COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:
Monday, September 26th, 2016

TIME:
7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MICHAEL MCHALE, President
MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President
TIMOTHY BURKE
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OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
(Pledge of Allegiance.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. 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: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Before we start the actual Council meeting, we'll conduct a hearing on the application for LERTA approval for the property located at 121 Apple Street. I believe the applicant is here. Mr. Lorince is here.

By way of background, the property had originally been the Dunmore High School then the Dunmore Junior High School and then
was sold and converted to commercial use and went through a total destruction fire. The property is basically cleaned up, ripe for development. And the applicant seeks a LERTA tax approval wherein continue to pay property tax at the current rate but any improvement that was authorized by planning and zoning -- we don't know what the application is yet.

Any taxation on that improvement there would be -- there would be a 10 year relief. So at the end of -- during that 10 year period, the property owner would continue to pay the taxes as they pay now on the appraised value of the raw land -- the real estate.

And then at the conclusion of the 10 year period, taxes would commence on the assessed value of the improvement. And it's the purpose of LERTA is my understanding anyway from county, to give an economic incentive to increase the dollar value of the real estate investment on the particular premises.

So I believe the applicant Mr. Senofonte is here. Mr. Lorince is here if you have any questions. It is subject to
zoning and planning. And basically that's the
gist of it. If they're questions from Council
and/or the public, I would answer them as to
the best of my ability as would the applicant.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address
the LERTA application tonight? Please come
up.

MR. LEVANDOSKI: As a citizen?

MR. MCHALE: Yes. Yep. If you
could, sir, state your name and address for the
record?

MR. LEVANDOSKI: My name is Ed
Levandoski. I live at 209 South Apple Street.
Mr. Cummings had mentioned that the property
has been cleaned up. I beg to differ. It has
been cleaned up partially since the Planning
Commission meeting where I brought up to the
attention to the commission that it wasn't
cleaned up at all that there was a lot of work
to be done.

I thank Mr. Senofonte. He has done
some of the cleaning up but there is a lot to
do. If you went by there today, there's still
weeds that are about 3, 4 feet high. And
everything that was on the outer edge is pushed
into the middle. So you have kind of like an island filled with stones, debris, and whatever. I understand also that Mr. Wegford was up there trying to eliminate some of the rodents that are running around in that property.

My question and my concern is, I just want to see the property cleaned up a lot better than it has. If members of Council would take a ride by there and take a look at it and you tell me if you think this is something that you want to see outside of your window every morning. I think the project will be great. I hope it goes through. But in the meantime, we're dealing with an eyesore on Apple Street in Dunmore.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: It's a separate and distinct question from the LERTA application. But certainly as Council's approval, they could instruct Mr. Lorince and I'm sure Mr. Senofonte would agree to expedite the cleanup -- has started it's my understanding, Mr. Lorince?

MR. LORINCE: Yes.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

MR. LEVANDOSKI: Thank you.
MR. MChALE: Anybody else like to address Council on the subject?

(No response.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: There being no further discussion, the hearing would be appropriate to close. And we'll go back to the agenda of the meeting with public comments on agenda items only.

MR. MChALE: Anybody like to comment to Council on agenda items right now? There's a separate portion for anything else. Anything on the agenda tonight that anybody would like to discuss?

(No response.)

MR. MChALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Personnel matters, if any.

MR. MChALE: Anybody have any personnel matters tonight?

(No response.)

MR. MChALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number five is a motion to approve the recommendation for 121 South Apple Street for Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance or LERTA which as
I explained during the course of the hearing simply exonerates the property from tax on the improvements for a 10 year period.

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

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make the motion.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'd like to second that.

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

MR. AMICO: I have a question.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: If I'd read -- I'd like to corrected if I'm incorrect or wrong but I thought we -- I thought Planning Commission said they weren't going to go forward with approval on this -- we weren't going to go forward on approval unless the property was clean. Am I correct on that or am I incorrect?

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince?

MR. LORINCE: Yes, he's correct.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: That I can't speak to.

MR. AMICO: I just wanted to make sure I understand what happened at the Planning Commission meeting.
MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Tom, roll call or voice vote is fine?

MR. BURKE: On the question too, Vince, you said everything was contingent on the place being cleaned up?

MR. AMICO: That was my understanding.

MR. BURKE: That's true, right?

MR. MCHALE: Is that true?

MR. AMICO: I believe so.

MR. LORINCE: Planning Commission recommended that it should be cleaned up before --

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Senofonte, are you okay finishing the cleanup?

MR. SENOFONTE: At the Planning Commission meeting --

MR. MCHALE: Al Senofonte, Drinker Street.

MR. SENOFONTE: -- Planning Commission did recommend motion for approval. And it's to go in front of Council for final
approval. In the meantime, taking notice of Mr. Levandoski talking about the cleanup, immediately after the meeting we got equipment in there and started cleaning it up.

And if you go there you will see next to Mr. O'Malley's home, most of the product is there. Mr. O'Malley asked me not to clean it up until we get some type of water down because he doesn't want the dust. So believe it or not, we're waiting for a good rain to come in there and start cleaning up that last part -- the last portion.

There are some weeds on the perimeter of the foundation. But there were a lot more, you know, since we've been cleaning it up. We have been hauling a lot of stone out of there. I don't know anything about rodents, that's news to me. But all I know is Planning Commission recommended it for approval, no contingencies.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Levandoski, do you want to --

MR. LEVANDOSKI: Mr. Michaels is here from the Planning Commission. I believe he was the one that made the motion that it was
subject to cleaning up the property. And at
the last meeting at the Planning Commission,
Mr. O'Malley did bring up the -- that there was
rodents running around. In fact, he felt them
around this house. So there were rodents. And
that was brought up at the Planning Commission
meeting.

Now, it is subject to cleaning up
the property. Now, cleaning up is relative.
What is clean to me, may not be clean to
Mr. Senofonte. But before you go any further,
I would think, you know, maybe Mr. Lorince
could make a comment or you could go and take a
look at it yourself and tell me if you think
it's clean.

Right now everything is pushed into
the middle. And there are weeds in the middle.
There are 3, 4 feet high as well as ones around
the exterior. Where the sign is there is a
tree growing there that is probably about 4, 5
feet high. But all I'm saying is, I have no
problem with the project.

But it's going to stay like this for
the next 6, 8, 12 months, I mean, I don't think
it's fair to the neighbors that every time you
look out your window you see an eyesore. And another thing, an eyesore, it's relative. What's an eyesore to me may not be an eyesore to you.

But I think before you make any kind of motion maybe Mr. Lorince should go take a look at it and if he thinks it's clean -- in fact, I talked to Mr. Lorince about the property. And he mentioned to me that things can be done to get it cleaned up that everything was moved to the center.

So you have an island of rock and stone in the center of the property. And to me a cleaned up property is pretty much level where things can't go in there and hide around and kids can't go and break an ankle or something like that jumping around on the stones.

And like I'm not here to condemn the project. I think it would be great for the neighborhood. But in the meantime it's been three -- I don't know how many years now, three years, Joe?

MR. LORINCE: About three years.

MR. LEVANDOSKI: About three years
and that property has been a mess. And I brought it up at the Planning Commission meeting and I asked Mr. Senofonte, he said it took him two and a half years to settle on his insurance.

Well, okay, now that it's settled, I think what we should do if you consider a clean property a level property, then it's not a clean property. If you consider on the exterior level in the middle an island of stone and rock, then you know --

MR. HALLINAN: Mr. Levandoski, would you be comfortable then if Mr. Lorince pending our approval or disapproval, would, you know, he would supervise the cleanup up there. And obviously, we can only follow what's in our ordinances. But again, your decision of cleanup, Mr. Senofonte's decision of cleanup, and what we're bound to are three different animals.

So I would ask that if Mr. Lorince would, you know, maybe supervise what he thinks within our ordinance is of cleanup, then I don't have a problem. Would you agree to that?

MR. LEVANDOSKI: That's fair. I
agree to that.

MR. HALLINAN: Does anybody else on Council have a problem with that?

MR. BURKE: I agree with what you just said, Tom. It's only fair. I agree with the project the same as you do, Ed. But I would like to see it cleaned up too.

MR. LEVANDOSKI: I trust Joe. That's fine with me.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Senofonte?

MR. SENOFONTE: I don't know what else to say. I'm trying to make an effort to do -- this is a process. The first thing you do is you have to apply for LERTA because it's a blighted area. And you receive your LERTA and you go in and start cleaning it up and building.

It happened up on Meade Street. They didn't clean it up before they got the -- it's a process. Give me my LERTA. We'll come in there -- I was cleaning up only because Mr. Levandoski asked me to start cleaning up. Had Mr. O'Malley not asked me to stop the cleanup, I would still be up there cleaning up. He said it was creating a lot of dust. So we figured,
well, we'll get some rain. We'll come in there and we'll clean it up and then we'll eliminate the dust situation.

MR. HALLINAN: So, Mr. Senofonte, you're going to clean the property.

MR. SENOFONTE: I have to. I want to build something.

MR. HALLINAN: There you go. So let's just try to move forward, Joe. If there is any problems, we'll go through Joe and we'll visit this again. But otherwise, I think we move forward with the project.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Senofonte, you'll work with Joe to get this done?

MR. SENOFONTE: Sure.

MR. MCHALE: I appreciate it.

MR. SENOFONTE: I want to do it ASAP.

MR. MCHALE: Absolutely. No, it's good for the town. We appreciate it. I have a motion and a second. Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Tom, do you want a voice vote or can I just do a --
ATTY. CUMMINGS: It's your call.

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it 7-0.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is a motion to support Marywood University's application for Local Share Account Monroe County Grant request of $360,000 to create a new recreational, cultural, and educational space that will serve the greater Northeast Pennsylvania region -- the Amphitheater at Marywood University's Learning Commons.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question. This -- all -- I shouldn't say all this is. Marywood -- we would be the municipal sponsor for this. It doesn't come out of our money. It doesn't come out of ours. We're just sponsoring along with them lending our supports.
We've done in the past for several nonprofit, so on and so forth. This is for the gambling money -- casino money -- gambling is probably not the right term. The casino money for them to apply for this. There's a big dissertation. I won't bore everybody with what they wrote.

But it seems like heck of a project that I'm happy to support as well. 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: Number item seven is a motion to approve the 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligation as calculated by Joseph Duda actuary for non-uniform police and fire pension funds.

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

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make the motion.
MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question. For the record and for the audience, the MMO is what we have to budget for next year's budget for the municipal obligations for the pensions. What they're being calculated on this year for our non-uniform, our clerical is $70,680; for our firemen's pension plan, $342,109; and for police pension plan $641,561. As comparative purposes, it's very similar to last year as well. 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 number eight is motion to approve a resolution for the Borough to elect a special funding method for the unfunded liability of the Borough of Dunmore Non-uniform Pension Plan pursuant to
the provisions of Act 205 of 1984, known as The Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard Recovery Act, as amended.

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

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that motion.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second that.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question, not to bore everybody; but all this is, is a vehicle on how to calculate the pension. There is different ways to do it actuarially, if that's a word.

And doing so for this pension plan for the Non-clerical Pension Plan is beneficial to the taxpayers. If we did it for the other ones it may not be. It's based on the life expectancy of many of the officers, the police pension plan, our firefighters, and our non-clerical. It's just a mathematical equation.

One method we could use. The other method we could use. This is more advantageous for this plan. So we have to elect it, put it in the file and that's when we can calculate it based on that. So it's just really a
mathematical equation. Anybody else 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.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is a motion to authorize the Solicitor, President, and Vice President of Council to negotiate refinance and review related options for pension funding.

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

MR. BURKE: 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. This is not asking for more debt for the Borough. This is just an exercise in trying to be -- continue to be fiscally responsible. The rates on our debt are very good. But rates have been going down.
So we're going to explore, see if there is any savings in there, anything else we can do to save the taxpayers money in anticipation of our upcoming budget.

So that's all this is. This just gives Michael, myself, and Solicitor Cummings the option to negotiate on behalf of the Borough. Anything that we would do, would have to come back in front of everybody and have a full Council vote before we took on anything anyway.

It just gives us the authorization to meet with some banks. 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: Mr. McHale, there may be a minor amendment to the agenda which would be open for public comment. I received
after the agenda came out -- but it is somewhat time sensitive, the report from Reuther-Bowen approving the PennDOT 40 District Office renovation expansion of the Borough of Dunmore, which was also approved by the Dunmore Planning Commission.

It was reviewed at prior meetings and it's all on the existing site at PennDOT for reconstruction -- small expansion of their building. It would be appropriate considering the upcoming weather and construction time frames to open it to public comment and for Council to entertain a motion on it. I apologize it didn't hit the agenda.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Senofonte, did you pass that at last meeting?

MR. SENOFONTE: Yes.

MR. MCHALE: No contingencies?

MR. SENOFONTE: No.

MR. MCHALE: Would anybody like to discuss that project?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none, Tom.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Appropriate would be for a motion to approve.
MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion to approve based on the Planning Commission recommendation.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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 10 is public comment on nonagenda items.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address Council tonight?

MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council. Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County's Community Relations Department. I'm sorry I haven't seen you guys in a few months. Summer throws our schedule out of whack especially with some of the meetings that meet twice a month and then they go to once a month.

And it's a good thing. But it just
changes our schedule a little bit. So I'm sorry I haven't been here for a few months.

Our countywide tire recycling collection event is coming up October 12th through the 15th. We'll leave a schedule of all of our -- the drop-off dates.

There's a variety of sites around the county including the Lackawanna County Recycling Center. That's open all four days. And each of the other municipal sites, most of them are open one evening or one afternoon in that time frame. Some of them do two days, but most of them are one.

There's a variety of them from Benton Township through Mayfield, Vandling, Roaring Brook and a few other ones. So lots of opportunities to dispose of your unwanted tires. They are $2 a tire. If they're off the rim $5. And they have to be car or SUV or reasonable truck size tires.

We can't take heavy tires from construction vehicles or anything like that. But again cars, pretty much any passenger vehicle we can take. And also, the Lackawanna County Commissioners' blood drive comes up this
Wednesday, September 28th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in a new location this year.

It's in the lobby of the former Globe Store on Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. It's been at the University of Scranton in the past. We have no complaints with that site. We wanted to make it a little bit more assessable to downtown residents and workers. And a lot of folks have asked us can we get into the Globe Store and check it out.

So we thought this event would be a good way to make that happen on a pretty neat fashion. So please come out. Give the gift of life. We're trying to hit 27 donors or more and we would love to have some of you join us for that event.

Also we have a few arts and cultural related events. Wake Up With The Arts breakfast is a free event Friday, October 7th at PNC Field -- actually this year it's at the Radison at Lackawanna Station. I didn't realize it had changed until I saw it here in the small print. But that's free and open to the public.

They just ask that you make
reservations. We'll leave the information for that. And also our Community Projects Grant workshop from the Arts and Culture Department comes up this Wednesday, September 28th, 5:30 at the Electric City Trolley Museum.

Good opportunity not just for the Arts and Culture Grants, I know we have several community groups here that have applied for that and other grant funding from county. But anyone who is interested in grant writing, really helpful, free sessions. We'll learn more about that topic.

So that's all we have for this month. We should see you next month with some information with the tentative proposed county budget for 2017. The Commissioners have to release that by October 15th. So we'll have some information probably at your second meeting of the month on what the proposed county budget will look like.

And we'll give you a breakdown. I can't say for now because I don't know. But whatever the Commissioners decide on and propose for the county, we can do a briefing on that at my next meeting. Thank you, folks.
MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Gerard.

MR. BURKE: Gerard. You said the 12th through the 15th for the tires. You said afternoon and nights they'll be open?

MR. HETMAN: There's different sites. The different sites are open at different times. Some of them are only one day or two days. The one that is open all four days is the Recycling Center on Boulevard Avenue.

MR. BURKE: Okay. And how can we find out what times?

MR. HETMAN: I could leave this with you. I've got some extras. And it's also listed on the county website at Lackawanna County dot org. We'll also be running an ad in the Scranton Times.

MR. BURKE: Okay. I would like a copy. Thank you.

MR. HETMAN: No problem. Thank you. Anything else?

MR. MCHALE: No. Thank you, sir.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard.

MR. HETMAN: Thank you.
MR. HALLINAN: We'll post it on our website too.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street, Dunmore, and Dunmore Neighborhood Watch. Just a few things, I was wondering, this was in the Scranton Times, Council. And it was about Scranton City Council urging new easement letters that went out regarding the sale of the Scranton Sewer Authority.

I was going to look to Council. I don't know if that is going to affect, you know, letters went out to residents of Dunmore and how many -- they quote like 600 letters went out to residents of Scranton. And I know we're part of the Scranton Sewer Authority.

So they had a motion at Scranton City Council to request SSA send out new letters to the people that were affected. I didn't make the Sewer Authority meeting that was held last week I believe it was held at Lackawanna College at what was the former Mellow building.

So I don't know if that was something that affected Dunmore. And I did want to ask Council tonight. And I know,
President McHale, you're part of the authority if you could speak to that for a second before I finish up with everything else?

MR. MCHALE: Gary, quite honestly, I have not met with the attorney since. We did not have a Sewer Authority meeting since. I did read the same article and wanted to get information from Mr. Walker. Mr. Cummings, have you had any difference of opinion from what I -- I haven't talked to Attorney Walker to get the --

ATTY. CUMMINGS: The Sewer Authority administration has not responded to City Council, nor has the City issued a directive to the -- request to the authority to my knowledge endorsed by the Mayor. I do know they have been working on case-by-case basis answering questions and contacting people.

MR. AMICO: I was at that meeting and at least as of the meeting, Attorney Walker said they weren't going to send out any more letters that the letters were sent out and that's the way it was. That was as of last week.

MR. MCHALE: And Attorney Walker
works for the board. And we haven't met yet.
And if the board wants to do it I have no
problem doing it. But that's got to be a --
the board has to make that --

MR. DUNCAN: Yeah, my concern was
obviously the tone of the letter. And you said
you read the same article I did. So I'm not
going to go rehash things that we're all
capable of reading. But I guess the tone of
the letter was one of the things some of the
folks had problems identifying where their
properties were.

I know a map was shown briefly. And
I'm sure that those same concerns would come up
in the Borough. Like I said, I wasn't at the
meeting. I have a concern myself related to
that issue. And I asked my wife. I know we
didn't get a letter. So I don't know if
everybody did or how that worked out. That's
why I did want to ask today.

MR. MCHALE: Many of the
properties -- most of the properties that have
these lines underneath them have easements.
But when they went through the sale and
identified all of these properties that don't
have easements it's -- most of these lines were
there 100 years ago literally, well before
these homes were built.

Now when they went through the
closing process, should an attorney have found
these things, probably. Someone messed up.
But as the sale goes through, Pennsylvania
American Water asked the Sewer Authority to
make them whole, go get these easements.

Do I think the letter was wrong?
Absolutely. I didn't read it before it went
out. And I'm not placing blame. Attorney
Walker took the blame. I took the letter home,
handed it to my wife who -- we don't have --
it's not underneath our home. She said it
looked shady. That was her words.

And even though after I explained it
to her, she's like, okay, after you explain it,
it's not a big deal because literally it's been
there -- it's not under my house so I don't
want to put words in the other people's. But
God forbid something does happen, they have to
go in and fix it.

And they have to get the easement
then to do so. And you'd want them to go and
do that. The letter was not done correctly, period. End of story in my opinion. So --

MR. DUNCAN: How do we find out the addresses where the situations --

MR. MCHALE: Well, they did have that at the public meeting. They had maps. And quite honestly, they'll tell you the maps are an estimation, Gary. They could send letters to you and it's not under your house.

They are estimating where they are. And they are trying to cover all paths just in case. But nonetheless, I'll find out and see if we can get more details for the next meeting.

MR. DUNCAN: All right. If you can let me know.

MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

MR. DUNCAN: And the public, if you would.

MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

MR. DUNCAN: Just a few other things, I just want to -- October is fire safety month. I talked to Chief DeNaples over the weekend. For the last four years he's been really good about sending members of the fire
department to the neighborhood watch.

You know, we average 20 to 30 people at our meetings. And they bring public service announcements and some fire safety information. So Chief said it would be absolutely no problem. So he's going to join us for the October 17th meeting. So I want to thank Chief DeNaples. I know he's not here tonight. But for the record, I appreciate his support all of the time for the meetings.

I want to thank Joe Lorince for coming to the last meeting. When he comes to meeting it just makes such a difference for us because he's able to answer so many of the public's concerns and questions.

And I don't know that Joe always gets the credit that he's due, but for the record, Joe, you're a real public asset. You're really beneficial for our meetings because it cuts down on the amount of messages that I get as well from concerned citizens.

So it means a lot to us and Vince Amico who represented Council at the meeting, it's just such a good thing. Gerard Hetman, he joined us at the meeting last month. And what
he said about writing grants and everything, I know he's a tremendous help. I'm waiting for approval for a grant I wrote for the Historical Society.

And Gerard helped steer me in the right direction for that. And Tom Richardson who is not here tonight, but I have to say we're four years and change with neighborhood watch. I think the police may have missed one meeting.

And Tom Richardson -- we had some concerns last week and he went right out after the meeting and he went down and addressed it. So I have to thank Tom Richardson, I mean, the department as whole, Chief. But he's always here with us and God bless him. He goes right out after the meeting.

And we had some new people last week. Jack Price joined us from the District Attorneys Office and Nicole Lynady came from Lackawanna County Probation and Parole. So we had a couple new people last week and we had a couple new citizens that haven't come in four years and they turned out last week.

So I just wanted to thank everybody
for coming. I had a couple e-mails bounce back to me. I just want to make sure you guys all got the e-mails that I sent out for the minutes. With that said, I hope to see everybody at October 17th at 7 and thanks for the -- trying to help me out with the situation with the Sewer Authority.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MR. DUNCAN: Oh, and there were some other concerns about the lights that came up at our meeting and, Tom, I sent you some of the concerns about the height and the weight and those things.

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

MR. DUNCAN: That's still just an ongoing -- and it should be in the minutes of the meeting, okay?

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

MR. DUNCAN: Thank you.

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

MR. HOLECKO: Good evening. My name is Eric Holecko, property owner of 932 and a half East Drinker Street. I'm here tonight to follow up with my appeal to -- for an appeal
to revoke an on street handicap parking spot in
front of 940 East Drinker Street.

Again, I would like to remind
Council that Mr. Fortese has two separate
driveways to his property and both would
provide him more room to board and exit his
vehicle than this reserved on street handicap
parking spot.

Also parking in this area is
extremely limited. Some houses have no off
street parking at all. I'm concerned that
Mr. Fortese has misled the Borough to what his
needs actually are. If this reserved parking
space is allowed to stand, it will set a
perverse precedent for others to follow suit.
Again, this has me very concerned. Thank you
for your consideration in this matter.

MR. MCHALE: Chief Marchese?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I had that
scheduled for -- because we're off the second
meeting, I had that scheduled for a response
for the first meeting of October. I apologize,
I don't have anything this evening.

MR. MCHALE: Do you want me to go to
Chief Marchese or not until next week?
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sure.

MR. MCHALE: Chief, you've addressed this I understand?

CHIEF MARCHESE: We had talked to Mr. Fortese and he said that he couldn't get the wheelchair -- there wasn't enough room in the driveway. That's why the handicap sign is in front of the house.

MR. MCHALE: Okay. Tom?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: I won't have it finalized --

MR. MCHALE: He'll take a final look at it along with Chief Marchese and we'll provide an opinion from our legal counsel.

MR. HOLECKO: Again, there is more space. I have a picture for Chief Marchese to show that his driveway is actually has more space than the on street parking or the on street parking space that he has requested would have. He also has two of them. And parking is extremely limited in this area.

CHIEF MARCHESE: I'll look at it.

MR. MCHALE: Chief, can you take this with him and then meet with Tommy and we'll formulate a response for our next meeting.
in two weeks?

       MR. HOLECKO: Can I show Chief
Marchese the pictures?

       MR. MCHALE: Please do. Thank you.

Anybody else like to address Council tonight?

       MS. RICE: Good evening, Council.

My name is Mary Rice. I live on 214 North
Apple Street. I addressed Council last week
about concerns in our neighborhood. I would
like to thank the police department. There has
been a little bit of an improvement in our
area.

       I would also like to thank the
Council for the new stop signs. They have
improved the traffic flow in that area.
However, our neighbors feel that we can't let
this go. Parking is still very limited.
Unfortunately, some of the residents in one of
the buildings near our Apple Street, it's the
Dunmore High Rise, we can't limit them where
they can park.

       However, they don't know the proper
way to park. Parking is all over the place.
Sometimes you try to approach them nicely and
they get very agitated, which I understand.
They can't park in their building because there's not enough room. We had brought up about residential parking. And I was just wondering if you've had time to discuss that matter for our neighborhood?

MR. HALLINAN: I handed that off to Mr. Lopatka our engineer. And I don't know if he's gotten back to us yet, Joe?

MR. LORINCE: No, he didn't get back to me.

MR. HALLINAN: So what we were looking at is that was one avenue. I also spoke to the housing authority. And I guess there is a dentist office on the side that they were maybe going to try -- please don't -- try to get into some kind of negotiations for some spots there that they can rent because they understand that I guess there is also only a limited -- I don't want to guess on how many spots there are.

But obviously there are more drivers in their building than spots. So they understand that there is a problem there at the housing authority. They also know that -- they're trying to work -- they tried to buy a
property and I don't think that's going to happen. And I think our avenue might be residential parking almost like Marywood or something like that.

MS. RICE: I'm glad to hear that this isn't going by the wayside.

MR. HALLINAN: No.

MS. RICE: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for your time.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

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

MR. CARR: Richard Carr, 413 West Drinker Street. I would like to know when the Borough intends to hold a Municipal Pension Board meeting and will my application be on that meeting?

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: At the discretion of --

MR. MCHALE: The Pension Board discretion. Mr. Cummings, do you have any information Mr. Carr is looking for?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Your application certainly can be addressed by the board. It
would be the actuary that will issue the response.

MR. CARR: Will there be a meeting scheduled, Mr. Cummings?

MR. MCHALE: Yes, there will.

MR. CARR: When will that happen, sir?

MR. MCHALE: We'll get together very -- it's up to Council to do that. So we're long over due for one. So we have to schedule one. We're the only members who are on that board. So we'll have to check with all of the members to make sure that there is a meeting. It will be before one of our meetings typically.

MR. CARR: So there is -- it's an open ended commitment?

MR. MCHALE: Commitment, no --

MR. CARR: Will there be a meeting at some point in 2016?

MR. MCHALE: Yes.

MR. CARR: Will it be published or --

MR. MCHALE: Yes. I'll call you.

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

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: The 10th is Columbus Day. Are we having a meeting?

MR. MCHALE: I believe so.

Everybody okay to still having a meeting on Columbus Day? Yeah, Tom, we'll have a meeting. Tom, where we at, public officials? Chief Marchese, do you have anything tonight?

CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah, in regards to that parking plan on Apple Street, we did order new signs. And I think they just came in. I talked to Didge the other day.

MR. MCHALE: If you can, keep working with Mary to try to alleviate that situation, anything you can do. Joe, do you have anything?

MR. LORINCE: No.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, do you have anything?

MR. JUDGE: PennDOT called me today. 6:00 they are going to start putting them in the O'Neill Highway down to the first bridge at
night starting Sunday night and that's it because the concrete work is not done from there down, they're going to -- they're going to finish it in the spring they said. I'm just giving you a heads up for the traffic. It's all going to be done at night they said.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

Anything else? Mr. Kearney?

MR. KEARNEY: No.

MR. MCHALE: Did I miss anybody?

You guys don't have anything for the record, do you -- Mr. Ufberg -- our labor attorneys are here tonight. I guess we'll go to Council.

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

MR. AMICO: I have nothing tonight.

Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: I'm sorry. Mr. Cummings, do you have anything?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan. He always has something.

MR. HALLINAN: Just a little information. We met with PP & L today. And just to let you know that their project is probably ending by November 5th they're looking
at. Not to say that there could be other
things that could happen there, but more or
less they are being very cooperative as far as
they want to get more information out.

They guaranteed us that there is no
way that any more 69.kV volts go through that
line. It would take an act -- and they have no
plans in the next 10, 20 years. But they said
if anything, you know, they never say never,
but they said that would have to go through PUC
and public hearing.

So it's not anything that they could
just automatically put up another line and push
power through. And like I said, that was
pretty good, Mr. President. That's all I have
this evening.

MR. MCHALE: Attorney Cummings --
I'm sorry, Attorney Dempsey. Too many
attorneys here.

MR. DEMPSEY: I don't have anything.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: You could never
have too many attorneys.

MR. DEMPSEY: I second that.

MR. MCHALE: Do you have anything
tonight?
MR. DEMPSEY: No.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: I have nothing tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Yes, I just have what Tom said about the meeting, I asked this morning. The reason why they went -- the poles that they were using what they were replaced, they were replaced because just wear and tear that those lines were -- I don't know, Tom, like 70 years old?

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

MR. BURKE: And so they're stronger lines that will last longer. But just to repeat what Tom said too is that it's just going to be the same line -- power that is going to that line and they would have to go through the PUC.

I also asked them that any trees that they take down if they could find out if they could be replaced or if they can ask before they put in another pole and they're going to remove trees, ask the person that lives on that block what they want done. Maybe
it could be shaped, which I think it should be
shaped at the resident's request other than
stripped.

Sometimes they strip the trees and
they look terrible and it takes so much life
out of the trees. They said they would get
back to me on that. But that was my main
concern was about the power going through those
lines. And they assured us at least that it
would have to go through the PUC if any extra
power is going through that line. And John
McGurl -- if anybody else has any questions
they are willing to answer.

And John's number is 650-9001,
650-9001, if anybody has any questions on that
he'll answer it. That's all I have tonight.
Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Tim. Mrs.
Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALI: Just to say thank
you all for your time tonight and have a very
good evening. That's it.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Carol. I
have nothing further tonight. I'll look for a
motion to adjourn.
MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.
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