COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

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LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. MCHALE: Roll call.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Miss Scrimalli.

Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item is public comment on agenda items.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address Council on agenda items tonight?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number four is a motion to approve the minutes.

MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: 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: Item number five is a motion to approve and pay the open bills.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so moved.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six personnel matters 6A, appointment of Walter Howells, David Miller, and Joshua Doyle to the position of part-time firefighter.

MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.

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

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question. Quickly on the question, these come with the recommendation of our Chief who did some background checks, did the interviews, set these guys up and it's obviously contingent on them finishing the program to your liking.

But this is a step to keep our overtime to a minimum as well. So thank you for getting on top of this. I've already seen the ad to try to get more in to keep our overtime in check. So anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item 6B, motion to appointment of Bailey Sleboda to position of part-time DPW.

MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.

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

MR. AMICO: I'll second it.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question. Again, just an appointment to -- for -- to help out during the summertime and a lot of vacation and so on and so forth. Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item 6C, the
appointment of William Hayes to part-time police officer.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

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: Item 6D, will be any other personnel matters before the body.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else have anything else on personnel?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

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

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address Council tonight, please come up. If you can state your name and address for the record?
MS. LONGO: Good evening. My name is Stephanie Longo. I live at 312 Williams Street. I was asked to come tonight by Mayor Loughney who is I believe not here tonight. But I am the founder of Siamo. It is an Italian American heritage association here in Northeastern, Pennsylvania.

And before I moved to Dunmore, I was a resident of the City of Scranton where I was responsible for doing a sister city relationship with the town of Guardia dei Lombardi in Italy. The immigrants from Guardia came and settled in the Bunker Hill area. And Scranton was very excited about this project so much so that they decided that they would do an honorary renaming of Luke Avenue to the Dunmore line as Guardia dei Lombardi Way.

As I have been doing more work with Siamo, some people have approached me and said you live in Dunmore now, why don't you see if Dunmore would be interested. So when I approached Mayor Loughney on this, he suggested that I come to you Council and address it to Council.

And what I would be suggesting
through the work of Siamo would be to just enter into an honorary sister city relationship much like what we did with Scranton and just do from the Scranton/Dunmore line to Kurtz Street as also honorary designation with Guardia.

They're willing to do -- renaming some piazzas over there in honor of the two towns that are our sister city. There will be a piazza Scranton and a piazza Dunmore, which is kind of cool. And it's just one for everybody to showcase and celebrate Italian-American heritage. That's something that I'm very proud of.

And I know that the residents of Dunmore are probably the most proud in the area for this. So that was the reason why I came tonight. I was just told to bring it in front of Council and see what Council has to say.

MR. MCHALE: Tom, do we have to make a motion or anything like that?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: It's at your discretion.

MR. DEMPSEY: I wouldn't even know how to pronounce it.

MS. LONGO: Guardia dei Lombardi is
the name of the town.

MR. DEMPSEY: Can you spell that?

MS. LONGO: I'll write it down for you. What do you need me to do, anything?

MR. DEMPSEY: I would make a motion to name that street to do the street renaming of whatever pronunciation it is. I have no problem with it. I think it's a great idea.

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

MS. LONGO: Do you want to do sister city designation as well to go along with?

MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah.

MR. MCHALE: Yeah, absolutely.

MS. LONGO: Wow, that was easy. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: We're easy to work with.

MR. MCHALE: That's awesome.

MS. LONGO: Thank you very much.

MR. MCHALE: That's a motion, right?

Do I have a second?

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.

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

MS. LONGO: Grazie.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Anybody else? Please.

MS. SANDY LONGO: Hi everyone. My name is Sandy Longo, 312 Williams Street. I have one question I'd like to ask Council. Although I don't like to admit this, I'm a member of the 1966 graduating class of Dunmore High School.

We're planning our 50th year reunion and as a tribute, Tom DePietro of DePietro's pharmacy has donated lanterns for us to set up for our deceased members. And I'm getting a lot of static from the classmates. In fact, they are causing me a lot of agita if anybody knows what agita is because they just have different views on it.
So the reason I'm here tonight is to ask. I've already gotten permission from Dunmore High School. School Board has already said that we can do this in the parking lot of Dunmore High School on October the 25th. My question is, do I need to have any other kind of permit? Do we need to -- I know we need to get the police and fire department there for safety. But is there a charge for that and, if so, how much?

MR. DEMPSEY: What is it, those the lanterns that you light up and they go up into the sky? We had one of those last year.

MR. MCHALE: Chief, forgive me. I don't think there is any reason for the fire department to be there to do that.

CHIEF DENAPLES: No.

MR. MCHALE: If they are around, he's not going to charge anything to -- if they are on duty, they'll come down just to help out and the police will send a cop down. That's fine. There is no charge.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: There is no designation or ordinance. So Council need not take any action.
MS. SANDY LONGO: Okay. Thank you so much.

MR. MCHALE: Just let us know. Send us the date and we'll let both chiefs know. I don't know if Chief Marchese is here tonight but we'll let them know.

MS. SANDY LONGO: I have the letter from the school board. Is that good?

MR. MCHALE: That's fine. You can send us the note.

MS. SANDY LONGO: Great. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MR. WOLFF: Good evening.

MR. MCHALE: Hello, sir.

MR. WOLFF: Greg Wolff with the fire department obviously, Jessup Street. I want to talk to guys about I know we discussed about an open house for the firehouse and to dedicate the firehouse to Sal Verrastro.

And I just wanted to throw some dates out there. I had mentioned some other dates and I know there was some conflicts. But would there be any disagreement with September 10th, Saturday?

MR. MCHALE: I don't think so.
MR. WOLFF: Just something, you know, hot dogs, hamburgers, that type of thing. I already kind of priced out a plaque, 100, $200 for that. So if there is maybe possibly mention of a budget and you guys approve that --

MR. MCHALE: You always look for a budget, buddy, don't you?

MR. WOLFF: Well, just to limit -- I, you know, the plaque would be the big thing. And then, you know, just food and some drinks.

MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

MR. WOLFF: Probably 7, $800 would -- I would think cover everything.

MR. MCHALE: Absolutely. We'll take care of that. That's already kind of been set aside.

MR. WOLFF: Are you good with that, Sal?

MR. VERRASTRO: I guess so.

MR. WOLFF: So that is -- we'll mark that down and we'll start at noon time and we'll go from there.

MR. DEMPSEY: Noon?

MR. WOLFF: Around that time, yeah.
We'll shoot for something like that.

MR. MCHALE: We'll start putting that on the website and stuff like that, Greg. We'll work with you towards that end.

MR. WOLFF: Great. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street, Dunmore. Everybody get the copies of the minutes? The aberration this is the first time I think in five years that we had to change the date of the meeting. So we are having the Dunmore Neighborhood Watch meeting tomorrow at 7:00 in this room.

And there is a nice crowd here tonight. So you folks that haven't been to a Neighborhood Watch meeting, you're more than welcome to join us. We'll see you here at 7:00. Joe, thanks in advance for coming tomorrow.

Chief DeNaples is here tonight. I want to thank him personally from the last Neighborhood Watch meeting we had a situation over on Williams Street where we had a report from a neighbor that she tells us at the end of the meeting she heard crackling on a branch
when the winds came in and was one of those
tings that stick in the back of your mind. So
I called up Chief DeNaples and thank God he
went over because the line was down. It was a
live wire. All the utilities were still on in
a house that was vacant I think for five years.
He had gas and everything on there.

So I literally called them -- I
think you were there within five minutes
because he called me right back. So I want to
thank you for your diligence in getting that
corrected. We'll see you all tomorrow. Have a
great night. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mr. Duncan.

MR. GOLDSACK: Hello Council. My
name is Brian Goldsack. I'm at 638 Bednar
Street, Dunmore. I'm a NEPA resident for about
10 years. Scranton first, Dunmore for about
five. I work with a firm called Edward Jones.
There's a few offices in the area.

There's one in Clarks Summit.
There's one in Dallas. I bounce between both.
Heard an idea about six months ago that I
wanted to share with the Council. From what I
understand the municipalities are very
restricted what they are capable of investing taxpayer money into.

A lot of times you're limited to savings accounts, CDs, money market accounts. And I don't know if you know in your own life or with the municipality, but rates right now that you're getting at the bank aren't exactly the best.

Recently found out that you are now capable of investing specifically in Pennsylvania backed municipal bonds. To give you a general idea of the type of rates you could get in that environment could be anywhere from usually two and a half to five percent.

If you're not familiar with what a municipal bond is, it's a bond issued by another municipality in Pennsylvania to help build bridges, make extensions on schools, schools, fire departments, etc. And in exchange, you get a better rate in return.

My idea was if you happen to have excess monies sitting around and not getting good rates, this might be a good avenue for you to get some extra cash for the cash that you have sitting on the sides. And if there is
anyway that myself and my firm can help you, I'm building my business in the Dunmore area and I would be happy to do that. Please let me know if you have some questions because investing can be a little bit complicated and that's my thing.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.
MR. DEMPEY: Thank you.
MR. GOLDSACK: I do have a business card and packet information as well.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you very much.
MR. ARNONE: My name is Vince Arnone, 313 Chestnut Street. I'm a former Borough employee. I served on the fire department for 32 years. And I have some comments. I just wrote them down so if you allow me just to read it and then if you have any questions I'll answer them at the end.

I would like to commend Council on the purchase of the new fire truck. It's a beautiful piece of equipment, state of the art. And it should serve Borough residents and the fire department for many years to come. The purpose for me being here along with Joe Holleran another Dunmore Borough employee with
a long distinguished career is about the amount of time the new truck has been out of service due to manpower shortages.

From the date the new truck was placed in service on March 17th, 2016, it is been out of service roughly 79 times. These 79 shifts are all day shifts. I'm told the new truck is always in service on the night shifts.

When the ladder truck is not in service, that leaves only the rescue in service which is very risky because with only one vehicle responding, you could have mechanical issues or the vehicle can be involved in a motor vehicle accident while responding.

At least with two trucks in service, if one vehicle is not able to make the call, the other vehicle can. So in closing, I'm asking Council to find a way to have both the rescue and the ladder truck in service at all times day and night shifts to better serve the citizens of Dunmore as well as our firefighters.

I thank the Council for allowing me to speak. And if anyone has any questions, I'd be glad to answer them if I can.
MR. MCHALE: Mr. Arnone, I don't necessarily have a question. But Chris and I had an extremely lengthy discussion today about that very subject. It's something that since I know Chris since I'm on Council he's tried to do every single year.

You know more than anybody what the financial constraints of any Borough are and ours were several, several years ago. I'm not saying we're out of the woods but we're getting there. He has several ideas that he brought to me today. And I shared them with Council. I'm trying to up that manpower.

There's a difference of why one truck is out versus another. But that's a discussion for another day. But we're moving towards the same goal, whether it be more part-timers, which we added tonight, adding more full-timers if we can.

It's all based on budget constraints. All of us in a perfect world would like to have two apparatus fully staffed on every shift every time. That's the goal we're trying to get to. That is definitely the goal that Chris DeNaples is trying to get to.
So we're trying to get there together.

It's something that we definitely know and we're working towards that goal as quick as we can. But we do recognize it and we appreciate the comment.

MR. ARNONE: Thank you.

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

MR. PIEPOLI: My name is Mike Piepoli from 108 Lake Street in Dunmore. And I'm here to propose Council to take under advisement an amendment to the pave cut ordinance. I work for an engineering firm. We have a couple municipalities within Lackawanna County.

And basically what the ordinance requires is anybody who makes a utility cut, like, say any utilities come into the Borough, cut the pavement to have a full-time inspector there -- certified inspector. Our company employs inspectors that are certified by PennDOT. So we test the backfill and the asphalt that goes back into the trenches.

As you drive around town, you see a lot of the potholes in town. And most of those
are direct result of utility cuts, just improper backfill or improper paving. The way the ordinance works, it kind of really hands off for the Borough. We're notified through the Pennsylvania One Call System. Our office is notified.

We contact -- let's say Pennsylvania American Water Company is going to make a cut on one of the Borough owned streets. We'll be notified by the Pennsylvania American Water Company that they are going to make the cut through the One Call System.

We call them and schedule it with them. When they're there to backfill, we go out and we inspect the backfill. And then when they come back and make the permanent pave cut, we go back and we inspect the permanent asphalt.

We bill the utility companies directly. And with the other municipalities, we worked out an agreement. It's kind of like what how you do it with BIU and the building inspections, you guys get a 5 percent reimbursement or 10 percent reimbursement. It's very similar to that.
So kind of a hands off approach for the Borough. And I lived in Dunmore my whole life. And I know all the conditions of the roads. So it is a benefit for the Borough. The utility companies actually at first they were kind of pushed back on it. But they kind of like it because they get less callbacks also.

Our inspectors are all certified by PennDOT to inspect backfill and asphalt, permanent restoration in state roads. So it's nothing new. Municipalities just haven't enforced it. PennDOT has been doing it for years. It's something you guys could write into your ordinance and reenforce.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Joe Lorince, is he here tonight?

MR. LORINCE: Yeah.

MR. MCHALE: Joe, you brought this up before to discuss this and we'll definitely visit again. You know, I think you had a couple people ask the same questions. So we'll have a discussion and get that in motion. We appreciate your comments.

MR. DEMPSEY: Do you have any
documents that you gave to other municipalities
or anything like that?

MR. PIEPOLI: Yes, absolutely. You
can just give me your e-mail and I could
forward you everything.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll give it to you
after the meeting. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

MS. CUFF: Hi Sharon Cuff, 315
Spring Street, Dunmore. I just want to talk
about the Pennsylvania public notice on the DEP
public hearing that's coming up this Monday,
July 18th at 6 p.m., at Mid Valley High School.
This as Council was notified -- you received
this notice. And, you know, it's probably the
last chance to get anything on the record.

So it's a very important meeting. I
encourage everybody to attend it, no matter
where you stand on the issue. You should be
there, hear what people have to say. Council,
I would like to ask you if you are planning to
go as a group to the meeting or individually
and plan to speak as a group or individually?

MR. DEMPSEY: I was at the last
erseveral meetings. I didn't speak at any. I
attended many meetings, actually I think almost
every single one. I will not be attending this
one. I will be on vacation with my family.
That would be the only reason I'm not
attending. But I'm sure there will be a very
good showing as there always is.

MS. CUFF: Could I ask if you would
submit your opposition in writing prior to that
because you could do that in lieu of attending
the meeting and I know you have spoken on the
record.

MR. DEMPSEY: I think I already
spoke on the record. And I think we decided we
weren't sending anything in writing. I think
I've spoken -- oppose it. I think we all have
at one point or another.

MS. CUFF: Would you be okay if I
just submitted the meetings that state the
opposition to it?

MR. MCHALE: It's on your website.
It's on Friends of Lackawanna website our
opposition and our names are on your website.

MS. CUFF: No, just because DEP just
to submit it the way they want it submitted. I
know we all -- he said the same thing but just
to kind of cross all T's and dot all I's.

MR. DEMPSEY: Whatever you want to submit --

MS. CUFF: Thank you. Anybody else?

MR. MCHALE: I am actually coincidentally I am on vacation in Ocean City the same week. I have attended many, many meetings. And I have been on the record as well.

MS. CUFF: You absolutely have. I appreciate that. Tim.

MR. BURKE: Yeah, I'll be there.

MS. CUFF: Sal, I know you're new to all of this.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'm still kind of jumping in. So I will try.

MS. CUFF: It might be good to go and hear what people are saying on both sides.

MR. AMICO: I'll be there.

MR. MCHALE: Coincidentally, I'm not going on vacation with him.

MR. DEMPSEY: Same place though.

MR. MCHALE: Same place.

MS. CUFF: And next thing still involves this public notice. I know I just
kind of want to go back to the website stuff which has been talked about, you know, on and off which is great. A lot changes, today I saw there will be an app now?

**MR. DEMPSEY:** It's up.

**MS. CUFF:** I'm thrilled about that. I used to send things any kind of public notice or anything that I thought was newsworthy that wasn't on the website I would send to Mr. Ruggiero. And then in his absence I kind of started hounding Michael Dempsey and more recently Vince. So this last one I sent to you, Mr. McHale.

**MR. MCHALE:** I sent it to Vince.

**MS. CUFF:** That's why I'm actually asking because it went around. Who since we don't have a Borough Manager at this time, who should residents if they see something hasn't been on the website that they feel should be, who is the contact person?

**MR. MCHALE:** I think any one of us are and we'll figure it out.

**MR. DEMPSEY:** I sent it to you because I cc'd you actually. I put it towards -- so you knew that I did it.
MS. CUFF: I just thought --

MR. MCHALE: Any one of us will --

we talk every day.

MS. CUFF: You're fine with

residents if they see something -- like this
woman wanted to get it on the website. You can
make a recommendation and determine if it
should go on it.

MR. MCHALE: Many of our e-mails are

already on the website.

MS. CUFF: How about even the

minutes from the neighborhood watch? Is that

something that might even get --

MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, Gary and I
talked about that multiple times. It's

something that we're working on. When we lost
the Borough Manager, we haven't -- I'm trying
to do a full-time job and do a lot of other
things. There's a lot going on in Dunmore. It
just hasn't come to fruition yet. It will.
It's inevitable. It's just getting the time --

MS. CUFF: And really the website

from where it was a year ago has definitely
come a long way. I'll just keep you up to
date. I don't think the agenda was on today
earlier when I looked.

MR. MCHALE: Honestly, I usually do the agenda and I sent it this morning to all of Council at 7:00 just waiting for everybody to get anything that they wanted on the agenda. So literally it was done at 7:00 this morning when I sent it to everybody. We got to get better at that.

MS. CUFF: Okay. Thank you. And I guess since you brought up the Borough Manager position, where exactly are things at with that?

MR. MCHALE: We need one.

MR. DEMPSEY: We need one. We're working towards one. We sort of hit a roadblock. So we're still working towards one.

MS. CUFF: Is it still -- are you still actively looking for resumes or are you past that phase or are you interviewing or --

MR. DEMPSEY: It's another conversation that we all need to have. We were hopefully going to have it today. But we're missing two people. We have to have another conversation about it.

MS. CUFF: How long has it been
since we've had one now? I lost --

MR. DEMPSEY: I forget when he left.

MR. MCHALE: Probably the end of

last year.

MR. DEMPSEY: We want one as much as

you because we're doing a lot of the every day

stuff.

MS. CUFF: But if somebody wanted to

still apply, the position is still open.

MR. DEMPSEY: The position is still

open.

MR. MCHALE: The position is still

open. We haven't --

MS. CUFF: You are accepting

applications.

MR. MCHALE: We haven't decided yet.

MR. DEMPSEY: We haven't decided

yet. There are applications.

MR. MCHALE: There are applications.

We interviewed everybody. But again, it's got
to be a majority of Council to decide. Tonight
we were hoping to get to that point but two
members unfortunately couldn't make it tonight.
We want to do it as a full house.

It's a goal. It's been a goal for
months. Unfortunately, it's taking longer than any one of us anticipated or wanted it to be.

MS. CUFF: How many applications have you received -- did you receive?

MR. DEMPSEY: Fifteen.

MR. MCHALE: Fifteen.

MS. CUFF: And was it advertised --

MR. MCHALE: Yes.

MS. CUFF: For how long?

MR. MCHALE: Three days.

MS. CUFF: So that's good. All right. Well, again, thank you for getting that on the website for me and thank you in advance for attending, especially you, Sal. And enjoy your vacation.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

MR. TORBECK: This is Moe. My name is William Torbeck, 3 Dean Court. And thank the police officers there. What happened in Dallas shakes me. It's all of us. I think maybe we should take the time and just thank a police officer. It hit me. So that's all I got to say.

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

MR. ZECH: Eddie Zech, 206 Andrew Street. Just two items, last month I noticed that we purchased two pickup trucks for the DPW. They were Toyotas. That's the first time we purchased any vehicles that are not made of American parts.

And my objection to something like this is we're trying to keep jobs in this country. And the Toyota trucks and other foreign cars, all of these parts are made outside the United States. They are shipped in here and assembled here.

None of those parts have been supported by any American workers. So I hope this doesn't signal a change in heart on Council's part starting to buy foreign made equipment for the Borough. I mean, the fire truck was made here. The police cars are all made here.

I don't see why we have to -- I know the price was right. But it comes at a price of jobs which we can't afford to give away. So I hope we don't have to go through this again. I'm going to compare how long these things last
of the American made and produced American trucks that we have in the DPW now.

My other item is, the Blakely Street project, we've got to do something with the flag people when you're working between the two main intersections or any intersection that has traffic lights. This week they're working between the corners and Green Ridge and Blakely Street.

Four cars down from the corner is the flag person. Five cars up from Green Ridge Street is the flag person, which means as traffic comes in, no one stops at the -- they are all at the intersection. No one can move. The flag person or someone has to be at the intersections to keep them open because you can't choose alternate routes if you can't get through the intersection.

Drinker Street, the corner is a mess. The other day Friday they were working out at Jessup Avenue. There was one lane in the lane coming down off of the O'Neill Highway. The flag person is at the light. She's not letting any traffic go up O'Neill Highway. The cars 10, 12, 15 cars in a row are
going straight.

She's not letting anybody move because she wants to leave the lane up open for people to turn. But there was no one turning. So as a result, traffic was backed up to the post office. So someone has to get to the flag outfit or the contractor or whoever and they've got to work some way better for allowing traffic and where they place these people because they're killing us.

I mean, I know the Blakely Street project is going to take a while to do yet. There's a lot more work to be done. But when they're in between the intersections, those intersections are all being blocked. You can't get -- you can't get in. You can't get out. You can't get into the bank. You can't get out of the bank. You don't know where to go. So I hope there is something can be done for that.

MR. MCHALE: Joe, do you think -- it's a state project, Mr. Zech, you know that. But, Joe, do you think you could contact them? And it is a nightmare up there. I agree. And hopefully after the paving which is supposed to be done this week it gets a little bit better.
I agree with Mr. Zech. I drove through there.

It took me 20 minutes.

MR. ZECH: I'll make one observation. When the state paved North and South Main Avenue in Scranton, I don't know how Scranton did it, but there was a flag person at every single intersection all the way through West Scranton. And the traffic moved fairly good.

The job stinks because there's as many potholes that they never brought the manholes and that up to street level. They wasted their time over there. But they had a flag person everywhere where they were working.

MR. MCHALE: Joe, can you at least push on our and Mr. Zech's Concern?

MR. LORINCE: I'll talk with August Baker tomorrow.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

MR. ZECH: Along with that, I hope somehow we become aware of when the roads are going to be down to one lane or something where traffic is going to have to be detoured because there is only very few roads over there to use. And they are not really two lanes right now.
Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

MR. MCGRAW: Jim McGraw. I live on Delaware Street in Dunmore. And the same problem I see every day on Blakely Street, we have crosswalks you can't recognize them. The one on the top of Delaware is at least 15, 25 kids coming up every day.

I realize they are digging them up, but if they have to paint it every night it should be done because it's strictly a safety hazard for the children. They're coming up. They're not escorted by parents. They're escorted maybe by a 10 or 11-year-old child.

And I sit on my front porch and I see these children coming up. And I see people go by my home 35, 40 miles an hour. And they are going down Blakely Street sometimes. But now with the congestion they are probably going down five miles an hour. Then at the Dunmore Corners -- and I think anybody going through the Dunmore Corners, they don't know enough to stop before the crosswalk.

They are parking right in the crosswalk and any handicap person that wants to
walk across the street at the Dunmore Corners, it's impossible. You have to walk around the cars. And they need -- we need a cop there, a policeman that has the authority to give them a ticket or arrest them. You need somebody to penalize them.

They're doing a wrong and they could injure a child. And no way should any child or adult, handicap people that try to go across the street at the Dunmore Corners, we had cops there for years. And there is no reason -- if you have a policeman there and he has to leave, it's understandable.

But we have telephones. We have radios in police cars. And when they are not in service at an accident or a robbery, then we should have a cop at the corners. And we keep putting it off, putting it off. But somebody is going to be injured. And during this construction one of the contractors parked a generator in the crosswalk.

He might have said, well, I didn't understand it was a crosswalk because it's not clearly marked. But when they dig it up and we say next spring they are going to be done with
the highway, what are the children going to do
in the next nine months? Run out and get hit?
So we are responsible as a Borough to protect
the children. And I think we're very lax.
Thank you.

MR. MCHAILE: Thank you, Mr. McGraw.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

MR. MCHAILE: Anybody else like to
address Council tonight? Please step up and
state your name and address for the record.

MS. KILKER: Hi, my name is Kathleen
Elizabeth Kilker. I live at 1218 Monroe
Avenue, Dunmore 18509. The corner of Ash and
Monroe, the light is malfunctioning. And there
was a caution light and the green light was on.
And I went to go through and I noticed that it
was green and it almost caused an accident.
And I mentioned to somebody that it
was malfunctioning right down here. Is it Ash
coming up to Monroe?

MR. ZECH: That's Grove Street.

MR. DEMPSEY: By the ice cream --

MS. KILKER: Yeah.

MR. MCHAILE: Oh, at the ice cream
place down there?
MS. KILKER: Yeah.

MR. DEMPSEY: Grove Street?

MR. MCHALE: That's Grove.

MS. KILKER: The one that comes up from Sibo's. Oh, is it grove? Okay.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, can you take a look at that tomorrow, please?

MR. JUDGE: I didn't have any calls on it.

MS. KILKER: I had to walk up because I got locked out.

MR. MCHALE: He'll go take a look at it tomorrow. Our DPW director is here tonight.

MS. KILKER: The other thing, my apartment complex we have balconies. And I don't believe they are safe. So I'd like somebody to take a look at them.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince, is that under your veil?

MR. LORINCE: Yeah, what's your address?

MS. KILKER: 1218 Monroe.

MR. MCHALE: That is our inspector as well.

MS. KILKER: Oh, okay. Nice to meet
you.

MR. LORINCE: Nice to meet you too.

MS. KILKER: That's about it.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings, do you have anything tonight?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing this evening.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge?

MR. JUDGE: No, nothing.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney?

MR. KEARNEY: No.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince?

MR. LORINCE: I just want everybody to know we had Dave Lopatka, mechanical engineer looking at the heating system trying to come up with a design that we can do a budget for.

MR. MCHALE: Yeah, unfortunately an unbudgeted item. Obviously if the heat is not working coming into the winter we're going to be in trouble.
MS. KILKER: I have one question.

Who funded the new truck?

MR. MCHALE: Taxpayers.

MS. KILKER: Yeah? It's a beauty.

I used to work for the Auditor General in the
fire relief. They used to let me drive the
fire trucks.

MR. MCHALE: Chief DeNaples.

CHIEF DENAPLES: I have one thing.

Last Council meeting we had spoke about the
home fire campaign with the American Red Cross
with the local fire departments. It was -- the
date was scheduled August 20th, the first one.
I talked to Mr. Kearney earlier this week. And
he had reserved the front parking lot for us to
use as a staging area for that.

It's going to run from 9 to 3 that
day. And the area that was selected for this
first round -- there will be another one
September 11th most likely same time of the day
is from Adams Avenue up to Prescott Avenue the
1300 blocks all the way up from Scranton High
right up to the courts, Harvey Court, Ferguson,
Taylor Avenue, Buenzli Court, all up that way.

So it should be a good day. When
they did it in Scranton, they did about 400 in that amount of time. So I sent the e-mail out to all of Council. Hopefully everybody got it. There is two different flyers. And Councilman Amico is going to put it on the website when he gets the opportunity.

I posted it in the Borough Building as well as the fire department, police department and give it to Chief Marchese. So any help we can get for volunteers or help that would be greatly appreciated. So if you could pass that around. I also put a bunch of the flyers on the table near the agendas. That's all I have for tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Mr. DeNaples. Did I miss anybody?

MR. DEMPSEY: No.

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

MR. AMICO: Yeah, I'll start tonight, thank you. Basically I want to pair up with what Mrs. Cuff said and I'd like to say no matter what side of the landfill expansion issue you stand on, please try to attend next week's meeting. It's the last chance that you
can to have the opportunity to speak publically whether you are for the expansion or against it. This is your opportunity to speak. And it would bother me if someone were to say after the fact I don't like the way this turned out and come to find out they didn't take the opportunity to speak pro or against. So please take that opportunity.

Second thing, is I'm going to take Mr. Hallinan's thunder. He's not here this evening. But I'd like to -- please if you haven't had the opportunity to check out our farmer's market, please do so. The farmer's market is fantastic.

We have some local vendors. And one thing I'm really proactive on, I would like to see change in this town -- change the quality of life a little bit. And one way that happens is to have a revitalized downtown.

The farmer's market I think is the start to that. So if you haven't had the opportunity, please do so. That's all I have this evening. Thank you very much.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Vince.

Michael.
MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I'll follow up on that too. The farmer's market is terrific. Councilman Hallinan unfortunately is not here or fortunately. Otherwise, we might be here until tomorrow about him talking about it. He's there all the time. He loves it. He did a terrific job with it.

Of course all the vendors and everybody else who helped out, it's great and the product is great. So I would encourage again everybody to go there. National Night Out, it's August 1st. That's where we have the parade. It's a terrific event for families, children. There's food, drinks, live music, children games. The police do demonstrations. The firemen do demonstrations.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: What date is it?

MR. DEMPSEY: August 1st at the Dunmore School District. I think the parade starts at 6 p.m., and, you know, people start getting lined up around 5:30. But it's a great event. So just mark your calendar to either attend it or sit on your porch and watch the parade go by because it's something to see. I think that's it. That's all I have.
MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Michael.

You know, I'll go quickly just to again the farmer's market, I had gone up there and they are adding things every week. I don't know if anybody was up there this week. But there was a couple new ones. So go up. It really is -- it's great stuff.

You know, from food to crafts and really is a great idea and it's starting to take off. I couldn't be happier with that. Mr. Kearney, the Summer Program, we've changed things this year. I can't tell you how many phones I've gotten on how much better it is. So hats off to you and the people that you're -- I know you're dealing with a lot more kids this year.

We put a little bit more adult supervision in there other than just the college students, high school, college students that we hire as counsellors. We put in some adults as well along with Mr. Kearney heading it all up. And it seems to be going phenomenally. So hats off to you as well.

MR. KEARNEY: Thank you guys for your suggestion. The teachers really help me.
Last year all I did was drive around putting out fires. So I'm, you know, it's still I'm getting around to all the parks; but they are much more in charge of things happening there and they are a lot more involved. We have close to 200 kids right now.

And we have special projects every Friday with Jenna Urban and Christy Hinton and do arts and crafts. And the kids really enjoy that. They do that in the afternoon because they are out in the morning getting real hot and sweaty and then they want to cool down in the afternoon.

They do art projects. They make all kinds of things. So it's really going well. But thank you for the suggestion and the teachers and for allowing us to do that.

MR. MCHALE: Yeah, we're trying a lot of different things this year. We're going to continue to do so for the rest of the program. Again, hats off to you guys. And the gentleman who spoke of the cops, I think every one of us were affected this past week with everything that happened.

And we have some firefighters in the
audience tonight and our police. And, you know, it really gets to you. You appreciate them every day. But when it comes to stuff that's happened this past weekend, kind of puts it in another level.

So thank you to all that serve on some times a thankless jobs. But you said it very well in a few words, so thank you. That's all I have. Mr. Verrastro.

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

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: I don't want to repeat everything everybody said but congratulations to Hal for the success with the market. It's great. All the people that I talk to love it. I wanted to congratulate Hal on all the work he's done to get that going.

And too about the meeting, this is the last chance to speak up whether you are for or against the landfill too. I mean, that starts at 6 p.m., at the Mid Valley High School. But this is a very important issue whether you agree one way or the other. It's important. This is only happening once. I
would suggest you try to get there, if possible. That's all I have tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir. I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make the motion.

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

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.

MR. MCHALE: A motion and a second.

All those in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned. Thank you.
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