COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:
Monday, November 11th, 2019

TIME:
7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.
MR. AMICO: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.
MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Ehnot.
MR. EHNOT: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.
MR. HALLINAN: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hayes.
MR. HAYES: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.
MR. MCHALE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.
MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Controller Genovese.
MR. GENOVESE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mayor Burke.
MAYOR BURKE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey would like to address the matter of Veterans Day prior to Public Comment.

MR. DEMPSEY: In honor of Veterans
Day, it is with great respect and gratitude that we would like to recognize our Borough Officials and staff who served our country for our freedom: Vincent Amico, Borough Council; Joseph Bianchi, Fire Department; Marissa Finn, Police Department; James Foley, Police Department; Daniel Kapacs, Police Department; John Luciano, Police Department; Brandon Muta, Police Department; John Murray, Code, Zoning and Health Office; Josh Ruddy, Police Department; James Seaman, Police Department and Gregory Wolff, Fire Department. Just like to thank all of those individuals on behalf of Council for their service for our country.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number three is Public Comment on agenda items.

MR. DEMPSEY: Would anyone like to address Council tonight on agenda items only?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

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

MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion?

MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that motion.
MR. HAYES: I'll second that.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a second. Anyone on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and so moved.

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

MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion?

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. HAYES: I'll second that.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a second. Anyone on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and so moved.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is a motion to authorize Resolution 2019-4 that would utilize $343,297.00 of Community Development Block Grant money assigned to the Borough of Dunmore to finance in part construction costs for the Mill Street Sidewalk and Pavement Project.

MR. HAYES: I'll make that motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a second. On the question, Vito?

MR. RUGGIERO: This is the CBG grant program that we participate with the county over the last four years, 14, 15, 16, 17. There was money left over from projects that we did. They're just consolidating all of that to put forward to the Mill Street Project, sidewalk and paving.

MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. Anyone else on the question?

(No response.)
MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and so moved.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven is a motion to appoint Murphy Dougherty and Company, Certified Public Accountants to continue the audit services for the Borough of Dunmore through December, 2023.

MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion?

MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion.

MR. HAYES: I'll second that.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a second. Anyone on the question?

MR. EHNOT: On the question, Murphy Dougherty has been doing the Borough audits for several years. They did it this year, 2019 without a contract. We're just asking for an extension to 2023. Their price is reasonable.

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Anyone else on the question?
(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and so moved.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight is personnel matters to appoint Adam Valkos to part-time firefighter position.

MR. AMICO: I'll make that motion.

MR. EHNOT: Second.

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

MR. AMICO: Yeah, on the question, Mr. Valkos has been approved -- I shouldn't say that. Mr. Valkos has gone through our background and everything is squared away as per Chief DeNaples. And we can obviously use the help with part-timers. So this would be a good addition to the department. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr. Amico.

Anyone else on the question?

(No response.)
MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and so moved.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is public comment on other matters starting with Gary Duncan.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street, Dunmore. Just everybody we'll assume everybody got the minutes from the last neighborhood watch meeting. That said, we have a meeting a week tonight on the 18th at 7:00 in this room.

And just for the record again, I want to once again thank the members from the Dunmore Fire Department who came to our last neighborhood watch meeting, did an excellent job with the inservice and then went out and provided the smoke detectors to, you know, the folks that come to the neighborhood watch meeting. So tell your guys thanks a lot. See you all next week. Thanks, everybody.
MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Anyone else like to address Council tonight?

MR. CLARK: Pat Clark, Jefferson Avenue. At the last meeting although there wasn't a quorum, Keystone Landfill had some attorneys here indicating they were ready to challenge the validity of Mayor Burke's recent veto.

I was wondering if they did formally do so, submit anything to the Borough on that note or do we have any notice of anything along those lines?

MR. DEMPSEY: No.

MR. CLARK: Attorney Cummings, we have nothing in writing?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: No.

MR. CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else like to address Council tonight?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mayor Burke, do you want to lead us off?

MAYOR BURKE: Okay. Recyclables
November 16th, parking lot up at Dick's, all tvs, computers, monitors, printers, copiers, so the 16th, that's a Saturday 9 to 1. I checked out the storm basin that was blocked up. Joe thought it was maybe a separate system up on Sunset and Philomena.

It's actually a combined system so the Sewer Authority has to take care of it. That's about it. I don't have anything else. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mayor Burke. Mr. Genovese?

MR. GENOVESE: Nothing at this time.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir. Vito, do you have anything?

MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Cummings?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.

MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. Mr. Hayes?

MR. HAYES: I just wanted to, you know, thank all the veterans, men and women that served our country to give us the freedoms and liberties that we sometimes take for granted today. So thank you to those veterans and Happy Veterans Day. That's all I have, Mr.
Chairman.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr. Amico?

MR. AMICO: I was pretty much going to say the same thing. Thank all of our veterans for their service. And if you haven't had the opportunity -- I think everybody should do, take a ride up to Marywood University. They have a field in front of the school on I think North Washington.

Anyway, it's filled with 45 -- as of now 4,600 flags are planted. And those flags represent a service member that was killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. And it's pretty awe-inspiring. So if you haven't had the opportunity to check it out, I strongly suggest it. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr. Hallinan?

MR. HALLINAN: I echo the same, thank all the veterans for everything. Mr. Amico who also served, thank you, Vince. And that's all I have.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr. Mchale?

MR. MCHALE: Just echo again for
Veterans Day, Mr. Amico, especially. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir. Mr. Ehnot.

MR. EHNOT: Happy Veterans Day.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Also I would like to say Happy Veterans Day to our Veterans. And that's all I have for tonight. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: And again, lastly for me, thank you to all of our veterans, especially Mr. Amico here and all of our employees.

Just quickly, on our November 25th meeting which is the second Monday, we're going to introduce the 2020 tentative budget, the 2020 tax ordinance at that meeting. So that will be put out I think in tomorrow's paper, right, Vito?

MR. RUGGIERO: It will be in tomorrow's paper, Scranton Times.

MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. I don't have anything else. So with that I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. HAYES: I'll make a motion.
MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

MR. EHNOT: Second.

MR. DEMPSEY: Motion and a second.

Anyone on the question?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
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