COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:
Monday, January 14th, 2019

TIME:
7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MICHAEL DEMPSEY, President absent
THOMAS HALLINAN, Vice President
MICHAEL MCHALE - absent
CAROL SCRIMALLI
VINCE AMICO
THOMAS EHNOT
MICHAEL HAYES
THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor
TIMOTHY BURKE, Mayor

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Ehnot.

MR. EHNOT: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

Mr. Dempsey. Mr. Hayes.

MR. HAYES: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public Comment on agenda items.

MR. HALLINAN: We'll take public comment on agenda items only. Anybody with a comment on agenda items only?

(No response.)

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

MR. AMICO: I'll make a motion.

MR. HAYES: Second.

MR. HALLINAN: All in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. HALLINAN: On the question? So approved.

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

MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to pay the open bills.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

MR. HALLINAN: On the question.

(No response.)

MR. HALLINAN: All in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is public comment starting with Mr. Hetman from Lackawanna County.

MR. HETMAN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, Gerard Hetman, Lackawanna County Commissioners' Office. We have several programs here at the start of the year to talk about. I'm happy to say that we anticipate doing a range of programing that you see me talking about here in years past with new additions, of course, including the Lackawanna County Fair and other events as the calendar should dictate.

And just as we go on during the year
anticipate doing many of the things you see from us and come to expect. So we look forward to a good year in programing. Right now we have three programs from Penn State Extension. The first is the annual strength training classes for older adults.

I give this disclaimer every year. They define older adults as someone aged 40 and up. So it's a good program though. It's called Growing Stronger. And Growing Stronger is an eight week program that encompasses -- excuse me, 12 week program. It encompasses wellness for older adults.

It focuses on both physical education in terms of exercise, aerobics, and strength training and also nutrition education in approving overall wellness in both of those areas. Really neat program. It's offered at the West Scranton Community Center. We call it Active Older Adult Center now. It starts February 6th. So a really good program to get in on. They do a lot of neat stuff with it and we've got really good feedback.

They also have open registration for the students in the age 8 through 18. They
have their sewing club. They call it the Glenburn Sewing Club. I think most of the folks involved live in that area. It's open to anyone in that age range no matter where they live.

It's one of many programs offered by 4H. We said this before here, we see more programming through 4H that encompasses not just the traditional agriculture based 4H activity but also many things involving today's science, technology, other hands-on arts and crafts types programming. So there's lots of neat stuff. And this is one of their clubs that runs throughout the year.

And we like to make it known at the start of the calendar year when they start to do some of their new projects. And also they have their annual North East Vegetable meeting series. It's a series that they do for folks that work in agriculture and they can do it for different plants that are growing different programs throughout the year but they start them now so they can talk about them at the start of the growing season.

And also Parks and Recreation has
the first of their many programs open for registration the Winter Golf Clinic. It takes place during February 25th through March 22nd. There are adult and youth sessions. The adult sessions have two different times in the evenings. And the youth sessions are basically 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The adult sessions are 6 to 7:30 or 8 to 9:00. It runs over several weeks. And it's held at the former South Catholic as my mother would call it then Bishop Klonowski and now today Good Will of Northeast PA over on Prospect Avenue in South Scranton.

We put it there last year. Other facilities that we used before were unavailable. It turned out to be a really good location for the clinic. It's designed for beginner golfers. But it's also something we've seen experts take and get good feedback on. So check it out for anyone who wants to break into golf or learn a little bit more. It's a great opportunity.

Our Emergency Management Agency asked us to share this particularly for the first responders here in the room. A training
they call Rail Car Incident Response for crude, ethanol, and other flammable liquids. It's March 30th at the 911 Center in Jessup. I believe it's free.

They have a lot of details here on the program. It's a one-day training. But it trains anyone particularly emergency personnel and emergency management folks. But any municipal official or member of the public is welcome. It's basically how to respond to and manage a hazmat type incident involving a crash with rail cars that are containing hazardous material.

So it's a really neat training. We see this now more and more with oil shipments going by rail across the county and across the continent. It's something to keep in mind. As I said, if you haven't heard about it, please keep it in mind to register.

And last but not least, this is probably one of our best initiatives I've seen since I've been here. And it's the second one in as many months now that we've seen launched that is a community-based effort by one of our agencies or more. The names are listed in the
program.

This is known as the Healthy Moms Initiative. It's headed by Lackawanna Susquehanna Office of Drug and Alcohol Program with support from Lackawanna County Office of Youth and Family Services and a number of different agencies in the community.

It's designed to assist expectant mothers both before or after they give birth who are suffering from drug abuse and addiction, particularly to prescription opiate abuse and addiction. We see that as a vulnerable population within any vulnerable population.

Sometimes women who fit into that category may be less likely to seek treatment even if some other folks who may be suffering from that type of situation. So this program is designed to provide various different means of support to help mothers who are expecting again, both before or after they give birth to make sure their needs, unique needs are addressed and not overlooked in that process.

We'll leave you -- there are a lot of details here. And it's going to be growing.
It's going to be evolving. It's really exciting because we're helping folks who need help even more than some others in that situation. So stay tuned. We have a great bunch of partners lined up for this.

And I'm happy to say we have user friendly interactive website that spells out the whole program and it tells anyone even who is not involved in such a situation how they could help and get involved and make a difference in the program. So stay tuned on that one and we'll talk to you again soon.

MAYOR BURKE: Gerard, can you give me the time and place for the hazmat training again, please?

MR. HETMAN: Sure. It's going to be March 30th. And it's going to be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at officially the Lackawanna County Center For Public Safety better known as the 911 Center.

MAYOR BURKE: Thank you.

MR. HETMAN: And there is another number of EMA specific details on here, Mayor. So I'll leave a flyer with you guys. Certain certifications and things this counts towards,
different specific functions for the emergency management, really neat program.

MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Gerard.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Duncan,

neighborhood watch report.

MR. DUNCAN: 117 Barton Street, Gary Duncan. I just -- same question I ask all the time, did everybody get the minutes from the December meeting? And I have an extra copy tonight. Vito, I'll give it to you if you want to pass it along. Joe's not here. I don't know if he got it or not.

We are going to have our monthly meeting next Monday night at 7 p.m. Everybody is certainly welcome to attend. I want to thank Chief DeNaples from the Dunmore Fire Department. He provided me with a couple extra boxes of the new ten year fire alarms. So at the last meeting we had so many people and so many requests we gave them out.

And the firemen promptly went out and put the smoke detectors in the houses of the folks that joined us. So thank you very much for giving me the additional two boxes.
So we have some more that we can give out next Monday night. If you don't have a smoke detector or if you need a new one, I'm sure Chris can speak to it better than I.

They're a ten year smoke detector. Better than the ones we used to have to change every six months that chirped and woke you up at 2 a.m. So it's a lot better. And I can't say enough about the members of the fire department who go out there and get into our handicapped citizen's houses and identify their bedrooms. So personally I thank you for that. Happy New Year to everybody.

MR. HALLINAN: Happy New Year, Gary. Thank you.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Other public comment.

MR. HALLINAN: Anybody else want to speak? The gentleman back here first, state your name and address, please.

MR. FUTSKO: Brian Futsko, 234 West Drinker Street. I just have a quick question about the Schautz field and any updates on it? And if you have a minute after the meeting I have something I would like to discuss with you.
guys afterwards.

MR. HALLINAN: Okay. The update it's probably on hold now for the winter. So the field probably won't be put down until April at least. Okay?

MR. FUTSKO: Okay.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. Sir.

MR. CHERMAK: My name is Chris Chermak. I'm from Dalton. I'm just here tonight just to introduce myself to Council and to the public that's here tonight. I'm planning on being a candidate for Lackawanna County Commission coming up in May.

So if anybody has any questions for me after the meeting, I will be happy to stay and answer any questions. That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Thank you.

MR. HALLINAN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. MORELL: I'm Gail Morell, 1721 North Webster Avenue, Dunmore. I am here to question the protocol on sending Rescue One on ambulance calls. On November 30th at approximately 5:45 my husband took a major
heart attack and had trouble breathing.

I called Comm Center immediately.

My children were already on their way from Stroudsburg and Union Dale. My son who lives with us was trying to keep my husband calm and moving furniture knowing that the ambulance should be there very shortly.

Ten minutes later they still -- no ambulance. There was no ambulance stationed in Dunmore. They -- finally police officer Tony Cali arrived. And I was still on the phone with Comm Center. And Comm Center said the ambulance is coming up Green Ridge Street.

Well, I only live a block away from Green Ridge Street. I only live four blocks away from the police department and the fire department. And we could not hear any sirens for a good three to four minutes after that.

By the time they got there, they just kept shoving nitros into my husband giving him oxygen. And by the time we got to the hospital he was on the operating table within 20 minutes. This is serious. I understand that Rescue One can't go out on every single ambulance call. I understand that.
But if there had been an ambulance in the area, we wouldn't have needed them. But they have oxygen. They are trained in taking care of people that are having major heart attacks. And I think the protocol on sending Rescue One on certain calls should be looked into and changed. And thank you very much for listening to me.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

MR. HALLINAN: Anybody else want to address Council this evening?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

MR. HALLINAN: Mayor Burke?

MAYOR BURKE: I want to congratulate the girls basketball team on winning the Lynett and Victoria Toomey scoring her 1,000 points. I hope everybody had a good holiday. It's our first meeting back.

And also I was wondering if Tom maybe could look into -- I see the problem they are having down in Wyoming Valley, all the complaints about the stormwater bill. They are starting to get that now in Wyoming Valley.

If we can find out when we're going
to be hit with that, if we're going to get hit with that. I know that -- there's -- I have been listening to it on the radio, the complaints, like, they're saying up in New York that they don't have to follow EPA rules or there is no rule on them with the stormwater. I'm not sure of that. But if we can look into that and find out.

I know the people in the Wyoming Valley are not happy with their stormwater bill, their new bill. And from my understanding, everybody in Pennsylvania will be hit with that sooner or later and just to prepare people, you know, that it's coming and if there is anything we can do.

I know they are starting a petition to see if the law could change the same as it is in New York. From what I understand, I'm not sure what the law though is, the EPA is not pushing New York to -- for the same bill. But I'll look into it more. And I was hoping, Tom, could help us out on that with the legal end of it, our duties.

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, we'll look into that, okay. Tom Cummings will.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sure.

MR. HALLINAN: Do you have anything else, Mayor?

MAYOR BURKE: It's good to see Brian here following with the soccer and everything and keeping up with the updates. Good job with the kids and everything, Brian. Thanks.

That's all I have for tonight. Thank you.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. Chief Marchese?

CHIEF MARCHESE: Nothing.

MR. HALLINAN: Chris?

MR. KEARNEY: Nothing.

MR. HALLINAN: Vito?

MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

MR. HALLINAN: Attorney Cummings?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Just one item, certain councilman called and asked about the Shade Tree Commission. And it's my understanding it's listed by the Commonwealth as a five member panel. So my suggestion would be for your next meeting if you so desire a resolution forming a Shade Tree Committee which would be as many members as you choose to appoint and then that could be the Shade Tree
MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, we can do that at our next meeting, correct?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yes, sir. Yep.

MR. HALLINAN: Okay, thank you, Tom.

MAYOR BURKE: Tom, if I could --

MR. HALLINAN: Go ahead.

MAYOR BURKE: I was wondering too if we can look into the one e-mail Vito sent out just last month about a video to promote Dunmore if we can maybe get that on next Dunmore Council's next agenda. Thank you.

MR. HALLINAN: Agenda, okay? Okay, Vito?

MR. RUGGIERO: Sure.

MR. HALLINAN: Chief DeNaples?

CHIEF DENAPLES: Nothing tonight. Thank you.


Carol, do you want to lead us off?

MRS. SCRIMALLI: I have nothing tonight. And thank you all for coming. Happy New Year to you.

MR. HALLINAN: Mr. Ehnot?

MR. EHNOT: I'm good. Thanks.
MR. HALLINAN: Mr. Hayes.

MR. HAYES: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say, you know, thank everyone for coming out tonight. I'm very proud of what we've accomplished as a Borough this past year. Looking back from the beginning, the work at Schautz Stadium what kind of great complex that's going to be. That will be a destination for youth activities all up and down the east coast.

We're very proud of that. You know, we've expanded and continued the Summer Rec Program and yet another year without a tax increase. So I just think those things should be highlighted, you know, of accomplishments in the past year. Thank you for your time, Mr. Chairman.

MR. HALLINAN: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: I'm good. Thank you.

MR. HALLINAN: I would just like to thank everybody for coming. I have nothing else. I look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. EHNOT: I make a motion to adjourn.

MR. HAYES: Second.
MR. HALLINAN: Thank you all for coming.
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