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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, January 10th, 2022

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

VINCE AMICO - President

JANET BRIER - Vice President

MICHAEL DEMPSEY

THOMAS HALLINAN

ELIZABETH ZANGARDI

WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III

KATHERINE OVEN

MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

VITO RUGGIERO, Borough Manager

MAX CONWAY, MAYOR

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER.

1 (Pledge of Allegiance, roll call,
2 and swearing in of Max Conway as Mayor. All
3 Board members are in attendance.)

4 MR. RUGGIERO: All right. Thank
5 everyone for coming again. We're going to
6 reconvene with the public meeting which is
7 beginning at 7:00. For all of you who
8 weren't -- for everybody who wasn't in
9 attendance, it was the swearing in ceremony of
10 our new Mayor Mark Max Conway, Jr. So, Mayor,
11 congratulations.

12 MAYOR CONWAY: Thank you.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: We already did the
14 Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. So we'll
15 move to number four at the public meeting,
16 public comment on agenda items.

17 MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the
18 public like to comment on any agenda items
19 only?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. AMICO: Seeing none.

22 MR. RUGGIERO: Number five, is a
23 motion to approve the minutes.

24 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
25 to approve the minutes.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

2 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I
3 have a second?

4 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

5 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
6 second. On the question? Anybody have
7 anything on the question?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. AMICO: Seeing none, all those
10 in favor please say aye.

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. AMICO: All those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. AMICO: The ayes have it and so
15 moved.

16 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six is a
17 motion to approve and pay the open bills.

18 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
19 to approve and pay the open bills.

20 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
21 motion.

22 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I
23 have a second?

24 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

25 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a

1 second. Anyone on the question?

2 MS. BRIER: I just have a question.
3 Mark, what's the safety equipment DiVal safety
4 equipment, two grand. Can you hear me? It's
5 on page two at the top. Is that for fire?

6 MR. BURTON: That's for fire. It
7 used to be called Mid Atlantic Fire. They
8 changed their name.

9 MS. BRIER: And the tree service,
10 what did we have done?

11 MR. RUGGIERO: That was the
12 retention pond off of Reeves Streets that was
13 overgrown.

14 MS. BRIER: Oh, okay. All right.
15 That's all I had. Thanks.

16 MR. AMICO: Okay. All those in
17 favor please say aye.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. AMICO: The ayes have it and so
22 moved.

23 MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven is the
24 Treasurer financial report. Mr. Burton.

25 MR. BURTON: Evening Council.

1 because there was a discrepancy about whether
2 it was a tax exempt bond or not. It was a bond
3 that was taken -- or it was a loan, sorry, not
4 a bond, that was taken out to fund the pension.
5 And that's not tax free. So we hadn't
6 really -- it was like more or less a correction
7 of an earlier decision. And that's what hurt
8 us this year.

9 But we were able to overcome some of
10 that with the COVID money and rebate from Blue
11 Cross/Blue Shield; is that correct?

12 MR. BURTON: As far as revenues for
13 the month of December, again very light. And
14 we had no supplemental income this month.
15 There was no draw on the TAN again. We didn't
16 draw on the TAN for the whole year of 2021.
17 And as far as expenses, there's a couple of
18 highlights here.

19 The first one -- administration was
20 \$101,000 down payment for work comp for this
21 upcoming year. So that was a big chunk and
22 also the final 2021 MMO payment which was
23 81,000.

24 And there was also two pretty large
25 payrolls, the year end, vacation, holiday pay,

1 things of that nature. Other than that again,
2 a very slow month. That's about it.

3 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mark.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mark.

5 MR. RUGGIERO: Number eight, public
6 comment.

7 MR. AMICO: Folks, before you come
8 up, as a reminder when you come to the podium
9 to speak, please state your name and address
10 for the record. I'll start with Mr. Duncan,
11 please.

12 MR. DUNCAN: Thank you. First,
13 Didge, I saw you in the back. I just want to
14 thank DPW. I know it wasn't the biggest
15 blizzard we ever had. But I made the call over
16 to the Borough Building the other day. And you
17 folks were there within 45 minutes. We have
18 several elderly people on our street.

19 You know, my next door neighbor,
20 he's got to get his wife out to doctor visits
21 three times a week. And there are folks down
22 the street as well. So again and everybody at
23 DPW, if you could just let the department know
24 we really do appreciate it. That was an ice
25 storm really. And you folks got the street

1 right down for us.

2 So please let everyone know we said
3 thank you very much. I want to congratulate
4 both Vince and Mrs. Brier for, you know, as our
5 now our new Council President and Vice
6 President.

7 And I want to congratulate the new
8 members -- the newly elected members of
9 Council. I've been coming to these meetings I
10 think since 2009, 2010. I've seen this room --
11 Rich Barth, you were here for a lot of those
12 meetings when we couldn't see out the windows
13 we were so packed.

14 And then I could tell you there's
15 been other times I've been the only person in
16 this room that wasn't an elected official. And
17 I think Councilman Hallinan remembers those
18 days. But this is what I can tell you. This
19 is a real exercise in democracy. It's an
20 opportunity for the citizens of this town to
21 have a voice even when you're the only one
22 here.

23 I could tell you from at least going
24 back to 2009, Tim, I've always appreciated the
25 civility of all of those Council members. I

1 voted for you folks because I believe in you.
2 Don't let me down. And I look forward to being
3 here at all of these Council meetings in the
4 years to come. So thank you. Thanks for
5 stepping up. Thanks for running for office. I
6 could tell you I could only speak for one
7 person in this town.

8 But I really do appreciate the
9 efforts that all of the Councils put forward.
10 So God bless you all and best of luck to you.

11 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Gary.

12 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

13 MR. AMICO: Sally? And again,
14 please state your name and address for the
15 record, please.

16 MS. JUDGE: My name is Sally Judge,
17 966 Winton Street in Dunmore. For those of you
18 who don't know me, my name is Sally Judge. I
19 work for the Borough of Dunmore, have worked
20 there for the past 27 years.

21 First of all, I'd like to welcome
22 you all, everyone who won their election, our
23 new Mayor, our new Tax Collector, Andy for
24 reelection, Tom for reelection, congratulations
25 to all of you.

1 As a concerned employee and resident
2 of the Borough, I would like to give a brief
3 description of what my co-workers and I have
4 encountered. Our contract, union contract was
5 up in December of 2020. Because of COVID
6 shutdowns, we waited to begin negotiating until
7 2021.

8 But we've been trying to negotiate
9 since January -- since May. We only get one
10 meeting a month. And the Borough labor
11 attorney cancelled December's meeting. So we
12 had very, very limited meetings. He has yet to
13 contact us to reschedule it.

14 We have not received a full proposal
15 from the Borough as of yet. We -- on our first
16 meeting as usually directed, we gave our first
17 proposal. We only get dribs and drabs as he
18 comes in. He just whatever -- he just wings
19 it. We feel like it's just dragging on and
20 that our union and the DPW are not getting a
21 fair shake on this.

22 As we have done in many contracts
23 before, we asked to meet with Council to settle
24 this contract. We have a history of working
25 together for both units and Council to getting

1 an agreement. We feel as though the Borough
2 labor attorney is not an effective resource for
3 the Borough or this process.

4 We are a small unit of seven members
5 and we cannot get a contract settled. DPW,
6 their contract just ended December 31st. I
7 believe they've had two meetings. But they
8 haven't settled anything as of yet and will
9 probably drag as long as ours did.

10 I can't imagine what will happen
11 when police and fire are up at the end of this
12 year if ours is giving them that much problems.
13 All we want is a fair and meaningful process
14 and agreement. We are asking the new Council
15 to try to help us move forward with our
16 contract and get it settled in a fair manner as
17 soon as we can. It is now over a year with no
18 movement at all.

19 I would like to wish you all good
20 luck. And if there is anything you may need
21 from any of us, please don't hesitate to stop
22 in the office, call us. We'll be more than
23 glad to help you. Thank you.

24 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Sally.

25 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

2 MR. AMICO: Anyone else like to
3 address Council this evening?

4 MR. ROWLAND: Good evening. My name
5 is Tim Rowland. I actually live in Clarks
6 Summit. But I work for Commonwealth Health
7 Emergency Medical Services. We in 2013 and
8 '14, Commonwealth Health, the hospitals, Moses
9 Taylor, Regional Hospital of Scranton purchased
10 the largest ambulance company Lackawanna
11 Ambulance and then purchased Community Life
12 Support which I manage.

13 I've been a paramedic since 1978.
14 I -- starting my 49th year in EMS. I started
15 when I was 16 years old. So I have the
16 fortunate for working for Commonwealth Health
17 which is a great organization. I was here at
18 your meeting I think in the fall and answered
19 several questions on an incident that had
20 happened.

21 And, you know, I know there is new
22 Council members and new Council seated and new
23 Mayor. And since this is public safety, I
24 thought I'd bring it up. And we wanted to know
25 if there would be any interest in Council of

1 reexamining the ambulance service in the
2 Borough on the possibility of bringing in a new
3 company on.

4 We think Commonwealth Health, we
5 offer a multitude of opportunities for the
6 Borough. We accept all insurances which was
7 the issue last time I was here. So there would
8 be no need to have a subscription program for
9 your taxpayers. They would get the service for
10 free guaranteed, no out-of-pocket expenses.

11 We would love to relocate or put an
12 advanced life support ambulance actually in the
13 Borough of Dunmore. We would rent a property
14 there. We think there may be some issues with
15 your response times now. I know in 2020 we
16 responded to the Borough of Dunmore 70 times.
17 In 2021 we were in the Borough -- as not the
18 contract -- as the backup, we were here 170
19 times.

20 So we think, you know, maybe in 2013
21 or '14 when Lackawanna, the company that we
22 purchased had the contract for Dunmore, had the
23 ambulance service, another company started
24 Pennsylvania Ambulance and it was switched to
25 them without the opportunity for a

1 counterproposal.

2 We don't even know what they
3 proposed. But, you know, that time has gone
4 by. Things have changed. And you all are
5 aware, we are in precedented times for the
6 health and safety of our communities with the
7 Covid epidemic.

8 We think that this might be a great
9 opportunity for the Borough and for community
10 to, you know, step up and see if we can give
11 you a better range of service for your
12 community. And I'm just here tonight. I don't
13 expect any action on it. But whether, you
14 know, your public safety committee or the Mayor
15 or whatever would choose to maybe reexamine
16 that. That's really all I have.

17 MS. BRIER: Well, I know, Tim, when
18 you were here before the issue was -- and the
19 other ambulance company responded and they did
20 not have a paramedic on the ambulance. So
21 they -- a paramedic from your organization went
22 and, you know, and again, we've been talking
23 about the, you know, the fire truck -- the fire
24 company responding as well to a 911 call.

25 So I think it would behoove us to

1 take a look at that situation just because we
2 know you would -- I'm assuming you would
3 guarantee that we would have a paramedic.

4 MR. ROWLAND: We would. It would be
5 in whatever proposal or contract or whatever --
6 you know, it's really right now -- I think
7 right now it's just a resolution maybe.

8 MS. BRIER: Yeah, it's not a
9 contract. We have an agreement. Yeah, we have
10 an agreement.

11 MR. ROWLAND: But, I mean, and it's
12 certainly something that if you chose to give
13 us an opportunity, you know, if it didn't work
14 out you could always change back. You have
15 nothing to lose. It's a very competitive
16 market. And we're, you know, we're just
17 interested in maybe at least having the
18 opportunity to propose something to you that we
19 think would be beneficial.

20 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

21 MR. ROWLAND: Okay.

22 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Tim.

23 MR. AMICO: Anybody else -- would
24 anybody else like to speak to Council this
25 evening?

1 (No response.).

2 MR. AMICO: Seeing none.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: Number nine, public
4 officials.

5 MR. AMICO: I did write a list of
6 everybody that was here because I didn't want
7 to mess anybody up. So tonight we start
8 with -- I had Judge Conway but he left. So
9 Mr. Ruddy, would you like to address Council,
10 please?

11 MR. RUDDY: All right. Thank you
12 very much. My name is Michael Ruddy. I am the
13 new Tax Collector of Dunmore. Congratulations
14 Mayor Conway being sworn in tonight. The
15 reason I came to Council tonight besides to see
16 the new Mayor being sworn in is that I wanted
17 to get approval from Council for an audit of
18 the Tax Collector office.

19 In going through the process of
20 becoming the Tax Collector, I couldn't find any
21 information on past audits. And it's my
22 understanding that the office should be
23 audited. Unfortunately, I don't have any
24 authority to hire an auditor. So you fine
25 folks would have to take the ball and run with

1 it.

2 MR. AMICO: So that being said, we
3 have to find someone to actually do the audit
4 but you just need our authorization to go
5 forward?

6 MR. RUDDY: I'm not sure how that
7 process works. But I do understand that I have
8 no real say in hiring an auditor. I could
9 certainly work with Vito to determine.

10 MS. BRIER: We'd probably have to do
11 an RFP, you know --

12 MR. RUDDY: Request for proposal?

13 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

14 MR. RUDDY: That's what I assumed,
15 yeah.

16 MS. BRIER: Yeah, like any other
17 professional.

18 MR. RUGGIERO: So that would be the
19 school district funds as well, I assume?

20 MR. RUDDY: Yes. Yes, because it
21 should be --

22 MR. RUGGIERO: So they would have to
23 be on board with the audit as well and maybe
24 share some of that cost.

25 MR. RUDDY: Yes, I imagine so.

1 Yeah, so the audit from what I understand just
2 looking into it and from my own training when I
3 became Tax Collector is that audits should
4 occur.

5 And when I acquire my bond, the
6 underwriter for the most recent insurance
7 company wanted a copy of the audit report. So
8 it's something that is pretty standard for a
9 Tax Collector office to have an audit done.

10 MS. BRIER: Do you know when the
11 last one was done in Dunmore?

12 MR. RUDDY: I do not know.

13 MS. BRIER: Is it, like, a decade?
14 You couldn't say.

15 MR. RUDDY: I could not say.

16 MS. BRIER: Have you -- do you
17 intend to talk to the school board about this
18 as well?

19 MR. RUDDY: No, not yet.

20 MS. BRIER: Okay.

21 MR. AMICO: Mick, do we have to put
22 this on our agenda for maybe next month to at
23 least give Mr. Ruddy approval?

24 ATTY. PERRY: Well, we should talk
25 to the school board as well.

1 MR. AMICO: Right. Okay.

2 ATTY. PERRY: Which I will do if you
3 want me to.

4 MR. AMICO: Yes, please.

5 ATTY. PERRY: I'll talk to Attorney
6 Dempsey and we'll discuss it.

7 MR. AMICO: Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. BRIER: Thanks.

9 MR. AMICO: All right. Mr. Judge?
10 Do you have anything this evening?

11 MR. JUDGE: No.

12 MR. AMICO: Mr. Ruggiero.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: I'm going to go first
14 to congratulate the new Mayor. So everybody
15 behind you -- I got it -- congratulations.

16 MAYOR CONWAY: Thank you.

17 MR. AMICO: Mr. Genovese.

18 MR. GENOVESE: Yes, I'd like to
19 congratulate Max also on his election and
20 congratulate Janet on her becoming Vice
21 President. She wasn't at the last meeting. I
22 would also like to acknowledge our retiring
23 Mayor, Tim Burke who served this Borough for
24 the last 20 years.

25 A lot of rough times for the first

1 11 years of my serving as Controller, we didn't
2 leave here sometimes until 10:30 at night. And
3 I want to offer my sincerest wishes on your
4 retirement. I'm glad I served 16 years with
5 you, proud years and I thank you for your
6 service. That's all.

7 MR. BURKE: Thanks, Andy.

8 MR. AMICO: Attorney Perry.

9 ATTY. PERRY: I too would like to
10 congratulate our new Mayor Max. I knew Max
11 when he was about that high (indicating.) So
12 congratulations and congratulations to the
13 newly elected Council members and reelected
14 Council member.

15 MR. AMICO: Mr. Kearney.

16 MR. KEARNEY: Max, congratulations.
17 Don't get hurt playing basketball Sunday
18 morning.

19 MR. AMICO: Chief DeNaples.

20 CHIEF DENAPLES: I'd just like to
21 congratulate Mayor Conway on his election and
22 look forward to working with him.

23 MR. AMICO: Mayor Conway, your turn.

24 MAYOR CONWAY: As I said earlier, I
25 appreciate everybody putting their trust in me

1 to try to make move the Borough forward. I'm
2 looking forward to working with everybody on
3 Council. I have big shoes to fill from Mayor
4 Burke. But again, I'm just very excited and I
5 look forward to the opportunity. Thank you
6 very much to everybody.

7 MR. AMICO: Thank you. And let's
8 start tonight with Ms. Zangardi, please.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: Congratulations Max.
10 Looking forward to it. Thanks everybody for
11 coming. Sally, I have a few questions about
12 your contract agreement. Do you have a
13 schedule at all for the new year?

14 MS. JUDGE: No.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: Who is on your
16 negotiating team?

17 MS. JUDGE: Myself and Joe Lorince
18 and our two union reps.

19 MS. ZANGARDI: Does -- do you get
20 any responses?

21 MR. AMICO: And, Didge, who is on
22 the DPW negotiating team?

23 MR. JUDGE: (Inaudible.)

24 MS. ZANGARDI: So you're meeting
25 regularly, correct?

1 MR. MCKENNA: No, they cancelled the
2 last one. We got no word. It was just taken
3 away.

4 MS. ZANGARDI: That was when?

5 MR. AMICO: Beth, excuse me? This
6 is public officials. It's tough for Maria to
7 be able to take notes when she doesn't know who
8 you're addressing.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: You're right. So
10 Sally Judge. Who is on the negotiating team,
11 Didge?

12 MR. JUDGE: John McKenna.

13 MS. ZANGARDI: Just John McKenna?

14 MR. JUDGE: No, Dominic Lalli, Sean
15 Comstock and Justin Taffera and our union reps.

16 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. You're meeting
17 was cancelled January 5th or December 5th?

18 MR. MCKENNA: January 5th.

19 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. Vito.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

21 MS. ZANGARDI: Would you try to
22 reschedule these?

23 MR. RUGGIERO: I know Attorney
24 Ufberg and Mr. Snyder have -- their dates have
25 to correspond. So I wasn't notified. I

1 believe last meeting that was cancelled for the
2 DPW was them on their side cancelling it, not
3 us.

4 MR. SNYDER: We didn't --

5 MR. DEMPSEY: You're going to have
6 to --

7 MS. ZANGARDI: You have to say your
8 name.

9 MR. SNYDER: Sure. Chris Snyder
10 from the local 1776. We respectfully
11 information which was not fulfilled so we
12 couldn't provide a complete and comprehensive
13 counterproposal back because the information
14 was lacking on that. I did provide and we did
15 provide as with Clerical alternative dates and
16 we have not received a response back.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: I will follow up with
18 our labor attorney tomorrow to see if he has a
19 good date to correspond with Mr. Snyder.

20 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. Thank you,
21 Vito.

22 MS. BRIER: Who did you ask for the
23 information?

24 MR. SNYDER: The counsel for the
25 Borough. He's the chief negotiator.

1 MS. BRIER: And he didn't respond.

2 MR. SNYDER: Correct.

3 MS. ZANGARDI: When was the --
4 excuse me, please. John McKenna, when did your
5 contract expire?

6 MR. MCKENNA: This past year.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: 2021.

8 MR. MCKENNA: Yes.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: December of 2021.

10 MR. MCKENNA: Yes.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: Sally Judge, yours is
12 the December, 2020.

13 MS. JUDGE: Twenty.

14 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. All right. I
15 just want clarification on the record so, Vito,
16 would you do me a huge favor and call him
17 tomorrow, please?

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Sure.

19 MS. ZANGARDI: And get him in touch
20 with Mr. Snyder.

21 MR. RUGGIERO: Sure.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you. And
23 that's all I have. Thank you, Max. And thanks
24 everybody for coming out. Tim, thank you for
25 everything. I'll be seeing you. And that's

1 it. Thank you.

2 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mrs.
3 Zangardi. Mr. O'Malley?

4 MR. O'MALLEY: I want to
5 congratulate Max Conway, our new Mayor, former
6 student of mine. So I knew you would do big
7 things.

8 MAYOR CONWAY: No you didn't.
9 That's fake. That's fake news as they say.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: He was a star
11 student. And I got to know you pretty well
12 over the last year. And I'm really excited to
13 work with you for the betterment of this town.

14 Mayor Burke, I want to say thank you
15 for all of your service to our Borough. I
16 really look up to you because you're a man of
17 conviction. And you seem to be on the right
18 side of things very, very often. And so I'm
19 going to be leaning on you from time to time if
20 you don't mind; but again, thank you so much
21 for your service to our Borough.

22 MR. BURKE: Thank you, Will. You
23 could call me anytime, buddy.

24 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you. I want to
25 say thank you to everyone for coming out

1 tonight. It's good to see another week with a
2 lot of people in the audience. So again, thank
3 you so much for coming. And that's all I have.
4 Thank you.

5 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mr. O'Malley.
6 Mr. Dempsey.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I just wanted to
8 congratulate Mayor Conway. I said my thank
9 yous to Mayor Burke again. But again,
10 tremendous job. I enjoyed working with you the
11 last eight years on Council and as Mayor. So
12 thank you for all your service.

13 I look forward to working with you,
14 Max, and everybody new on Council. I think we
15 have a good group here. And I think we're
16 going to do some good things in the next few
17 years. So thank you all for coming and
18 appreciate it.

19 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mr. Dempsey.
20 Mr. Hallinan.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Max, you didn't hear
22 this before but I'm congratulating you. And,
23 Mayor Burke, yes, you were always very -- you
24 had a conviction about anything you felt about.
25 He was amazing in some things that he did. But

1 that's all I have for tonight. Didge and guys
2 and everybody, you did a great job in the
3 storms. So thank you very much. That's all I
4 have.

5 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mr. Hallinan.
6 Mrs. Oven.

7 MS. OVEN: Congratulations, Max. I
8 look forward to working with you. And I'm
9 excited about the plans for the Borough for the
10 future. Tim, thank you for all you did. I met
11 you years ago when we got involved in our
12 fight.

13 And I appreciate all your hard work.
14 I hope you could enjoy some quiet time now.
15 Vince, I want to say congratulations too about
16 President; and, Janet, congratulations on Vice
17 President. I wasn't able to say that last
18 week.

19 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

20 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

21 MS. OVEN: And thank you everyone
22 for coming. And I look forward to serving
23 everyone.

24 MR. AMICO: Thank you. And Mrs.
25 Brier.

1 MS. BRIER: Yeah, well, I wasn't
2 able to be here last week when Katherine
3 and Trip were sworn in because of a Covid
4 exposure. But I just wanted to say how pleased
5 I am to have you on Council and have you as our
6 colleague. And I think again, we have a group
7 here who, you know, is very, very vested in our
8 town and will act accordingly.

9 Max too, Max wasn't here last week
10 either. We were both absent due to Covid.
11 But, you know, Max is just going to be a
12 tremendous asset to this town, I mean, his
13 enthusiasm and his -- actually I think there is
14 something to be said for youth too.

15 He brings that aspect which we don't
16 have -- certainly I don't have. And we're
17 really, really, really excited to have you
18 starting with Katherine and Trip and the rest
19 of us up here. I can't say enough about Tim
20 Burke. I mean, his integrity, his dignity, his
21 contribution to this town.

22 It's almost -- it's hard to quantify
23 what he's done in his life including, you know,
24 a lot of times I think with quite a bit of
25 personal sacrifice. I can't thank Tim enough

1 for what he's done. He promised me I could
2 still call him.

3 And, Didge, you did a great job. I
4 mean, it was unbelievable. And it was quick.
5 I don't know. You guys must have worked all
6 night. So thank you. And that's all I have.

7 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mrs. Brier.
8 All right. First off, I just want to go over
9 our department liaisons. So this goes on the
10 record and so that everybody basically knows
11 what the role of a liaison is.

12 And just real quick for the public,
13 a liaison is just basically a conduit between
14 the departments that we have whether it's --
15 well, I'll go over the department -- but for
16 our departments and Council. So again, for the
17 record -- and I will get you a list of this.

18 Police will be Mrs. Brier and Mrs.
19 Zangardi. I'll stick with the Fire Department.
20 DPW will be Mr. Hallinan and Mr. O'Malley.
21 Finance will still be Mrs. Brier. The Borough
22 Building will be Mrs. Zangardi and Mrs. Oven
23 with Mrs. Oven as the Clerical liaison and Mrs.
24 Zangardi as the Code, Health, and Zoning
25 liaison. And Schautz Stadium and the Community

1 Center will be Mr. Dempsey.

2 I'd also like to personally
3 congratulate and welcome Max to his new role as
4 Mayor of Dunmore. Max was supposed to be sworn
5 in last week along with Mrs. Oven and
6 Mr. O'Malley. But because of a COVID, he
7 wasn't able to get that squared away until
8 tonight.

9 I was told according to the Borough
10 Code I had the -- we didn't have a Mayor for a
11 week, officially a week. So I was told
12 according to Borough Code I had the honor of
13 being interim Mayor for the week, which I
14 thought was amazing. I thought I'd have all
15 kinds of cool experiences.

16 I expected to maybe perform a
17 wedding or maybe get the keys to the tank. And
18 the most exciting thing I did last week was
19 talk to Didge two times about snowstorms, which
20 again, awesome job. And Didge and his guys
21 came in I think at four in the morning on
22 Thursday going into Friday and today -- this
23 morning also.

24 So again, both mornings when I was
25 out early in the morning and the roads were

1 squared away. So fantastic job. I sincerely
2 appreciate it. Max, once again, I think
3 everybody is super happy to have you involved.
4 And I'm excited to work with you for at least
5 the next two years. So congratulations.

6 And two more things, again, I just
7 want to make sure everybody is aware of this.
8 Starting in our February meeting, which will be
9 February 14th, we're going to begin our Council
10 meetings at 6:00. So they will no longer be at
11 7. We'll start them at 6:00.

12 And there is an announcement --
13 there will be an announcement on our Facebook
14 page about a public auction that will be taking
15 place on a property that we own at 1311 Green
16 Ridge Street. The sale is -- I think
17 everything has to be in by this -- by the 26th,
18 January 26th.

19 I'll just read it real quick for the
20 record. Notice is hereby given that the
21 Borough of Dunmore will hold a public auction
22 for the sale of a property located at 1311
23 Green Ridge Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania.
24 Sealed bids shall be submitted to the Borough
25 by January 26th, 2022, and will be opened on

1 that date.

2 The three highest bidders will be
3 allowed to resubmit sealed bids by January
4 31st, 2022, with the highest qualified bid to
5 be accepted on that date. The reserve price
6 for this property shall be \$81,500. And in the
7 event no bids are received above that amount,
8 the property will be removed from the sale.
9 And again, this will be on our website and our
10 Facebook page.

11 MS. BRIER: And, Vince, people could
12 go and look at it, right?

13 MR. AMICO: Correct.

14 MS. BRIER: Yeah, they could make an
15 appointment. Will that be on our Facebook
16 page?

17 MS. ZANGARDI: They have to contact
18 Vito -- Mr. Ruggiero, correct.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Wednesday and
20 Thursday of this week between the hours of 9
21 a.m. and 2 p.m. to schedule an appointment. We
22 have two scheduled thus far.

23 MR. AMICO: Thank you. And last
24 thing I have tonight is again, thank you, Mayor
25 Burke, for your -- not only for your service to

1 the Borough but for everything that you've done
2 for me personally over the last six years.

3 You've been a tremendous mentor and
4 I sincerely appreciate your help. And that's
5 all I have for this evening. I'll look for a
6 motion to adjourn.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

8 MR. AMICO: Look for a second?

9 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

10 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
11 second. All those in favor please say aye.

12 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. AMICO: The ayes have it. Thank
16 you.

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