COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, September 14th, 2020

TIME:
7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MICHAEL DEMPSEY, President
THOMAS HALLINAN, Vice President
CAROL SCRIMALLI
VINCE AMICO
JANET BRIER
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MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor
TIMOTHY BURKE, Mayor
VITO RUGGIERO, Borough Manager
ANDREW GENOVESE, Controller

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

MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. McDonald Zangardi.

MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Ehnot.

MR. EHNOT: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

MS. BRIER: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Genovese.

MR. GENOVESE: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mayor Burke.

MAYOR BURKE: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Number three is a hearing on the application of Shree Hare Krishna Corporation, current license E3337 in the municipality of Scranton, Lackawanna County
to its facility located at 620 North Blakely
Street within the Borough of Dunmore
understanding that said transfer must be
approved at a later date by the Pennsylvania
Liquor Control Board.

Mr, Chairman, on the question, what
this is, is Joe's Kwik Mart, the six pack store
inside Joe's Kwik Mart, they hold two licenses,
one currently there and this other facility on
Pittston Avenue in Scranton. They want to make
the one in Joe's dormant and transfer this one
over.

MR. DEMPSEY: Is there anyone here
for them?

MR. RUGGIERO: Doesn't appear to be.

MR. DEMPSEY: Do we have to vote on
it?

ATTY. PERRY: You have 45 days to
vote on it.

MR. DEMPSEY: All right. I'll look
for a motion to vote on the transfer of the
liquor license. There's nobody here. Look for
a motion? We can either do it now or at the
next meeting, right, Mick?

ATTY. PERRY: Well, you can vote on
it at anytime in the next 45 days.

MR. DEMPSEY: Okay.

MR. HALLINAN: Mick, on the question, they're just looking to transfer a license. They are not looking to increase any kind of, like, go to a distributor or anything like that. What are they actually looking for?

MR. RUGGIERO: They currently hold an E license which is a nonrestaurant license in the six pack store. They're going to transfer the other E license that they already own to just continue business as is.

The way I understand it, once you make a license dormant with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, I think you start to incur costs after a certain time. So that's why they want to make this active.

MR. DEMPSEY: I just can't believe there is nobody here for it. Is there a motion on this?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: Hearing none. Next agenda item.

MR. RUGGIERO: Number six is public comment on agenda items.
MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody from the public like to comment on agenda items only?
(No response.)
MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.
MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven is a motion to approve the minutes.
MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a motion.
MR. AMICO: I'll make that motion.
MS. BRIER: I'll second that.
MR. DEMPSEY: Actually, there was supposed to be a hearing. Now the motion is number five.
MR. RUGGIERO: Well, now the motion to approve but there was no second on it so that's why I skipped it.
MR. DEMPSEY: Well, that was the hearing first.
MR. RUGGIERO: Okay. Do you want to --
MR. DEMPSEY: So I guess we'll just -- does anybody want to make a motion for that liquor license transfer?
(No response.)
MR. DEMPSEY: All right, hearing
none.

MR. RUGGIERO: Now number seven, motion to approve the minutes.

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

MR. AMICO: I'll make a motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second.

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.

MR. RUGGIERO: Number eight is a motion to approve and pay the open bills.

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

MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?
MR. EHNOT: I'll second that.

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

(No response.)

MS. BRIER: Wait. I might have -- I just have some questions about ICU Surveillance Services, Mark? It's $1,940.00.

MR. BURTON: They were actually the disinfecting machines for the Borough buildings the --

MR. RUGGIERO: Fog.

MR. BURTON: The fog.

MS. BRIER: Can we forward that to the county?

MR. RUGGIERO: It's already been submitted to the county for reimbursement.

MS. BRIER: It's been submitted to the county, okay. Thanks. How about Fast Rescue Solutions, 2,185?

MR. EHNOT: Top of page two.

MR. BURTON: Right. That was the rescue board for the fire department.

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes, if I'm not mistaken, was that covered by a grant?

MR. BURTON: It was. It was part of
a $50,000 grant that we received.

MS. BRIER: And the Recorder of Deeds, $5,000?

MR. BURTON: That is the transfer tax for Schautz Stadium.

MS. BRIER: Oh, Schautz. So that should probably come out of the Schautz account, okay? There's money in the Schautz account.

MR. RUGGIERO: Right.

MS. BRIER: Yeah.

ATTY. PERRY: That's not -- that's actually the tax on the transfer of Schautz Stadium. It was never transferred. The deed was never filed. It was never transferred.

MS. BRIER: Okay, can we take that out -- Vito, can we take that out of the Schautz account because there's money in there. There's like forty grand in there, okay, rather than the General Fund?

MR. RUGGIERO: Sure.

MS. BRIER: Okay, thanks. And how about the 20 grand for NEIC Northeast Inspection?

MR. BURTON: That is the inspections
for the permits.

Mr. Ruggiero: The permits. Neic is the third party inspection company. What happens is, if somebody comes in for a permit, they'll pay those inspection fees made payable to the Borough of Dunmore. Then when we get the invoice, we reimburse it out of the General Fund. But it's already been paid for by the customer.

Ms. Brier: So do we know, like, what timeframe this covers, this $20,000?

Mr. Burton: I would say probably two months.

Ms. Brier: Okay. Maybe we could take a look at that, you know, just to make sure that it reconciles with money that's coming in before we pay it out, you know, make sure we have the money from the homeowner, okay? Okay, thanks. That's all I had.

Mr. Dempsey: 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.

MR. RUGGIERO: Number nine is a motion to B & M Property Development, LLC, 2 Nicole Drive, Dunmore, PA 18512 for residential land development of multifamily elderly housing at 121 South Apple Street in the Borough.

This would consist of 22 dwelling units. The plan has already been approved by the Dunmore Zoning Board, the Lackawanna County Regional and the Dunmore Borough Planning Commissions and all contingencies have been met.

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

MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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.

MR. RUGGIERO: Number ten is a motion adopt Resolution 2020-3 which is Cooperation Agreement with the County of Lackawanna for the Fiscal Year of 2019 for the CDBG Program Administration.

The purpose of this resolution authorizes the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding on behalf of the Borough for projects which benefit qualifying areas which are low to moderate incomes.

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

MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

MR. EHNOT: Second.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
second. All those in favor? I'm sorry, actually, anyone on the question first?

    MS. BRIER: Mike, do you know how much it is? It's a block grant, right? It's a block grant?

    MR. RUGGIERO: On the question, this was last year's. This is the county trying to catch up on some housekeeping on their end. This was $191,000 from last year. And I believe that the Mill Street project was part of this -- part of this money.

    So the plan has already been done. They were just trying to catch up on the actual resolution because they never submitted it.

    MS. BRIER: Did we receive the funds?

    MR. RUGGIERO: The project was Mill Street.

    MS. BRIER: You already get the money?

    MR. RUGGIERO: We don't get the money. It was the paving on Mill Street.

    MS. BRIER: Okay. I see. We didn't pay for it though.

    MR. RUGGIERO: No.
MS. BRIER: Okay.

MS. ZANGARDI: Vito, did you say paving on Mill Street?

MR. RUGGIERO: Paving on the sidewalk project on Mill Street.

MS. ZANGARDI: Okay.

MR. DEMPSEY: 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.

MR. RUGGIERO: Number 11 is a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-4, which is Cooperation Agreement with the County of Lackawanna for funding of the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant.

The purpose of this resolution authorizes the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to apply for grant monies from the Commonwealth through the CARES Act and
the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant. The total Borough submission year to date is approximately $40,000.

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

MR. AMICO: I'll make a motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

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

MR. RUGGIERO: On the question, Mr. Chairman, this is the money that actually Mrs. Brier just referenced that we -- anything that we -- any cost incurred pertaining to the pandemic or COVID-19, i.e., fog machines, PPEs, gloves, we can submit those invoices for full reimbursement through the county through this grant.

MR. DEMPSEY: Approximately $40,000 that --

MR. RUGGIERO: We're about $40,000.

MR. DEMPSEY: And continues into the future --

MR. RUGGIERO: Continues to 31, December.
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.

MR. RUGGIERO: Number 12 is a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020 for the Community Development Block Grant, CDBG. Peggy Piccotti, Community Development Manager. This was supposed to occur in April. But it was removed because of the COVID-19.

And what this was, was the public update information on how much money we were going to get for the total allocation of the project, how much administration fees would be which we chose Chestnut Street. And the next motion or the next resolution would reflect this.

We did get Chestnut Street to qualify which is going to be new paving and new
sidewalks.

MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. I'll look for a motion.

MR. AMICO: I'll make a motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

MS. BRIER: I'll second.

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

MS. BRIER: I just wondered what the 35,00 in admin fees, is that county?

MR. RUGGIERO: That's the county administration fees. They're allowed to -- a percentage.

MS. BRIER: Okay. I was just wondering. Okay. Thanks.

MR. EHNOT: That was the whole project.

MR. RUGGIERO: We're going to get after that allocation of 198, we're going to have $162,453 towards the paving and the new sidewalks.

MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else on the question?

MS. BRIER: So our costs are what?

MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.
MS. BRIER: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else?

(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.

MR. RUGGIERO: Number 13 is a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-6, which is the authorization of the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna -- Lackawanna County to submit an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program funds in the amount of $198,113 on behalf of the Borough of Dunmore for sidewalk and street improvements on Chestnut Street in the Borough. That's what I just referenced in number 12.

MR. DEMPSEY: So we already did the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: Right, but you have to pass the resolution.

MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. I'll look for a
MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

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

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

MR. RUGGIERO: Number 14 is a Treasurer/Financial report and informative refinance information which we received proposals from FNCB and Boenning and Scattergood, Inc. Mrs. Brier?

MS. BRIER: Oh, Mark's going to give the Treasurer report.

MR. BURTON: Instead of running the comparison report that I read the past few months of rehashing the same issues over and over again, Janet and I decided to run two different separate reports, year to date
numbers through August 31st. So you'll see those for the first eight months of the year and the bottom line through eight months is we have a slight modest net income of approximately five grand.

The month of August was pretty standard. There was no extraordinary items, basic expenses and income. Nothing really out of the ordinary for the month of August. And budget to actual, is the second report that we ran for this meeting.

Even though I didn't have anything to do with the actual budgetary numbers for 2020, I ran the report just to give a basic idea of what was budgeted through August of where we're at right now.

Basically the budget was a break even through now and our actual net income is approximately five grand through August so right now we're on par with what was being budgeted for the year.

Janet, with her assistance we already started the -- beginning of the process of 2021 budget. We got a head start on it. Payroll numbers and have a meeting with our
insurance company actually tomorrow to get a head start on the 2021 budget. That was it. Like I said, it wasn't much of that -- nothing out of the ordinary for the month of August.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mark I'll open it up to anybody on Council with any questions. Anybody have any questions for Mr. Burton?

(No response.)

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

MS. BRIER: Oh, I just want to talk about that budget a little bit. As you could see our net income year to date is $4,900. I wanted to make the public and Council aware that before I came in tonight I checked our bank account.

In our general fund bank account has around $50,000 in it of which we could only use 30. And we have a payroll on Friday of $194,000. Plus this list of expenses. That's another 66,000. So this is not a surprise.

You know, this apparently happens every year. It certainly happened last year and the year before when I looked at the books.
But we're in a really tough deficit spending situation. And I certainly don't know how to resolve it.

I certainly don't want to raise taxes. I was hoping to do some of this through attrition. But as we all know we, you know, we hired two more people last month. So we have eight more payrolls of approximately $200,000 each from now until the end of the year. So that's 1.6 million dollars.

Right now we have $50,000 in the bank. So we anticipate getting around a half a million dollars from the landfill. And so that would pay for approximately two payrolls.

So I wanted to make the public aware that we are in a deficit spending situation. In 2019, we took 3 million dollars from the Sewer Authority account to cover expenses at the end of the year. I don't know what the answer to this dilemma is.

But folks need to be aware. The public needs to be aware. Council needs to be aware that we have to make some type of change because the Sewer Authority money is a finite fund, especially, you know, these two proposals
are coming up now to take approximately 5
million dollars out of each one to pay down
debt.

And that will help us with our
annual expense. But then we'll be down to 4
million dollars in that account that started
out at 18 million just three years ago. So I'm
just saying these things so that we're not
living with a false impression that we're
covering our bills because we're not. That's
all I have.

MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. We have 9
million dollars in the Sewer Authority --
approximate --

MS. BRIER: 9.4 I would say --

MR. DEMPSEY: Right. And we're -- I
know you ran through those numbers. But we
have two -- at least from what I saw, two very
good proposals that save us approximately --
maybe not save us but cut off about 2 million
dollars a year out of our debt service. So
there's another 2 million.

MS. BRIER: But we have to spend 5
million to do that.

MR. DEMPSEY: Understood. We'll
spend 5 million. We'll still have 4 million in
the bank and we'll still be saving 2 million
dollars a year.

MS. BRIER: Right. But we might not
have 4 million because we're not going to be
able to make our expenses this year. We have
to get that money somewhere, about a million
dollars.

MR. DEMPSEY: Right. Once these --
one of the proposals hopefully is accepted at
some point, that's going to save us 2 million
dollars a year moving forward.

MS. BRIER: Yeah, probably in 2021. But we have to get to December 31st of 2020.

MR. DEMPSEY: Right. We still have the TAN money. We have 9 million dollars in
the bank.

MS. BRIER: Yeah, well, TAN is a loan. We don't want to increase our -- I mean, we're trying to pay down our loans.

MR. DEMPSEY: We don't have to -- I don't think we're in a position to at least
right now of thinking about raising taxes. We have two good proposals.

MS. BRIER: No, no way. That's not
what I'm proposing even remotely.

MR. DEMPSEY: Okay.

MS. BRIER: I'm proposing that we get a handle on our spending money. That's what I'm proposing.

MR. DEMPSEY: I think we have this year. I think we have this year.

MS. BRIER: Yeah, I would disagree. I would disagree with that.

MR. DEMPSEY: So I don't know if you want to -- does anybody else have any other questions?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: I don't know if you want to have the proposals up here. I don't know how you want to do it.

MS. BRIER: Yeah, you guys want to present? You want -- the two proposals to the public? Do you want to go first, Ned?

MR. MURRAY: What would you like me to --

MS. BRIER: Just like the high-low buyover. Everyone has a copy of it -- your proposal. If anyone needs a copy there's some out in the hall I could grab you one. Oh, you
have one?

MR. MURRAY: So from a very high level Boenning & Scattergood is a municipal underwriting firm. And we underwrite municipal securities all over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey.

We did approximately 87 bond issues to date this year, several of the boroughs, municipalities similar to yours, very much in the same positions.

What we propose since the June 5th proposal was refunding all of your outstanding debt bank loans which have resets to fixed rate debt and we would sell the debt to investors. And investors would take all of the risk therefore going forward. Meaning, you'll be locked in and that rate will not move at any time in the future unless interest rates go down and you feel like you would like to refund.

So at that point any risk of credit, any risk of inflation is all been wiped away. You'll refund your debt. As I recall, we estimated the savings to be somewhere around 1.2 million dollars just in interest cost
savings, not including any contribution of the
sewer money that you have yourself.

But it was a very large reduction in
outstanding debt service on an annualized
basis. I think that's kind of high-low. It's
fixed. It's fixed for the term and basically
any risk thereof you sell and it goes away.

So it will allow you to fund what
you need to reduce your debt service by a great
deal and save -- if you contribute 5 million
dollars, you would save almost 7 million
dollars total in overall savings. If you like
me to go into any --

MS. BRIER: Maybe if they have any
questions?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, I'll answer any
questions related to any of the material we
distributed starting in June. I'm happy to do
that.

MR. DEMPSEY: Let me first start
with Council members and then once we get
through them, maybe I'll open it up to the
public if they have any questions, if you don't
mind.

MR. MURRAY: Certainly.
MR. DEMPSEY: Beth, do you have any questions?

MS. ZANGARDI: No, not at this time.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Carol?

MS. SCRIMALLI: Not at this time.

MR. DEMPSEY: Tom?

MR. EHNOT: Are these numbers based on an estimate bond rating or on a pure bond rating?

MR. MURRAY: Estimate bond rating -- we have not gotten a rating -- we did in the June 5th presentation include a Moody's rating card which is the way that they do their municipal bond ratings. And we came up with a conclusion. That's not set in stone.

But we think we have a good handle on what it would be and how it would be. It probably would be rated in an "A" category. We would get municipal bond insurance to get the rating to AA. We've estimated all of this in our cost and issuance and is included in the savings. So the savings we tell you is the net of all the costs that we anticipate.

MR. EHNOT: That's all I have.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr.
Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: You said it's not set in stone what you estimate -- what you proposed at that time. When will it be? Like, when you do make that proposal, could we back out of it or do we have to agree before you move forward with the getting bonds and selling the bonds and all of that?

MR. MURRAY: So in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- so two rules we have to follow. One is a DCD Advertising Rule and DCD takes at least 25 days to review a transaction. From the day we say go, it takes us about five -- it takes us about four weeks to create the investor document and sell the bonds.

So it takes us about five weeks from the day you say go to set the rate because we sell bonds. Now up until the time we sell the bond, you could back out at any time. We actually have to sell the bonds. Once we've sold the bond, you'll know exactly what the savings is.

You'll sign a bond purchase proposal the day we sell the bonds. If you don't like the interest rates, if you don't like the
savings up until the day that we make that commitment about five weeks from go, you could back out at any time.

MR. HALLINAN: Can you guys back out too?

MR. MURRAY: Up until the time we sell the bonds, yes, we haven't committed anything to investors. Our job is to be in the middle.

MR. HALLINAN: I understand.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

MR. EHNOT: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Anything else?

MR. HALLINAN: No.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Amico?

MR. AMICO: Nothing.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Brier?

MS. BRIER: That's a good question, Tommy. So we're under no obligation until you sell the bonds. So, for instance, if we thought you were going to be able to sell them 3 percent and it turns out to be 4 and a half, we don't have to take that.

MR. MURRAY: That's correct.

MS. BRIER: Okay. So if we don't
like the bond rating or the interest rate we just back out.

MR. MURRAY: Absolutely.

MS. BRIER: Okay, thanks. Thanks for that clarification.

MR. MURRAY: I have to actually close. There is no fee for --

MS. BRIER: Oh, okay.

MR. MURRAY: I can't bill you for half the work.

MS. BRIER: I see.

MR. MURRAY: You know, I have to get the completion. It has to be transferred.

MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

MS. ZANGARDI: Mr. Chairman, can I ask a question?

MR. DEMPSEY: Certainly.

MS. ZANGARDI: What is the risk of going with a bond? What's the risk of going with your company as opposed to a bank? Is the risk high, low, no risk, no changes, equal?

MR. MURRAY: I wouldn't say there is any change in risk inherent in using one over the other. Both are going to provide funding. Both are going to give you, you know, the cash
you need to refund whatever the outstanding indebtedness is.

To that extent, it's the same. The only difference is, risk would be the risk later on. When I sell bonds, investors buy them. And they own them.

MS. ZANGARDI: Right.

MR. MURRAY: And they could never give you back those bonds and they could never say hey, listen, interest rates are higher now we'd like to reset it to a higher rate. You know, once it's done they own it. They make the commitment right up front.

So their only risk would be -- the only difference traditionally between someone who sells bonds and (inaudible) both are fine. The other thing I would say the other main difference is, you know, I create an investor document and I sell it to maybe hundreds of investors who then own little pieces of the total amount that you borrowed.

When you use a bank, only one person or two persons, the bank holds it. You know, so to that extent, the difference is who is a holder of my obligation or my debt. In one
case you don't know who that is. And it's a broad range of people from investors to moms and pops to big institutions who want to -- when you do a bank loan, you know the bank owns the paper.

So I said, there's two differences, who owns the obligation and what could happen in the future. I think that's the two main. But inherently there is nothing more risk verse to one or the other.

MS. ZANGARDI: Right. Okay. Thank you.

MR. HALLINAN: One more, after all is said and done and if you were to get this refinanced, do you guys -- do you reinvest back into the community? Will you sponsor baseball teams, biddy basketball, anything like that with this -- is this something you guys do?

MR. MURRAY: We do all the time.

MR. HALLINAN: Or will we never see you again? I'm just asking. I don't mean to sound so rude on my question.

MR. MURRAY: No -- and, of course, I could not promise anything. But I could tell you I have not missed the Springford Area
School District Annual Golf Foundation in 15 years.

We generate our (inaudible) from the public. We pretty much contribute back to people that we do business with to the extent that we can. We are not in everyone's hometown but we try to be close. So I would say in those cases baseball teams, 501 C-3s, I go to (inaudible) foundation things per year, school district foundation things per year. You name it. We like to do anything we can that's outside of the political sphere.

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, I'd love to see you be involved in the community. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Genovese, do you have anything?

MR. GENOVESE: No.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mayor Burke?

MAYOR BURKE: I'm good.

MR. DEMPSEY: Vito, anything?

MR. RUGGIERO: No.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll open it to the public. Does anybody from the public have any questions?

(No response.)
MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none. Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

MR. MAHLSTEDT: First, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you guys. We've been your bank for over 20 years. We appreciate that business. Obviously we are willing to consolidate -- 3.5 million dollars paying down some debt which would free up a tremendous amount of cash flow over the next five years.

We're willing to lock in the rate of 2.8 -- going now knocking down your maturity dates will be -- after the five years will be nine, six and eight.

We're going to fix that rate 3.85 depending on whatever rates do. We're willing to do that the remaining term of both loans. We also understand that it takes a lot to refinance. And we're willing to do this for $10,000 to refinance all three notes, very nominal cost and providing that and provide you that.

And overall based on the savings on your budget items 3.2 million dollars we anticipate saving you roughly say about 2.4
million. So it will cost you roughly a million dollars a year in debt service compared to 3.2. Any questions?

MR. HALLINAN: Just so I'm understanding you correctly, you're saying 2.4 million per year you're going to save us?

MR. MAHLSTEDT: No, from your budgeted item -- your budget right now is about 3.2 million. It will be roughly about a million dollars give or take.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: And again, let me just -- I'll start with Council and then I'll open it up. Mrs. Zangardi, do you have anything?

MS. ZANGARDI: No, not yet. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Scrimalli?

MS. SCRIMALLI: Not yet. Thank you.

MR. EHNOT: So after the five years, I think you said the interest rate is 2.8, am I correct, in the beginning for five years.

MR. MAHLSTEDT: 2.8 for the first five years.

MR. EHNOT: So say that interest rate goes up to 6 percent on year six --
MR. MAHLSTEDT: It can't. We're fixing it at 3.85. So no matter what happens in the next five years, you're fixed at 2.8. After that remaining for the next nine on one loan, six on the other loan and eight on the other loan, you'll be fixed 3.85.

MR. EHNOT: I'm good.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr. Hallinan?

MR. HALLINAN: As I said to the representative, you're involved in the community. You have families that, you know, work at these banks. You have people that visit our stores. I'm a big mom and pop supporter. Let's make it clear this is Fidelity and FN CB that are together.

MR. MAHLSTEDT: Yes, we will need the bank consolidation of the loans because most of the loans that you guys are paying off are outside. We'll keep our loans in the books and we anticipate half will be going to them, 12 million give or take to them.

MR. HALLINAN: And like I said, I'm still, you know, trying to figure out which way, you know, I'm going to vote. But I know
that I do -- we are in dire straits with money. You know, we all understand that. We're in -- a cash flow problem.

But I do understand that the employees that are there with both establishments, you know, they're going to keep the money in that community or whatever we're going to do, that's a big, you know, plus in my book also.

Plus they, like I said, they have mortgages. They shop in our stores. They're here. They support all of our businesses -- both support our businesses. That's why I asked that gentleman over there before if he would step up and support our businesses. So that's all I have. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr. Amico?

MR. AMICO: If rates drop, we're still locked in where we are?

MR. MAHLSTEDT: 2.8.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Brier?

MS. BRIER: I don't have anything. Thanks.

MR. DEMPSEY: Again, Mr. Genovese?

MR. GENOVESE: No.
MR. DEMPSEY: Mayor Burke?

MAYOR BURKE: No.

MR. DEMPSEY: Vito?

MR. RUGGIERO: No.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll open it --

MS. ZANGARDAI: Council, sorry.

MR. DEMPSEY: Sure.

MS. ZANGARDAI: I'd just like to follow up with the response to Mr. Hallinan.

Mr. Dempsey's family is also part of Dunmore's Community and it's an extended family. And it's a large family. So both companies do contribute to our community.

So if we're going to do mom and pop, you have to consider Mr. Dempsey's extended family as well who are probably more than yours and mine combined. But with all due respect to Fidelity and First National Community Bank, Mr. Dempsey's also a community -- Dunmore family born and raised. That's all I have.

MR. HALLINAN: There's no argument there. We all know the Dempsey family. That goes without saying. I'm saying Fidelity and FNCKB probably employ close to maybe 1,500 families in all this greater area.
MS. ZANGARDI: I understand, Mr. Hallinan. However --

MR. HALLINAN: There is no disrespect to the Dempsey family at all.

MS. ZANGARDI: None taken. I'm assuming or I'm guessing. My point is, if Mr. Dempsey's offer is the better one, if you're going to go back to mom and pop, you have to go back to the better offer. But that's, you know, that's just my personal feeling.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'm going to open it up now to anybody in the public that has any questions.

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none, anybody else? All right. I think you're good. Thank you so much.

MR. MAHLSTEDT: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: All right. Next agenda item.

MR. RUGGIERO: Number 15, public comment.
MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody like to address Council -- you know what, Gary, come up. Gary Duncan from the neighborhood watch will come up first and then we'll go down the line.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street, Dunmore. Just a few questions. Scranton Sewer Authority, did we ever hear from Mr. Shrive or did we ever get any updates? I know the last time we spoke we were up in the air.

MS. ZANGARDI: He did respond. And there's three Dunmore names on it. So I will forward that to you. As a matter of fact, I'll send it to your e-mail.

MR. DUNCAN: Okay. Thank you. Anything else, Beth?

MS. ZANGARDI: No, I'm good. That's it. That's all I have on that. Thank you, Gary.

MR. DUNCAN: All right. We started the neighborhood watch in August of 2013. And I just want to mention two folks. One gentleman that was with us from the very beginning just passed away last week, Harold
Gillern. We had his mass Thursday up at St. Mary's. And I'm going to miss him a lot.

He was a personal friend and just a wonderful guy. He was at every meeting. For a guy 92 and a half to be that involved in community, that just speaks volumes.

And then I want to mention another gentleman who also just passed way. His mass was today at St. Paul's was a gentleman named Joe Perrone. And I just think it's worth mentioning. They've been so involved in this community. And I would be remiss if I didn't at least ask everybody to keep their families in their prayers for now.

I know we talked about, Mrs. Brier, deficit spending and everything else. And I don't know if there was a point where we ever reached out to Pennsylvania Economy League or if you -- maybe I missed something. Sometimes it's difficult to hear.

MS. BRIER: I did submit a grant to the -- the Borough submitted a grant to the Office of Economic and Community Development to help us get a planner. I e-mailed the gentleman a couple of times. He said it takes
awhile. So we haven't heard back as to whether we'll receive that grant or not.

MR. DUNCAN: But we did initiate it.
MS. BRIER: We did initiate it.
MR. DUNCAN: So we're just waiting for a response.
MS. BRIER: Exactly, yep.
MR. DUNCAN: Thanks a lot. I appreciate you reaching out to them. So thank you so much for that one. We're still at 18 million and change I guess?
MS. BRIER: Yes.
MR. DUNCAN: I know -- I got a response to a second party as to why we can't have the neighborhood watch meetings here. So if somebody could just -- I just -- why we can't have a neighborhood watch meeting. I have to at least --

MR. DEMPSEY: The building is closed. We're not opening it up to anybody other than these Council meetings. You're welcome to meet outside at the tables or anything like that.

MR. DUNCAN: The sunlight and everything else. Autumn is coming. When that
changes, can you let me know?

MR. DEMPSEY: Certainly. As soon as we open the building.

MR. DUNCAN: There really is no places that we can do it. And it's going to be getting dark at 4:30, 5:00. Pavilions and those types of places -- certainly temperatures are dropping. So if anybody could think of anyplace, please let me know.

Along those lines, there's two areas of concern because I still hear from the folks. Butler and Chestnut there's concerns about it looks like a construction project going on at Butler and Chestnut.

And the other situation is at 1337 Adams. I believe photos have been sent through. That's the house that we dealt with for a number of years. It's in the area of Nina's going down towards Larch. You know where Ferguson and Harmony -- there's a lot of overgrowth, trees are growing through the railings and everything.

Neighbors are concerned if there is a fire in there it will spread. It looks like a tinderbox if you've driven by it lately. So
those are the two addresses, okay, Chestnut and Butler and 1337. Thanks everybody.

MR. DEMPSEY: If you could just please state your name and address for the record, please? Thank you.

MS. BOGA: My name is Allison Boga. I'm the Executive Director of the Dunmore Senior Center. I'm basically here to answer any questions that anybody may have of our proposed opening on September 21st, which would be next Monday. So I don't know if anybody at has any questions for me.

MR. DEMPSEY: We were just given it today. So I haven't had an opportunity to review it yet. We haven't had a talk about it as a group yet. Like we discussed and I just told Mr. Duncan, our building is still shut down and we haven't other -- we haven't opened it up to anyone other than obviously Council meetings.

I don't know if anybody else has had a chance to review the proposal and has any questions. You know, they're obviously more than welcome to ask you. But I just received it today and I didn't have enough time to
review it prior to today's meeting.

MS. BOGA: All right.

MS. BRIER: What were you proposing?

MS. BOGA: So what would be our proposal is a phased reopening. We wouldn't be here every day. We would be here Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 until 1 in the afternoon.

We do have a limit of 20 participants which that will also include two staff members. So it would be 18 seniors and then myself and my secretary would be here. So the procedure that we have in place is that we would be coming in through the former state rep side of the building, okay?

Parking, of course, would be out in the front because we don't know what the status is with Head Start. We don't want to intermingle seniors with, you know, the little ones. So we would come in through the front.

We would be there taking temperatures and asking, of course, the five questions that I think all of us here have answered at one point or another. And then at that point if everyone tests okay, then they
immediately come into the center, wash their hands and then sit at, you know, wherever they are going to sit.

We already have the center set up for social distancing. Mask is to be worn the whole entire time that you're here. And that's basically about it. I mean, we have procedures in place so that if someone does come into the center and does fine coming in and, however, if they're sitting there and they're not feeling well, we do have a designated area we call the sick room where we can quarantine them and then at that point everyone that's in attendance that day will be quarantined for two weeks. So those are kind of -- these are --

MS. BRIER: Is this a county program?

MS. BOGA: These are state. The policies and procedures that I guess all of you have, have been approved by the state and also by the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging. Most of the guidelines have come from the state and from the ageing office. So most of the senior centers in the area will be opening next Monday.
MS. BRIER: What do you represent? Who do you work for? Do you work for the county or is it nonprofit?

MS. BOGA: The Dunmore Senior is its own entity. So we're a nonprofit. We receive funding from the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging.

MS. BRIER: Okay. I was just wondering how it worked.

MS. BOGA: And also, you know, donations from a generous public.

MS. BRIER: Do you have typically more than 18 seniors that show up?

MS. BOGA: We typically do. So you would have to make a reservation. You know, so it would be a first-come-first-serve basis. And that's the way we want to operate it. Technically we could put 30 people in there. But because of guidelines, we reduced it even past the 25 down to 18. I'm just going to say 18 because two of us are staff.

MS. BRIER: Sure.

MS. BOGA: So it would 18 seniors. And, you know, I'll be honest. I don't think
we're going to get the 18, you know, because --

MS. BRIER: People are fearful.

MS. BOGA: People are fearful. But also we're running into a situation where we make weekly phone calls to all of our seniors that come to the center. And when I tell you every time I'm on the phone, I'm on the phone for an hour with each person. They want to know when we're coming back.

You know, they're kind of going a little sir crazy being home and I could understand that. So there would be no meals served here like we generally do. We would follow the same procedure as we're doing right now.

Every Monday we have pickup in front of the building. And they're frozen prepared meals and they get five for the week. So we still would continue to do that even though participants would be here in the center.

MR. HALLINAN: And that would still go on --

MS. BOGA: Pardon me?

MR. HALLINAN: You would still be doing that if we decided not to open the
building, correct, the meals --

MS. BOGA: Oh, yeah, most definitely. If you guys, you know, said to us we don't feel comfortable with you opening we would still be offering those meals because it is definitely much needed.

MR. HALLINAN: There would be -- disinfecting would be done -- daily basis?

MS. BOGA: Correct.

MR. HALLINAN: The daily disinfecting would be done by --

MS. BOGA: By myself. And actually I have been trained on that. And I've also been trained on contact tracing. So I'm aware of the procedure if someone does happen to, you know, be sick.

MS. BRIER: Vito, is there a plan to open up to Head Start?

MR. RUGGIERO: No, not until September, Chris? I don't know where he went. I believe the end of September Head Start was going to talk about rephasing into there's -- depending on what happens with the pandemic. I could confirm that as soon as I find Chris.

MS. BOGA: Yeah, we have no
intention of going to five days while this virus is still present. You know, we think three days is enough to get people out of their homes, you know, and doing something at least. Our activity would be limited. It would be just basically bingo and we would have our oil painting.

MR. HALLINAN: And you probably want an answer tonight. I don't know if that's possible. When would you need to know from us if you were going to open?

MS. BOGA: Well, I mean, you know, the county has it on their agenda, you know, for their website. So, I mean, if you would prefer that we not open, I would need to know as soon as possible in order for them to get that out.

And also that would give us some time to make all the calls to everybody and let them know that you're not going to open.

MR. HALLINAN: I personally don't have a problem with it opening if everything you are proposing here -- I think it's something that needs to be discussed.

MS. BOGA: Yeah, I completely
understand that. I definitely do.

MS. BRIER: When is our next meeting, Vito?

MR. DEMPSEY: Not until October.

MR. RUGGIERO: October -- whatever that second Monday is.

MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, it's not until October though, the 12th. Anybody else have any other questions?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: I mean, what we can do is just discuss it, you know, hopefully this week sometime and get you an answer as soon as we can.

MS. BOGA: That I would appreciate because everyone is kind of expecting to come here on the 21st so at least give me some time to let everybody know.

MR. DEMPSEY: Let them know one way or another. Sure.

MS. BOGA: Okay.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Thanks for coming.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you very much.

MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.
MS. BOGA: You're welcome.

MR. DEMPSEY: Would anyone else like to address Council tonight?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none. Public officials. Vito, do you have anything?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'm good.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Genovese?

MR. GENOVESE: Nothing at this time.

MR. DEMPSEY: Didge?

MR. JUDGE: No.

MR. DEMPSEY: Chris?

MR. KEARNEY: No.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mayor Burke?

MAYOR BURKE: Yes, I'm just wondering if you could look into putting the Jake brake going from north to south, same way we got it approved. Signs look good. Good work. But if we can talk about that -- go through the motions of getting that done the same way we have going from south to north.

That's all I have.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Did I miss anybody? Didge?

MR. JUDGE: No.
MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Zangardi?

MS. ZANGARDI: I would just like to remind everybody we're doing the veterans banners again. It's on Facebook under Dunmore Borough. And it is -- you could call the Borough Building and ask for Sally Judge or Jeanie Hall. They'll direct you and mail you the information.

But we're going to extend the areas a little bit to be determined. There's a few streets being talked about. The other thing is I'd like to do a shoutout to the Mosaic Project for the beautification of Dunmore Corners. They did Honeychilds bar/restaurant and they did Wonderstone store at Dunmore Corners, the former Metallo's Formal Wear, beautiful project.

So I'd like to do a nice shoutout to Cathy and she's going to continue moving -- doing other businesses in the area. That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mrs. Scrimalli?

MS. SCRIMALLI: I would like to congratulate Mr. Mehallic and Mr. Boniello on
your project. Very good work. I also want to ask Didge, Didge, are we moving forward with the maintenance of our plow trucks for the wintertime?

MR. JUDGE: Yes.

MRS. SCRIMALLI: Do you want to tell us a little bit about what's going on with the trucks?

MR. JUDGE: Yeah, one week they're going to take to get done. The first one left today. They'll be ready for the winter.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Very good. You never know. But it's better to be ready and prepared, right? Well, thank you very much for that.

Also I wanted to let the public know that we're going be to installing safe exchange zone areas. These are for people who perhaps are with divorced families that want to exchange children and want to feel comfortable and safe.

I have pictures of these parking lots -- parking spaces, I should say. And if anyone wants to see them I could give you a copy of these. And, Didge, maybe I could give
you a copy. We're going to put two spaces over by the police department.

   We'll shine lights on it and have cameras so that people will be safe there. All right? Thank you very much and just to thank everyone for all of your presentations this evening and thank everyone for coming. Thank you. That's all.

   MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mrs. Scrimalli. Mr. Ehnot?

   MR. EHNOT: Nothing.

   MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Hallinan?

   MR. HALLINAN: I'd like to thank the two gentlemen for making your presentations for the refinancing. This is twice we've had you in. I hope next time we vote on something. And also I'd like to, you know, just put it on the record here we got the Chestnut Street approved for sidewalks and for paving which I guess will be in between what the water company is going to do.

   And it was a lot of hard work. This doesn't happen overnight. And it's probably been the process for about a year and a half, two years. And, you know, Mr. Lorince is here.
He could probably tell you he probably hated me on some days when I call him and tell him get out there and start knocking on doors so we could get responses from people.

And so I'd like to thank Mr. Lorince and Olena Shemchuk who is one of our workers in the office who would make phone calls even though it's not part of her job in the Police Department. She would be calling homeowners and then have them -- make sure that they would fill out this stuff.

And we went from almost not having this project to sending it over to (inaudible.) And getting it done I think will be a big improvement in the main thoroughfare. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Amico?

MR. AMICO: I'm good. Thanks.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Brier?

MS. BRIER: Yeah, I'd like to thank you for your presentation as well regarding the seniors because I think it's a really vital service that you provide to our older folks here in Dunmore so -- and the other presenters as well. It's a tough decision.
The Chestnut Street thing is fantastic. You know, we got that money that we wouldn't normally have to spend. It's a pretty, you know, key thoroughfare for us in the town. So thanks a lot, Tommy and Tom, I guess. The two of you guys really worked on that a lot. Thank you very much.

MR. DEMPSEY: I don't have anything. So I will look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion.

MR. HALLINAN: Second.

MR. DEMPSEY: Motion and a second.

All those in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and so moved. We're adjourned.
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