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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, March 14th, 2022

TIME:

6:00 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 via FaceTime
- MICHAEL DEMPSEY
- THOMAS HALLINAN
- ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
- WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III
- KATHERINE OVEN
- MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor
- VITO RUGGIERO, Borough Manager

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. McDonald

4 Zangardi.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. O'Malley.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

8 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Dempsey.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

11 MR. AMICO: Here.

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

13 MS. BRIER: Here.

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

15 MS. OVEN: Here.

16 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Hallinan.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Number three, public

19 comment on agenda items.

20 MR. AMICO: Does anyone from the

21 public want to comment on any agenda items

22 only?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. AMICO: Seeing none.

25 MR. RUGGIERO: Number four is a

1 motion to approve the minutes.

2 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
3 to approve the minutes this evening.

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

5 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll second.

6 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
7 second. Anyone on the question?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Number five is
15 motion to approve and pay the open bills.

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

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

19 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

20 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
21 second. Anyone on the question?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. AMICO: Seeing none. All those
24 in favor?

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six is a
5 motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2; an
6 application to apply to the County of
7 Lackawanna for a State Community Re-invest
8 grant for the purpose of carrying out once
9 again, the Bucktown MusicFest.

10 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
11 to adopt Resolution 2022-2.

12 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that
13 motion.

14 MS. BRIER: I'll make that.

15 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

16 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
17 second. Anyone on the question?

18 MR. HALLINAN: On the question, Mr.
19 President, this is a drawdown grant for the
20 Bucktown Music Festival which we started last
21 year and it seems to me a good way to bring the
22 community together in the Dunmore Corners and
23 provide entertainment.

24 And again, as I said, it's a
25 drawdown grant so that anything that we spend,

1 it's just not here's \$5,000. I think we're --
2 it's yours. You have to actually make the
3 expenses and then they reimburse you. So
4 that's what it is.

5 And we hope to have Bucktown Music
6 Fest for many years to come. Thank you, Mr.
7 President.

8 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mr. Hallinan.
9 All those in favor?

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. AMICO: Motion passes. Next.

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven, a
15 motion to adopt Resolution 2022-3; supporting
16 the submission of an application to request a
17 Statewide Local Share Assessment or an LSA
18 grant for \$500,000 from Commonwealth Financial
19 Authority to be used for the Dunmore/Green
20 Ridge Soccer upgrades and improvement.

21 This is a Local Share Grant or this
22 LSA grant or Act 71, the Gaming Act is funding
23 from the gaming revenue that may be used for
24 economic development, community development,
25 and public interest projects in Monroe County

1 and contiguous counties including Lackawanna.

2 The Borough or governing body needs
3 to act as the conduit and supportive body
4 throughout the process.

5 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
6 to adopt Resolution No. 2022-3.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
8 motion.

9 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll second.

10 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
11 second. On the question?

12 MS. OVEN: Just a little background
13 on this grant, we were approached by DGR to
14 help them support them with this grant. What
15 they're going to do is, they're hoping to redo
16 the Sherwood Park area. They're going to put
17 in more soccer fields.

18 They're going to clear out some of
19 the wooded area. They're going to make a
20 wellness loop to walk around. They're going to
21 redo the parking lot, redo will curbing around
22 the park. So it's really going to be a
23 beautiful area once it's done. So we're hoping
24 to support them in that and hopefully they'll
25 get the funds that they need. It will be great

1 for the kids.

2 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mrs. Oven.

3 All those in favor.

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

8 MR. RUGGIERO: Number eight, a
9 motion to accept the professional services
10 proposal from Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC, to
11 provide technical assistance and advice in
12 relation to policies, procedures, and
13 accountability regarding the American Rescue
14 Plan Act funding program.

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

16 MR. AMICO: Look for a second?

17 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

18 MR. AMICO: Okay. I have a motion
19 and a second. On the question? I'll just
20 speak to this real quickly. I'm not going to
21 try to pronounce it. ZA is a Pennsylvania
22 based CPA firm that specializes in providing
23 auditing and consulting to nonprofits and
24 governmental entities.

25 Basically, they're going to help us

1 navigate the Treasury Department's regulations
2 when it comes to our American Rescue Fund --
3 the money that we'll receive from the American
4 Rescue Fund basically helping to not only
5 navigate the Treasury Department system but,
6 you know, our compliance and just making sure
7 that we're doing everything correctly as far as
8 our American Rescue Funds are concerned.

9 MS. BRIER: Vince, I'd like to speak
10 to it as well. As I said in our executive
11 meeting, the agreement that they presented to
12 us was for \$18,000. They don't say in that
13 agreement whether or not they will prepare the
14 report that's due this April.

15 I would like to table this motion
16 until we get some clarification in terms of who
17 will be preparing the report to the federal
18 government.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Mick, she's wants to
20 table it but there's already a motion.

21 ATTY. PERRY: You need a second to
22 table it.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: But do we have to
24 finish the first motion first? There was a
25 motion and then there was a second. So we have

1 one that is on the floor right now. Do we need
2 to answer that?

3 ATTY. PERRY: Not if there's a
4 motion to table but then it get's a second,
5 then that take precedence over the original
6 motion.

7 MR. AMICO: Do I have a second to
8 table?

9 MS. ZANGARDI: Janet, can I ask a
10 question? Can I ask a question?

11 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: So your concern is in
13 the contract it doesn't give the details of how
14 much they have to provide, how much -- is that
15 what I'm understanding?

16 MS. BRIER: No, Beth. It doesn't
17 say that they will prepare the report. In a
18 typical, you know, accounting for a CPA, they
19 outline that they will prepare a report. Like,
20 Mike Dougherty prepares our annual audit. He
21 prepares a report. It's our -- we have to file
22 it.

23 We sign it and file it. But in this
24 thing, it's \$18,000 and they don't say that
25 they are going to be preparing the report and

1 that's my concern. I just want -- I mean, I
2 just want to clarify that they will be the
3 people preparing the report for that \$18,000.
4 So that's my motion to just table this until we
5 can get and verify that they will be the people
6 that are going to prepare the report. That's
7 not in the agreement that they sent to us.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay.

9 MS. BRIER: So I just need a second.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: I made the motion, so
11 I cannot second yours. But I don't see a
12 problem with tabling it for a week or two to
13 get that clarified for us.

14 ATTY. PERRY: You have to have a
15 second on the motion to table. And then that
16 has to be voted on assuming you get a second.

17 MR. AMICO: Okay. Can Beth make the
18 second if she wanted to?

19 MS. ZANGARDI: I already made the
20 motion the first time but I'd have to change my
21 vote.

22 MR. AMICO: Okay. Anyone?

23 (No response.)

24 ATTY. PERRY: So you vote on the
25 original motion now.

1 MR. AMICO: Vito, you can just do a
2 roll call.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: Sure. Mrs. McDonald
4 Zangardi, on the original motion.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Yes.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: Just so there is
7 clarification, yes is hire does Zelenkofske
8 Axelrod.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: Yes.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. O'Malley.

11 MR. O'MALLEY: Yes.

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Dempsey.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

15 MR. AMICO: Yes.

16 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

17 MS. BRIER: No.

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

19 MS. OVEN: Yes.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Hallinan.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

22 MR. RUGGIERO: Motion six-one
23 carries. Number nine, department heads and
24 Treasurer and financial report. Mr. Chairman,
25 however you want to --

1 MR. AMICO: Mr. Burton.

2 MR. BURTON: Good evening Council.
3 I'll be brief with the update with the February
4 financials. We have a net income for the month
5 of February of \$148,000. And that makes our
6 year-to-date net income of \$409,000 through
7 first two months of the year.

8 February's gain was driven mostly
9 due to the fact that there was a significant
10 increase in the real estate taxes and local
11 enabling taxes which we budgeted for and
12 anticipated. The tax revenues are starting to
13 roll in for the year.

14 As far as revenues are concerned,
15 again, the large influx in real estate taxes
16 and local enabling taxes. We received a
17 Comcast fourth quarter 2021 franchise fee of
18 \$59,000. Miscellaneous revenue item, Dunmore
19 School District fourth quarter reimbursement
20 for their expenses, that's \$21,000.

21 And as far as expenditures were
22 concerned, there was quite a few repairs as far
23 as the DPW with the plows and the other issues
24 that we had with the equipment. That came to
25 about \$20,000. We made our initial debt

1 interest payment for the 2021 refinance general
2 obligation bond, and that came to \$65,000. And
3 finally we made a retirement and pension a
4 partial MMO payment of \$60,000.

5 We bump that up a little bit because
6 we didn't make the initial payment in January.
7 We're going to try to get that caught back up.
8 That's about it.

9 MS. BRIER: Mark, this is Janet, I
10 apologize. Did you say we're paying back the
11 TAN?

12 MR. BURTON: We did in March. We
13 paid 100,000 of the 175 that was borrowed. And
14 we'll pay the balance off by the end of this
15 month.

16 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. BURTON: Yep.

18 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mark.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Chief DeNaples?

20 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening. I'm
21 just going to go over my report that was
22 submitted to Councilman Amico and Secretary
23 Ruggiero this past Friday, the 11th.

24 There's still a couple amendments to
25 it. We had a couple breakdowns over the

1 weekend, some calls and some stuff that were
2 used on so I'll go over that. This month we
3 didn't have until this weekend, so really no
4 big expenditures except \$500 expenditure for
5 the emergency reporting, the occupancy
6 inspection module -- that's the software we're
7 going to be doing our fire safety inspections
8 with. So all the information's going to be
9 entered into that.

10 I checked the status of that.

11 That's about three weeks out to get that
12 module. There is a little bit of personnel
13 issues at emergency reporting. So they are a
14 little bit slow. We had a headset jack
15 with the ladder truck that the radio headset,
16 that was only \$65.00. This was in the report.

17 And we had a hand light battery that
18 we need to replace for 21,000. Now, this past
19 weekend our ladder truck, the engine
20 temperature swiped on it on Sunday during a
21 training exercise. So we had to shut that
22 down. We called and reached out to Glick Fire
23 Equipment, and they said to try to overfill the
24 coolant a little bit to see if it dropped down.
25 That didn't work so we had about \$59 coolant

1 from Advanced Auto.

2 We later had to have Glick Fire
3 Equipment come out because the truck -- that
4 didn't correct it and the truck was out of
5 service. They found out there was a Cummins
6 diesel issue. So the truck has to go to a
7 Cummins diesel dealer, which is going tomorrow
8 to Kenworth.

9 There's an unknown cost on that
10 right now until they evaluate it. But for
11 Glick to come out, it was \$1,051.25. They had
12 to hook their software and their laptop up to
13 the truck to diagnose what was going on with
14 it. So that was an emergency call. It was a
15 Sunday, plus the computer.

16 Industrial Electronic was in today
17 to replace a microphone on the pumper truck
18 that was \$150 for the radio. That is pretty
19 much the expenditures for the month as of this
20 point. We had -- when the report was submitted
21 we had 45 hours of overtime. That was on
22 Friday.

23 Today we had one firefighter that's
24 out injured. We had to cover his shift and
25 another one that called off sick. So up to

1 today, that brought our overtime is up to 69
2 hours from the first of the month to the
3 current. So that is pretty much that.

4 We have out of 15 full-time
5 firefighters we're working with 11. There are
6 four out on injury at this point. There is no
7 scheduled events for the month of March that
8 the fire department is participating in. The
9 inspection program, the holdup on that now is
10 the software and one personnel item that we're
11 working out with Councilman Amico on that.

12 The concrete ramp in front of fire
13 headquarters is deteriorating pretty bad over
14 the last probably about five, six years. So I
15 know that we were, you know, over the last four
16 years we're looking at different pricing on
17 that and then kind of was in a lull.

18 So that's something that's really
19 going to need to be taken care of sooner than
20 later. It's way overdue. We had a couple fall
21 there, etc. So that's another item that's on
22 there the report. We formed a -- we formed a
23 truck committee last year to try to get and
24 vendors in to replace the rescue pumper which
25 is a 2006.

1 There's a lot of breakdowns on it
2 lately. The truck is worn out pretty bad.
3 That's the truck that's only a couple months
4 old and hit the bank in 2006. So we formed a
5 committee. We got down to one truck that was
6 very fair on price for the market right now.

7 But we reached out to Marywood
8 University to try to help us with maybe some of
9 the costs for that truck. We were very
10 unsuccessful with that even getting a meeting
11 with them. So that's kind of where we're at
12 with that. So any suggestions from Council --
13 I know last year when I went with Mr. Burton
14 and Councilman Amico, we tried to build that
15 into a capital budget. So, you know, something
16 has to be done sooner rather than later.

17 I attended a Homeland Security
18 training March 2nd and March 3rd. It was a
19 free training put on. It was called Medical
20 Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents.
21 It was held down in Pittston. It was a pretty
22 eye opening training, very valuable, brought a
23 lot of information back to the department on
24 that as far as responding to those type of
25 incidents.

1 As far as individual COVID in the
2 department, we're still updating and following
3 all the COVID-19 policies put out by CDC, the
4 Department of Health. Right now there is no
5 firefighters out currently with COVID.

6 And two other things that I'll be
7 mentioning in my reports coming up the next
8 couple months, I just want to make mention of
9 to Council in case they hear on the street
10 about these events. About two years ago and
11 three years ago, we did smoke detector
12 campaigns with the American Red Cross.

13 We went around to different
14 neighbors. The one time we did this part of
15 town, Larch Street, all down in this area.
16 Basically what we did was set up here and we
17 put 150 smoke detectors and went door to door
18 with some volunteers from the American Red
19 Cross, some of our staff and other volunteers
20 through the community.

21 We basically went out and we
22 installed smoke detectors. We did another one
23 a year later. We used St. Mary's School as a
24 staging area. We did all that area of town. I
25 believe at that time we only did 80 smoke

1 detectors.

2 So we plan to do another one on the
3 7th of May from 10 in the morning until 2 in
4 the afternoon from Reilly Street all the way up
5 to Tigue Street, both sides, all the streets
6 going up on both sides. Holy Cross is allowing
7 us to use their facility for the staging area
8 and for lunch and stuff with that.

9 So all the smoke detectors are free
10 through the Red Cross. The other thing is, the
11 fire department and I believe the police
12 department will get involved with this a
13 charity bowling event that's going to be held
14 on April 13th from 6 to 8 up at Idle Hours.
15 And all the proceeds will go through a benefit,
16 a charity of the choosing winner.

17 So if the fire department wins,
18 whatever charity they choose to give the
19 proceeds through it will go to them. But I'll
20 bring that up as the months get closer. But
21 just in this case anybody hears it on the
22 street I want to make sure you were aware. Any
23 questions?

24 MR. HALLINAN: What kind of truck
25 are you looking at? How much are we --

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: So that truck
2 believe it or not the beginning of last year
3 until the end of the year, it went up probably
4 \$80,000 because of goods, materials, metals,
5 etc. So you're looking at about \$800,000
6 probably in excess of that now since we last
7 got numbers on it.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

9 CHIEF DENAPLES: No problem.

10 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chief.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Chief Marchese.

12 CHIEF MARCHESE: Calls for service,
13 this is for the month of February. We had 823
14 calls for service. This number is up about 154
15 calls from last month. Arrests for the month,
16 are our department made 10 criminal arrests.
17 We had eight citations that were issued for
18 non-traffic offenses, 28 citations for motor
19 vehicle violations.

20 Personnel matters, we have currently
21 four officers that are off on heart and lung.
22 And one was on COVID long term for the month.
23 The gentleman that was on COVID is back on
24 shift now. So at this now we have three
25 officers that are off for sure.

1 Scheduling, we have five shifts this
2 month were sent out for overtime. It goes out
3 for overtime if can't get any part-timers to
4 work. And our part-timers were maxed. We
5 couldn't get anybody to work. So there was
6 five shifts that went out for overtime. Our
7 part-time officers work a total of 600 hours,
8 75 shifts during the month of February.

9 Full-time officers used 20 vacation
10 days, nine holidays and 31 sick days of the
11 month. We had a training here February 8 and
12 9th, 16 officers full time and part time for
13 our department. It's going to be mandatory for
14 next year. It's a mental health and first aid
15 training class.

16 Sixteen of us went. And it's
17 covered under our training allowance for this
18 year -- or training pay. We had an issue with
19 our cell camera. It wasn't working properly.
20 And with that being said, our interview room
21 needs to be video and audio recorded as per the
22 D.A.'s office.

23 So in that end, we lucked out.
24 Northeast had come before and there is a
25 camera in the interview rooms. So we don't

1 have to go with a whole new system. All we
2 have to do is they're going to try to hook a
3 microphone in, recording button and we'll be
4 good to go with the system we have.

5 So I'm waiting for the price. A guy
6 from Northeast came up last month. And I'm
7 just waiting for him to come and give me the
8 official price and I'll forward it to you and
9 hopefully at a minimal cost.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Chief, would he be
11 able to give us a price on just replacing the
12 system as well while he's there instead of
13 doing the microphone and cameras somewhat
14 separate? Can he come and give us a price to
15 replace the whole thing?

16 CHIEF MARCHESE: The one we have now
17 is actually pretty nice. I think it's only two
18 years old. When they did it, there's a lot
19 space for expansion which is good. So we don't
20 need to put anything else in. As per our
21 collecting bargaining agreement, our body armor
22 is expiring this year.

23 So we're in the process right now of
24 getting bids for the body armor. I just got
25 two in. I will be forwarding that to Council

1 very shortly. Our ENRADD machine because of
2 COVID was not calibrated. We just got it
3 calibrated two weeks ago. And we ran it last
4 Saturday. We will be able to run it when we
5 have enough guys on a shift, the guys that are
6 actually certified to run it. That's the only
7 problem we have. If we have three guys on, it
8 takes two guys to run the ENRADD. I think
9 that's it.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Chief.

11 MR. AMICO: Thanks Chief.

12 MAYOR CONWAY: Chief, are more
13 people getting trained on the ENRADD?

14 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes, we talked to
15 ENRADD after we got certified. They're going
16 to run a class for us. So whoever was not
17 certified, we can get them certified, yes.

18 MR. HALLINAN: And just to clarify,
19 ENRADD is only allowed to be used, if I'm still
20 right, on state roads, right? You can't run
21 that on the Marion Street here.

22 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes.

23 MR. HALLINAN: So you're going to be
24 able to on Blakely, Green Ridge, Harper --

25 CHIEF MARCHESE: Wheeler, Drinker.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. I just
2 wanted to clarify that. Thanks.

3 MS. BRIER: Wasn't there an issue
4 with the police phones? Vince?

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Sal, did you hear
6 Councilwoman Brier? Is there anything new with
7 the phone system for the police department?

8 CHIEF MARCHESE: No, I haven't heard
9 anything.

10 MR. JUDGE: So far as the salt goes,
11 we have 300 ton left. That's what we got in
12 the beginning of the year. We used 506 tons so
13 far this month. And I just ordered another 10
14 trailer loads today. So I hope that will get
15 us through the rest of this winter.

16 About 40 ton of cold patch for the
17 roads. We ordered 10 cutting edges for the
18 plows because you have to get them in 10. And
19 we installed -- we bought three handicap signs
20 and two no parking signs and the flashers on
21 the new signs on Jessup Avenue and down by the
22 UGL down there. We have one garbage truck
23 still down about a month now.

24 MR. HALLINAN: That's the recycling
25 truck, right?

1 MR. JUDGE: That's the recycling
2 garbage truck. And McKenna's truck went down
3 today. When I leave here I will drive it back
4 over. That's fixed. The other truck you got
5 to give me an answer on whether we're going to
6 fix it, okay?

7 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

8 MR. JUDGE: Okay. And that's about
9 it.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: There's a stop sign
11 up on by UGI? Is that what -- you did you have
12 a flasher by UGI?

13 MR. JUDGE: When you put a new sign
14 up, you have to put a flasher on it for 30
15 days.

16 MS. ZANGARDI: Right. No, I
17 understand.

18 MR. JUDGE: So there's one down by
19 UGL we put the stop sign. And the other one is
20 over on Jessup Avenue by Burger King.

21 MS. ZANGARDI: Right. So there's
22 another one put up at -- by Jefferson Avenue
23 did you say there's a new stop sign?

24 MR. JUDGE: Jessup. Jessup is over
25 by Burger King.

1 MS. ZANGARDI: I know where Jessup
2 is. I live at that stop sign. Where is the
3 stop sign over here?

4 MR. HALLINAN: No truck traffic.
5 That's coming off Green Ridge Street.

6 MR. JUDGE: Oh, that's what it was.
7 There's two of them, two no truck signs.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: Got it. Okay.

9 MR. JUDGE: That's about it.

10 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mr. Judge.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Next is Mr. Lorince.
12 I help Mr. Lorince put this together. So I'll
13 read it for him and he'll answer any of
14 Council's questions. Under Code Office, he had
15 five violations. All the owners were
16 identified and letters were sent, violations
17 such as abandoned vehicles, garbage. And
18 Council was made aware of all of those
19 violations.

20 Next Planning Commission meeting is
21 scheduled for April 7th. It was advertised.
22 The neighbors were notified for the O'Neill
23 Highway, the Dunmore Shopping Center. Also on
24 the 7th is land development for the Dunmore
25 Shopping Center on the O'Neill Highway.

1 Zoning Hearing Board meeting is
2 advertised on 3/31 for a special exception.
3 That is for a Meade Street storage unit
4 project. There was some concerns so there was
5 an informational meeting that took place on
6 2/24 here. The residents and neighbors'
7 questions were addressed.

8 Joe did go out to four different
9 locations for health licenses. There was no
10 violations in any of those lotions and all the
11 results were sent to the USDA. There were 13
12 total permits issued between February and
13 March, three electrical, five renovations, one
14 new garage, one addition, one roof and two new
15 signs.

16 The utility cuts were addressed.
17 There was a bad one on Grove Street, on Reeves
18 Street, Blakely Street, and Allen Street.
19 Mr. Lorince did talk to all PA American Water
20 and sewer divisions. There were two
21 multifamily inspections or commercial
22 inspections, one on the O'Neill Highway.

23 There were violations noted. They
24 were given 60 days and NEIC which is a third
25 party inspectors are going to come back and the

1 other one was on Elmhurst Boulevard. They were
2 given 30 days and NEIC was going to come back.

3 I do know that Mr. Lorince spoke
4 with Mayor Conway regarding blighted properties
5 on that spreadsheet and roads that need to be
6 paved resulting in what was the budgeted
7 number. He's also going to utilize that sheet
8 for the streets that need hot stuff or hot tar.
9 Mr. Lorince?

10 MR. LORINCE: I was working with
11 Maxie Conway to actually get some of the
12 blighted areas. And I think Electric Street
13 would be a good one for the next one on our
14 list which is the old Electric Superette.

15 So I think that would be a great one
16 to -- it's out in public. It's in the -- you
17 know, I think that's the next one that is in
18 bad shape that we should actually look at.

19 MS. OVEN: The ones that were up in
20 sport hill, those properties, any luck with
21 those?

22 MR. LORINCE: No, we're going to
23 probably have to end up doing title searches on
24 them because one is opened by Capooci. The
25 other one is owned by one of our firemen. And

1 they're just not -- the fireman is still under
2 the mom's name so they're going to have to --

3 MS. OVEN: It just takes longer to
4 do.

5 MR. LORINCE: Takes longer and we're
6 going to have acquire the property, tear it
7 down. We're going to have to do the same thing
8 that we did --

9 MS. OVEN: With the other one.

10 MR. LORINCE: We got about a dozen
11 homes that are in bad, you know, that are
12 condemned. But it's all ones that have
13 problems. Like, people just -- we have one on
14 Adams Avenue. The guy is still paying the
15 mortgage and the taxes, but we can't find him.
16 He's nowhere to be found. So we're just going
17 to have to acquire that one.

18 MS. OVEN: So are those -- the ones
19 in Sport Hill condemned?

20 MR. LORINCE: Yes.

21 MS. OVEN: You just can't go in and
22 bulldoze them?

23 MR. LORINCE: No, I tried it with
24 CDBG funds to actually do Capooci's to actually
25 have the property knocked down. But the county

1 backed off on it because there's too many names
2 on the deed. They can't get clearance on it.
3 So Mickey has to do his magic and then we can
4 come back and tear it down.

5 MS. OVEN: Okay. Thank you for
6 explaining the process.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: Joe, before you --
8 what about the two at the top of Drinker
9 Street, the 900 block of Drinker?

10 MR. LORINCE: 960 and 962 came in
11 for building permits.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: No, okay. Boy,
13 that's about five or six years at least.

14 MR. LORINCE: Yes, the 962 just
15 bought it off a sheriff's sale a couple months
16 ago. So they came in. And 960 already came in
17 for permits. 962 is coming in for permits too
18 to do little renovations on it.

19 MS. ZANGARDI: Great. Thank you.
20 That's awesome.

21 MS. OVEN: Joe, one question on the
22 pave cuts. When you contact the utility
23 companies, is there a timeframe that they have
24 before you can --

25 MR. LORINCE: Usually they go right

1 out and do it. The problem with the cold stuff
2 is, we went out and did Reeves Street, Allen
3 Street; and what happens now we had the
4 snowstorm, so I'm going to have to do it all
5 over again because mostly when we plow, we take
6 all the cold patch out and everything. It's
7 like starting over. We're just waiting for,
8 like, steady hot days that we can do our
9 permanent.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Once April comes,
11 they'll open --

12 MR. LORINCE: I'm waiting -- the
13 plants are going to open up soon.

14 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mr. Lorince.
15 Thanks, Vito.

16 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Kearney.

17 MR. KEARNEY: At the start of
18 November we finally wrapped up Bidy March 6th.
19 We're still also hosting practices for several
20 Dunmore teams that are involved in different
21 tournaments. But there's only a couple left.

22 So right now we're transitioning
23 into -- we host indoor baseball because the
24 weather is bad. So we have batting cage stuff
25 coming up in a couple of days. We're also

1 renting to Riverfront Sports for the next five
2 Thursdays. I think there's a skip -- they're
3 not doing it this Thursday because of St.
4 Patrick's Day.

5 But they're going to do it the
6 following couple of Thursdays. So that's what
7 takes -- on Thursday nights. And obviously
8 we're open after school and on the weekends for
9 all our Dunmore residents to use the place.

10 We returned to renting this room for
11 parties. We hadn't done it because of COVID.
12 Last weekend we had one party. The weekend
13 before we had two. This weekend we have two
14 and the following weekend we have two. There's
15 a lot of people that want to use the place.

16 So coming up we have Jog for Jude in
17 April. I have coordinated with some of Zayacs
18 and those people. And so we're going to start
19 meetings down here just going over the
20 logistics of the whole thing. It's something
21 we've done before. This is their -- I think
22 this will be their sixth time here.

23 And the last time that they had a
24 full thing. There was over 3,000 people here.
25 So there's a lot to do with that. And coming

1 up in May, we have the election. So I've
2 already been in contact with the election
3 people about their deliveries and all that
4 stuff. That's all I have.

5 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chris.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Mr. Kearney, I got a
7 question about -- because of the election
8 committee -- or the election. The heating and
9 air conditioning, the last thing we need is
10 another complaint.

11 MR. KEARNEY: Well, right now it's
12 very warm. Whether that -- I'm going to -- I
13 actually thought about it today. I have to get
14 ahold of the guy and see if that is going to --
15 when -- he's got it set so it's warm. We have
16 to see if it automatically -- it's supposed to
17 automatically come down depending on the air
18 temperature outside and everything like that
19 and the sensor that picks up the gym
20 temperature. So that's --

21 MR. HALLINAN: Is the system on life
22 support?

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

24 MR. KEARNEY: One of them does not
25 work. One is powering that whole gym.

1 MR. HALLINAN: How many should it
2 take?

3 MR. KEARNEY: Well, they originally
4 put two up there. And we've been cannibalizing
5 various units up there that don't work to keep
6 this one going. Now the guy that Mr. Dempsey
7 got us from Valley, amazing because we had
8 people in there a couple of times. And this
9 guy came in here and did three things and --

10 MR. HALLINAN: Did he ever give you
11 a price on what it would take --

12 MR. KEARNEY: What he's doing is --
13 one of the things we talked about was getting
14 one new unit up there while the other one was
15 still running instead of buying both of them
16 because it's fairly expensive. It's pretty
17 expensive. So but, I mean, those units are 16
18 years old now. So they're running to the end
19 of their lifespan.

20 MR. HALLINAN: I mean, every
21 election cycle we seem to take a beating.

22 MR. KEARNEY: I know, every election
23 day. It will probably be 90 degrees in May.

24 MR. HALLINAN: And there will be no
25 air conditioning or it will be a freezing day.

1 We can't win. Thank you, Chris. You will
2 check into prices.

3 MR. KEARNEY: Oh, yeah. Trane is
4 also involved in this also. So we're going to
5 have to go a bidding thing. So I already put
6 out to Trane that we're going to be looking for
7 some.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

9 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mr. Kearney.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Chairman, that
11 will conclude the Treasurer/finance report and
12 department heads. Number ten, Public Comment.

13 MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the
14 public like to address Council this evening?

15 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton
16 Street. Just a few things, first, at our last
17 Council meeting I spoke to everybody about the
18 Older Adult Protective Services Act. I want to
19 thank Councilman Dempsey for his assistance
20 with that as well.

21 We both heard from Representative
22 Mullins two Thursdays ago. I was lucky enough
23 to be with Representatives Kosierowski, Mullins
24 as well as County Commissioner Chris Chermak.

25 That bill continues to sit in

1 committee in Harrisburg. I was with the
2 Secretary of Ageing last week and with some
3 other administrative personnel from Ageing. So
4 there is still a push in Harrisburg to get that
5 bill out of committee so we can get it through.

6 So I want to thank the members of
7 Council and the members of the public that may
8 have written letters regarding that bill
9 because it's important for everybody in this
10 Commonwealth over the age of 60. I've been
11 coming to these meetings -- I think my first
12 meeting Jerry Hart was on Council. So I'm
13 going to date myself and say that might have
14 been the year 2010.

15 And I want to thank the department
16 heads tonight. They were the finest reports
17 I've heard at a council meeting since at least
18 that date. I appreciate whoever put that in
19 action. It's rewarding as a taxpayer, as a
20 citizen to hear how each and every department
21 is doing.

22 It is nice to hear what problems you
23 are running up against. And it's great to hear
24 resolution. I was even glad to hear Councilman
25 Hallinan talk about the situation for voting

1 because it's been hit and miss for a lifetime.

2 Just a couple questions, I'm not
3 trying to single anybody out. Chief, for an
4 old guy with bifocals and gray hair, when it
5 comes to ENRADD, you said it takes two officers
6 to run it? And two officers are currently
7 trained and two officers are going to be
8 trained?

9 CHIEF MARCHESE: No, there is more
10 than two trained. We need two officers to run
11 it. And I'm not sure of the exact number of
12 guys that have it now. We have a few that are
13 able to run it.

14 MR. DUNCAN: And bear with me, so
15 that will be -- so that runs seven days a week
16 then if it's possible with the staffing.

17 CHIEF MARCHESE: No. We're
18 shorthanded on a lot of shifts. Like I said,
19 we have probably four guys out now long-term.
20 We're scraping.

21 MR. DUNCAN: And then both full time
22 and part-time officers ideally would be trained
23 to do this.

24 CHIEF MARCHESE: Correct.

25 MR. DUNCAN: Thanks for that. I

1 appreciate it. The list of blighted properties
2 I was behind you so I couldn't hear you real
3 clearly. And I know you were speaking to Mrs.
4 Brier. But just for those of us that might
5 have been behind you and also not heard too
6 clearly, the list of blighted properties --
7 I'll address this to Council as well as to Mr.
8 Lorince.

9 Does the public have access to those
10 blighted properties? Are they listed on
11 Dunmorepa.gov site or --

12 MR. LORINCE: No, I have a list in
13 my office.

14 MR. DUNCAN: Yeah, I'd be interested
15 in it just from the old days with the
16 Neighborhood Watch and those types of things.
17 I appreciate that. And then, Chief, one last
18 time. The smoke detectors, what is the date on
19 that? May 7th?

20 CHIEF DENAPLES: May 7th.

21 MR. DUNCAN: And then from --

22 CHIEF DENAPLES: 10 until 2:00 from
23 Reilly Street to where you get on 84.

24 MR. DUNCAN: Okay. All right. And,
25 Didge, the same as always. Tell the guys

1 thanks again with the snow removal and that
2 storm Saturday and everything else. And I
3 guess last but not least, I'm the historian
4 with the parade association.

5 God willing, there is a parade this
6 Saturday, so 10:00 mass, 11:00 parade -- 11:45
7 is the parade. And I'll see you tomorrow at
8 the executive meeting. Thanks everybody.

9 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mr. Duncan.
10 Anybody else from the public like to address
11 Council? Ma'am?

12 MS. SMITH: Dorothy Smith, 1631
13 Electric Street, Dunmore. So I was here a
14 month ago and we talked about some issues with
15 the bridge and that we were going to possibly
16 make contact with anybody. I'm here to find
17 out has anything developed in that month?

18 MAYOR CONWAY: Since the last time
19 you were here I met with -- along with Vito and
20 Joe Lorince, we had a meeting with PennDOT
21 shortly after our meeting here. And I had a
22 call with Senator Casey's office as well. And
23 in our PennDOT meeting, I thought one of the
24 bigger takeaways that we had was PennDOT agreed
25 that instead of an annual inspection, they

1 would be willing to come out every six months
2 just -- they'd send their engineer out just to
3 ensure that they are keeping a closer eye on
4 it.

5 But again, the ownership is still an
6 issue. And it's a bigger problem. It's going
7 to take some time to come up with the answer
8 there.

9 MS. SMITH: So it was due to be
10 inspected. Did they inspect it in --

11 MAYOR CONWAY: I believe the day of
12 the inspection is March --

13 MR. HALLINAN: Monday, the 21st.

14 MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah, so that's that
15 inspection. And then again, they said they
16 would be willing to come out every six months.
17 But the engineer said that he would work with
18 us as best he can. So I was pretty happy to
19 hear that they would do it every six months.

20 MS. SMITH: And do we have -- were
21 the commissioners at that meeting also, the
22 county commissioners?

23 MR. RUGGIERO: Not at our PennDOT
24 meeting. They were not. Representative
25 Mullins Office was at the PennDOT meeting.

1 MS. SMITH: That's the state, okay.
2 So once again, the question is who owns the
3 bridge. So if the county owns the bridge, is
4 the borough stepping away from this?

5 MAYOR CONWAY: No, I think we would
6 still push the county to do something. But
7 again, like I said the last time you were here,
8 in all of our talks even if we had a check,
9 it's going take a long time to get it going.
10 So I know our solicitor -- Attorney Perry is
11 going to talk to the county as well to again,
12 even if ownership is not declared, my
13 understanding from talking to Senator Casey's
14 office was we could still kind of get the ball
15 rolling on it where -- whether it's plans or
16 something else.

17 So I'm pretty hopeful in the next
18 couple months we could at least, you know,
19 start pushing the rock up the hill a little
20 bit.

21 MS. SMITH: Because obviously, it's
22 going to take two years at least to build a new
23 bridge. It's not going to happen over night if
24 we're lucky.

25 MAYOR CONWAY: It's going to take

1 longer that than.

2 MS. SMITH: I could see you looking.

3 MAYOR CONWAY: It's going to take
4 probably five years.

5 MS. SMITH: It's probably going to
6 take longer.

7 MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah, but again, I
8 now met and Vito has as well with Senator
9 Flynn, Representative Mullins, PennDOT, Senator
10 Casey -- his office. So again, we're doing the
11 best we can. But again, it's been --

12 MS. SMITH: Do we know when the
13 infrastructure money is going to be released?

14 MAYOR CONWAY: They sent us a couple
15 documents. I'm not sure when it will be
16 released though.

17 MS. SMITH: Okay. But they're all
18 on it. They all know we're --

19 MAYOR CONWAY: And they did say that
20 there's going to be 147 million dollars set
21 aside for offset bridges I think is the term
22 they used. So again, they're --

23 MS. SMITH: Okay. So at the next
24 meeting we'll know what the inspection was all
25 about too. Do they meet with you guys for the

1 inspection?

2 MR. RUGGIERO: I don't know if we'll
3 have that at the next meeting. I don't
4 remember the turnaround time once they inspect
5 it and get us the official report. I believe
6 it's 90 days.

7 MS. SMITH: Do they take one of you
8 with them when they inspect?

9 MR. RUGGIERO: We're making it a
10 point to go. I believe Mayor will be there,
11 our Solicitor will be there, our code guy and
12 I'll be there. I also invited our fire chief
13 and our police chief there. So if there is an
14 issue and there has to be an alternate route,
15 everybody's on the same page.

16 MS. SMITH: All right. Thank you
17 very much.

18 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Anybody else
19 from the public like to address Council this
20 evening? Seeing none?

21 MS. SMITH: So is the loop light
22 out -- I'm sorry. I just thought about that.
23 Is the loop light out?

24 MR. HALLINAN: It's just so
25 expensive when we checked into it.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: We checked into it
2 and I mentioned last meeting about possibly
3 Mr. Judge having the means for it to do it.
4 But right now it's not solving the problem.
5 The problem is you can't go over there with 5
6 ton.

7 So it will give you a single lane.
8 But at the end of the day, the ultimate thing
9 is, you can't technically get any vehicles
10 above 5 ton over it. So whether you have a
11 light or not, it's not going to help that
12 situation.

13 So the situation is, the
14 infrastructure of that bridge is collapsing.
15 We could put a light up for, you know, one way
16 purposes. But until -- right now there is --
17 that is a two-way bridge.

18 MS. SMITH: It's supposed to be,
19 yeah.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: Well, when we did it,
21 Captain Barth's police Excursion and
22 Mr. Judge's truck was side by side and drove up
23 the street. So that's how we ensured it was a
24 two lane. I don't think certain vehicles look
25 at it that way now. But it is in theory a two

1 lane. So the whole thing with that bridge is
2 the 5 ton as I believe the Mayor and all of
3 Council said.

4 That's the problem we have to
5 rectify. We have to look at that like
6 Councilman Hallinan said, the expense of it.
7 We're trying to get a box a timing panel for
8 the information that we have. The materials
9 that we have we need a box to time it on both
10 ends. So that is still up in the air as well.

11 MS. SMITH: I know people do like to
12 walk over it. I mean, we have people that like
13 to -- she walks to -- she doesn't walk it
14 anymore.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: The reason the
16 walking barriers are there, the engineer did
17 develop those water barriers for that area
18 because span -- that beam is no good. So to
19 walk on that sidewalk is very dangerous.
20 That's the beam on that bridge that is bad.

21 So, obviously, there is no
22 sidewalks. On the other side of the bridge you
23 would have to walk down the middle of the road.
24 And that is unfortunate right now and we can't
25 control of that because of that beam that is at

1 issue.

2 MR. HALLINAN: And, Dorothy, let's
3 get through the March 21st inspection because
4 that could tell us a lot more. There could be
5 anything from it's going to stay the same
6 weight limit or they could shut it down. So
7 let's see what happens on March 21st.

8 And then I guess another -- the next
9 big thing too is like, I mean, they could move
10 forward with the money through Senator Casey's
11 office but who owns the bridge.

12 MS. SMITH: We don't need to kick
13 the can on this anymore.

14 MR. HALLINAN: I understand that.
15 And in my world, I would love to see the county
16 and the borough take ownership of the bridge.
17 But I don't know where that's going. That's
18 just one opinion.

19 MS. SMITH: Your residents live in
20 the borough and in the county. Do we need the
21 county commissions -- do people need to go down
22 and talk to the people at the courthouse?

23 MR. HALLINAN: The county level, I
24 would go to a county meeting also -- the more
25 the merrier. I hate to say that. But, you

1 know, you got to let them aware of the problem
2 also. I mean, we told them and sent them
3 letters. But, you know, it's a pretty serious
4 situation over there.

5 MS. SMITH: And I understand what
6 you're saying. It didn't happen overnight. I
7 know that. I understand that. But we're at
8 that point now. We're at the point where it's
9 dangerous.

10 MAYOR CONWAY: In our meeting with
11 PennDOT as well we did discuss alternate routes
12 if there is an emergency how we can get the
13 fire truck there faster, whether it was
14 widening -- what's that street up there?

15 MR. LORINCE: Sand Street.

16 MAYOR CONWAY: Not widening it but
17 there's one point of Sand Street that --

18 MS. SMITH: They could just about
19 make the turn. And you could ask Mr. DeNaples.
20 I'm sure it's very hard to make the turn. Her
21 mother's home was on fire -- her kitchen. Her
22 mother had a kitchen fire. And they had to go
23 all around. Thank God they had a fire
24 extinguisher.

25 MAYOR CONWAY: Right. I'm very

1 sorry that happened. All I could say is I'm
2 doing by best and Council is too. This has
3 been a problem. The article I'm reading since
4 1982, so for me to come in --

5 MS. SMITH: I'm not picking on you.

6 MAYOR CONWAY: I understand. But
7 again, I'm literally doing everything I can to
8 meet with everybody I can to try to get things
9 done. So any update I have I'll tell you
10 anything you want to hear -- or anything I
11 know.

12 MS. SANTARSIERO: Rosemary
13 Santarsiero, 205 Sand Street. If no one is
14 taking ownership of the bridge, like Dorothy is
15 saying, how long is it going to be? Like, are
16 we just going to go back and forth, like, we
17 don't own it? So then no one is going to take
18 ownership of it. Then what do we do? Where do
19 you go from there?

20 ATTY. PERRY: Ma'am, there's a
21 concept it's called an orphan bridge. And
22 that's what we believe this is an orphan
23 bridge. There are bridges that were built over
24 railroad right-of-ways in the Commonwealth.

25 And several of them have been

1 designated as orphan bridges, which would mean
2 nobody owns it in which case the state would
3 have responsibility to repair it or replace it
4 and that's what we're working on now.

5 We talked to the county about that
6 concept and they haven't gotten back to us as
7 to what they think. Of course, they're not
8 going to claim they own it either. So it's a
9 complicated situation. But that should not
10 affect the funding.

11 MAYOR CONWAY: That's what Senator
12 Casey's office told us as well. Even if there
13 is no ownership we could still start pushing
14 for funding and getting plans in place to where
15 we can replace that bridge. So it shouldn't
16 stand in the way of us starting to make some
17 progress.

18 MR. HALLINAN: I would tell you this
19 and, Dorothy, I've been on Council -- this is
20 starting my ninth year. This is the most
21 traction I've seen this bridge get. And I'm
22 welcoming it and thank you for pushing this
23 bridge because it's hard getting into that
24 section of town and it's a nightmare. It's an
25 accident waiting to happen. So thank you for

1 your perseverance.

2 MS. SANTARSIERO: It gets a lot of
3 traffic. There's a lot of people that go up to
4 Mount Margaret. It gets a lot of traffic.

5 MS. SMITH: There's a restaurant.

6 MR. HALLINAN: It's a main artery up
7 there. So thank you.

8 MR. AMICO: Anyone else from the
9 public this evening?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. AMICO: Seeing none.

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Number 11, Public
13 Officials.

14 MR. AMICO: Public officials, start
15 with Mr. Kearney:

16 MR. KEARNEY: I said what I had to
17 say.

18 MR. AMICO: Mr. Judge.

19 MR. JUDGE: No. I'm good.

20 MR. AMICO: Chief? No.

21 CHIEF MARCHESI: No.

22 MR. AMICO: Chief?

23 CHIEF DENAPLES: I'm good. Thank
24 you.

25 MR. AMICO: Mr. Burton.

1 MR. BURTON: No.

2 MR. AMICO: Vito.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: No thank you.

4 MR. AMICO: Mr. Perry?

5 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing.

6 MR. AMICO: Mayor Conway.

7 MAYOR CONWAY: I'm good.

8 MR. AMICO: Miss Zangardi.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: A couple things I
10 would like to follow up on. It was brought to
11 my attention that there is a labor relations
12 complaint brought against the borough for a
13 contract not being completed.

14 My understanding is the clerical
15 contract was expiring December of 2020 and
16 still not resolved or rectified. And the DPW I
17 think expired -- I'm not 100 percent sure in
18 2021 -- not 100 percent sure. Regardless, my
19 problem with this is, I don't like the fact
20 that we're having labor relations complaints
21 against the Borough.

22 I think it's a black eye. And I
23 personally don't -- I'm on contract
24 negotiations. I would like to see us as a
25 community and labor relations treat our

1 employees a little more promptly. That's all I
2 have about that.

3 Also, there was -- as a liaison for
4 the police department and the clerical union,
5 I'd like all paperwork complaints given to
6 Janet and I. We're both on the -- liaisons for
7 the police department. And for the clerical
8 union, I would like Katherine and I to receive
9 paperwork as it comes to fruition. That's all.
10 Thank you.

11 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Beth.
12 Mr. O'Malley.

13 MR. O'MALLEY: I just want to thank
14 everyone for coming. I want to thank the
15 department heads for coming and giving your
16 detailed reports. The DPW, Mr. Judge, I want
17 to thank you and your men for the hard work
18 over the weekend with the snowstorm that we
19 just had.

20 I want to also thank our speakers.
21 Mr. Duncan, I did call Representative Mullins
22 office to get your bill out of committee.
23 Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Santarsiero, the bridge is
24 a mess and we're going to do everything we
25 possibly can. It's in deplorable condition.

1 And lastly, I want to congratulate
2 our Lady Bucks basketball team on their
3 district championship. And they had an
4 incredible win yesterday to move into the
5 quarter finals in the state playoff. I wish
6 them luck on Wednesday in their game against
7 Jim Thorpe. And that is at Berwick High
8 School, 7 p.m. Wednesday night. Thank you.

9 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mr. O'Malley.
10 Mr. Dempsey?

11 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm good tonight.
12 Thank you.

13 MR. AMICO: Mr. Hallinan.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Didge, thanks for all
15 the hard work you did with the men this weekend
16 and clearing up the storms. There was a mix of
17 everything, ice and snow. And it took a huge
18 effort on your guys' part to do that. I want
19 to thank the fire and police for your escort
20 for the Lady Bucks, wonderful. Never gets old.

21 Make sure you are there Wednesday
22 I'm sure for a little escort out of town. That
23 would be nice. And the Bunker Hill bridge
24 issue, please go to the next County
25 Commissioner's meeting. I think they are on

1 Wednesdays maybe, 10:00 or something like that.
2 I think you should go.

3 MS. SMITH: 10:00 in the morning.

4 MR. HALLINAN: Sorry. I think they
5 do it on purpose. That's all I have. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mr. Hallinan.
8 Mrs. Oven.

9 MS. OVEN: I just want to thank all
10 the department heads for coming today and
11 giving us updates. We all know how hard you
12 guys work. And it's really important when you
13 communicate with us, we're able to communicate
14 with the residents and particularly when it
15 comes to roads and the blighted properties
16 there's a lot of calls and complaints and just
17 allowing them to know that we're working in
18 conjunction and we have some constraints but we
19 hear them. So I appreciate you guys letting us
20 now and keeping us updated.

21 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mrs. Brier.

22 MS. BRIER: Yeah, I would just like
23 to echo Katherine's words and Gary Duncan. It
24 was really, really great reports. And I think
25 folks don't realize really how much goes on

1 especially in the police departments and the
2 fire department and DEP and, of course, with
3 Joe Lorince.

4 It's constant calls and constant
5 communications. So we really appreciate you
6 making this report once a month to Council.
7 Thanks guy. I'll be home on Thursday.

8 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Janet. The
9 nice thing about being the last person to speak
10 is you don't have to repeat anything that
11 everybody else has said. So I will say thank
12 you to everybody that did come tonight and
13 especially to all of our chiefs and
14 administrators for giving their report. There
15 was a lot of good information.

16 So thanks again, and I do definitely
17 want to say again to repeat what Mr. O'Malley
18 said best of luck to the Lady Bucks and, you
19 know, hopefully they'll win another one and
20 keep driving on. That's all I have this
21 evening. So I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

22 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
23 motion.

24 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

25 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a

1 second. All those in favor?

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. AMICO: Thank you guys. Have a
4 great evening.

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