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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, January 11th, 2021

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 :

- MICHAEL DEMPSEY, President
- THOMAS HALLINAN, Vice President
- CAROL SCRIMALLI
- VINCE AMICO
- JANET BRIER
- ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
- MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor
- TIMOTHY BURKE, Mayor
- VITO RUGGIERO, Borough Manager

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. DEMPSEY: Roll call.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. McDonald

5 Zangardi.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Scrimalli.

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Ehnot.

10 MR. EHNOT: Here.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Dempsey.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Hallinan.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

16 MR. AMICO: Here.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

18 MS. BRIER: Here.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Mayor Burke.

20 MAYOR BURKE: Here.

21 MR. RUGGIERO: Number three, public
22 comment on agenda items.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Does anyone from the
24 public have any comments on agenda items only?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Seeing none, number
3 four is a motion to approve the minutes.

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

6 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that
7 motion.

8 MR. EHNOT: Second.

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

11 (No response.)

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

14 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

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

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Number five is a
20 motion to approve and pay the open bills.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion?

22 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
23 motion.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

25 MR. EHNOT: I'll second that.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
2 second.

3 MS. BRIER: A couple questions?

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Yep.

5 MS. BRIER: American Rock Salt, I
6 thought we had a lot of rock salt.

7 MR. EHNOT: That's for treating --

8 MS. BRIER: Twenty-five grand.

9 MR. JUDGE: Yeah, that's our salt.

10 MS. BRIER: Yeah, I thought we had a
11 bunch though going into the winter.

12 MR. RUGGIERO: No, once -- actually,
13 go ahead, Mr. Judge. Do you want to explain
14 the process on how you replenish your stock?

15 MR. JUDGE: Yeah, we just keep an
16 eye on it. We use it, we order it.

17 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks. And you
18 did a great job too the couple times. And then
19 I had Reuther and Bowen, seven grand. What was
20 that for?

21 MR. RUGGIERO: They're our engineers
22 for various projects. The people who do have
23 to pay for the engineer and reimbursed out of
24 what we get from the engineer.

25 MS. BRIER: Oh, okay. All right.

1 That's all I have.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Anyone
3 else on the question?

4 (No response.)

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

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six is
13 Treasurer financial report. Mr. Burton?

14 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Hi Mark.

16 MR. BURTON: Well, this is the last
17 for the year. We're showing a deficit of 2.5
18 million dollars. The bulk of it which came in
19 the month of December. Revenue collection is
20 typically lighter towards the end of the year.

21 And then we had all of our year end
22 expenditures. The big ones were the repayment
23 of the TAN. That was about \$840,000; MMO,
24 which is \$802,000; Fidelity's large loan which
25 96,000. Our down payment for the work comp was

1 \$88,000. And the down payment on the police
2 cars was 65,000.

3 So that contributed to the bulk of
4 the loss for the year in the month of December,
5 year end expenditures that we had to take care
6 of by the end of the year.

7 MS. BRIER: I have a question.
8 Under solid waste collection and disposal it's
9 a million dollars for the year. It was five
10 million last year. But I just, you know, we
11 have expenses --

12 MS. SCRIMALLI: I can't hear you at
13 all.

14 MS. BRIER: We have expenses for the
15 sanitation department. We don't have any
16 expenses to dispose of it, right? So what's
17 that million dollars? What are we paying -- do
18 you know or maybe we can find out and let us
19 know.

20 MR. BURTON: Yeah, I could find out.
21 I think it's mainly salaries, fuel for the
22 trucks.

23 MS. BRIER: Oh, the salaries are in
24 there. Oh, if the salaries are in it that's
25 what it was. Okay. Thanks. I thought that

1 was a separate line item, the salaries. Okay.
2 Thank you.

3 MR. BURTON: And that would be it
4 for 2020. Onto 2021, hopefully better
5 financially, of course.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mark. Does
7 anyone have any questions?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mark.

10 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven is
12 public comment. Gary Duncan wanted me to relay
13 a message and thank everyone for the work
14 that's being done on the Green Ridge Street
15 property that's been ongoing for some time.

16 He also wanted to relay a message to
17 everyone that he sees the numbers every day and
18 wants everyone to stay safe. So that's from
19 Mr. Duncan.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Anyone
21 else from the public?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. DEMPSEY: No? Public officials
24 starting with Mayor Burke. Do you have
25 anything?

1 MAYOR BURKE: I'm good.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Vito?

3 MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Mickey?

5 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Didge?

7 MR. JUDGE: Nothing.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: All right.

9 Mrs. Zangardi?

10 MS. ZANGARDI: I'm good. Thank you.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Carol?

12 MS. SCRIMALLI: I just want to thank
13 Didge for a great job on the snow removal these
14 past couple storms. And Joe Lorince is not
15 here tonight. But he did remove a dumpster
16 that was on Blakely Street. It was kind of in
17 the path of ambulances and other vehicles
18 getting to the hospitals that is on the other
19 side of Blakely towards the hospitals.

20 I want to thank Joe Lorince for
21 taking care of that that was in the middle of
22 the road. That's all I have tonight.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Carol. Mr.
24 Ehnot?

25 MR. EHNOT: I'm good. Stay safe

1 everyone.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Hallinan?

3 MR. HALLINAN: I have nothing.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Amico?

5 MR. AMICO: I'm good. Thanks.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Brier.

7 MS. BRIER: Nothing.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: I have nothing. So
9 with that --

10 MAYOR BURKE: I'm sorry, one thing.
11 Just congratulations to John Murray on his
12 retirement. I wish him good luck.

13 MS. BRIER: Oh, did he retire? Good
14 for him.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. I'll look
18 for a motion to adjourn.

19 MR. EHNOT: Motion.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

21 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?

23 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

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