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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, April 10th, 2017

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 MCHALE, President

MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President

TIMOTHY BURKE

CAROL SCRIMALLI

THOMAS HALLINAN

VINCE AMICO

SAL VERRASTRO

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

4 MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

6 MR. BURKE: Present.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

8 MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

10 MR. AMICO: Present.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

13 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

16 MR. MCHALE: Here.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: In an unusual order
18 of business, the first thing we're going to do
19 is a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-11 for the
20 submission of Keystone Community Grant
21 Application for finding to revitalize and
22 improve the downtown business district known as
23 Dunmore Corners. And that would be second and
24 the agenda says public comment on that issue
25 only.

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

2 MR. BURKE: Second.

3 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
4 second. On the question. Tom, do we have to
5 read the resolution into the record?

6 ATTY. CUMMINGS: You need not. It's
7 already part of the record.

8 MR. MCHALE: Anybody on the
9 question?

10 (No response.)

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

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: And then to further
19 adjust on the agenda, item number 11 will
20 follow item number 5. Item number five is
21 public comment on agenda items.

22 MR. MCHALE: Anybody have any
23 comment on agenda items tonight?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

1 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 11
2 proclamations:

3 PROCLAMATION OF THE BOROUGH OF
4 DUNMORE LACKAWANNA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA,
5 Whereas, the Mayor and Council of the Borough
6 of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Commonwealth of
7 Pennsylvania wish to recognize and extend
8 public tribute to Joseph DeI Vecchio and Alec
9 Yanisko,

10 Whereas, on Thursday, March 30th,
11 2017, Joseph DeI Vecchio and Alec Yanisko
12 located a vehicle of the United States District
13 Judge Edwin Kosik, who had been missing for
14 nearly two days,

15 Whereas, because these young men had
16 the insight to so notify the proper
17 authorities, federal, state, and local law
18 enforcement officials descended on the sight
19 where the vehicle was located and Judge Kosik
20 was found alive approximately 100 yards away
21 from the vehicle.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
23 THE HONORABLE PATRICK W. LOUGHNEY and the
24 DUNMORE BOROUGH COUNCIL, that April 11th, 2017
25 be designated as Joseph DeI Vecchio Day and

1 April 12th, 2017 be designated as Alec Yanisko
2 Day.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as
4 officials of the Borough of Dunmore would like
5 to inform Joseph Del Vecchio and Alec Yanisko
6 of the high esteem which we hold and publically
7 thank them for their bravery. They exemplify
8 the youth of today and the further leadership
9 of tomorrow, adopted this 10th day of April,
10 2017, Patrick Loughney, Mayor; Michael F.
11 McHale, President of Dunmore Council. Mr.
12 McHale, if you will present the proclamations.

13 MR. MCHALE: Do you want to come,
14 guys? Congratulations. Guys, congratulations.
15 And I'll let all of Council speak. But you're
16 the epitome of what, you know, Dunmore is all
17 about, always looking for your community. And,
18 you know, you might not have been at the right
19 place but you did the right thing. And, you
20 know, God bless you for what you did and found
21 a great man.

22 And thankfully I understand he's
23 doing better. So thank you for everything.
24 And now that you have a day to yourselves, you
25 probably should get the day off from school,

1 right?

2 MR. DEMPSEY: You got a school board
3 member in the back.

4 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to
5 say something?

6 MR. BURKE: I would. You're truly
7 heros. And the judge that you saved too how
8 ironic it is he is the judge that threw away
9 those no good for nothing judges, kids for cash
10 judges. And you guys saved his life. Way to
11 go. I'm really proud of you.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: It always drives me
13 nuts reading the Scranton Times, Dunmore man
14 arrested for this. Dunmore man arrested for
15 that. It's never a Dunmore guy, by the way. I
16 don't know if anybody notices that. It drives
17 me insane. Those two are Dunmore men. Very
18 good job. That was a colleague of mine, a guy
19 that I've practiced in front of so I appreciate
20 it.

21 MR. HALLINAN: And I'd like to, you
22 know, you did a fantastic thing. Your parents
23 raised some wonderful children by teaching you
24 the right things to do. And they should be
25 very proud of you as all of us are. So I would

1 like to thank the parents for raising some nice
2 children for this community. So thank you.

3 MS. SCRIMALLI: I would also like to
4 say thank you very much. Your efforts are
5 something to be very proud of. I happen to
6 live on edge of those of woods. So I know how
7 dangerous they could be and with the weather
8 the way it was, it was just wonderful. So
9 thank you very much. We really appreciate it.

10 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

11 MR. VERRASTRO: Just to echo
12 everybody else. Guys, really great job. Thank
13 you.

14 MR. AMICO: Same thing, great job
15 parents. Great jobs guys, appreciate it.

16 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely guys. We're
17 going to move on with the rest of our agenda.
18 I'll give you the opportunity, you don't have
19 to sit here and go through a boring meeting.

20 So if you guys want to go, please
21 do. You're more than welcome to stay, of
22 course, but we always put you towards the top
23 of the agenda to let you escape. So if you
24 guys want to, go for it. But thank you again
25 for everything you've done. And maybe one more

1 round of applause for you guys. We really
2 won't take offense. You can go. We would all
3 follow you if we could.

4 MR. YANISKO: Thank you.

5 MR. DELVECCHIO: Thank you.

6 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, guys.

7 MR. BURKE: Good job, guys.

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Congratulations.

9 Item number five is public comment on agenda
10 items.

11 MR. MCHALE: I think we did that,
12 Tom.

13 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is
14 a motion to approve the minutes.

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

16 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

17 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
18 second. On the question.

19 (No response.)

20 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
21 signify by saying aye.

22 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so

1 moved.

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven
3 is a motion to approve and pay the open bills.

4 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that
5 motion.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

7 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
8 second. On the question.

9 (No response.)

10 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
11 signify by saying aye.

12 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
16 moved.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight
18 is a public hearing for Federal Fiscal Year
19 2017 CDBG application. John A. Petrini,
20 Contract Manager; Department of Economic
21 Development.

22 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Petrini.

23 MR. PETRINI: Thank you gentlemen,
24 ladies. That's a hard act to follow a couple
25 heros in your town. That's great. My name is

1 John Petrini. I'm the Contract Manager with
2 Lackawanna County's Department of Economic
3 Development. I'm accompanied tonight by Jay
4 Schectman. He's our Compliance Manager and
5 Brenda Sacco. She's our Deputy Director.

6 Just to give you an update on some
7 of the open projects that we have with you guys
8 right now, the Larch Street Project is
9 complete. We had a final inspection on that
10 right before the holidays. So that is
11 complete. The Laurel Street Sewer Storm
12 Project will be getting started within the next
13 two to three weeks.

14 The contractor that we have on that
15 job is finishing up another job for us so that
16 will be set up within the next two to three
17 weeks. And McHale Park Handicap Ramp Project
18 is going to be -- it's out to bid right now.
19 And the bids are due May 8th.

20 And they will be read out loud
21 publicly at 2:00 in the Commissioners'
22 conference room. All right. And Lackawanna
23 County we are the administering agency of the
24 CDBG Program with the county. We submit 38
25 applications, 11 of which for the entitlement

1 communities.

2 Dunmore is an entitlement community
3 because you have a population of over 4,000.
4 In that you have two packets in front of you.
5 One is a bid pack that list out all of the
6 programs, objectives, some of the eligible and
7 ineligible activities and some of the
8 requirements that the grant makes us abide by
9 for the projects.

10 And also there is blight needs
11 assessment in there because the other packet is
12 your current needs assessment that was drawn up
13 and decided upon by past Councils. The reason
14 for the meeting tonight is to go over some
15 future projects for the Borough.

16 I have been -- I had been in contact
17 with Vito and Joe Lorince about a future
18 project on Mill Street. They're throwing the
19 idea about doing a paving and sidewalk project
20 on that street starting at the where the bridge
21 starts and I think going back to where there
22 was some paving already done.

23 I guess there was a patch that
24 wasn't done or that wasn't completed. I guess
25 my question tonight would just be I know that

1 there was a water main break over there. Would
2 that affect this project at all?

3 MR. HALLINAN: No.

4 MR. MCHALE: No, it's further up.

5 MR. PETRINI: All right. So really
6 the need for this public hearing would be to
7 choose a project or come up with ideas for
8 projects. So we are going to go ahead and
9 start the survey on that project to see if it
10 does qualify income level standpoint.

11 I'll be meeting with your engineer
12 Dave Lopatka to go over the project scope and
13 determine who -- what would have to be surveyed
14 to qualify for this grant money. Are there any
15 questions or concerns with the Borough as to
16 other projects while I'm here? Yes.

17 MR. HALLINAN: We're just in the
18 beginning stages of trying to replace the
19 Bunker Hill bridge. Can you give me any kind
20 of update on that or what we're looking at or
21 where it stands?

22 MR. PETRINI: The Bunker Hill, I was
23 given the go ahead to start the survey on that.
24 And the majority of my responses were over the
25 income levels that are set forth by the state

1 for this program. So we wouldn't be able to
2 put our program funds into that project.

3 But I don't know if -- do we have
4 anything else dedicated to that on the county
5 level?

6 MS. SACCO: It would have to go from
7 PennDOT --

8 MR. HALLINAN: From PennDOT, okay.
9 So obviously through you, nothing there.

10 MR. PETRINI: Yeah, not through the
11 County, at least not through our program.

12 MR. HALLINAN: We'd love to put a
13 new bridge there. The other one is not going
14 to last.

15 MR. PETRINI: I walked it a few
16 times.

17 MR. HALLINAN: You don't want to go
18 underneath it.

19 MR. PETRINI: It's not in the best
20 of shape. Do you guys want to review your
21 needs assessment? Would you like to do that at
22 a different time and maybe make some
23 adjustments to it on your own time? That is
24 completely up to you guys.

25 MR. MCHALE: Go ahead, Tom. Were

1 you going to say something?

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I think Council
3 needs time to digest the information given
4 especially with the information of the bridge
5 to make a decision.

6 MR. MCHALE: Yeah, you know, this is
7 the first time I'm seeing -- I know a lot of
8 these are carryovers from prior years.

9 MR. PETRINI: Okay. Like I said,
10 there is a blank one within that one packet.
11 So if you guys do want to sit down one night
12 and, you know, make adjustments go ahead. And
13 we'll do that in the database. So if there is
14 no further questions, I thank you for your
15 time. And I hope you guys have a wonderful
16 evening.

17 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

18 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, John.

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine
20 the Patch Annual Benefit Ride, Sunday, June
21 4th, Noon to 9 p.m., road closure West Grove
22 Street from Monroe to Madison Avenue.

23 MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Second it.

25 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a

1 second. On the question. This is something
2 that we annually I guess have to approve but I
3 know I speak for Council happily approve. What
4 Ang and his wife do down there for the
5 betterment of they usually pick a beneficiary
6 and it's just fantastic.

7 I have -- I went last year for the
8 first time and just to see the size of what
9 they do is purely a great thing. And my hats
10 off to the Naros and their crew. And I know
11 they have -- probably have a whole volunteer
12 crew. So it is absolutely a fabulous time. If
13 you guys get a chance, please go down. Anybody
14 else on the question?

15 MR. BURKE: It's a first class event
16 and the same thing that the Naros do a
17 wonderful job. And they get so many
18 volunteers. They are really good people. I
19 never missed one. I have a great time. It's a
20 great ride, great people, great food. Please
21 show up. It's always good. Great job, Ang.

22 MR. NARO: I'd just like to say to
23 Council every year you guys help us out and
24 approve it and the Borough. The people are
25 just incredible. We've been doing this for 10

1 years. And this year we're helping Ann Cole
2 who has cancer. We helped her years ago. She
3 had breast cancer. Her cancer came back. We
4 can't do this without the community.

5 We make it as a bike run, motorcycle
6 run. But we make it more of a -- we want it as
7 a family event. We want a block party. We
8 want to have everybody down there. We have 100
9 baskets. We have gift cards. We have a dunk
10 tank. We make it more family oriented than
11 just a bike ride.

12 And like I said, we try to keep it
13 close to home and try to help somebody in the
14 community. Again, we can't do it without you
15 and the community of Dunmore. So thank you.
16 We appreciate it.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Ang.

18 MR. MCHALE: He said it perfectly.
19 It was absolutely like a block party. And when
20 he said there was 100 baskets, I think he's
21 underestimating. There was a ton last year.
22 And it really was just a first class event with
23 first class people. Anybody else on the
24 question?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
2 signify by saying aye.

3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
7 moved.

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 10 is a
9 motion to authorize the Borough Engineer
10 Reuther and Bowen in conjunction with Borough
11 representatives to prioritize and evaluate
12 roads and to prepare and advertise for the 2017
13 Paving Program.

14 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that
15 motion.

16 MR. BURKE: Second.

17 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
18 second. On the question. Guys, this is -- we
19 spoke about this several months ago. This is
20 the first step of we've identified a lot of
21 roads around the town whether it be through
22 social media, through Didge and his crew saying
23 to put this out to bid and see what the prices
24 come in at. We'll pair it down based on our
25 estimated budget that we have in budget this

1 year for capital improvements. We did set some
2 money aside although it did take a little hit
3 with the blizzard. There are still funds
4 available.

5 And we want to do some -- an initial
6 Paving Program at least to some of the hard hit
7 areas. So we're going to put out a listing
8 of -- our engineers are going to measure and
9 get a bid back for these specific roads that
10 we've identified. And we'll see where they
11 come in.

12 Our goal is to have this out for bid
13 at our second meeting in April. So in two
14 weeks we'll have a list ready to go out.
15 That's what we've asked our engineer to
16 accomplish. So anybody else on the question?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
19 signify by saying aye.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
24 moved.

25 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 12 is

1 public comment.

2 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address
3 Council tonight? Please come forward and state
4 your name for the record. Mr. Duncan.

5 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton
6 Street, just a few things I want to publically
7 acknowledge and thank Shane Scanlon and Joe
8 Kane for an excellent presentation last week.
9 It was done here on the Heroin Hits Home
10 situation.

11 And I just can't thank them enough.
12 And I'm sure the folks from Council that were
13 here would second me when I say that it was
14 just probably one of the most hard hitting
15 presentations I ever saw. I think it was a
16 real eye opener. And I just want to thank them
17 publically.

18 We'll have a Dunmore Neighborhood
19 Watch meeting here next week at 7:00. So, you
20 know, I hope to see you all there. Vito, I
21 sent Tom Richardson a text this morning. I
22 don't know if you're aware of it.

23 I got a text message early this
24 morning. The yellow traffic light down at
25 Grove and Monroe, they may have already fixed

1 it. But I just wanted to bring it. I thought
2 maybe we had somebody from the police force
3 here tonight. But if you just want to follow
4 up on that.

5 It was from somebody taking their
6 kids to school that happened to notice it. And
7 that's it. Happy Easter to everybody. And
8 I'll see you next Monday here at 7:00.

9 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Gary.

10 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you, Gary.

11 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McGraw.

13 MR. MCGRAW: Jim McGraw, 2028
14 Delaware Street. I live on the top of Delaware
15 Street. And on March 2nd, I went out to
16 collect a couple of garbage cans that were out
17 in the middle of the road.

18 So I tied a little piece of rope to
19 the garbage cans to pull them in and tie it to
20 a tree in my front yard. A gust of wind came
21 up and caught the garbage cans and threw me to
22 the ground. I fell right on my face, no hands,
23 nothing to prevent the fall.

24 I have about five broken bones up
25 here, five broken ribs from the fall. And I

1 was fortunate that the Dunmore garbage truck
2 was coming down the alley at the top of
3 Delaware Street near the bank parking lot.

4 And there were three men on board.
5 Mr. Holmes was the driver. We had Mr. Golden
6 and a Mr. Mataloni. And they came to my
7 rescue. They almost caught me before I hit the
8 ground. They were so fast with their service.
9 They came and I said I had two hips that are in
10 25 years.

11 And I was worried that I could have
12 fractured them again and moved around; and I
13 said, no, they're okay. I said, but I'm on
14 Coumadin where you could bleed to death. I had
15 cuts up here where the glasses hit. And I
16 said, let me see if I could move. My hips were
17 okay.

18 And then I said I want to get in the
19 house. It was cold that day. And I got in.
20 They called the ambulance right immediately.
21 And they woke my son up who lives next door.
22 They got me in and the ambulance was taking a
23 little bit of time, maybe 10 minutes. They
24 called Mr. Judge again and said, Where's that
25 ambulance? Get them here.

1 And the three men stayed with my
2 wife and my son until the ambulance came and
3 transported me to the hospital. And they put
4 me right into the triage unit right up for a
5 brain scan because they thought I could be
6 bleeding in the brain. And I wouldn't be here
7 tonight to thank them and thank the Borough for
8 these dedicated gentlemen on DPW.

9 We just honored two young men for
10 maybe saving the life of Judge Kosik. And
11 these three men maybe saved my life. And I
12 really appreciate it. And I think that the
13 Borough should honor them equally to the young
14 gentlemen today. And the young kids can look
15 up to those DPW workers.

16 And I can't thank them enough.
17 There's people that come to a Council meeting
18 and they could complain, well, they didn't put
19 my garbage can -- tipped it over. Well, they
20 put me on my feet and got me in the house and
21 maybe saved my life. So I think they should be
22 commended. And I want everybody here to know
23 it's not just a job. It's service for these
24 young men. Thank you.

25 MR. MCHALE: Please, tough act to

1 follow.

2 MS. NARO: It really is. Good
3 evening. Melanie Naro, 305 East Drinker
4 Street. Part of this will be redundant. But
5 we have Mrs. McCool here. So I want this on
6 the record. Post election in November there
7 were many organizations of people who started
8 groups, whether it was the Progressive Women,
9 women -- Feminist United, Indivisible, Resist,
10 R.o.a.r.

11 I am very much involved with some of
12 these. But one of the organizations that I'm
13 involved in as a co-lead is Action Together
14 which is a political action group. And I had
15 stated at your work session a few weeks ago
16 that I think the goal of a lot of these groups
17 as well as Action Together, we're activists in
18 the community.

19 We want our communities to be
20 better, stronger. We want to work together.
21 And we also want good government. And I think
22 all of you want good government or else you
23 wouldn't be up here. And to that I had stated
24 a few weeks ago that we want two things.

25 We want accountability and we want

1 transparency. And so I'm going to make a
2 suggestion with regard to the transparency.
3 Having sat up here before, I know it's very
4 difficult to have an agenda. It's always
5 changing. Things popped up. It's never
6 finalized.

7 And I suggest once it is finalized,
8 someone has to type it and print it up that it
9 goes on your Facebook page because maybe you
10 can't do your web page, but at least people
11 could look and say, hey, at tonight's meeting,
12 we're going to approve the Paving Program. Or
13 we're going to -- this is on the agenda.

14 So I suggest it's an easier way to
15 be transparent is to set forth the agenda to
16 the public before your meeting. I know the
17 County does it a few days ahead of time. I'm
18 not sure what other municipalities do. But you
19 should not be a follower. You should be a
20 leader. That's my suggestion to you.

21 And some people -- I'm not, but
22 Instagram may be another way. I know a lot of
23 younger people are into Instagram. So the
24 other thing in today's newspaper, we have a
25 problem with the sewer customer having to pay

1 \$4,000 to hook up. I hope you guy are as
2 appalled as I am when I read that today.

3 You know that I stood up here and I
4 was so against the sewer sale. I think it's
5 going to bite us in the butt. I know the PUC,
6 many of these organizations they submit an
7 application. No one goes to the hearings. And
8 even if you do go to the hearing they ignore
9 you and they okay the permit or okay the
10 increase for the utility company.

11 This is outrageous, \$4,000 to hook
12 up. My concern is -- and I hope somebody here
13 gets -- I don't know -- when I was on Council
14 we had a person who went out and looked at
15 pave cuts. I don't know if you still do that
16 or if you designated the DPW to do that.

17 But I hope if they do make a pave
18 cut for \$4,000 into the roads in a Swinick
19 Development that you guys are all over the
20 water company to make sure that pave cut is
21 filled correctly and there is not a hole in the
22 ground like many of the pave cuts throughout
23 the Borough.

24 And I would during your discussion,
25 I would like to hear your comments about this

1 ridiculous \$4,000 to hook up to the sewer.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Anybody
4 else like to address Council tonight?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none, Tom.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

8 MR. MCHALE: Do you want to start us
9 off tonight?

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, again thanks to
11 the two young men that saved Judge Kosik's
12 life. Mr. McGraw, we're glad to have you back.
13 We missed you for a couple meetings there.

14 MR. MCGRAW: Thank you. I'll be
15 around again.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: I appreciate your
17 words. I'm sure I speak for everybody when I
18 say we're thrilled to have you back.

19 MR. MCGRAW: Well, you have great
20 guys on DPW. I really appreciate it.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir.
22 Additionally, just to piggyback on Gary, the
23 Heroin Hits Home was terrific. I wish it was
24 better attended. But we did have -- there was
25 some people here. But if you guys can get to

1 one, I would strongly urge you to go because I
2 learned a lot out of it. So that's all I have.

3 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Michael.

4 Mr. Hallinan.

5 MR. HALLINAN: Again congratulations
6 to the two boys and their families. I just
7 want to say, Mr. McGraw, you stole my thunder.
8 I had this whole thing here for you. I had it
9 all written up. I don't know if anybody seen
10 Mr. McGraw. He looks really great.

11 If you don't mind me showing these
12 pictures, these are the pictures of Mr. McGraw
13 when he fell. And he was really banged up.
14 And our employees did a wonderful job. And,
15 yes, we are putting a letter of accommodation
16 in their personnel file. And I had whole thing
17 prepared, Mr. McGraw. But that's okay.

18 We do recognize them and thank God
19 you're okay. And we did miss you at the couple
20 meetings. You're always here. And I always
21 have nice little conversations with you. The
22 Heroin Hits Home as Michael said, wow, eye
23 opening, should have been more people.

24 If it ever is happening again, it is
25 something to see. It is an amazing -- it

1 has -- it just opens your eyes to heroin has no
2 boundaries. Any family, there's not -- it's
3 not the -- like Shane Scanlon said to us, it's
4 not the guy -- the bum sitting in the corner.

5 It could be a doctor, lawyer, your
6 coworker. Nobody realizes how bad this drug --
7 the opioid addiction is. That was really
8 amazing. And another thing for our crews and
9 everything that we have been doing up here, we
10 had a tornado. Then we had a blizzard of mass
11 proportions that nobody's seen in our lifetime,
12 I'm sure. And then we had a water main break.

13 The water company did a great job of
14 fixing it in such a fast -- actually if anybody
15 doesn't know, they had to go to New Jersey to
16 get a part and get it in that day. So I want
17 to say our DPW crews and even Council how we're
18 just fielding calls and trying to help
19 citizens. It was a really trying couple of
20 months we had the last two months. So that's
21 all I have.

22 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Amico.

23 MR. AMICO: I try to talk my girls
24 all the time staying in Dunmore. I'm a huge
25 cheerleader of this Borough. And tonight's

1 meeting I believe epitomizes positive
2 attributes of living here. We have the -- Alec
3 and Joseph Del Vecchio, the gentlemen that Mr.
4 McGraw spoke to.

5 And it makes me really, really proud
6 to be not only a member of the community but on
7 this Council. And there are a lot of positive
8 things that happen in this Borough. And
9 tonight really shines a lot on it. And in two
10 weeks, again Jog for Jude. It's another way
11 that the Borough comes together.

12 And every year Mr. Naro's group puts
13 together a fantastic fundraiser. So again, I
14 know there's a lot of people that come up with
15 a lot of negatives that we have here. I think
16 Dunmore is great place to be in. I'm proud to
17 be a member of this community.

18 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Vince. Sal,
19 you want to go?

20 MR. VERRASTRO: Sure. Also, Mr.
21 McGraw, I'm very glad to see that you're doing
22 well and welcome back. And just to kind of
23 touch on what Vince said, if you guys get a
24 chance I really recommend going down to the
25 event. It's really something to see just all

1 the people that get down there on that street
2 just for one day. It's a really tight
3 community down there. And you should
4 definitely check it out. That's all.

5 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke?

6 MR. BURKE: Yes, likewise, Mr.
7 McGraw, it's great to have you back. You're
8 our eyes on the road there up on Delaware
9 Street and Blakely. And you have done so much
10 for this Borough. And the DPW guys saved a
11 great guy too just like your children saved a
12 great judge. We think that way of Mr. McGraw
13 here.

14 And, Ang, we all think the same of
15 you and your family for everything that you do
16 for anybody in need. I love these events.
17 It's a great get-together. You said it is a
18 gigantic block party and people standing up and
19 you representing these people, standing up for
20 a good cause and another good cause.

21 Just shows like everybody keeps
22 saying what good people live in Dunmore and a
23 night like tonight makes me very proud to live
24 in Dunmore. That's all I have. Thank you.

25 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Tim. Carol?

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: I once again I want
2 to congratulate Joe and Alec and especially
3 their families. I mean, you raised an amazing
4 group of -- two young men, beautiful. So thank
5 you. And, Mr. McGraw, glad to see you're back.
6 God bless and we did miss you so much.

7 And I did want to address Heroin
8 Hits Home. We had good group of people here.
9 I think we're going to continue that and try to
10 get people together. Gary, are you going to
11 try to get the county together and have at
12 different locations?

13 MR. DUNCAN: We're going to do
14 countywide with all the neighborhood watch
15 groups and they'll be a part of that as well.

16 MS. SCRIMALLI: Wonderful. We
17 really need that.

18 MR. DUNCAN: I would like to have --
19 if we can put post it here.

20 MS. SCRIMALLI: And, Mr. Naro, we
21 can't wait for your block party. It should be
22 fun. And thank you for choosing Ann Cole.
23 It's so heartbreaking and hopefully --

24 MR. NARO: Pray for a nice day.

25 MS. SCRIMALLI: Yeah, that's right.

1 Also, with the potholes, Didge, we have some
2 hot stuff coming?

3 MR. JUDGE: Tomorrow.

4 MS. SCRIMALLI: We're going to start
5 tomorrow with the hot patch. If anybody out
6 there sees a pothole that needs to be filled,
7 give the Borough a call and let them know where
8 these locations are and we'll attack them one
9 by one, okay?

10 So if anybody knows of a pothole,
11 please call the Dunmore Borough. And,
12 everyone, thank you for coming. And that's
13 all I have for tonight and have a Happy Easter.

14 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Carol. Tom, do
15 you have anything tonight?

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir.

17 MR. MCHALE: Vito?

18 MR. RUGGIERO: No.

19 MR. MCHALE: Didge.

20 MR. JUDGE: No.

21 MR. MCHALE: Chief -- did I see
22 Chief here?

23 CHIEF DENAPLES: I only have one
24 thing tonight. I was talked to Vito the day of
25 the blizzard. I put a call into the

1 Pennsylvania American Water Company to see if
2 they'll cover the cost to get some new hydrant
3 identification markers to replace the old ones
4 that are broken and get some new ones on the
5 hydrants.

6 So it's looking like they are going
7 to cover the cost of all hydrants. I should
8 get a call back in the next week or so. So
9 that's a couple thousand dollars that we'll be
10 able to save. I'm just waiting for Terry Cross
11 to make a decision on that.

12 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Chief.
13 Anything else?

14 CHIEF DENAPLES: That's it.

15 MR. MCHALE: Is Mr. Kearney here?
16 Do you have anything tonight?

17 MR. KEARNEY: I'm good.

18 MR. MCHALE: Quickly guys, Blakely,
19 we talked about -- Carol talked about potholes.
20 Blakely Street is probably the biggest
21 embarrassment in this town. As most of you
22 know although it's a state road, we've had to
23 send our people to at least patch it on
24 weekends.

25 And just so you know Vito has taken

1 it upon himself after hearing all of us yell,
2 we have a strongly worded letter that is sent
3 to them asking to get these guys on the carpet.
4 And we want to get this moving.

5 In front of Rite Aid, it looks like
6 a bomb hit. And it's been like that for
7 months. It's absolutely embarrassing. And
8 just we'll -- just to let you know we're not
9 letting that one sleep.

10 Mr. McGraw, it's phenomenal to see
11 you. I heard of your plight. I wanted to stop
12 by and say hello. You are in my neighborhood.
13 It's great to have you back. We like having
14 your wisdom here. You're a good man and a
15 great resident of Dunmore. So we're happy to
16 have you back.

17 At the risk of repeating some stuff
18 that our -- being political -- just to bring --
19 that are out there, just to bring people
20 up-to-date on a few things; recycling cans seem
21 to be a hot topic. There is 3,000 are being
22 delivered first week of May. We'll get it out
23 to everybody where they could pick them up.

24 Maybe we'll have a Saturday where we
25 could pick them up or deliver them to people

1 who can't make it, something like that. We'll
2 figure something out. But just so you know
3 they've been in the works for months. They
4 take forever to get in believe it or not.

5 And so we'll make another
6 announcement at the end of the April meeting.
7 We should have a better time, Didge, when we
8 will absolutely have them. I'm trying to
9 think -- all the paving as these guys said,
10 they have been out putting cold patch in all of
11 these holes the best they can.

12 So please as Carol said, call and
13 let us know. Our Paving Program as you could
14 see, is in its infancy stage. But we hope to
15 get this out ASAP. Vito is pushing our
16 engineers to get this out as we explained in
17 the resolution at the next meeting so we can
18 get to paving.

19 We haven't done it in a long, long
20 time because we had no money. It's easy to go
21 out there and say you're going pave roads. The
22 hard part is how to pay for it. Over the past
23 several years we've gotten our financial house
24 in order and all the stuff we're talking about
25 doing and paying has nothing do with the Sewer

1 Authority money.

2 It has to do with the money that is
3 in our budget, the budget that we hold tight
4 every month. Chief will attest that every time
5 he asks for something we have to prove it. You
6 know, we got to make sure that it's within the
7 budget or they have to wait until next year.

8 So there are some funds to do some
9 paving. We're going to do the best we can to
10 get as much as we can done and we'll do a
11 little bit more every year until we can get
12 this town back in shape as we are. You could
13 see the capital improvements that we made
14 through all the DPW, the Fire Department.

15 We're trying to help with the
16 Manning and the Fire Department as Chief could
17 attest again. Police Department, you could see
18 all the new cars out there. And we hired
19 several new officers in there. So the
20 capital -- the infrastructure that we have been
21 investing in is starting to pay dividends.

22 So hopefully everybody sees that as
23 well. But we'll continue to do so. The paving
24 is a priority now. At minimum Didge and his
25 crews will be out putting the hot stuff down to

1 try to get rid of some of the craters. Again,
2 if you see anything, let us know. We'll try to
3 get out ASAP to do so. I think that's all I
4 have. Anybody else have anything before I
5 close?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none, I'll look
8 for a motion to adjourn.

9 MR. BURKE: Motion.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned. Thank
15 you everybody. Happy Easter.

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