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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, July 11th, 2016

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

MICHAEL MCHALE, President

MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President

TIMOTHY BURKE

CAROL SCRIMALLI

THOMAS HALLINAN

VINCE AMICO

SAL VERRASTRO

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. MCHALE: Roll call.

4 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Miss Scrimalli.

5 Mr. Burke.

6 MR. BURKE: Present.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

8 MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

10 MR. AMICO: Present.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

12 Mr. Dempsey.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

15 MR. MCHALE: Here.

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

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

20 (No response.)

21 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

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

24 MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

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

3 (No response.)

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

6 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number five is  
12 a motion to approve and pay the open bills.

13 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that  
14 motion.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second.

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

18 (No response.)

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

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

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

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS:  Item number six  
2                   personnel matters 6A, appointment of Walter  
3                   Howells, David Miller, and Joshua Doyle to the  
4                   position of part-time firefighter.

5                   MR. BURKE:  I'll make that motion.

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

8                   MR. DEMPSEY:  I'll second it.

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

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

22                  (No response.)

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

25                  ALL MEMBERS:  Aye.

1 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

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

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

8 MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.

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

11 MR. AMICO: I'll second it.

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

17 (No response.)

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

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

25 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item 6C, the

1 appointment of William Hayes to part-time  
2 police officer.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

4 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.

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

7 (No response.)

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

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item 6D, will be  
16 any other personnel matters before the body.

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

19 (No response.)

20 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

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

23 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address  
24 Council tonight, please come up. If you can  
25 state your name and address for the record?

1 MS. LONGO: Good evening. My name  
2 is Stephanie Longo. I live at 312 Williams  
3 Street. I was asked to come tonight by Mayor  
4 Loughney who is I believe not here tonight.  
5 But I am the founder of Siamo. It is an  
6 Italian American heritage association here in  
7 Northeastern, Pennsylvania.

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

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

25 And what I would be suggesting

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

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

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

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

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: It's at your  
22 discretion.

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

25 MS. LONGO: Guardia dei Lombardi is

1 the name of the town.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Can you spell that?

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

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

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

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

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah.

14 MR. MCHALE: Yeah, absolutely.

15 MS. LONGO: Wow, that was easy.

16 Thank you.

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

19 MR. MCHALE: That's awesome.

20 MS. LONGO: Thank you very much.

21 MR. MCHALE: That's a motion, right?  
22 Do I have a second?

23 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.

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

1 (No response.)

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

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

9 MS. LONGO: Grazie.

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

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

18 We're planning our 50th year reunion  
19 and as a tribute, Tom DePietro of DePietro's  
20 pharmacy has donated lanterns for us to set up  
21 for our deceased members. And I'm getting a  
22 lot of static from the classmates. In fact,  
23 they are causing me a lot of agita if anybody  
24 knows what agita is because they just have  
25 different views on it.

1                   So the reason I'm here tonight is to  
2                   ask. I've already gotten permission from  
3                   Dunmore High School. School Board has already  
4                   said that we can do this in the parking lot of  
5                   Dunmore High School on October the 25th. My  
6                   question is, do I need to have any other kind  
7                   of permit? Do we need to -- I know we need to  
8                   get the police and fire department there for  
9                   safety. But is there a charge for that and, if  
10                  so, how much?

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

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

17                  CHIEF DENAPLES: No.

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

23                  ATTY. CUMMINGS: There is no  
24                  designation or ordinance. So Council need not  
25                  take any action.

1 MS. SANDY LONGO: Okay. Thank you  
2 so much.

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

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

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

11 MS. SANDY LONGO: Great. Thank you.

12 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

13 MR. WOLFF: Good evening.

14 MR. MCHALE: Hello, sir.

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

20 And I just wanted to throw some  
21 dates out there. I had mentioned some other  
22 dates and I know there was some conflicts. But  
23 would there be any disagreement with September  
24 10th, Saturday?

25 MR. MCHALE: I don't think so.

1 MR. WOLFF: Just something, you  
2 know, hot dogs, hamburgers, that type of thing.  
3 I already kind of priced out a plaque, 100,  
4 \$200 for that. So if there is maybe possibly  
5 mention of a budget and you guys approve  
6 that --

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

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

12 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

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

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

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

20 MR. VERRASTRO: I guess so.

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

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Noon?

25 MR. WOLFF: Around that time, yeah.

1 We'll shoot for something like that.

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

5 MR. WOLFF: Great. Thank you.

6 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

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

14 And there is a nice crowd here  
15 tonight. So you folks that haven't been to a  
16 Neighborhood Watch meeting, you're more than  
17 welcome to join us. We'll see you here at  
18 7:00. Joe, thanks in advance for coming  
19 tomorrow.

20 Chief DeNaples is here tonight. I  
21 want to thank him personally from the last  
22 Neighborhood Watch meeting we had a situation  
23 over on Williams Street where we had a report  
24 from a neighbor that she tells us at the end of  
25 the meeting she heard crackling on a branch

1           when the winds came in and was one of those  
2           things that stick in the back of your mind. So  
3           I called up Chief DeNaples and thank God he  
4           went over because the line was down. It was a  
5           live wire. All the utilities were still on in  
6           a house that was vacant I think for five years.  
7           He had gas and everything on there.

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

14                      MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mr. Duncan.

15                      MR. GOLDSACK: Hello Council. My  
16          name is Brian Goldsack. I'm at 638 Bednar  
17          Street, Dunmore. I'm a NEPA resident for about  
18          10 years. Scranton first, Dunmore for about  
19          five. I work with a firm called Edward Jones.  
20          There's a few offices in the area.

21                      There's one in Clarks Summit.  
22          There's one in Dallas. I bounce between both.  
23          Heard an idea about six months ago that I  
24          wanted to share with the Council. From what I  
25          understand the municipalities are very

1           restricted what they are capable of investing  
2           taxpayer money into.

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

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

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

21                  My idea was if you happen to have  
22          excess monies sitting around and not getting  
23          good rates, this might be a good avenue for you  
24          to get some extra cash for the cash that you  
25          have sitting on the sides. And if there is

1           anyway that myself and my firm can help you,  
2           I'm building my business in the Dunmore area  
3           and I would be happy to do that. Please let me  
4           know if you have some questions because  
5           investing can be a little bit complicated and  
6           that's my thing.

7                   MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

8                   MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

9                   MR. GOLDSACK: I do have a business  
10           card and packet information as well.

11                   MR. MCHALE: Thank you very much.

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

19                   I would like to commend Council on  
20           the purchase of the new fire truck. It's a  
21           beautiful piece of equipment, state of the art.  
22           And it should serve Borough residents and the  
23           fire department for many years to come. The  
24           purpose for me being here along with Joe  
25           Holleran another Dunmore Borough employee with

1 a long distinguished career is about the amount  
2 of time the new truck has been out of service  
3 due to manpower shortages.

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

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

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

23 I thank the Council for allowing me  
24 to speak. And if anyone has any questions, I'd  
25 be glad to answer them if I can.

1 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Arnone, I don't  
2 necessarily have a question. But Chris and I  
3 had an extremely lengthy discussion today about  
4 that very subject. It's something that since I  
5 know Chris since I'm on Council he's tried to  
6 do every single year.

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

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

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

1           So we're trying to get there together.

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

6           MR. ARNONE: Thank you.

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

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

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

24                     As you drive around town, you see a  
25 lot of the potholes in town. And most of those

1           are direct result of utility cuts, just  
2           improper backfill or improper paving. The way  
3           the ordinance works, it kind of really hands  
4           off for the Borough. We're notified through  
5           the Pennsylvania One Call System. Our office  
6           is notified.

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

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

19                        We bill the utility companies  
20          directly. And with the other municipalities,  
21          we worked out an agreement. It's kind of like  
22          what how you do it with BIU and the building  
23          inspections, you guys get a 5 percent  
24          reimbursement or 10 percent reimbursement.  
25          It's very similar to that.

1                   So kind of a hands off approach for  
2                   the Borough. And I lived in Dunmore my whole  
3                   life. And I know all the conditions of the  
4                   roads. So it is a benefit for the Borough.  
5                   The utility companies actually at first they  
6                   were kind of pushed back on it. But they kind  
7                   of like it because they get less callbacks  
8                   also.

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

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

18                 MR. LORINCE: Yeah.

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

25                 MR. DEMPSEY: Do you have any

1 documents that you gave to other municipalities  
2 or anything like that?

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

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

8 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

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

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

24 MR. DEMPSEY: I was at the last  
25 several meetings. I didn't speak at any. I

1 attended many meetings, actually I think almost  
2 every single one. I will not be attending this  
3 one. I will be on vacation with my family.  
4 That would be the only reason I'm not  
5 attending. But I'm sure there will be a very  
6 good showing as there always is.

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

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

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

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

23 MS. CUFF: No, just because DEP just  
24 to submit it the way they want it submitted. I  
25 know we all -- he said the same thing but just

1 to kind of cross all T's and dot all I's.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Whatever you want to  
3 submit --

4 MS. CUFF: Thank you. Anybody else?

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 MR. AMICO: I'll be there.

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

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Same place though.

23 MR. MCHALE: Same place.

24 MS. CUFF: And next thing still  
25 involves this public notice. I know I just

1 kind of want to go back to the website stuff  
2 which has been talked about, you know, on and  
3 off which is great. A lot changes, today I saw  
4 there will be an app now?

5 MR. DEMPSEY: It's up.

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

14 MR. MCHALE: I sent it to Vince.

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

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

23 MR. DEMPSEY: I sent it to you  
24 because I cc'd you actually. I put it  
25 towards -- so you knew that I did it.

1 MS. CUFF: I just thought --

2 MR. MCHALE: Any one of us will --  
3 we talk every day.

4 MS. CUFF: You're fine with  
5 residents if they see something -- like this  
6 woman wanted to get it on the website. You can  
7 make a recommendation and determine if it  
8 should go on it.

9 MR. MCHALE: Many of our e-mails are  
10 already on the website.

11 MS. CUFF: How about even the  
12 minutes from the neighborhood watch? Is that  
13 something that might even get --

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, Gary and I  
15 talked about that multiple times. It's  
16 something that we're working on. When we lost  
17 the Borough Manager, we haven't -- I'm trying  
18 to do a full-time job and do a lot of other  
19 things. There's a lot going on in Dunmore. It  
20 just hasn't come to fruition yet. It will.  
21 It's inevitable. It's just getting the time --

22 MS. CUFF: And really the website  
23 from where it was a year ago has definitely  
24 come a long way. I'll just keep you up to  
25 date. I don't think the agenda was on today

1 earlier when I looked.

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

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

13 MR. MCHALE: We need one.

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

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

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

25 MS. CUFF: How long has it been

1 since we've had one now? I lost --

2 MR. DEMPSEY: I forget when he left.

3 MR. MCHALE: Probably the end of  
4 last year.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: We want one as much as  
6 you because we're doing a lot of the every day  
7 stuff.

8 MS. CUFF: But if somebody wanted to  
9 still apply, the position is still open.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: The position is still  
11 open.

12 MR. MCHALE: The position is still  
13 open. We haven't --

14 MS. CUFF: You are accepting  
15 applications.

16 MR. MCHALE: We haven't decided yet.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: We haven't decided  
18 yet. There are applications.

19 MR. MCHALE: There are applications.  
20 We interviewed everybody. But again, it's got  
21 to be a majority of Council to decide. Tonight  
22 we were hoping to get to that point but two  
23 members unfortunately couldn't make it tonight.  
24 We want to do it as a full house.

25 It's a goal. It's been a goal for

1 months. Unfortunately, it's taking longer than  
2 any one of us anticipated or wanted it to be.

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

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Fifteen.

6 MR. MCHALE: Fifteen.

7 MS. CUFF: And was it advertised --

8 MR. MCHALE: Yes.

9 MS. CUFF: For how long?

10 MR. MCHALE: Three days.

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

16 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

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

25 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Anybody

1 else like to address Council tonight? Please.

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

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

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

21 I don't see why we have to -- I know  
22 the price was right. But it comes at a price  
23 of jobs which we can't afford to give away. So  
24 I hope we don't have to go through this again.  
25 I'm going to compare how long these things last

1 of the American made and produced American  
2 trucks that we have in the DPW now.

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

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

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

1 going straight.

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

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

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

1 I agree with Mr. Zech. I drove through there.  
2 It took me 20 minutes.

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

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

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

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

19 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

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

1 Thank you.

2 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

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

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

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

24 They are parking right in the  
25 crosswalk and any handicap person that wants to

1 walk across the street at the Dunmore Corners,  
2 it's impossible. You have to walk around the  
3 cars. And they need -- we need a cop there, a  
4 policeman that has the authority to give them a  
5 ticket or arrest them. You need somebody to  
6 penalize them.

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

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

22 He might have said, well, I didn't  
23 understand it was a crosswalk because it's not  
24 clearly marked. But when they dig it up and we  
25 say next spring they are going to be done with

1 the highway, what are the children going to do  
2 in the next nine months? Run out and get hit?  
3 So we are responsible as a Borough to protect  
4 the children. And I think we're very lax.  
5 Thank you.

6 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mr. McGraw.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

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

11 MS. KILKER: Hi, my name is Kathleen  
12 Elizabeth Kilker. I live at 1218 Monroe  
13 Avenue, Dunmore 18509. The corner of Ash and  
14 Monroe, the light is malfunctioning. And there  
15 was a caution light and the green light was on.  
16 And I went to go through and I noticed that it  
17 was green and it almost caused an accident.

18 And I mentioned to somebody that it  
19 was malfunctioning right down here. Is it Ash  
20 coming up to Monroe?

21 MR. ZECH: That's Grove Street.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: By the ice cream --

23 MS. KILKER: Yeah.

24 MR. MCHALE: Oh, at the ice cream  
25 place down there?

1 MS. KILKER: Yeah.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Grove Street?

3 MR. MCHALE: That's Grove.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 MS. KILKER: 1218 Monroe.

23 MR. MCHALE: That is our inspector  
24 as well.

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

1           you.

2                   MR. LORINCE: Nice to meet you too.

3                   MS. KILKER: That's about it.

4                   MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

5                   (No response.)

6                   MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

7                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

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

10                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing this  
11           evening.

12                   MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge?

13                   MR. JUDGE: No, nothing.

14                   MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney?

15                   MR. KEARNEY: No.

16                   MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince?

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

22                   MR. MCHALE: Yeah, unfortunately an  
23           unbudgeted item. Obviously if the heat is not  
24           working coming into the winter we're going to  
25           be in trouble.

1 MS. KILKER: I have one question.  
2 Who funded the new truck?

3 MR. MCHALE: Taxpayers.

4 MS. KILKER: Yeah? It's a beauty.  
5 I used to work for the Auditor General in the  
6 fire relief. They used to let me drive the  
7 fire trucks.

8 MR. MCHALE: Chief DeNaples.

9 CHIEF DENAPLES: I have one thing.  
10 Last Council meeting we had spoke about the  
11 home fire campaign with the American Red Cross  
12 with the local fire departments. It was -- the  
13 date was scheduled August 20th, the first one.  
14 I talked to Mr. Kearney earlier this week. And  
15 he had reserved the front parking lot for us to  
16 use as a staging area for that.

17 It's going to run from 9 to 3 that  
18 day. And the area that was selected for this  
19 first round -- there will be another one  
20 September 11th most likely same time of the day  
21 is from Adams Avenue up to Prescott Avenue the  
22 1300 blocks all the way up from Scranton High  
23 right up to the courts, Harvey Court, Ferguson,  
24 Taylor Avenue, Buezli Court, all up that way.

25 So it should be a good day. When

1           they did it in Scranton, they did about 400 in  
2           that amount of time. So I sent the e-mail out  
3           to all of Council. Hopefully everybody got it.  
4           There is two different flyers. And Councilman  
5           Amico is going to put it on the website when he  
6           gets the opportunity.

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

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

17                      MR. DEMPSEY: No.

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

20                      MR. AMICO: Yeah, I'll start  
21          tonight, thank you. Basically I want to pair  
22          up with what Mrs. Cuff said and I'd like to say  
23          no matter what side of the landfill expansion  
24          issue you stand on, please try to attend next  
25          week's meeting. It's the last chance that you

1           can to have the opportunity to speak publically  
2           whether you are for the expansion or against  
3           it. This is your opportunity to speak. And it  
4           would bother me if someone were to say after  
5           the fact I don't like the way this turned out  
6           and come to find out they didn't take the  
7           opportunity to speak pro or against. So please  
8           take that opportunity.

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

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

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

24                      MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Vince.  
25           Michael.

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

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

17 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: What date is it?

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

1 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Michael.  
2 You know, I'll go quickly just to again the  
3 farmer's market, I had gone up there and they  
4 are adding things every week. I don't know if  
5 anybody was up there this week. But there was  
6 a couple new ones. So go up. It really is --  
7 it's great stuff.

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

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

24 MR. KEARNEY: Thank you guys for  
25 your suggestion. The teachers really help me.



1 audience tonight and our police. And, you  
2 know, it really gets to you. You appreciate  
3 them every day. But when it comes to stuff  
4 that's happened this past weekend, kind of puts  
5 it in another level.

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

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

12 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

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

19 And too about the meeting, this is  
20 the last chance to speak up whether you are for  
21 or against the landfill too. I mean, that  
22 starts at 6 p.m., at the Mid Valley High  
23 School. But this is a very important issue  
24 whether you agree one way or the other. It's  
25 important. This is only happening once. I

1           would suggest you try to get there, if  
2           possible. That's all I have tonight.

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

5                       MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make the motion.

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

8                       MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.

9                       MR. MCHALE: A motion and a second.  
10          All those in favor?

11                      ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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

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