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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, February 8th, 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 - absent

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 Mr. Ehnot.

9 MR. EHNOT: Here.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Dempsey.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Hallinan.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

15 MR. AMICO: Here.

16 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

17 MS. BRIER: Here.

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Mayor Burke.

19 MAYOR BURKE: Here.

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

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Does anyone from the
23 public want to address Council on agenda items
24 only?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Number four, a motion
2 to approve the minutes.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a motion
4 to approve the minutes.

5 MS. BRIER: I'll make that motion.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

7 MR. EHNOT: Second.

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

10 (No response.)

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

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

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

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

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

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

25 MR. AMICO: I'll second it.

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

3 MS. BRIER: I always have a question
4 with the bills.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: No problem.

6 MS. BRIER: The firewall up at
7 Schautz --

8 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes, what that is, is
9 we have the area up at Schautz Stadium. So it
10 wasn't locked down that anybody could get into
11 the infrastructure and --

12 MS. BRIER: Oh, I see. I thought it
13 was a physical firewall. It was an IT
14 firewall, okay.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: No, no, no. The
16 concern was if somebody put some kind of
17 inappropriate pictures up on the board it would
18 be there for everyone to see it.

19 MS. BRIER: And we're able to pay
20 that out of the --

21 MR. RUGGIERO: -- that bid out of
22 the Schautz account.

23 MS. BRIER: Okay. Great. Thanks.
24 That's really the only one. That's all I have.
25 Do you have any --

1 MR. EHNOT: I know Reuther and Bowen
2 are our engineers, but what are they doing for
3 that money?

4 MR. RUGGIERO: I'm sorry, Tom?

5 MR. EHNOT: What are they doing as
6 far as the eight thousand?

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Those bills are for
8 various projects. That's not broken down.
9 That's cumulative. There's probably six or
10 seven different projects from Chestnut Street
11 to Electric Street to any project that they've
12 done or are doing and involved in, that's where
13 that gets billed. That's cumulative.

14 MR. EHNOT: All right. It's a bunch
15 of projects put together.

16 MS. BRIER: That's Reuther and
17 Bowen.

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes, they're our
19 engineers.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else have any
21 other questions?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

24 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six is the
25 Treasurer financial --

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Wait. We have to
2 vote.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: I'm sorry?

4 MR. DEMPSEY: We have a motion and a
5 second. All those in favor signify by saying
6 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 the
13 Treasurer financial report. Mrs. Brier, do you
14 want to take that? Mr. Burton was off today.

15 MS. BRIER: Oh, okay. Yeah, sure.
16 I just looked at it very briefly. We have a
17 positive for the first month of \$25,000, which
18 is good. I think it's better to look at the
19 profit and loss and then the change.

20 Like, total income it looks like for
21 the first month we're down \$418,000 from the
22 prior year; is that correct?

23 MR. RUGGIERO: That's what it looks
24 like.

25 MS. BRIER: We're only down 39,000

1 from the prior year on expenses. So just as a
2 trending situation, we're -- we -- it's not a
3 good trend when our revenue is down and our
4 expenses aren't down at a commensurate level.

5 So it's just something to keep an
6 eye on for now. Vito, some of these larger
7 line items like miscellaneous revenue
8 \$167,000, do we know where that's from?

9 MR. RUGGIERO: I would have to talk
10 to Mr. Burton.

11 MS. BRIER: Okay. Maybe we can talk
12 about that.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: I think at least the
14 special assessments one, the landfill --

15 MS. BRIER: Yeah, that's the
16 landfill. Yeah, I knew that. And that's down
17 across the board. Yeah, and that's down for
18 2020 as well. So the other one is the Tax
19 Anticipation Note. I thought we got that.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: We did get it. It's
21 a line of credit. It's not in the general
22 fund.

23 MS. BRIER: Then the 2020 was the
24 same thing. That probably shouldn't be in
25 there then.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Correct.

2 MS. BRIER: The 2020, because if it
3 was the same exact thing then, you know, either
4 we put it in or we take 2020 out because this
5 is not a good comparison.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: I will talk to
7 Mr. Burton about that.

8 MS. BRIER: Okay. So that's a
9 hundred grand of that 418. So that's good.
10 You know, it's 318.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: That's good --

12 MS. BRIER: It's better than 418.
13 But it's not a good -- it's not a good trend.
14 Anyway, that's all. Anybody have any questions
15 on that?

16 MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven, public
17 comment.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Public comment. Would
19 anyone like to address Council tonight? Pat.

20 MR. CLARK: Pat Clark, Jefferson
21 Avenue. Last meeting we came I presented some
22 information on the water testing. Since then I
23 just wanted to provide an update. We did get
24 to the engineer -- the environmental
25 consultants that ran the first round of water

1 testing, did confirm today that they are more
2 than willing to help scope this work and do the
3 work for the Borough if it's acceptable to
4 them. I provided the information like two
5 hours ago to Vito.

6 I had a conference call with the
7 tester earlier today. It's up to you guys how
8 to handle it. I don't know if there's a bid or
9 not for professional services or things like
10 that. But Vito has all the information now for
11 the guy that ran the first round of testing.

12 In my e-mail to you all last week I
13 think it was, we also got some results on
14 additional chemical tests they were running.
15 I'm not qualified to speak on the results of it
16 other than they said, yeah, this warrants
17 testing as well.

18 So my goal here is to get the Vito
19 the information for contact. I'm not an
20 engineer. That guy will help scope this out
21 and figure out what the best course of action
22 is in terms of what should be tested for, how
23 often and where and what the cost would be.

24 MR. BRIER: We don't have any cost
25 estimates yet?

1 MR. CLARK: No, I didn't ask them.
2 I wanted you guys -- I'm trying to get out of
3 the middleman there for the Borough in terms of
4 any conflict there. But I'm happy to answer
5 any questions anyone has about that? Sometimes
6 my e-mails I know are a little bit lengthy.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: I think we're good.
8 Does anybody have any question for Pat?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

11 MR. CLARK: Thank you.

12 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Pat.

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

15 (No response.)

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Hearing none. Public
17 officials. We'll start with Didge. Do you
18 have anything?

19 MR. JUDGE: No.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Greg Wolff?

21 MR. WOLFF: No.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Chief?

23 CHIEF DENAPLES: Nothing, thank you.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Mayor Burke.

25 MAYOR BURKE: Nothing, Mike.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Vito.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Perry.

4 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Zangardi.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Yes. A couple of
7 things, a shoutout to out to Moriah Murray for
8 her thousand points score, the Dunmore girls
9 basketball. A shoutout to our DPW workers for
10 the storms in the snow. Thanks for actually a
11 lot of work and hard work.

12 And I want to just let the public
13 know that the Mosaic Project will be doing a
14 cleanup again this year for the Forest Hill
15 cemetery. If anyone is interested you could
16 call me or the Mosaic Project and there's a web
17 page and a phone number so if there anybody's
18 interested in helping cleaning up Forest Hill
19 cemetery. And that's it. Thank you.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Ehnot.

21 MR. EHNOT: Nothing at this time.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Hallinan.

23 MR. HALLINAN: As we talked in
24 executive, I was just hoping that somehow we
25 could put a letter together to send out to our

1 legislatures in the Capitol and to Harrisburg
2 that maybe -- to help us out with some kind of
3 relief for all the tax money we're losing and
4 to help us get through this epidemic also.
5 That's all.

6 Maybe Vito could put something
7 together. I hope everybody would be on board
8 with something like that. That's all I have
9 and thank you very much.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr.
11 Hallinan. Mr. Amico.

12 MR. AMICO: I'm going tonight.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Brier.

15 MS. BRIER: I'm good. Thanks.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: And I don't have
17 anything. Before I shut it down, does anybody
18 else have any anything?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. DEMPSEY: All right. I'll look
21 for a motion to adjourn.

22 MR. EHNOT: So moved.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

24 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor.

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ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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

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