cummings may be running late. I'll take the roll call. Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Present.

MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Nardozzi is not here. Is there any public comment on agenda items?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none, number four, motion to approve the prior meeting's minutes.

MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.

MR. MCHALE: On the question. 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. Number five, motion to approve and pay the open bills.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so moved. I apologize. Number six is a repeat. I put the agenda together today so I blame myself. Number seven, personnel matters. Do we have any?

MR. HALLINAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to -- I've been talking with Mr. Didge
Judge over the last couple weeks and with the problems with picking up our recyclables, our newspaper, our garbage, we've been falling behind. And it seems like our sixth ward gets, you know, the end of the stick all the time.

So I'd like to make a motion that we hire Kyle Golden a four year part-time employee that's been diligently doing his job. And I'd like to make a motion that we hire Kyle as a full-time DPW employee.

MR. BURKE: 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.

MR. VERRASTRO: Just for the record, he's being hired as a laborer, correct?

MR. HALLINAN: Correct.

MR. MCHALE: Number eight, motion to
approve a contract with Home Field Advertising to provide advertising opportunities on Borough properties, the website and social media.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question. For everybody in the audience, this is a new company a Dunmore company that's not going to cost us anything. But it's newer but they have a lot of experience in creating advertising opportunities for the Borough.

And we'll get a large percentage of that revenue, whether it be on the walls in the gymnasium, on, you know, Didge's building up the DPW headquarters, so on and so forth, anything that we can do we'll get some revenue out of that.

So it's a kind of a win/win situation. It's a Dunmore based company with a couple gentlemen who have been extremely successful in their personal business that are coming together to do this. So we're excited for the opportunity. Like I said, it's no cost to us, just advertising revenue. So anybody
else on the question?

MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll add to that.

What they do is, they come in and they look at all of the Borough's assets, community center being the big one, dump trucks, park benches, you know, basically whatever the Borough owns. And it's a simple as selling advertising space.

So if, you know, "X" bank wants to come in and put a sign on a wall or something like that, you know, they'll pay the Borough to put the sign on the wall. And the Home Field Advertising takes basically a cut or a percentage of that and they go out and do all the work. It doesn't cost us anything.

Obviously it will be done tastefully. We'll have a say. There's not going to be 45 signs in here of different companies so just to add to what Mike said.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the question?

MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, it's more or less for like our street light polls, stuff like that going through the corners, walkways
that we have, stuff like that.

MR. DEMPSEY: Um hum.

MR. MCHALE: We have the ability to say yes or no to anything.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

MR. DEMPSEY: And it's just as an additional stream of revenue that we've never had before. So that's just -- we're continuously looking for additional streams of revenue because we live in a bedroom community, it's, you know, it's all tax base. That's where we get our chunk of -- if not all of our income. So this is just a different way of adding to that revenue stream.

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. Number nine is public comment. Does anybody like to speak tonight? Mr. Duncan I
know is here. Do you want to speak first, Mr. Duncan? I forgot Mr. Duncan one time and honestly it's bothered me ever since about a year ago and for all the work he does in the crime watch -- the Neighborhood Watch, forgive me. I yield to you.

MR. DUNCAN: Did everybody get a copy of it from the last time?

MR. MCHALE: Yeah.

MR. DUNCAN: Everybody got it. I just wanted to make sure. You were able to open it?

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

MR. DUNCAN: We're going to have another neighborhood watch meeting a week tonight 7:00 right here. Just a couple things and I know Didge is here tonight and everything. And one of the things that came up last time Didge was a request for new signage over at Jessup and Reeves Street. Did we order new signs for over there?

MR. LORINCE: Yeah, the signs came in today.

MR. DUNCAN: I want to thank you again for getting the tree at Warren and Ward
taken out. Again, that was really -- a lot of people weren't happy with that situation so thanks.

The dumpster behind Nina's we talked about it briefly. I continually hear from people them. I know I went by the one day and it was overflowing.

MR. LORINCE: We talked to them about picking up more.

MR. DUNCAN: Can they get another dumpster in?

MR. LORINCE: One's enough. They just need to pick it up more often.

MR. DUNCAN: Okay. You spoke to them about it. I talked to Richie Barth about the PP & L truck down on Larch Street. The problem down there with the branches still, the utility lines. I didn't hear back from Rich.

Sal, if you see him, can you ask him if -- he told me he was going to drive by and double check it. A couple of days later there was men at work signs. There was no men working. So that said, can you check with him and ask him to get back with me? He was going to do a drive by. They are still up in the
power lines. The branches and everything are
growing through there. And that was something
that came up at the meeting.

Speed bumps over at Warren Street
over by the high school. I don't know if they
were repainted or who we have to get in touch
with with that. That was a concern.

MR. JUDGE: They are the schools.

MR. DUNCAN: I'm just asking about
it. It came up at the meeting.

MR. MCHALE: We'll talk to the
school about it, Didge.

MR. DUNCAN: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: I agree. I go there
every day. If you don't know that they're
there --

MR. DUNCAN: Yeah.

MR. JUDGE: We painted all the other
ones down there. If you want them painted too,
no big deal.

MR. MCHALE: Just add it to your
list, Didge. Yeah.

MR. DUNCAN: Thanks. And then as is
always the case down at Ferguson Place, you
know, Adams and Larch, that neighborhood,
Ferguson Place 2, 4, and 6, those are the numbers Ferguson Place. The brushes are still grown over. The bushes rather, are still grown over and everything down there.

So just that's it for the neighborhood watch stuff. I have a question for you. On the person that was hired part time to full time, was that for a person somebody retired or are we just short a person or just down one or what was that?

MR. BURKE: We were working short, Gary, the DPW for probably last 8 to 10 years. We made cuts and never replaced retirements for probably 10 years.

MR. DUNCAN: I just wondered --

MR. VERRASTRO: We actually did a layoff in 2010 and we haven't replaced anybody since then.

MR. DUNCAN: Okay.

MR. MCHAILE: And it kills us, Gary, when we get into hunting season, heavy vacation season because then we're down to --

MR. DUNCAN: Sixth ward we're always running behind. So I just -- when I heard I was just curious about that. The Borough
Manager I did see the advertisement for Borough Manager in the newspaper. I just wondered how that -- if that is progressing, if we have applicants or where we're at with that one?

MR. MCHALE: We do. We closed on Friday. I don't know if any on Council have reviewed the resumes. But we'll have probably a personnel meeting in the very near future to discuss what we're going to do there. But there's approximately 12 applicants.

MR. DUNCAN: Thanks. Just a few more, on the website the new Dunmore dot org website, I know we can pull up the ordinance and everything on it. But the whole thing is downloaded. And I was scrolling through it and it's really hard to follow.

I don't know if there is anything we can do to break it down and make it more user friendly or what. You're scrolling through to look for small subsections of it and --

MR. DEMPSEY: The ordinances?

MR. DUNCAN: Yeah.

MR. DEMPSEY: On my computer you just hit find button control F.

MR. DUNCAN: Right. I did that.
But you're scrolling page by page by page by page, ask if there is anything they can do to make it more user friendly. The ordinance for the town then for quiet time, can I get a specific time what the official time is for parties and everything?

MR. MCHALE: Chief?

CHIEF MARCHESE: I think it's 11.

MR. DUNCAN: Well, 11? That's what I tried to pull up. And I can't even find it in there. I scrolled and scrolled, everything that you said and we just can't get to it. Halloween on our block over there, I'm here tonight to talk to you about all the neighbors that were concerned.

I have church on Barton Street. There's three private driveways on that street. Last week it was shut down for a party. We have a burn pit there. We have disco music blasting and other rock and roll music blasting until 2:30 in the morning.

I have -- my one neighbor that was upset about it has an adult son with special needs. And her tenant has a 18-month-old baby and they're pregnant with their second child.
Mrs. Lam{sic} is probably about 85 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Roche, she's in bed. She's in bed right now with a fractured shoulder. My neighbors next to my house have a tenant who has to go to work at 4 a.m.

The party went until 2:30 a.m. It was loud. It was unbearable. I know the PD were called. Whatever happened, no shutdown in noise. And they had other parties, but this one was out of control. A lady on Delaware Street asked me what the noise was on Barton Street. So it was a loud, loud party.

And I understand a party but until 2:30 a.m. to have that many people. If the people that had the party went to Barton Street they would have been assassinated. It was that bad and it was that loud. It was that unruly.

So before the party happens next year for Halloween, I'd like at least the people that are responsible -- the people in charge of the Borough to realize there's people that have to have access to that street. They put men at work signs up on that. There were no men at work.

The barriers were still up the next
morning. People that live on the street had to move the barriers to get into their driveways. So I'm here tonight to tell you, I'm the one that was asked to come and speak about it. Most of my neighbors are elderly. But it certainly adversely affected the quality of life. And I just wanted to bring it up for my whole neighborhood. I hope it doesn't happen next year.

MR. VERRASTRO: Who shut the street down? Did they get a permit to do it?

CHIEF MARCHESE: I think that's the one Didge called me about.

MR. JUDGE: He called me, Sal. I was away. I didn't give them the barricades. I called Sal.

MR. DUNCAN: They put their own barricades up.

MR. MCHALE: In the future, any road that --

CHIEF MARCHESE: If it was that bad, it should have been shut down.

MR. MCHALE: Any time a road gets shut down, Council has to get it shut down.

MR. VERRASTRO: What we did last
time was, it had to go through the Chief to be approved and the Chief --

MR. MCHALE: I'd rather so everybody knows about it put it in public.

MR. VERRASTRO: Because the fire department won't know the road was shut down either.

MR. MCHALE: That's my point, yeah.

MR. DUNCAN: This lady's son has epilepsy. So if we have to get emergency vehicles through there, it's a situation. The fire burned until 2:30 in the morning. I thought there was a no burning ordinance in the Borough as well.

And I know we talked about it at Neighborhood Watch meetings at and other meetings where I had Council members in attendance who verified that. So there are a lot of red flags with this one.

I'm asking in advance next Halloween if it not occur because there are people that have to use their driveways. And we have a person with special needs medically. I'm in health care 42 years so I understand that.

Okay. That's it for tonight. But please keep
it in mind for next year. And somebody please get back to me on what the ordinances are so I have it in black and white. People are hesitant to call the PD. They don't want repercussions. There's no hesitancy in letting me know.

But I really didn't need to know. It sounded like -- I probably had Led Zeppelin about 1977 playing in my house. So it was that bad. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.
MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.
MR. BURKE: Sal, would you be able to have one of the police officers at the meeting inform Gary what time the noise ordinance is?

CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah.
MR. BURKE: Thanks.
MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to speak tonight?

MS. CUFF: Hi, Sharon Cuff, Spring Street, Dunmore. I wanted to talk about the website a little bit. I didn't know -- I mean, I wasn't sure. I used to e-mail Vito with different things about it. I wasn't sure what
the status was there. So I wanted to bring it up here. I think we've talked about before about what should be on the website and uploading different things and user friendly which Gary just brought up getting the agendas for meetings put up, which today's was not.

The news, I know we talked about that, the news stories and things like that being put on the website. I'm just wondering, who is in charge of deciding what goes on the website?

MR. DEMPSEY: The news articles are automatically uploaded. We have no access to what news articles. It's usually the word Dunmore populates in Google and they just automatically go to the website. We have no control over what news stories. Basically any news story with the word Dunmore in it I believe gets put on the website. That's how I understand it.

We don't send them news stories. And they don't put them on physically every morning. It automatically populates.

MS. CUFF: Okay.

MR. LORINCE: Sorry, there's two
websites. I think that's what the --

MR. MCHALE: There's three website.

MR. LORINCE: Dot com is gone now.

MR. MCHALE: Is it finally?

MR. LORINCE: Yeah, dot org and

there is Dunmore --

MR. DEMPSEY: Dunmorepa.gov.

MR. LORINCE: PA dot gov. So I
don't know which one you're looking at but
there's two different websites.

MS. CUFF: Which is the newest

website?

MR. DEMPSEY: Dot gov.

MR. MCHALE: Dunmorepa.gov.

MS. CUFF: Right. With the news

feeds, that's the one I'm talking about.

MR. LORINCE: We also have org too.

Dunmoreborough.org is still a website though.

MS. CUFF: But do the newspaper

articles and news articles go up on that one?
I don't think so. I think it's only the new

one.

MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah.

MS. CUFF: So I'm a little concerned

over -- well, I'm a little concerned for
several reasons. The sewer line odor issue. There's a stack of articles and not one of them was on those news feeds, nothing. Again, we had two --

MR. MCHALE: We had nothing to do with that though.

MS. CUFF: And I get that. We've clarified that. I know now. But that might be something you could address with who you're paying to do this website because I would think that it's pretty newsworthy since these are all the news articles related to it that were not on the website.

Again, I don't know that there's been any other time in Dunmore where two facilities were evacuated in one evening to my recollection. I'm living here a long time. I don't recall. So again, I'm going to say this is probably a pretty newsworthy event. Nothing was on the website, nothing, not one article. I've been checking. And again, there's a whole slew --

MR. DEMPSEY: Again, we don't have control over that.

MS. CUFF: I see that now. I didn't
know who did. But I would definitely address that with whoever you're paying.

MR. DEMPSEY: I will see if they can add the words like Scranton Sewer Authority to see if that will upload it.

MS. CUFF: Perhaps, Keystone Sanitary Landfill? Since that seems to be pretty much a hot topic.

MR. MCHALE: Again, we're not deleting those that have Keystone in it either. We have no control over that.

MS. CUFF: No, I'm not saying that. But, I mean, this is the website for the Borough. So I think if you're going to do it, and that's Vito, you know, we had talked about a lot getting this up and running and being --

MR. DEMPSEY: There's been a lot of Keystone articles on the website.

MS. CUFF: You know what I mean like to kind of make it user friendly so people can access anything to do with the Borough by going on to this one location.

MR. MCHALE: You could e-mail Michael. You have my e-mail. You have my text. You can send me messages. Please send
them to us. We'll try. And Vito too. Vito is working as well.

MS. CUFF: Again, I wasn't sure. And I'm not being -- I'm just saying I'm just saying --

MR. DEMPSEY: It seems like you're accusing us of not putting newspaper articles on there.

MS. CUFF: I'm getting to why I'm a little bit upset. The Department of Health actually contacted me because they did send -- again, that's another thing that we can ask your people who are doing it maybe the DEP, you know, things like this are immediate released press releases that have to do with Dunmore.

I think that would be beneficial to have. This Environmental Justice, this DEP news release that would be beneficial to have on the website. Again, I didn't know who is in charge. I'm asking. But I'm upset because the Department of Health did say that they contacted -- they sent this community health update to the Borough and asked specifically if it could go on the website.

And they contacted me because they
said maybe we don't have the right site. But we don't see it up, could you reach out to them. I said I certainly will. I was not pleased that it wasn't on.

MR. DEMPSEY: No one contacted me and asked me to put that on the website. But if you did and you sent me that, I would have --

MS. CUFF: No, I didn't. This was --

MR. DEMPSEY: No, I'm saying in the future I could have it put on the website. That's not a problem.

MS. CUFF: Okay.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have no objection to that. None of us do.

MS. CUFF: Right. So if we wanted something on there we can go through you but you guys aren't in charge of putting it on there.

MR. DEMPSEY: That's right.

MS. CUFF: But you could tell them -- you can reach out to the website people.

MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.
MS. CUFF: Going forward maybe these are things that you could kind of clue them in and say look for any kind of press releases about Dunmore, Scranton, you know, things like that I think would be helpful to be on there.

MR. MCHALE: I don't disagree with you.

MS. CUFF: And, I'm sorry, I don't mean to be -- but I was a little bit of upset and embarrassed.

MR. HALLINAN: I also think that the Borough as Michael had said we get in touch with them, there also should be an administrator on our side that, you know, just because the word has Dunmore in there or Scranton Sewer Authority or something maybe doesn't mean it gets up loaded either. Somebody has to review this before it gets posted.

MS. CUFF: Yeah, I guess --

MR. HALLINAN: It could work either way.

MR. DEMPSEY: I don't care what stories gone go on. It's in the newspaper -- it doesn't --
MS. CUFF: I know, Michael, but so many people don't get the newspaper anymore because they simply don't want to pay the cost of the Scranton Times.

MR. DEMPSEY: I don't blame them. It's --

MS. CUFF: Exactly. I mean --

MR. HALLINAN: On the question, can I ask you a question? Does everything -- like you said, do they pull from the newspaper or anything Googled no matter where --

MR. DEMPSEY: It just goes automatically. Anything with Dunmore in the headlines it goes.

MR. HALLINAN: We got to have some kind of oversight or God knows, what if it was something and I hate to say pornography or something with the word Dunmore in it. You never know.

MS. CUFF: Right. But those weren't up there. So it's not pulling everything up. So again, it's just something to look at. And again I know I could send everything. But it's not my job to send everything to you guys to review to get on the website. That's why you
have the website administrator. So just --
that's all I'm saying. We got this new website
on board for a reason. Let's utilize it to its
fullest potential. That's all I want.

MR. MCHALE: You had a list that you
sent me about things that you had. I had every
one of them changed. All of the board minutes
were up. And again, at the beginning of the
meeting, I apologize, I did the agenda tonight
at 5:00. That's my fault. Vito was out of
town.

My fault. So it wasn't up because
of me. There was an error because of me. But
I usually don't do the agenda. So we're
trying. I promise.

MS. CUFF: Okay. And just lastly, I
know the last time I was here I think we talked
about the draft letter which Michael did send
me regarding the odor issue. I don't believe
it went out.

MR. MCHALE: It did go out and we
got responses from both. I could post those
tomorrow as well. We sent them to the Sewer
Authority and to the state -- the DEP.

MS. CUFF: I didn't know. I reached
out to Michael. But there was some issues that prevented --

MR. MCHALE: We already got responses.

MS. CUFF: Okay. I thought you said you were going to send me a final one if it went out. That's okay. Thank you. Yeah, and the other thing is Scranton Council has been in the paper, you know, headlines twice at least that I know of, you know, just pushing --

MR. MCHALE: We sent the same exact letter and we were not in the paper, same exact letter. And we got responses right after. It wasn't in the paper. We can't control what they write.

MS. CUFF: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

MR. FETSKO: My name is Brian Fetsko, 234 West Drinker Street. I have a question about does Dunmore still own the property in Dickson where --

MR. MCHALE: We do.

MR. FETSKO: Is there any plans for that?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Not as of right
now, no. There's a lot of restrictions on it.

MR. MCHALE: Yeah, a lot of restrictions.

MR. VERRASTRO: Last thing we were trying to do we're talking about doing a solar park. But that fell through also.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Correct.

MR. FETSKO: What was that?

MR. VERRASTRO: We talked about a solar park but it fell through.

MR. FETSKO: Those people that don't know me in Dunmore, I have been involved with DGR Soccer for the past 13 years I think. One of the things was realized over the last couple years, especially the last five years, there's a huge boom in the growth of soccer, youth soccer, not just in our area -- or not just in Dunmore but the whole area of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

I was actually thinking it might be a good idea to look at, you know, maybe building fields there. If you could, like, basically make almost like a centralized location maybe you have 10, 12 fields -- full size fields, that could actually start pulling
in revenue in a couple years doing tournaments like with different leagues and stuff like that.

It's just a thought. I just -- soccer seems like it's growing more and more every year. I just know in our league alone we have -- we went from 156 kids six years ago to 560 kids this past year. I'm also president of NEPSAY which is -- it does like the greater area from Mountain View to Wallenpaupack, Honesdale, down to Old Forge, Riverside area. There's 14 or 15 leagues right now with just about 4500 kids in all of those leagues. And that's just for a rec soccer program. If you got to the part where we started pulling in tournaments that have travel programs, then you could start charging higher fees for the tournaments.

And eventually you will start to be able to do yearly, like, tournaments you could actually start generating a ton of money for the Borough and surrounding businesses.

MR. MCHALE: Tom, if I'm speaking out of turn, please tell me. I think one of the restrictions -- there's a lot of
restrictions on it is we're allowed to do recreation facilities like that that he's talking about, correct?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'd have to look at the Dickson City current zoning ordinance because we're bound by the restrictions in the deed which are voluminous and very restrictive. We're also bound by Dickson City zoning ordinance and what's allowed in that particular category.

So it may be something that a deed restriction allow but then we would have to go in for curative amendment under Dickson City's ordinance. And everything we've looked at is cost prohibitive. And I agree with you, soccer has blossomed. It was a long time coming. It's a great sport. I think there's less injuries.

There's opportunity for more people to participate. And I would say that it may be doable. But I would also say that I know that some of -- when we first acquired it 10 years ago or so and we addressed it with local representatives, they came in and said, you know, we can't really just do something for
Dunmore against Dickson or Dickson against Dunmore or like leave Throop out, so if you wanted to do something on regional basis then they would look at funding for that.

MR. MCHALE: And I think that's where your biggest obstacle will be funding. We'll help in that regard, not necessarily giving you money but using our contacts with the Senator's office and the representative here. I'm sorry, go ahead.

MR. FETSKO: The one with U.S. Soccer, U.S. Youth Soccer, they do do a lot of grants in funding to help develop, like our area every -- all those leagues that we play, they'll have one -- Dunmore just has Sherwood Park to play.

We're looking into building another field at Crowley Park over right below Marywood. But like Valley View has three fields in three locations. Mountain View has two fields behind the school. So it's very scattered how everything is. So like part of my thinking is, you know, some of the local leagues will come there.

And, you know, they have -- they
don't have to worry about cutting the grass, getting everything done themselves. Everything is there. They'll play. It makes life easier for all the parents, the players, the leagues just go to a centralized location. And I think like one of the big things -- I'm sorry, I got off topic.

Like I was saying, U.S Youth Soccer, U.S. Soccer they both do grants that you could get like a couple -- depending on how much -- how big of an area and how like their overall plan is, you could actually get like a couple, you know, like up to a million dollars to do a project like this.

And Adidas does do donations for this. And there's a couple other programs like I think one is called footprint fields or I can't remember off the top of my head -- also helps with that. Musco Lighting I think is another one that, you know, that does grants and stuff for lights.

And plus with all the business around it, the car dealerships and stuff like that, they are all big into donating into programs like this because that's, you know,
you go to any location where you have 5,000
kids going for a weekend that means you have
2,500 parents at least there, 2,500 cars. So,
you know, everybody is going to be looking, you
know, you have people looking to do
sponsorships for the field and stuff like that
just to have their name there. And so like I
do think it can be really a good idea to do
with the land there.

MR. VERRASTRO: I agree with you.

MR. MCHALE: I think it's a great
idea.

MR. VERRASTRO: When I mentioned the
solar park, there was a certain percentage of
it at the time that was going to be for
playgrounds and fields and walking trails.

MR. MCHALE: That's where I was
thinking.

MR. VERRASTRO: And we were trying
to get something to coincide with that so that
there was a revenue source to maintain it
because that's a big undertaking. I would love
to see it. And if we can figure out a way to
do it, I'd help for as long as I can.

MR. MCHALE: Likewise.
MR. VERRASTRO: But that's a very big thing to have done. And being that we don't -- like Tommy was saying, it's not in our -- in the Borough itself. Everything we do as soon as we come up with an idea the first thing we do is we have to ask Dickson City if they will entertain it.

And then we go from there. So maybe it's something that we can work with the county to help with it. I don't see anybody up here that would refuse to do something like that.

MR. FETSKO: Like you're saying with the solar park, there was -- I was just at the field -- I think it was -- I don't know if it was Long Island or somewhere in New Jersey. I travel with -- my daughter plays highly competitive travel soccer. So I travel, you know, everywhere from North Carolina up to Massachusetts this past year going to different types, you know, different fields, different locations.

But there was one that did have solar fields or like solar farms right next to the fields that I asked them about that and that's what they said they did with it to
offset the cost to maintain the fields.

MR. MCHALE: Yeah. Tommy, again, if we can make sure that this is a possibility before we -- before he or anybody goes down the road, see if it's a possibility that we could do this and maybe form some type of an authority that will oversee and try to go get grants.

I know we'll definitely be included again as Sal said I don't think anybody would go against it and maybe get Dickson City involved as well and the surrounding communities and start an authority where everybody can go to their municipality and get some money or get to the state government and even, you know, the grant opportunities you spoke of.

I know major league baseball helped the little league over here years ago and put up one set of lights. So similar in the soccer arena it sounds like the same opportunities exist as well. So I think the first step we would have to do to first see if we're allowed to put fields there because again, it's highly restrictive because it was Dickson City's land.
And it was before me, before we bought it. So we'll have Mr. Cummings take a look and see if it's doable, we can get in contact with you and go from there, all right?

MR. VERRASTRO: The cost would be enormous. The land is very raw. It's wooded. It's hills. There's pits. There's a lot of internal infrastructure there. There's no utilities whatsoever up there in that area. It's going to be a big undertaking.

MR. FETSKO: Like, I don't see this being done like next year. This is, like, you know, five or ten year plan. I just do think, like --

MR. VERRASTRO: You have to start it to get there.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

MS. HALLINAN: Kelly Burke Hallinan, 1723 Madison Avenue, so as to not to offend any Council members this evening, the history of the issue I have been presenting to them since May can be read online on the Borough's new website. That's dot gov -- except for the omitted minutes meeting from May. They are
still not posted.

MR. MCHALE: Again, we're not omitting anything. If you let us know that there's one not there, I went through all -- she has every single one probably saved herself. I went through my e-mails and sent them to the web company. So that's not on purpose.

MR. HALLINAN: Is that the May, 2015 minutes? Is that the one's that aren't up there?

MS. HALLINAN: May's.

MR. HALLINAN: May's of this year.

MS. HALLINAN: Yeah. In return, I will be offended if I'm interrupted during the time allotted to me the public to address Council with my concerns. Aside from the multiple ordinances that I've informed you of that remain broken and not enforced in my neighborhood, I've covered yet another fact that should not be ignored.

It's an ordinance stating that any unit within a building can have no less than 850 square feet of living space. Once again, Google MLS you could find a lot of information.
How true it is, you know, it can't be that far off in other words because they are advertising. That would be false advertising.

But the home on Madison Avenue that I did report to you that was a single -- Kernan's house, five people that could not live in a one bedroom apartment was advertised as having 1,008 square feet. That was for the single family home.

Well, if you divide that by two, it comes out to 504. Now, that's before the partition walls are put up, another stairway, everything else. So this is what I'm trying to get across to you. These are tiny apartments of being altered illegally within family homes.

This is an ordinance that doesn't have to go through zoning. It doesn't have to be proven. It's fact.

Families don't rent one bedroom apartments. We're losing our families. We have lots of apartments. And your diligent efforts, you know, to get the Borough financially sound and to keep taxes low is very much appreciated by parents raising children that own homes in Dunmore.
What you're doing now is being greatly appreciated by the growing amount of apartment building owners that don't even reside in Dunmore that are collecting three and four rents and paying tax on one property, which I've investigated they're paying lower taxes than me even though they are next door to me, down the street from me where they don't belong.

Another thing is, we've had to hire additional police officers. I feel that that only proves that our town now has a problem because of if more protection is needed, from what and because of who? Not the Borough families. Sting operations aren't done on Borough families that I'm aware of.

And any time I Google someone that is the Dunmore man as the Scranton Time calls them, they are renters, which is fine. But they are living in tiny one bedroom apartments. Where if the houses weren't converted, a nice family would be at that address, my point with proof.

As a taxpayer, I'm asking Council once again make enforcement of our zones and
ordinances a priority and to address the
properties that I have informed you of multiple
times that have been illegally altered. Your
lack of attention to this issue will be noted.
It it noted online on the new website as the
direct cause of our one safe family oriented
community's demise.

Also, since the petition that I
presented the first week of June disappeared,
no one wants to speak about it, comment on it,
look into it, address the issue. I do feel
since Council asked me to get the petition and
I did do it and the property owners on my block
that are taxpayers signed it, they do deserve a
letter from Council explaining why this
petition is not being taken care of, addressed.
I think they're owed that.

They're concerned. They don't have
to be here. They signed their names to a
petition that I told them that Council -- and I
have the meeting's minutes where Council
suggested that I get a petition. Got it,
handed it in, disappeared, resubmitted, never
heard a thing about it.

So can we get a letter to the people
that signed the petition and explain to them you're not going to address it or why you're not going to address it or --

MR. MCHALE: I'm not being wise, but you said not to speak. Do you want me to answer that?

MS. HALLINAN: Oh, yes. I'm asking a question. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: That was received and noted. We talked about it the last couple meetings I think. To my knowledge and Joe jump in if I'm wrong. A lot of the things that you brought up are on the other side on the zoning side. They think it's defensible.

I'm not taking -- we're not a legislative body here. But, I'm sorry, we're not a judge here to say yes or no. Joe and his attorney have made us aware of their standing. You don't agree with it. So we've spoken to the petitions. They're asking for enforcement of the ordinances. We spoke to Joe. Joe has support on the other side.

I'm not saying you agree with it or I agree with it. And then the attorney who is a very learned zoning attorney opined on it. I
feel for you. I told you this the last 10
meetings. I feel for you. I just don't know
where we're -- where we go. I wish I had an
answer for you.

MS. HALLINAN: Well, that's another
thing. No one but Michael Dempsey cared to
look --

MR. MCHALE: Cared. That's not --
I'm going to interrupt you. I have stuff going
on every single night, okay, personal problems.

MS. HALLINAN: I didn't say Mr.
McHale. I said no one other than --

MR. MCHALE: Cared enough. You said
nobody cared enough. I sat with Joe for an
hour and a half. I told you I would try to get
down to you. I know other people too. We
care. You know that. That's not fair to say.

MS. HALLINAN: Well, it's not fair
for you to say that a very good lawyer for --

MR. MCHALE: He is.

MS. HALLINAN: Well, if you saw what
I was presented, I don't think you'd feel the
same way.

MR. MCHALE: I did see it. I read
everything that was given to me. And that was
given to me. I don't disagree with you. Don't take it that way. There is defense on the other side. I don't know -- we're not judge and jury. That's -- I wish I could do something for you to ease your pain. You made note of my mother's problem and, oh, that's not too close. You know what, they drive right next to the house every single day.

MS. HALLINAN: I didn't say that's not too close. I said how close -- I don't know where you live. I said how close are they to your --

MR. MCHALE: The car has hit our house several times. That's how close it is.

MS. HALLINAN: I don't know where you live.

MR. MCHALE: But you made that comment though. That was my point. I don't -- I don't disagree with you. But there's a defense on the other side. And I'm not trying to be argumentative with you. I feel for you. I just don't know what we can do.

MS. HALLINAN: Well, this is not a zoning issue. This a black and white issue.

MR. MCHALE: The 850? Is that what
we're speaking of the 850? Joe, do you have anything --

MR. LORINCE: I'll check the building ordinance. But I don't think that stands. These are properties that are already been there.

MS. HALLINAN: No, they weren't. This house was bought in 2011. It was a single home. It's advertised as a single home.

MR. LORINCE: I talked to Paula Kernan myself.

MS. HALLINAN: Yeah, and Paula and her daughter lived there.

MR. LORINCE: Paula said in 1960 she bought the home -- her family bought the home. Her -- they bought it as a two family home in 1960. Then they converted it to a single family. And in 1974 her dad died and converted it back to a two family for the extra income. And it's been a two family since 1974. I got an affidavit from Paula Kernan and she gave it to me.

MS. HALLINAN: That's not true.

MR. LORINCE: Do you want me to call her a liar?
MS. HALLINAN: Well, do you want to look at -- what about the relator that went through the home in 2011 and advertised it as a single family home? Where did five Kernans live in a one bedroom apartment?

MR. LORINCE: I have the names and everything. I could give them to you who lived there.

MS. HALLINAN: Well, I live right there too. So it didn't happen.

MR. LORINCE: She even told me in 2007 you were in the apartment when she was building her own because --

MS. HALLINAN: Because she lived there. And I took care of her mother for her --

MS. LORINCE: -- calling her a liar. She gave me an affidavit, Kelly.

MR. HALLINAN: I don't think this is the forum to be going back and forth like this.

MS. HALLINAN: Okay. Well, there's an ordinance. There's an ordinance.

MR. HALLINAN: I understand what you're saying. And you understand what we're saying too. We've got direction from a lawyer
on our side also. So I don't know personally where you go with this. But I know -- I don't know what you're looking for us to go in and throw them out of their house? Is this what you want us to do?

MS. HALLINAN: No, I want the ordinances followed.

MR. HALLINAN: I understand that moving forward, but you're bringing up the stuff from the past. And I wasn't involved with it. I don't know how many people on Council were. I know I'm talking too much now as it is because I don't want to see anybody get sued here.

And then -- but it's -- I don't know what to tell you. You're showing us this. We're hearing from a lawyer. Joe told you he has an affidavit. Do you see the picture here what's going on?

MS. HALLINAN: I see what's going on.

MR. HALLINAN: In your mind and also what we're saying also but you don't want to hear us.

MS. HALLINAN: You do realize I
lived in this home all my life.

MR. HALLINAN: You're talking about the Kernan home that he's telling you has an affidavit. The lawyers are already telling us things. Kel, nobody's -- we're sympathizing with you. I want to bring in an ordinance where I could -- and I shouldn't even say it now. I want to stop rental properties. But I don't know if I could move forward with that.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: May I caution you, you're getting into areas -- you're going to cause problems for yourself by making representations as a city Councilman.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: May I ask while I still have this right, the 850 square feet, what ordinance is that from?

MS. HALLINAN: Dunmore's. It's right there. Did you get a copy?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: No.

MS. HALLINAN: Okay, well, here's a copy for you. It's 5441 conversions of year round dwellings in an R2 zone and they have to have 850 square feet. These properties that were single family homes now have three
apartments in them.

You know, maybe one of them is big enough. Kernan's definitely wasn't big enough. I mean, I'm not -- I'm certainly not going to bring a lawsuit up and get -- and have the solicitors make a lot of money and have my neighbors paying taxes to go through a nine year court battle so the judge could go, she's right or they're right.

That's ridiculous. But once again, I'm the one being affected. The equity of my home has dropped incredibly. Life every day is miserable which Mr. McHale's mother can appreciate. So you're Council. I'm a taxpayer. Here I am. I have a right. You have a job. And besides that, we're friends.

MR. VERRASTRO: Kel, I agree with you. But I don't know -- and not pertaining to the house next to yours, but I don't know how many houses that are out there that have less than 850 square feet that went through zoning and got approved for it.

MS. HALLINAN: That's my point.

MR. VERRASTRO: But there's an ordinance here and if somebody comes in for a
permit and they go in front of the zoning, they
might have gotten permission to do it.

MS. HALLINAN: That's my point. But
I didn't get anything when I requested it
showing me that that happened. That's how I
started out requesting documentation, didn't
get it.

MR. VERRASTRO: But we don't --
we're not in charge of zoning. I can't --

MS. HALLINAN: This was prior to
coming here. This was prior to coming to
Council. I had no intention of coming to
Council. The only reason I was coming to
Council was because the woman on Walnut or Elm
or something I got a phone call that another
woman was having a problem and they would like
me to go because they heard I had the same
problem and it was the week before elections.

So I thought it can't hurt. So I
came. I never came to you before, never had a
problem with before. But to insinuate, you
know, the police don't do a good job. I never
said that. The police do a fantastic job. The
fire department does a fantastic job. I said
it a million times.
The problem is there's ordinances that aren't being enforced. We're losing our town. We're losing our families. And it's a shame. And I lost a lot of money and a lot of sleepless nights. You know, my husband and I work like probably most of you have, did two and three and four jobs to get that house to be a beautiful family home. For what? We can't enjoy it now.

You can't -- I showed you the pictures. You don't want me to talk about it. But the people in the audience don't know. They haven't seen all the pictures.

MR. MCHALE: Who doesn't want you to talk about it? Seriously, who doesn't want -- you've talked about it. And we've listened. And we're trying.

MS. HALLINAN: I was scolded a little last week for bringing the same thing up when I was -- it was to inform the people that weren't here at the other meetings.

MR. MCHALE: Did he scold you?

MS. HALLINAN: Yes, he did. Did you miss that? Were you not here?

MR. MCHALE: He's trying to explain
exactly our part. You may not agree with me. And again, I don't want to apologize because I didn't do anything wrong. We listened to that side of the story. You have a definite side of the story. I don't disagree with that. It's just a matter of -- I don't know if this is the forum.

And you agree. I don't want to spend a lot of money on lawyers and everything either. I'm just trying to get a happy medium to make everybody happy. If the ordinance stands as they are if there's a problem and if Joe's not doing it so be it.

I went up and looked up at every one of those houses. And there is sworn affidavits. There's support in there for just about everything, not saying that I agree with it. Maybe some of it you claim it was doctored. Maybe that's true. I don't know. But there's one side of the story and there is your side of the story.

And we have legal opinion on that side to back up a lot of the stuff that Joe has that incidentally -- and I said this last time too. A lot of the stuff that I saw was not on
Joe's watch. That was the five years he wasn't here. His name gets thrown a lot, just in the defense of Joe.

MS. HALLINAN: Not by me.

MR. MCHALE: I'm not saying that. But his name has been thrown a lot. I just -- I wish I could do something for you today to make you happy. I really, really, really do.

MS. HALLINAN: The matter of the fact that you're saying you have this, you have that. That was where I started here. I started requesting proof of why they were allowed against ordinance. I still haven't gotten anything.

MR. MCHALE: Joe, have you sent a lot of the stuff that you showed me?

MR. LORINCE: I --

MS. HALLINAN: No.

MR. LORINCE: Her husband was in.

MS. HALLINAN: Yeah, and he got building inspections after 2005.

MR. LORINCE: No, I gave him everything. The day we sat with Tommy I had all the files.

MR. VERRASTRO: The stuff that you
showed me?

MR. LORINCE: Yeah. Everything was in front of me. You were here. You and your husband were.

MS. HALLINAN: You gave me a UCC.

MR. LORINCE: No, I'm talking about all the documents the six apartments you complained about. All the documents are there.

MS. HALLINAN: We did not receive them. We did not get them. And we did not see them.

MR. LORINCE: I'll give you copies of them.


MR. LORINCE: I'll give you a copy of them all.

MR. VERRASTRO: Joe, you got to read through them and make sure there is no Social Security numbers on them and policy numbers on them just in case, just black that out, okay?

MR. MCHALE: Anything else?

MS. HALLINAN: No, that's all.

Thank you.

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

(No response.)


CHIEF MARCHES: No.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney.

MR. KEARNEY: No.

MR. MCHALE: Joe.

MR. LORINCE: No.

MR. MCHALE: Didge.

MR. JUDGE: No.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir.

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

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll just be quick.

Thank you. Regarding the Scranton Abington Planning Association, we've had additional municipality who has passed a resolution to adopt with SAPA and that would be Newton Township. So that makes a total of eight.

And we just want to congratulate all the members of SAPA for their hard work and thank them all. I also want to congratulate Vince Amico, also Michael McHale, Michael
Dempsey, and Sal Verrastro on your election. Congratulations on that. And I think that's all I have tonight. And, Kelly, I feel your pain. And, you know, that's all I could say. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Congratulations to all the candidates. Kelly, I mean if our solicitors could give us a direction to go on on this, right now I don't see a direction either way on where to go with it. I feel for you just like everybody else does.

But until we can get a direction to go on this, I don't want to see this repeating itself. But your problem exists. And I don't know how to overturn it without lawyer's advice on how to overturn it. If you get that advice, I'll be behind you. But we have to go by what our lawyers give us. That's what they're paid for.

I don't know if we can set up a meeting with the Zoning or -- with the Borough and the Zoning to get together and with our Zoning Solicitor to try to figure this out. Maybe that's the way to go. I don't know. But
right now I'm saying we have to follow what our solicitor tells us. They're the lawyers, not us.

MS. HALLINAN: I understand.

MR. BURKE: But I really do feel for you just like everybody else does. We need direction from them where to go with this. And maybe it is meeting with the Zoning and Council and you and Jed and your neighbors going over this. I don't know.

MS. HALLINAN: Well, I just wanted to make sure that the neighbors know that I presented that petition and why it wasn't addressed in all of these months. You know, that was the big thing that I wanted to get across. And I appreciate everything you're saying.

But like you just mentioned the neighbors, I feel bad because I can't walk up and down the street and report everything. I don't have their e-mail addresses. I don't do that. So I would like them to know what happened to it. You know, they wanted to know everything about it.

They signed it. They made an
Some of them did come. Some of them did ask me to get back to them and I did take their e-mail addresses and reported to them. I just wrote them a general report because the petition hasn't been acknowledged more or less.

MR. MCHALE: It has been acknowledged.

MS. HALLINAN: See, I don't get anything back. How would I know that? You know, I don't get anything back.

MR. MCHALE: I see your point. When we had the petition Joe was informed. And the petition more or less asked for enforcement of the ordinances in no uncertain terms. We met with Joe. We reviewed everything, gave it to his attorney. And I'll put together a letter explaining that. I see your point and you want to get something out to everybody. I'll put something together this week.

MS. HALLINAN: I'd appreciate it when you get the time.

MR. BURKE: The problem too, it seems like -- I guess we have ordinances that we can't even enforce if this is true everything that our lawyer -- like I said, our
lawyer is not coming telling us to go after
this person or that person. And that's the
only person that we can take legal advice from.
And we have to protect the Borough too. And I
see -- I wouldn't want it to happen in my
neighborhood what's happening in your
neighborhood. I'm sorry it happened.

But maybe it's time to rewrite our
ordinances so we could get -- so they are more
enforceable because right now it doesn't seem
like to me anyway I could be wrong, but it
doesn't seem like they're enforceable.

MS. HALLINAN: That's my point.
That's why I presented all the ordinances that
are visible right there that happen after 2005.
You have affidavits. I mean, who can fight
with that? But you know the Kernans, right,
Tommy, Jimmy, the Kernans?

MR. BURKE: No, I don't know them.

MS. HALLINAN: Well, anyway, it's a
family that grew up down street from me.
There's five people, lots of cats. They didn't
live in a one bed apartment. It's just common
sense. These homes the way they were built. I
have two kitchens in my house. I have two
electric meters. I have two water heaters.
My sister lived there. My brother lived there,
you know, they're big houses for the most part.
Kernans isn't. But nonetheless, I don't have
anything to prove otherwise. I bring this
because I have proof in here. I could show you
but it doesn't seem like the Borough can show
me. So that's the point.

MR. BURKE: I just ask, Joe, if you
could bring everything that Kelly says she
hasn't seen if you can get that to Kelly and
Jed and copies to the neighbors that signed
that petition. One way we have to try to get
this straighten out. I don't know what the
answer is.

Like I said, we pay our solicitors
good money to give us the answers. We give the
solicitors good money to come up with these
ordinances. And in your case it's -- it
doesn't look like it worked. And so maybe it's
time for a change.

Maybe we got to meet with Zoning and
solicitors and write up new laws. Until they
tell us how react to yours, I don't know -- I'm
sorry about that.
MS. HALLINAN: And I do understand that. But every time I see something, I find something, I bring it to your attention.

MR. BURKE: That's all I have.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, I'll start, Kelly, I don't know how else -- it's not that I don't care. Mike talked about a situation. I think that -- and I don't want to speak out of turn when Timmy was saying what's enforceable, what's not enforceable. My father and mother went through something similar years ago.

There was a house two doors down and it all starts out innocent. It was like you said your neighborhood. You grew up together. You know each other. Well, he decided that he wanted to put a house, you know, because he faced two streets. He wanted to build another house for income on top of a garage that he had.

Well, nobody cared in the neighborhood. He got his permits. He built his house. Then he, you know, he already had two family house in the front. He passed away. His son passed away. His daughter-in-law was
renting it to everybody and anybody.

And it got to a point where they were having -- there was a pitbull on my father's back porch attacking my father's dog. I solved the problem by buying the house and evicting everybody. That isn't everybody's, you know, I'm not saying that's your fix because it isn't.

It was just something that we fell into it. And it started out as the guy who owned that house was a friend of my father's. He thought he was doing his friend a favor. And he went and he -- I mean, when all of that stuff was being done he went, he got an okay. He did it.

And now years later it was a big problem for the neighbors. It's unfortunate. It happens. And I don't know how to address it because there is always going to be somebody that will come in and ask for something and at the time he's going to be in good relationships with all of his neighbors and then years down the road, sometimes it turns into something bad and sometimes it doesn't. I don't have that answer.
I did try to address it. I sat with Joe. He showed me all the stuff that was there. I probably spent about half hour, 45 minutes. I didn't go through it maybe as detailed as Michael did. But I saw some stuff that, you know, when you were saying things were changed and I started looking at it, I'm thinking, jeez, how many times did I write up something and I'm not defending it because it could have been changed like Mike said.

Or I put a three down and scribble it out and I put a two when I was doing paperwork for somebody. And maybe it's our fault for allowing official business stuff to be done like that and not handed back and say do it on a clean sheet, you know, I don't want that there.

I can't prove or disprove that stuff was changed on it. So I don't know how to go after it. But it's not for lack of not wanting to help you, if I could. I hope you understand that.

MS. HALLINAN: I do understand. I understand the position completely. But you have to understand mine where --
MR. VERRASTRO: I do 100 percent.

MS. HALLINAN: -- I requested things and I didn't get anything back.

MR. VERRASTRO: And I apologize. I see your point like Mike said about the petition. It's not that we didn't recognize it. I think that -- I don't think there's a person up here that doesn't want us to get a letter together and send it out to show that we did receive it. And for that, I'm sorry. I wish I could do something more than we're doing right now.

I just don't know where to go with it right now. Other than that, the only other thing I want to kind of bring up -- and I want to maybe start to touch base on it and most of this is probably going to have to come from you, Tom. It's not a problem now. I see it being a potential problem in the Borough years from now.

Drones, I think we need to create an ordinance on what they're restricted to do and not do and where you could use them because I've seem them advertised. You could buy these things for under a hundred dollars. They will
become every kid's Christmas gift.

It's not like a kid playing with it that I'm worried about. I'm worried about like when people start to use them when they are living next door. And now you're sitting in your backyard and something is floating over your house that you don't know about looking in your window or listening to your conversation on your back porch.

Is there a way where you can make restrictions where you can use it that it could only be used in areas or fields? Is there something we can do to --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: As long as we don't conflict with federal regulations, yes.

MR. VERRASTRO: Well, I don't know if that is something that Council wants to start looking into a little bit. But I see it as being a big privacy issue down the road with stuff. And we have nothing on the books for it whatsoever to protect us if something was to start to happen. So I don't know, could you just start to look into it for us?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Absolutely.

MR. VERRASTRO: Is anybody against
it?

MR. HALLINAN: No.

MR. VERRASTRO: It's going to be a problem. There will be an issue with it sooner or later. It's going to be we did nothing about it when other towns were starting to. And thanks for coming out and see you soon.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. VERRASTRO: Have a happy Thanksgiving.

MR. HALLINAN: First of all, I chuckled, Sal, because I thought you said drums. And I was like every little kid gets drums. My God, we're going to do away with kid's drums at Christmas time. Drones. Okay. It's drones. I'm getting old. I can't hear.

Kelly, again, if you think I scolded you, I'm sorry. I didn't scold you. I hope I'm still invited over for Thanksgiving dinner. I did look into a thing that you did bring up, Kel, because it kind of bothered me and I'm sure a few other citizens where you quoted 43 percent from the census as renters in our Borough here.

And I want you to know I did look
into that. And I'm getting conflicting numbers now because what I'm getting also is that is the census numbers and that our tax rolls are showing a different number because census might come into the high rise and count every one of those as a rental.

It goes up to St. Mary's Villa up there, every one of them, St. Joseph's. Everyone's a single -- they are all considered units as rental units, not just one. Count them all up, the high rises. I don't know, Joe, was it the dorms, also.

MR. LORINCE: Marywood and the sisters --

MR. HALLINAN: And again, before we -- I want to check into that too because then that brings our rate down to homeowners versus renters and renters are like 13 percent which doesn't seem kosher to me either. I still want to check into it a little bit more.

MS. HALLINAN: -- the county website. There is two other website.

MR. HALLINAN: Well, I think our tax base would be pretty accurate of what we we're taking in unless somebody is, you know --
again, I'm still going to look into that because if it was 43 percent, I don't want to get in trouble here, Mr. Cummings, but I really would -- I want to phrase this again as looking into some kind of moratorium on people flipping singles into doubles or triples or quads. I don't know -- it's something I want to look at if them numbers are there. I don't know even know if it's legal.

But I think like you said, our neighborhoods -- I like our single family homes. And from a guy that grew up in a project, trust me. I shouldn't say I'm against renters because like I said, I know where I came from. And, I mean, but 43 percent renters does seem a little high.

I'm checking into your numbers just so you know. Also, the soccer field, good luck. Whatever we can do I know on my part to help you see that forward or keeping -- don't drop the ball. I don't know if it would be a viable time to go to a Dickson City Borough meeting also to bring it up, Tom?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: They can, yeah.

MR. HALLINAN: Yes. I think you
should go to their meeting and talk to them
that you spoken to us about it and see what
their feelings is also. I have -- I know I
think everyone on Council here would back you
with that or anything we can possibly do.
That's about it. Thank you all for coming.

MR. MCHALE: Attorney Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Kelly, just so you
know, Mike and I did sit with Joe. Michael
wasn't with me when we did sit with him. And
the problem is, it's a lot bigger than just
Madison Avenue. I live in that area too.

And we're trying to come up with
different ideas to do, you know, a borough wide
sort or rental, I don't know, some sort of
board that goes to the apartments. I'm not
sure what exactly is feasible for us. We're
talking about doing something borough wide.

And we have been going back and
forth with some ideas, just so you're aware of
that. And just real quick, Tim, a while back
you made a motion for the thousand dollars for
the legal research for Sewer Authority. I was
just wondering if there was an update on that
if we paid that girl. I think it was a girl
that you had.

MR. BURKE: No. It's not enough money to go through. No lawyer wants to take it.

MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. That's all.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mr. Dempsey.

I think I, Mrs. Hallinan, spoke to you in detail tonight. But, you know, you have a bad situation there. I don't know how to explain it. As I said, I wish I could do something tomorrow. I grew up in a multi-family home.

There are a lot of good, good landlords out there. Mr. Verrastro runs some very nice ones that I've seen. And you unfortunately don't have one. I don't either at my mother's house. I think Mr. Dempsey when he and I sat with Joe and went through a lot of this stuff we started -- I spoke to Attorney Cummings a while back about trying to think outside the box.

Unfortunately for you, a lot of the stuff is behind us. At worse case we have to start thinking prospectively so situations like yours don't happen again. These people claim they have defense to a lot of the things that
you oppose. You know, as Hal said I think last meeting, there's one side. There's the other side. And in the middle there's some type of a truce.

I really do wish I could do something today. I don't know. I don't think this is the forum. But, you know, I welcome you back every single time. We'll talk about it. We'll try to do everything we can. Lack of effort to try to get down to see you, my mother is very, very ill. So every night I'm there. So please forgive me for not coming to see you.

I do live in your neighborhood. I promise you I'll call you one day and say can I come down for an hour. Absent that, we'll keep doing what we can. Hopefully you'll see we're not sitting waiting every two weeks to hear from you. We're trying. We're trying to look at stuff.

Joe had stuff all over the place trying to make sure that his ducks were in a row, not to defend against you but to make sure these guys are in compliance. Now some of the stuff from 2005 and forward there's inspection
reports. Again, that stuff didn't come from Joe.

I'm not defending him there. But there is some indefensible things that were done in 2005 that were done on these properties, inspections, things like that. I don't necessarily agree with. There is documentation though. Do you know what I mean?

MS. HALLINAN: I understand. I do.

MR. MCHALE: It frustrates me to have to sit and tell you this stuff because I know what you're going through. I wish -- I have friends in your neighborhood. I live two blocks away from you. Michael lives a block away from you. We have -- I don't have all the same problems at my home.

My mother is two blocks down from you, same problems. We have to think outside the box to make this go away whether it's law enforcement, shut them down when there's a little thing going on and that. I mean, at the property that I was at, Joe couldn't shut it down.

And he'll tell you, I was furious. I couldn't believe this place couldn't be shut
down. It think it's going to fall down eventually. Mr. Amico knows what I'm talking about. It's in his neighborhood too. It's frustrating. I feel your frustration. As I said before, I wish I could do something. And we'll continue to work. That's all I could tell you.

MS. HALLINAN: I appreciate it. But if I could just clarify, I have nothing against renters. There were wonderful families that rented. The other side of the double houses, you know, in the neighborhood that I grew up with. And I'm friends with to this day, wonderful people that I miss dearly when they moved. But now there's two more --

MR. MCHALE: It's a business.

MS. HALLINAN: Now it's a business. It's a commercial --

MR. MCHALE: I agree with you. And I didn't take it that way. Please don't take what I said that way.

MS. HALLINAN: I just wanted to clarify for anybody in the audience.

MR. MCHALE: I didn't mean it that way. But there's good renters out there who --
when my wife and I got married, we were in a rental place. And the guy would only rent to certain people, not college kids, stuff like that. We were a young married couple with a young child.

He wanted his house to be perfect like we all do and that makes a better town. We hired five cops not just because of renters and all that stuff. We needed cops. Over the last several years Timmy said it before with the DPW. We couldn't hire anybody.

We were not near bankruptcy. We were bankrupt. Now you see hiring a couple people here and there because we have to get back to at least the minimum. Sal is still complaining he wants three or four more cops to make a full time force -- Sal Marchese, the Chief.

So again, please don't take what I say as frustration. I wish I could do something tomorrow for you. I really do. But we're going to keep trying as I think Hal and everybody said.

MS. HALLINAN: And I understand that and I appreciate it.
MR. MCHALE: Keep coming.

MS. HALLINAN: I never got anything back to prove whatever other than what I have.

MR. MCHALE: I'll write a letter.

Mr. Cummings and I or Joe and I will write a letter.

MS. HALLINAN: Other than a few building inspection forms from after 2005.

MR. MCHALE: Well, as I said, and probably everyone here went and reviewed, Joe has a file on every one of these properties. And there is substantiation on every one of them. Again, not that I'm defending it, but there is something there. So to go and say get out, we'd get sued the next day.

MS. HALLINAN: I don't even -- that's not -- I don't expect that. I know that is not --

MR. MCHALE: We just want to do it the right way. And as Timmy said, we have an attorney on the Zoning that has opined. And he writes a lot. So it's like five or six pages. But we have to follow their lead as Tim said. So we're going to keep trying. We're going to keep battling. And hopefully we get some peace
for you.

   MS. HALLINAN: Okay.

   MR. MCHALE: The only other thing, Mr. Amico, I think he's still here. Congratulations, Vince. You know, when you put your name up to sit up here or any seats, it's a big deal. It's -- as I said when first got on here last couple years, you don't make a lot of friends but you do the right thing.

   Knowing Vince as long as I do, he'll do the right thing. So I wish you well, Vince, and look forward working with you soon. That's all I have. I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

   MR. HALLINAN: I'll make a motion.

   MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

   MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.
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