COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:
Monday, June 13, 2016

TIME:
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LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MICHAEL MCHALE, President
MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President
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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. MCHALE: Roll call.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Miss Scrimalli.
MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.
MR. BURKE: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.
MR. VERRASTRO: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.
MR. AMICO: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.
MR. HALLINAN: Here.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.
MR. DEMPSEY: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.
MR. MCHALE: Here.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public comment on agenda items.
MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address Council on agenda items tonight?
(No response.)
MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve
the minutes.

MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

(No response.)

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

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

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

MR. VERRASTRO: 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.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number six, personnel matters, there's a list of personnel to be hired on a temporary basis for summer program and maintenance. They are grass cutting: Joshua Goldman, Michael Kolcharno, Matthew Murray, Corey Sullivan, Riley Sullivan.

SUMMER CAMPS: Rachael Alunni, Jack Boland, Kylie Brazil, Kyle Cruser, Bridget Ehnot, Jessica Frick, Richard Grippi, Sam Hanni, Robert Judge, Cory Klatt, Mia Lowe, Connor McLaine, Bridge Miller, Matthew Murphy, Marina Pegula, Joseph Perry, Emily Pinto, Ross Scalese, Margaret Scalzo, Kayleigh Semion, Mark Sinkevich, Nicolo Summa, Paul Taylor, Tiffany McKenna, Cori Pietruszkiewicz. That will require a motion and second and a vote.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

    (No response.)

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

    ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

    (No response.)

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

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

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address Council tonight?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Gerard.

MR. MCHALE: Gerard, please. Sorry, Gary.

MR. HETMAN: Good evening as always, ladies and gentlemen, Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County. To begin this evening we're at the time of the year when our Area Agency on Aging does their farmers market voucher distribution for senior citizens. So we will leave the schedule with you for the distribution run for this year.

    It runs from June 22nd is the first
distribution date at the North Pocono Senior Center. The last one is Wednesday, July 13th at the Jewish Community Center in Scranton. The dates for the Dunmore Senior Center is Friday, July 8th. And distribution begins 9:00 AM in the morning at each of the sites listed here and continues until the supply of vouchers is exhausted for that location.

Individuals who live in the county could go to any distribution sites. It doesn't have to be the one nearest to them. But they could only go to one and get their vouchers. They can't go multiple vouchers at multiple locations.

If the person can't make it themselves in person, they could fill out what we call a proxy form and we'll leave an example with you. And the proxy form allows someone else to pick up their vouchers for them with the person's permission.

So again, the staff here received this information from the Area Agency on Aging but we also mention it to Council because I'm sure a lot of us get questions on this and it just helps to know when these things are
available for your neighbors.

We always see a good run here at the Dunmore Senior Center for folks who get the vouchers. So we're glad the program makes a difference in the community.

We have a couple events coming up this week. The first is our fourth annual Lackawanna County Job Fair, Thursday, June 16th, 1 to 5 p.m., at PNC Field. It's very similar drill to what we've done in past years. We have approximately 50 to 60 local employers come in.

It changes every year because some employers from past years that fill up their quotas and aren't hiring in a big way whereas other employers start up where they have a hiring run so they ask us to get on board. So it's different every year.

We see a range of companies. They bring not only full-time positions but also part-time seasonal and internship opportunities. So this is a great opportunity not just for folks looking for a full-time job but also people who are seeking an internship for the summer as a student or maybe a retiree
or a student looking for a part time gig for
the summer or longer. Free parking and it's
open to the public. Anyone looking for any
type of employment opportunity, that's a great
resource.

Also this is public safety side, the
Pennsylvania State Fire Academy will host a
class at the County Center for public safety on
Saturday, September 10th. The title of the
course is the First Responder Safety Training
For Natural Gas Vehicles and Fuelling stations.
Trying to teach firefighters and other EMS
personnel how to battle fires in vehicles that
are powered by natural gas and at fuelling
stations that provide natural gas for vehicle
fuel.

We see that now more and more and
more in society locally and around the world.
It's a really useful training to have. And I
don't see a cost on here. So I believe that
means it's free. Normally they will tell us
when there is a cost.

And just lastly, the latest library
lecture series installment is coming up. It
will be Tuesday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the
Cultural Center. And I mention particularly here because the author is a woman named Piper Kerman. And I believe she's a former drug trafficker who did time in prison and is now an author.

And her book is titled Orange Is The New Black. And it's got a pretty good pop culture following. So it should be one of the more interesting lectures that they have among many good ones. That's all I have for my remarks. We'll see you later in the summer and I believe --

MR. KEARNEY: What was the date on the voucher?

MR. HETMAN: Oh, for this center is July 8th actually is the date for the Dunmore Center.

MR. KEARNEY: Thank you.

MR. HETMAN: The 22nd of June will be the first one at North Pocono. And then there is one at each of the Senior Centers in the county going down to July 13th at the JCC. The one here is obviously closest for most of your residents will be July 8th, Friday.
MR. KEARNEY: Thank you.

MR. HETMAN: That's all we have.

Thank you, folks.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Gerard.

Mr. Duncan.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street, Dunmore, just a quick one. Everybody got the minutes from the last neighborhood watch meeting? I see heads nodding. Sal?

MR. VERRASTRO: I actually did not again.

MR. DUNCAN: All right. I'll resend them later. Double-check your e-mail again, okay? Make sure you're getting it. I hate to tell you where it may be going. Do you have your dad's account?

MR. VERRASTRO: I shouldn't.

MR. DUNCAN: Okay. Let me get your e-mail to make sure. And I'll resend it again, okay? And maybe that's where it's going. I have everybody's e-mail. I apologize. I'll get it to you though tonight. We'll talk after the meeting.
There is a neighborhood watch meeting a week today, June the 20th, 7:00. It will be here. And just for the record, I just to let everybody know, IRS scams are starting up again. Some of the neighbors got five calls on a Friday, another Saturday.

This time they are coming from a lady and, you know, the usual you owe money. So, you know, call this number just so the public is aware. And that's really it. I hope to see everybody next Monday night. I'll get your e-mail.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.
MR. BURKE: Thank you.
MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to address Council tonight?
(No response.)
MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.
MR. MCHALE: Chris, do you have anything tonight?
MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, I just wanted to -- I put it on our Facebook. We have now opened for the summer 11:00 down here.
MR. MCHALE: 10:00.
MR. KEARNEY: 10:00, sorry. And we'll continue that throughout the summer until it ends. That's it.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Mr. Judge?

MR. JUDGE: Nothing.

MR. MCHALE: Chief Marchese?

CHIEF MARCHESE: Nothing.

MR. MCHALE: Chief DeNaples?

CHIEF DENAPLES: Just a few brief items. We had the Clay Avenue fire on June 1st right over here on the 1300 block of Clay Avenue. It was a successful operation. There was no injuries of any responders or any firefighters or the public which was a good thing.

It was knocked down pretty quick so it was extinguished fairly quick for the size of the building and the hazards that encompass that. So I just want to say thank you to all our firefighters and our police and the mutual aid departments and EMS departments that helped us out there.

And the only other thing I wanted to bring up is, there is a program through the American Red Cross to install smoke detectors
in the residences. They usually do about 300, 375 roughly on like a Saturday. So that was the most they ever got done. So a representative from the American Red Cross reached out to me.

And he would like to get something going between us and Penn State Worthington. There's a couple students up there that would like to do the program with us. So the fire department, some students from Penn State Worthington, and the American Red Cross and they would supply them all, you know, canvass areas and go out and actually install them, you know, help the residents install them.

And there is no number on them. So, you know, if somebody needed five smoke detectors in their house, they will be able to get five. Where through the Operation Save a Life, it's usually two per household.

That's the one we get the week of fire prevention. So that is something I just wanted to bring up to you guys. It's in the works. And hopefully we'll be able to get it going at the end of this month or the beginning of July. So that's an important thing.
And the parking we're looking at possibly looking at -- explore the options for firefighter parking on the Keystone Court side of the firehouse. That's between the housing -- Lackawanna County Housing and the firehouse.

So if we can look into that and maybe get four or five spots there and get some posting for it, I think it will alleviate a lot of the congestion in the back parking lot between the police and fire, you know, that shift change it gets pretty congested in there.

MR. MCHALE: Is the tractor-trailer gone?

CHIEF DENAPLES: That's going to be moved within the next 48 hours. The gentleman I spoke with him a couple times. And I recently spoke with him this morning. And he said within the next 48 hours he'll have it out of there. He's been extremely busy. So that storage truck and trailer will both be out of there.

MR. MCHALE: Tom, do we need some type of an ordinance to pass -- it's off street parking -- that we can put signs up for
firefighter parking on that side?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: You already have
the ordinance. I think just a motion would be
appropriate.

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

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, I'll make that
motion because I was talking to Joe Lorince
about it today. And I think we were looking at
maybe four parking spots which still wouldn't
interfere with anything else down to the first
home on Keystone. So I would make a motion
that we put in four fire parking slots for the
firemen.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
second. Mr. Judge, will you be able to get
with Chief and order some signs to his liking?

MR. JUDGE: Absolutely.

MR. MCHALE: As long as it's okay
with Chief --

MR. JUDGE: We got the other signs
up today. Did you see them?

MR. MCHALE: Yes, I saw them.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Thank you.

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. Anything else, Chris?

CHIEF DENAPLES: That's it. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you again for everything over there. I spoke to Chief. I think everybody on Council was a little bit nervous about that fire. Specifically that it was so close to the kids and the kids did -- they cancelled Little League that night just out of fear of anybody going into it.

And I understand you parked some firefighters there and anybody who has been up there, the building is already knocked down. So kudos to you and your men. And thank you for keeping the kids informed, keeping us informed to make sure the kids are safe. Vince, do you want to lead us off?
ATTY. CUMMINGS: I apologize, I neglected on the personnel motion to note that the hirees are subject to appropriate background verification.

MR. MCHALE: Yep. Absolutely. Thank you, Mr. Cummings. Do you have anything else, Tom?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Amico, do you want to lead us off tonight?

MR. AMICO: Yeah, I have one thing. We have been receiving e-mails from Lackawanna County Recycling Office of Environmental Sustainability. I just wanted to reiterate that as far as TVs or electronics, we have Borough and Lackawanna County residents have until June 30th to be able to bring your recyclables down to either the Recycling Center or I spoke with Mr. Judge earlier.

He said there would be a can at the Borough lot. But you have until June 30th to bring your TVs, large electronics down free of charge. After June 30th, it's on the owner to pay. I know for me, for example, I have 32 inch old school tube TV that I need to get rid
of that probably weighs a hundred pounds.

So if I don't get it down in two weeks, it's going to cost me $100 to get rid of it. And again, after June 30th, it's on you.

And a woman -- Miss Giovagnoli who is in charge of this department stressed that the electronics need to be the way you bought them.

The cord has to be on them. You can't disassemble them. They have to be intact. So even if you have a console television from your basement, you can't take the TV out of the cabinet. It has to go in whole. And then it will be free. And again, after June 30th, it's on you.

And is that -- is everything squared away as far as your end, Mr. Judge, just bring it to the lot -- the Borough --

MR. JUDGE: We can get a can.

MR. AMICO: Can you guys make that happen?

MR. JUDGE: Is that what you guys want to do? Mike, we have to put it in the building because these things can't be wet. They can't be -- like you said, the cords can't be off them. We can get a smaller can, like a
20 yard can and put it right inside the --

MR. MCHALE: Didge, don't we have the cans that we never did anything with?

MR. JUDGE: Yeah, we can even just use them up the back and pull them right down and have the kids sit there because they'll be throwing everything in.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: If I may interject, you need to set a specific time and a specific day. You have to have employees on site. You have to have clean, dry, protected and not contaminated. And you have make sure whoever comes in has identification they are in deed from the Borough of Dunmore.

You could get inundated quite quickly if it's not run properly. And it could be rejected if it's not clean or dry.

MR. JUDGE: What is the date on it, Tom?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: The end date is the last day in June. You do not want to go into the last day.

MR. JUDGE: No.

MR. AMICO: Well, Mr. Judge, if you think it's -- to be honest with you, if it's
going to be too much of an inconvenience to get it started, I know we only have two weeks. We can just have the residents bring it right down to the Recycling Center, whatever you guys think.

MR. MCHALE: That's the easiest.

MR. JUDGE: They're popping up all over the place. They are dumping them all over, the fields, yards at night. People can't get rid of them. It's up to you guys. You want me to get a can, I'll get a can.

MR. DEMPSEY: I think we should just have them -- and too late of a notice I think.

MR. JUDGE: You think?

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, by the time you get it out there.

MR. DEMPSEY: Because especially they'll start putting out the ones that are broken and the cords will be gone and we're going to be stuck with all of them.

MR. JUDGE: I'd say we tell them put them out and we'd pick them up but that will get out of hand. That will be --

MR. MCHALE: Yeah.

MR. AMICO: I think that will cause
a lot of work on you. I think people will take
advantage of that, you know.

MR. DEMPSEY: Maybe we can try
something for next year.

MR. AMICO: There probably won't be
a next --

MR. DEMPSEY: Oh, this is it?

MR. AMICO: June 30th, that's why I
just want to make it as easy as possible for
residents and then, you know, unfortunately
it's on them after June 30th.

MR. MCHALE: Kyle, can you put
something in the paper about how important this
is, June 30th, in one of the little blurbs on
the small left side column that the date's
coming up? They have to be a Lackawanna County
resident. And they have to prove it. Maybe if
you could do one of those little reminders,
fillers, that would be great. Anything else,
Mr. Amico?

MR. AMICO: No. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: I would like to say
thank you to the DPW for the lot you did up
here. Your men -- that's -- we're ready to go.
Now we just have to fill it with vendors and we have a few on tap. June 25th is the opening day.

MR. JUDGE: We should do it with this lot over here, clean it up.

MR. HALLINAN: Well, I don't know whose it is. And also if anybody noticed the new school speed limit signs are up by Holy Cross just in time for the school year to end. But at least they will be there for next season. And the state put them in. The old ones are still flashing. They'll have to take them down. That's all I have. Thank you, Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Yeah, Tommy, just to reiterate. That was the one thing I was going to say too happy to see that those flashing school zone lights are there. I'm sure Mrs. Perry -- that was something that she was begging for for five years. That was a very nice thing to see. I'm glad that they've made that a priority. Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Real quick. Great idea, Chief, I don't know if anybody noticed -- Gary, I'm sure you'll like this. We have cops
on bikes now. We had our bikes serviced. And now they are out. The neighbors seem to love it. I think they got a standing ovation going down Willow Street. So if you see them on the bikes, do not be afraid to engage them. That's what they're there for to hear about it.

If you need to talk to them and let them know what is going on. I think that was a great idea. So great job there, Chief. Chief DeNaples, great job with that fire again.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Hopefully, it's a little bit longer for the next one.

CHIEF DENAPLES: If ever. And my just condolences to the -- as I'm sure everybody on Council to the victims in Orlando. That's all I have for tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I would just like to also thank Chief and your team for the great work you did on the Clay Avenue fire. And again, the Summer Program I believe the date that is starting is July 6th, is it?

MR. MCHALE: Actually, Chris?
MR. KEARNEY: June 27th, that way we'll avoid the conflict up at Sherwood because of picnic and Bible camp.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Great. June 27th then and thank you for all your hard work too, Chris. That's all I have for tonight. Thank you very much.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks Carol. Mr. Burke?

MR. BURKE: Yes. I got a few calls about burning in the backyard. I talked to Joe about it. Is there only a certain kind of wood that they can burn?

MR. LORINCE: Yeah, there's no opening burning. And our ordinance says no open burning, period.

MR. BURKE: So even that stuff that doesn't give off the smoke?

MR. LORINCE: Yeah, nobody is going to bother you with the stuff you buy from Price Chopper, the logs there that doesn't give off smoke or anything. It's the people that are getting brush and getting leaves and putting them in and garbage and have a big fire.

MR. BURKE: If something gets out of
control with something like that then they call Chief?

MR. LORINCE: Yeah, goes out a lot of times and puts the fire out.

MR. MCHALE: Or that Chief. You follow up, right, if some is out burning?

CHIEF MARCHESE: I'll go.

MR. LORINCE: Fire department just puts it out.

MR. MCHALE: It's criminal is my point.

MR. Lorince: Tell them next time we'll cite them for it.

MR. MCHALE: Exactly.

MR. BURKE: I was also talking to Joe. We had a situation with zoning where Joe told me about that we go over some of the zoning rules that haven't been done in quite a while.

MR. LORINCE: 16, 17 -- we started about 19 years ago. It's about 19 years old.

MR. BURKE: If you could give us an update on that, Joe, when you want to get that going.

MR. LORINCE: We're working with
SAPA. SAPA, once they get all of their plans done then we are going to get grant money so we can, you know, do our zoning ordinance.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Buddy up with another municipality and --

MR. LORINCE: Yeah, you're going to end up --

MS. SCRIMALLI: The same --

MR. LORINCE: Municipalities, like, putting everything together.

MR. BURKE: Thanks, Joe. That's all I have.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Tim.

Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: I don't have anything tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Do you have one more thing?

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, Didge, we got in touch so the residents know about the brush cutter that Lackawanna County is going to let us borrow.

MR. JUDGE: We called them the other day.

MR. HALLINAN: So I mean there are a
couple concerned citizens on Meade Street and wherever that it's starting overgrow and you have a few areas.

MR. JUDGE: Probably going to do Montage with it first. He called me, probably sometime next week.

MR. HALLINAN: Again, we're not going to be until July, so I just wanted to get it out there for the people to understand it will be done within the next couple of weeks when they let us use it. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Tom. I have nothing further. I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. DEMPSEY: Motion.

MR. MCHALE: So moved. Second?

MR. VERRASTRO: Second.

MR. MCHALE: All in favor.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.
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