COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, January 6th, 2020

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MICHAEL DEMPSEY, President
THOMAS HALLINAN, Vice President
CAROL SCRIMALLI
VINCE AMICO
THOMAS EHNOT
JANET BRIER
ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor
TIMOTHY BURKE, Mayor

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

MAYOR BURKE: Roll call, Tom, please?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Brier.

MS. BRIER: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Ehnot.

MR. EHNOT: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Zangardi.

MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mayor Burke.

MAYOR BURKE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: There will be no public comment on agenda items as the only agenda item is the swearing in. There will be public comment thereafter. Mayor Burke for the swearing in if the four would please rise and
come forward.

MAYOR BURKE: Please repeat after me and say I, state your name and follow. I --

MR. DEMPSEY: I --
MR. AMICO: I --
MS. BRIER: I --
MS. ZANGARDI: I --

MAYOR BURKE: -- do solemnly swear --

MR. DEMPSEY: -- do solemnly swear --

MR. AMICO: -- do solemnly swear --
MS. BRIER: -- do solemnly swear --
MS. ZANGARDI: -- do solemnly swear --

MAYOR BURKE: -- that I will support, obey --

MR. DEMPSEY: -- that I will support, obey --

MR. AMICO: -- that I will support, obey --

MS. BRIER: -- that I will support, obey --

MS. ZANGARDI: -- that I will support, obey --
MAYOR BURKE: -- and defend the Constitution of the United States --

MR. DEMPSEY: -- and defend the Constitution of the United States --

MR. AMICO: -- and defend the Constitution of the United States --

MS. BRIER: -- and defend the Constitution of the United States --

MS. ZANGARDI: -- and defend the Constitution of the United States --

MAYOR BURKE: -- and the Constitution of the Commonwealth --

MR. DEMPSEY: -- and the Constitution of the Commonwealth --

MR. AMICO: -- and the Constitution of the Commonwealth --

MS. BRIER: -- and the Constitution of the Commonwealth --

MS. ZANGARDI: -- and the Constitution of the Commonwealth --

MAYOR BURKE: -- and that I will discharge the duties of the Council --

MR. DEMPSEY: -- and that I will discharge the duties of the Council --

MR. AMICO: -- and that I will
discharge the duties of the Council --

MS. BRIER: -- and that I will
discharge the duties of the Council --

MS. ZANGARDI: -- and that I will
discharge the duties of the Council --

MAYOR BURKE: -- for the Borough of Dunmore with fidelity.

MR. DEMPSEY: -- for the Borough of Dunmore with fidelity.

MR. AMICO: -- for the Borough of Dunmore with fidelity.

MS. BRIER: -- for the Borough of Dunmore with fidelity.

MS. ZANGARDI: -- for the Borough of Dunmore with fidelity.

MAYOR BURKE: Congratulations.

Okay, now Council will make a motion to -- for President and Vice President.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll make a motion, Michael Dempsey as President of Dunmore Council.

MS. BRIER: Second.

MR. EHNOT: I'll second.

MAYOR BURKE: All those in favor.

MR. AMICO: Aye.
MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

MS. BRIER: Aye.

MR. EHNOT: Aye.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll abstain.

MAYOR BURKE: Okay, now Vice President.

MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to make Thomas Hallinan Vice President of Council.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

MAYOR BURKE: All in favor?

MR. AMICO: Aye.

MS. BRIER: Aye.

MR. EHNOT: Aye.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Aye.

MAYOR BURKE: Okay, I hand it over to you, Mike.

MR. DEMPSEY: All right. Thank you.

First meeting -- well, third meeting I think we've had more than six people. So my apologizes. I thought it was at seven but I was wrong. So my apologizes.
We'll turn it over to comments from public officials now. Mayor Burke, do you want to lead us of?

MAYOR BURKE: Just congratulations to everyone. I'm glad to see we have a great crowd here. And I know this Council will continue the tradition of Council and work very hard and God bless everybody and congratulations.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mayor Burke. Mr. Ruggerio.

MR. RUGGIERO: Just congratulations to everybody, look forward to working with you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Cummings.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Congratulations to the newly sworn members and to Council in general, look forward to the year.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir. Are any of our department heads here? Chief DeNaples, do you have anything, sir?

CHIEF DENAPLES: Just congratulations to all the new Council members, look forward to working with everybody in the new year.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Chief. Is
Chris back there? Mr. Kearney?

MR. KEARNEY: Congratulations, all. And I'll get you my phone numbers like everybody else. Congratulations. Happy New Year.

MR. DEMPSEY: Like the whole town has. All right. Did I miss anybody? I'll turn it over to the newly elected. Mrs. Zangardi, would you like to lead us of?

MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, everybody, for coming and thanks for the support and the votes. Thank you to my husband and Timmy Burke who got me into this mess. But thank you everybody for coming. We appreciate it. Grateful.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mrs. Zangardi. Mrs. Brier.

MS. BRIER: Oh, yes, I too would like to thank everyone for all your support. I didn't have as long an election season as everyone else. So it was extremely gratifying to me the support we received. I think it was a group effort and extremely gratifying the number of people who came out and did something that was unusual and new.
And I think it certainly says something about the will of the people of Dunmore. I'd like to thank my family in particular. And I don't know the 70 or 80 people that showed up at my house every weekend to go door to door and to make phone calls.

I particularly want to say how proud I am and humbled by this election and how much I look forward to working with everyone on Council as well as the Mayor to work collaboratively. I think it's really possible for all of us to work collaboratively.

I think everyone here has the best interest of our town and will do their utmost to make it a great place -- the great place that it is, maintain what we have and improve it. So thank you very much.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: I would like to thank you again everybody for coming out tonight. Congratulations to Beth and Janet for joining our Council and to Michael and Hal to continue our leadership. That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr. Amico.

Mr. Hallinan.
MS. BRIER: One thing.

MR. DEMPSEY: Absolutely.

MS. BRIER: We're going up to the San Cataldo Club after this and everybody is invited, 316 Elizabeth Street.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mrs. Brier.

Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: I can't wait to go up to the San Cataldo Club. Congratulations, guys. It's a lot of hard work. It's a lot of, you know, diligence. It's not as easy as you see it is. But there is a lot of rewards also that you'll be happy that you participated in and see it come to fruition when you put your energy into something. But best of luck and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir.

MS. BRIER: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Ehnot.

MR. EHNOT: I just want to say congratulations to everyone, looking forward to working with you. And Merry Christmas to anyone who is celebrating the Julian calendar.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir. Mrs.
MS. SCRIMALLI: I want to congratulate everyone on their elected positions here. I look forward to working with you all and thank you all for coming and Happy New Year to you all.

MR. DEMPSEY: I too would like to congratulate everybody on the election, especially our newcomers, Mrs. Brier and Mrs. Zangardi. I look forward to working with both of you as I have been working collaboratively with the other four for the last six years.

I do also appreciate the confidence that you have in me as electing me as your President. It is very time consuming. But I do have a lot of help with Mr. Hallinan and Mr. Amico, Mr. Ehnot and Mrs. Scrimalli do offer me a ton of help.

There's a lot that goes into it that you don't see out here. When you peek behind the curtain it's sometimes a horror show. But they help me out tremendously. So I appreciate that. And I would expect -- and I know that I'm going to get the same support from Mrs. Brier and Mrs. Zangardi.
So I do look forward to the next two years as your President and possibly two more as a Councilman. And that's it. I look forward to working with the Mayor again as well and Vito and Attorney Cummings in the future.

And, Chris and Chief, we can continue that great relationship that we have for the last six years. So I appreciate all you guys -- all the work that you guys do as well. That being said, I don't have anything else.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: At your discretion it would be public comment. It's not required since there was no agenda items. Otherwise, you would adjourn.

MR. DEMPSEY: There's a lot people here tonight. Would anybody like to address Council? Please feel free.

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to adjourn.

MR. DEMPSEY: I will look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to adjourn.
MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a second. All those in favor.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and we are adjourned.
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