COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:
Monday, July 10th, 2017

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
CAROL SCRIMALLI
THOMAS HALLINAN
VINCE AMICO
SAL VERRASTRO
THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor - absent

MARIA McCool, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. MCHALE: I guess I'll handle the -- Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Present.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Present.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Present.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. McHale is here.

Number three, public comment on agenda items. Oh, I'm sorry, we're going to make a change on the agenda upfront. We'll do 6.1 personnel matters. I apologize. We mistakenly omitted that this time. So back to Number three, public comment on agenda items. Anybody like to address Council on agenda items?

(No response.)
MR. MCHALE: Number four, motion to approve the minutes.

MR. BURKE: I'll make the motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: 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. Number five, the motion to approve and pay open bills.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?
MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so moved. Number six, motion to appoint Planning Commission Members, Seat A, Gary Duncan, Seat 2 expiration 2018; Seat 3, Joseph Grochowski, expiration 2018; Al Senofonte, Seat 4, expiration 2018; Gerard Michaels, Seat 5, expiration 2018; Elizabeth Zangardi, Seat 6, expiration 2020; Thomas Pichiarella, Seat 7, expiration 2020. I'll look for a motion in that regard.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll make a motion.

MS. SCRIMALI: I'll second that.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so moved. 6.1, personnel matters; does anybody have any personnel matters tonight?

MR. DEMPSEY: I do, Mr. Chairman.
I'd like to hire Michael Butler part-time DPW to assist with summer help. And we're losing a lot of guys right now with vacations and we're not getting a lot of the potholes filled that we should be and garbage pickup. So we do need part-time help. So I make a motion to hire Michael Butler as part-time employee DPW laborer.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so moved. Number seven, public comment. Does anybody like to address Council tonight? Gerard, do you want to start us off from Lackawanna County?

MR. HETMAN: Good evening, folks.

Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County Commissioner's office. Just a few items
tonight. First we actually have large posters for both of these first two things. And I will leave these with Mr. Kearney.

First is for the -- I don't want to say the inaugural but returning air show at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. So it's August 12th and 13th, Saturday and Sunday. There is plenty of information. They have a real good website with all the info on it. The three big ones are up here.

I should note that it's the first time the air show has been back in 17 years. The better this first one does, the more chances that we get going forward to get, not just these acts back but some of the bigger acts that you think of on the air show circuit, like some of the big jet demonstration teams and the like.

The second item is the National Championship game for AAA baseball. Of course most of us remember this because last year the Railriders advanced to this after winning in the National League and won the championship game to be crowned the AAA National Champions.

So this year the game will be played
here at the PNC Field regardless of whether the Railriders are playing in it or not. Hopefully they will be. Even if they don't qualify, the game will still be held here. And that happens every year, two leagues agree to hold it in a stadium in the league regardless of who wins.

So last year it was I think was Nashville or maybe Memphis. And it's going to be here this year. So the thing with this is just like the air show, the better it does, the better chances it looks for other opportunities down the road, namely in this case, hopefully AAA All Star Game.

And we all remember the last time the All Star Game was here I think was 95 and a young Derek Jeter was playing in the All Star Game for the Columbus Clippers. So hopefully this will lead with good participation in the area to get the All Star Game back in the near future.

Some of our other announcements, just a few, Penn State Extension is offering their safety certification course for folks that work for or volunteer in the food service. It's August 2nd and August 9th, so a few weeks
away.

The Family Fun Day series that we have at the parks, we still have three dates left for that. The next one is at Merli Sarnowski Park, this Saturday, July 15th. And there's two more July 22nd and August 5th at the different parks.

Our 3 on 3 basketball tournament is open for registration. It takes place later this month July 28th and 29th, rain date July 30th. We always see lots Bucks jerseys on the courts down there, lots of kids from the borough and even some adults participate. So please spread the word if you can.

We keep getting a good reception downtown. Everyone that participates enjoys being on the streets playing, you know, in front of family and friends at the curb watching. So it's back there again. And we're happy to see it be a success.

And there's two arts and cultural items. Our Art In The Parks series starts tomorrow at Merli Sarnowski Park. It's a little later this year because of July 4th being on a Tuesday last week. And also the
same department arts and culture runs All Eyes
On You social media workshop, Saturday, July
15th at the Scranton Cultural Center, 1 to 3
p.m.

And just last but not least, I see
information of there that farmer's market
vouchers still have a few dates left for
distribution. So we just like to remind folks
of that when they come up. That's all we have.
Thanks guys.

MR. MCALE: Thanks.
MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard.
MR. MCALE: Anybody else like to
address Council, please come up and state your
name for the record.

MR. CANCELLERI: Chuck Cancelleri,
202 Jessup Street, Dunmore. I happened to see
in the paper that you're going to be moving
forward on a Paving Program. And I just wanted
to mention I saw Jessup Street was going to be
in this.

And to give you a heads up, the side
by Jerry's got all washed out last year in one
of those heavy rains. And if they are just
going to mill it and pave over it, I'm just,
you know, afraid you're going to waste your money on it.

Whoever you used for engineering or whatever if they could look at that, probably maybe even need to curb and maybe that side, maybe a better base over there because the water does rage down both sides. But the side I live on doesn't really get hit too bad.

But that side has ripped up pretty bad, almost of the full block. And I'm just -- like I said, just a heads up that whoever your firm is that is going to spec it out maybe would look at that and look where it washed out rather than waste your money. You may have to spend a little bit more but it wouldn't cause a future issue. That's it.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir. We'll definitely send those notes to our engineer. The bids are open this Friday actually. I would assume that he does know. But I'll call him tomorrow myself to remind him exactly what you said and to make sure that it's addressed. We appreciate the heads up.

MR. CANCELLERI: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else? Please.
MR. KARZENOSKI: Steve Karzenoski, 1105 John Avenue, Dunmore. On the same issue with the paving issue, I noticed in the paper the streets that are going to be paved. Our street really is not that deplorable of a condition. There's some holes but it's not in dire, dire need of paving, some patch work, yes.

My concern is our alley the one that runs between John Avenue and Paul Avenue. I'm there 42 years. I think it was paved maybe 30 years ago. It's at the point now where you enter from John Avenue, you can't even come in that way.

That's these past couple rain storms and actually took the alley away. And my garage and my neighbor Mr. Lydon, it's a T alley. When you're coming through you come and make the turn up to our garages. And at this point if you don't have an SUV, you're not making it through.

That's how bad it's humped in the middle. I don't know how you determine which alley's need paving, but myself and my neighbors would appreciate it if something can be done
about that one. And also there's a catch basin
in that alley that runs between John and Paul.

And at this point the lid is right
off it -- the cover. It's been off. It's
filled right to the top with debris. So it's
basically useless. It's not picking up
anything. So that's another hazard in the
winter because the water is -- just freezes
right there. So I appreciate it if something
could be done with the alley and the catch
basin. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge isn't here
tonight. We'll call our DPW about the catch
basin. The paving just to -- how it was done,
mostly our DPW told us what painfully needs to
be done. If they missed yours, we may subtract
some stuff off of this list and add others
depending on maybe utility is going to do a
certain road that we didn't know about.

The engineers did check with
everybody prior to putting it out to bid. But
there may be instances where that's a fact.
And we may be able to substitute in and out.
But it's an ongoing thing.

Now that we know about your alley,
we'll do what we can if it gets added to the list. At minimum Mr. Judge will get it up to snuff a little bit more than it is.

MR. KARZENOSKI: I mean, I wouldn't be here if it was just --

MR. MCHALE: No, of course not.

MR. KARZENOSKI: But it's totally destroyed.

MR. MCHALE: Understood.

MR. KARZENOSKI: Do you know what I'm saying to you?

MR. MCHALE: Yes.

MR. KARZENOSKI: And all it's doing is causing damage to someone's vehicle.

Naturally you have some children there that ride their bikes and so on and so forth; you know what I mean?

MR. MCHALE: Yep.

MR. KARZENOSKI: So I appreciate it.

MR. MCHALE: We appreciate you bringing it up.

MR. KARZENOSKI: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Mr. Duncan.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street. I sent it out a couple of times. Did
everybody finally get all the minutes from the last neighborhood watch meeting and the neighborhood walk? I don't know how it happens. I put it in as an attachment and I don't know what if it's at my end or what. But I just want to make sure that if you don't have it let me know and I'll send it again.

There won't be a meeting next Monday. I saw Chris coming in. But whoever we need to clear it with, I'll be in Cape Cod next week. So if we can move it the 24th this month, the neighborhood watch meeting, so July 24th. And if we can get it up at the Borough that would be great.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Duncan, Chris is there.

MR. DUNCAN: Sorry, I didn't see you.

MR. KEARNEY: You're fine.

MR. DUNCAN: Okay. Thanks. Sorry about that. I didn't see you. Thank you. I put in the neighborhood watch minutes in with the walk minutes. We were talking about alleys. It's not a street. It's the alley between Barton and Delaware.
It looks like the Ho Chi Minh Trail. There's some potholes in there. It looks like they hit them with 50 millimeter mortar rounds. So I don't know if you could add that. Tom, I see you smiling.

MR. HALLINAN: I have gone over it a few times.

MR. DUNCAN: Yeah, Jimmy Hoffa might be in some of those potholes. But if you could just ask, maybe Didge could take a look at it and see what they can do. What else? Oh, for anybody that is here tonight that hasn't been at the Farmer's market, I'm up there -- I've been there the first week it opened.

I'm up at the Historical Society. But if you haven't been to our farmer's market, no offense, Gerard, please come up and see what our farmers market is all about because, you know, we have a lot of nice produce up there. We have some nice vendors up there. I know Sharon was up there. I'm sure she could testify to it.

And even from the Historical Society perspective, I have a stake in this because we have some stuff up there and we have some
T-shirts and things. But more importantly the Historical Society is at Tripp and Barton Street. We're there every Saturday from nine until noon. We have a lot of neat stuff in there, a lot of neat artifacts and great photographs of the railroads and everything.

And encourage everybody in this town. It's really a gem to come in there and just take a look around. It's just the greatest deal there is because it's free. And free beats cheap. So come in and visit us and see what we have there.

We did get some signs donated from the Royal Order of the Moose. They gave us 13 neighborhood watch signs. I have four addresses from people that are with the neighborhood watch. And I wanted to give everybody time to ask one more time.

And so I'll bring those signs to the 24th meeting. And if I don't have any other takers, I can give whoever from Council comes to that meeting the addresses and maybe we can get the signs up or if we have to clear it with the Chief or however we have to do it.

My other thing is Tom Richardson,
I'm going to miss him because he was on second shift and he's on day shift. And Tom was kind of the police liaison in our neighborhood watch meetings. So if you can ask the Chief for somebody on the 24th.

I just love having the officers here. And Tommy Richardson was pretty religious about it. So if we can just make sure we have somebody down here for that, that would be great. And, of course, you folks are always welcome.

And last but not least, I want to thank Council for the appointment to the Planning Commission. You have no idea how much it means to me. I go to bed in Dunmore. I wake up in Dunmore. I love Dunmore. So thanks a lot.

And thanks everybody. I won't be at the farmer's market this Saturday but I'm sure you all will be.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Gary. Anybody else like to address Council? Going once?

(Seeing none.)

MR. MCHALE: Public officials.

Chris, do you have anything?
MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, I want to give you an update on the Summer Program. Today Mr. Finan told us that we registered our 100th kid. Now, we don't have 100 every day. That's down here at the DCC. St. Anthony's has 25 which is up from what we've had. Sherwood is up to between 60 and 70.

Now, that's what's registered. We don't get them every single day. There's kids on vacation. We had a nutritional education going on this week. The CEO people, they do the lunch program for the summer.

And they sent an educator down. So she's here every day. She's going to go to the parks all week. Every Friday we have the arts and crafts with Christy Hinton and Jena. And that is every Friday. And plus we had pizza donated from Grande's Pizza last Friday. And I thanked them on our Facebook page. And Mr. Amico is in touch with an art instructor Jena? We have lots of Jenas.

MR. AMICO: Yeah, Jena Romanini.

MR. KEARNEY: Otherwise it's going well. The teachers, instructor are really doing a nice job at each place. And I drive
around and supply them with stuff every day.

That's all.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Chris. I see
Chief DeNaples back there.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Nothing tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Did I miss anybody?

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

MR. AMICO: I'm good tonight. Thank you very much.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: I have DePietro's Pharmacy has been kind enough from last when we got rained out but August 1st with a rain date of August 3rd, we're doing movie night here at the Little League, the Sand Lot. So nice movie, bring the family, have a good night. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

And to say what Chris is -- we -- Grande Pizza through, you know, everybody on Council and a couple people, they donated the pizza. And we've gotten -- because of that, we have five other Fridays and people have already stepped up to donate pizza every Friday for the rest of the season, which is very nice. And then that's all I have, Mr. McHale. Thank you.
MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: I got nothing tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Nothing tonight.

Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: I would just like to thank Grande for the donations and DePietro's. Tom, what time is that movie?

MR. HALLINAN: Dusk.

MR. BURKE: I don't have anything else. Thanks.

MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I just want to congratulate everyone that was appointed for the Planning Commission. Congratulations. I also want to thank Chris for the great job that he's doing with the Summer Program. Thank you very much. Good work.

And we as Council as the Borough we're now going to be a member of the Scranton Chamber. And we'll be working with Stephanie Longo. So I look forward to that. So thank you all for coming.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mrs.
Scrimalli. Just real quick, one thing that I think has touched everybody up here today, the passing of Mark Rinaldi from the high school. He was a coach of mine. He's the athletic director now. But more importantly when I was in school he was a young teacher.

And I've told many many people this. And I went onto college for several whatever, but best teacher I've ever had. So it's a big loss. Great guy. Cared about the kids in Dunmore. And, you know, he has a great family. Just he's gone too soon, kind of puts things in perspective. But our prayers are with his family and I speak for all of Council. But that's all I have. I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. BURKE: Motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

MR. MCHALE: All in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.
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