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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, April 11th, 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: Attorney Perry.

19 ATTY. PERRY: Here.

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

22 MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the
23 public want to comment on any agenda items
24 only?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. AMICO: Seeing none.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Number four is a
3 motion to adopt Ordinance #2022-3, which is
4 pave cuts. The purpose of this Ordinance
5 amends Chapter 229 of the Borough Code entitled
6 "Sidewalks and Streets." Article IV Pave Cuts,
7 regulated the work performed on streets within
8 the Borough and requiring permits and
9 inspections thereof.

10 Ordinance #2022-3 will require that
11 a permit must be obtained before any opening
12 can be made in any paved thoroughfare, cartway,
13 sidewalk, or tree lawn in the Borough. Any
14 excavations in cutting in these areas are
15 classified as a pave cut.

16 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
17 to adopt Ordinance 2022-3, Pave Cuts.

18 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
19 motion.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

24 MR. O'MALLEY: On the question, I'm
25 looking for to this because there's so many

1 pave cuts. It seems as soon as the paving
2 project is done they come right in and they,
3 you know, they have these pave cuts and they're
4 sinking. And this will help make sure that the
5 quality of the paving that is replacing the
6 pave cut is of, I guess, top quality.

7 MS. BRIER: And we're having it
8 inspected, right, Trip?

9 MR. O'MALLEY: Yes.

10 MS. BRIER: Yeah, we're going to
11 farm that out.

12 MR. AMICO: Yes, we'll have a pave
13 cut inspector.

14 MR. BRIER: Yeah, that's good.

15 MR. O'MALLEY: Make sure all the
16 levels of, you know, each part of it is to
17 specifications.

18 MR. AMICO: Anyone else? All those
19 in favor say aye.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

24 MR. RUGGIERO: There's an addendum
25 to the agenda. I apologize, number five is our

1 financial report, Mark Burton, our Treasurer.

2 MR. BURTON: Good evening Council,
3 brief snapshot of our financial report for the
4 month of March. Our net income for the month
5 of March is \$691,593, which produced a net
6 income for the year, year to date of 1.1
7 million dollars.

8 Overview of the income for the month
9 was a significant increase in our tax revenues
10 as anticipated. We received our yearly Adams
11 billboard lease for 2022 of \$25,000; our liquid
12 fuels rebate, \$407,000. And we received
13 approximately \$28,000 in insurance rebates.

14 On the expense side, we made our
15 third of five annual installments for our 2020
16 six police cruisers. That was \$63,000;
17 purchased rock salt, \$32,000. The TAN has been
18 repaid in full that we borrowed off in the
19 beginning of the year of \$175,000. And we're
20 even with the TAN, paid in full. We made a
21 partial MMO payment of \$60,000.

22 And we also made a payment of
23 \$57,000 for our property and liability
24 insurance. That was the second of the four
25 quarterly installments. And the net income for

1 the month, \$691,000.

2 MR. BRIER: Mark, I just had a
3 question about Central Square Technologies. We
4 paid them \$5,600.

5 MR. BURTON: Oh, that's the police
6 alert. It's the annual software. It's a
7 maintenance fee.

8 MR. BRIER: Oh, okay. I just never
9 saw that one before.

10 MR. BURTON: Yeah, it's once a year
11 that we pay that. It's a yearly installment.

12 MS. BRIER: And I want to
13 congratulate you on the half marathon, came in
14 top 20.

15 MR. BURTON: Thank you. I
16 appreciate that. Still recovering.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Mark.

18 MR. BRIER: Thanks, Mark.

19 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six, another
21 addendum, my apologies, motion to pay the
22 unpaid bills.

23 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
24 to pay the unpaid bills.

25 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. I'll
3 look for a second.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

5 MR. AMICO: Motion and second.

6 Anyone on the question? All those in favor.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Thank
11 you.

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Public comment.

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

15 MS. JUDGE: Sally Judge, 166 Winton
16 Street Dunmore. I'm here this evening tonight
17 with John McKenna who is the union steward for
18 the DPW and Ryan Zarkesh. He's our
19 representative for the UFCW.

20 We're just here tonight -- I was
21 here back in January and discussing a little
22 bit about our contract being held up, stuff
23 like that. And I know you had given us some
24 information about PEL coming in and doing this
25 and doing that.

1 Well, still to this day we still --
2 we filed a ULP which you all know. And we're
3 just trying to figure out are you backing the
4 Borough on this? Are you moving forward with
5 it? We've heard nothing. To this date, our
6 union still has not received anything from the
7 attorneys that was put out to him two months
8 ago.

9 So either he's not doing his job or
10 you guys are with him. So I don't -- we just
11 don't know where we stand. We'd just like to
12 get some information if we can.

13 MR. AMICO: We'll, I don't want to
14 discuss contract issues at a public meeting.
15 So we're not going to discuss contract issues
16 at a public meeting.

17 MS. JUDGE: I understand that. But
18 when you don't get anything as we sit around
19 and do our work every day, prepare everything
20 for you guys to move forward. You're moving
21 forward with paving projects. You're moving
22 forward with somebody coming in and doing your
23 pave cuts and somebody coming in and doing your
24 potholes and somebody coming in and doing this,
25 you're spending money to figure out how to save

1 money.

2 In the meantime, your employees are
3 sitting there working for you and we're getting
4 nothing. And again, if we want to discuss
5 this, I would prefer somebody contact me and
6 say let's get a meeting together.

7 MR. AMICO: Okay. Let's go with
8 that.

9 MS. JUDGE: Okay. All right. Fine.
10 Thank you.

11 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

12 MS. JUDGE: Thank you.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Sally.

14 MR. AMICO: Anybody else from the
15 public like to address Council this evening?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. AMICO: Seeing none.

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Public officials.

19 We'll start with Mr. Kearney from the Community
20 Center.

21 MR. KEARNEY: Hi every one. This is
22 a report for the next couple weeks here. It's
23 going to be busy. Wednesday we have a meeting
24 with Jog for Jude people in here. I'll get a
25 more final information of the meeting Wednesday

1 night about numbers and stuff like that.

2 Thursday night there's a rental
3 for -- we've been renting to River Front the
4 entire gym, their AAU Program. Friday we have
5 a party rental in here and in the court -- in
6 one of the courts in the gym.

7 Sunday we're closed for Easter.
8 Then next week there's the final meeting with
9 the Jog for Jude people Wednesday. Right now
10 tentatively right now we're looking that we are
11 going to have to shut here down. They're going
12 to start loading stuff in on Thursday.

13 Thursday night they start bringing
14 in tables. Tents come Friday. They're going
15 to do their race packet pickup Friday night.
16 Saturday they're bringing food and stuff like
17 that. I'm going to get all the details the
18 next two meetings about shutting down parking
19 lots.

20 And Rich Barth is always with us
21 shutting down the roads and all of that
22 logistical stuff. And then Sunday we're
23 looking at a cleanup day as of now because as
24 they said, they're going to -- they're planning
25 on being out of here at 9:00 on Friday night

1 with fireworks or whatever.

2 And they're not going to be
3 interested in cleaning up Friday night. So
4 we're going to do it Sunday. But any more
5 information I have if you need to know it, just
6 let me know.

7 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chris.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Chris.

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Lorince.

10 MR. LORINCE: How are you doing? I
11 gave you my reports. I handed everybody a
12 report. I'll just give a brief -- the health
13 licenses we're still doing our inspections. We
14 have to do Drinker Street to complete that.

15 Our permits, we have electrical,
16 addition renovations, pools and heat pumps.
17 And we have a -- the renovations at Capital
18 Health and Meade Street, they're actually
19 building some offices. You could see our
20 letters went out on the different complaints on
21 nuisance properties. Citations are out there.

22 And planning and zoning we had
23 meetings on planning and zoning, the O'Neill
24 Highway for fast food service drive through and
25 the zoning for the storage on Meade Street.

1 And then I did meet with the water
2 company to actually go over Grove Street,
3 Blakely Street and some of the pave cuts. They
4 said after April 18th is when the plants open
5 up full time and then they'll address all those
6 and they'll start doing their paving program.

7 MS. BRIER: Like, before the summer
8 you think?

9 MR. LORINCE: Definitely before the
10 summer.

11 MS. BRIER: How long has it been,
12 two years?

13 MR. LORINCE: Yeah, two years. They
14 said once the plants open full time, we're
15 number one on the list.

16 MS. BRIER: And, Mike, wasn't there
17 something we're going to get in exchange for
18 letting them park on that property we own on
19 Blakely Street behind Schautz? Are they going
20 to pave something?

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, they did. I
22 mean, they're doing it. It's ongoing. It's
23 that they're levelling. If you go back there,
24 they've levelling off that whole area back
25 there so that eventually there'll be -- if we

1 just put some stone down or something you'll be
2 able to park back there. They carved in a road
3 actually as well so you could enter in there as
4 well.

5 MS. BRIER: I did see that. Okay.
6 I thought they were going to do some parking up
7 there.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: It is. It's a parking
9 lot.

10 MS. BRIER: And then on the other
11 side of Schautz like on the Prospect Avenue
12 they're not doing anything with that parking
13 lot there.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: No, not that I'm
15 aware of. The existing parking lot?

16 MR. BRIER: Yeah.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: No. They're putting
18 in the parking lot in the back.

19 MS. BRIER: Okay.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Judge.

21 MR. JUDGE: Let's see. March, we
22 just got our last load of salt, 236 tons. We
23 went through about 1,200 tons so far this year.
24 That should be it for the salt. The yard waste
25 starts now. Next week will be yard waste.

1 This week is recycling. We got banners up for
2 Jog for Jude and the other banners for the
3 summer. And --

4 MS. BRIER: Did you have the
5 sewers -- are you going to clean out any of
6 the -- there seemed to be storm --

7 MR. JUDGE: Right, the water company
8 cleans them out with the jet. They have to be
9 sucked out. I just gave them a list Friday of
10 the ones that I know that are really bad. And
11 they could call the office to Sally or Jeanie.

12 MS. BRIER: I just noticed some of
13 them are really blocked.

14 MR. JUDGE: There's one blocked
15 right by your house. I saw it. That's on the
16 list.

17 MS. BRIER: Thanks for doing that
18 patching that you are doing around town.

19 MR. JUDGE: The guys are out every
20 day patching.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Do you know where I
22 live? Question for you, with the banner
23 that's -- usually we have two banners. But you
24 said the one came down. And we need to
25 restring. How much would we need to do and get

1 that because we have such a demand for banners.
2 We only have the one spot right on --

3 MR. JUDGE: We could put a -- we
4 have to see the power company, PPL to get
5 permission and we could put it up. Last time
6 they put it up for us.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Okay.

8 MR. JUDGE: Other than that --

9 MR. HALLINAN: Whatever we have to
10 do, okay?

11 MR. JUDGE: Okay.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Because, I mean,
13 we're getting demands now for --

14 MR. JUDGE: Yeah, we can do that.

15 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

16 MR. JUDGE: And that's about it.
17 Every day they are up putting the pitcher mound
18 up up at Schautz getting that ready every day.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you for that
20 too, by the way. That's bad, real bad. I
21 appreciate it.

22 MR. JUDGE: Well, that's about it.

23 MR. HALLINAN: You're on top of the
24 patching, which the rain storms just --

25 MR. JUDGE: So far we went through

1 1,200 tons. That's a lot of patch.

2 MR. HALLINAN: All the guys did a
3 great job. And like I say if anybody knows, a
4 lot of the patch is staying. But with these
5 torrential downpours, it really eats a lot of
6 them right back up again.

7 MR. JUDGE: The 15th the black top
8 plant opens.

9 MR. HALLINAN: Good. Thank the guys
10 for helping. Appreciate it.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Chief DeNaples.

12 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening. Just
13 a couple small updates from last month's
14 meeting, not a whole lot going on in the Fire
15 Department. The biggest expenditure for the
16 month of April is going to be \$1,587 for
17 service for our Amkus rescue tools. There's a
18 couple other small purchases.

19 Up to this point, there's going to
20 be 40 hours overtime for the Fire Department.
21 That's pretty much the whole ball of wax. We
22 had one residential structure fire on March
23 30th, which was after our last meeting was
24 contained to an electrical panel and a little
25 bit of damage on the first floor beside for

1 some smoke damage throughout the residence. No
2 injuries on that. And that's pretty much it.

3 MS. BRIER: Chief DeNaples, I just
4 want to say, you know, you heard about the
5 electrical contractor who went in there after
6 your department saying there was not any --
7 never saw anything -- such a great cleanup of a
8 place for -- he said the firemen in Dunmore did
9 an unbelievable job. So tell that to them as
10 well.

11 CHIEF DENAPLES: I will pass that
12 on. Thank you.

13 MR. BRIER: I mean, this guy is a
14 pretty experienced contractor and he's seen a
15 lot of them and he said it was fantastic.

16 CHIEF DENAPLES: We try to keep as
17 much damage to a minimum.

18 MS. BRIER: And that poor family,
19 they're out. They're out.

20 CHIEF DENAPLES: They're still out.
21 Thank you.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Chief.

23 MR. RUGGIERO: Chief Marchese.

24 CHIEF MARCHESE: Our calls for
25 service for the month of March, our department

1 Officers Ments, Sohns, Richardson and
2 Bonavoglia participated in the ALERT Training.
3 This was hosted by our department along with
4 Marywood. The FBI ran it. It doesn't cost us
5 a penny and they gave us four seats.

6 ALERT stands for Advanced Law
7 Enforcement Training for active shooters. So
8 it was a good training for them to go through,
9 especially with our school guys.

10 During the month of March, our day
11 shift tagged over 35 vehicles that were
12 abandoned on Borough streets. Out of the 35,
13 six vehicles were towed. After tagging them we
14 got phone calls. People say, "Listen, can you
15 give us a couple of days, we'll get it out
16 there."

17 And, you know, we obliged them. So
18 far, six had to get towed out of the 35. So
19 that was a pretty good success. From March
20 25th to 30th, our office participated in the PA
21 Aggressive Driving Campaign. Officers
22 conducted traffic stops and utilized ENRADD
23 speed enforcement device during that detail.

24 This is a state-funded program and
25 all the costs were fully reimbursed to the

1 Borough. During the detail, 32 traffic stops
2 were made resulting in 17 citations and 15
3 written warnings.

4 Estimates for a new body armor, I
5 submitted them to Mayor Conway. I don't know
6 if he forwarded it to you yet but we got three
7 different quotes. And we actually -- our
8 officers like the ones that were the lowest
9 bid, which was good. And that's all I have.

10 MR. BRIER: Chief, when you say it's
11 funded by the state, do they reimburse us for
12 payroll?

13 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes.

14 MR. BRIER: So the number of hours
15 someone works.

16 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes. I think it's
17 time and a half for guys and they pay us,
18 Public PA Aggressive Driving.

19 MS. BRIER: Okay. I saw them out
20 there.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Chief, with the
22 part-time officers there is just not a pool out
23 there? Are we competitive?

24 CHIEF MARCHESE: Every department in
25 the county is hurting. They're crying. They

1 have nobody. We just -- the guy we just lost
2 was working a lot of shifts for us now. But
3 we're down to like two guys. If something
4 happens, we're in trouble.

5 MS. OVEN: Besides the advertising
6 we're doing, is there anything else we can do?
7 Can we help you with anything as far as trying
8 to --

9 CHIEF MARCHESE: Just keep pushing
10 the message out there. And all of the other
11 departments are in the same predicament. There
12 is nobody there. We could have the next school
13 that is coming through. They don't graduate
14 until August.

15 Officer Richardson actually teaches
16 there. And he has a couple applicants that
17 were interested in possibly working here. But,
18 you know, by the time they get done in August
19 with the paper, they won't be ready until the
20 end of the year.

21 MR. HALLINAN: And on another note,
22 when you get your new vests, I think there is a
23 nice place we could donate them to. That would
24 be a great idea. Have the men donate them.

25 CHIEF MARCHESE: Absolutely. We

1 have no problem with that.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

3 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chief.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Public officials.

5 MR. AMICO: Mr. Ruggiero.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: I have nothing.

7 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing.

8 MR. AMICO: We'll start with Mr.
9 Hallinan this evening, please.

10 MR. HALLINAN: I think I said a lot
11 already. I just want to say Happy Easter
12 everybody and have a nice holiday and thank
13 you. That's all I have.

14 MR. AMICO: Mrs. Oven?

15 MS. OVEN: I want to thank Didge and
16 his guys for being so responsive about the
17 potholes. It's certainly a big issue in the
18 Borough. So we're trying to come up with a
19 good plan so appreciate your patience.

20 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mrs. Brier?

21 MS. BRIER: Nope, just hopefully
22 we'll have a spring some time this year and
23 wish everyone a happy holiday.

24 MR. AMICO: Miss Zangardi?

25 MS. ZANGARDI: Just a couple things

1 to follow up on, please. Joe Lorince, Lee Ann
2 and Johnny Perry's property with the telephone
3 pole in the middle of the width of their
4 property on the property, did you talk to PPL
5 about having that moved to the corner to the
6 curb?

7 MR. LORINCE: We can talk to them.
8 I didn't know. Nobody called and complained --
9 oh, you're talking about the one in --

10 MS. ZANGARDI: On the property, the
11 new one.

12 MR. LORINCE: You're talking about
13 East Drinker Street?

14 MS. ZANGARDI: Correct.

15 MR. LORINCE: No, they won't move
16 it. It's in their right-of-way.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: It's in the PP& L's
18 right-of-way?

19 MR. LORINCE: Yes. They looked at
20 it. As a matter of fact, half of the building
21 is on the right-of-way.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. And the other
23 thing is 960 East Drinker Street, 962 is being
24 renovated. 960, if we could send them a letter
25 and ask them --

1 MR. LORINCE: 960 came here for a
2 permit.

3 MS. ZANGARDI: 962 came in for the
4 building permit.

5 MR. LORINCE: 960 came in.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Did they really?
7 That's awesome. Great. That's all I have.
8 Thank you. Appreciate it.

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

11 MR. O'MALLEY: I just want to say
12 thank you to our Borough employees for coming
13 tonight. We appreciate your hard work and
14 dedication to our Borough. I want to thank
15 Mrs. Oven and Mr. Amico for their help with the
16 flooding in the backyards on East Warren
17 Street. Hopefully there could be an amicable
18 outcome for the residents there.

19 Dunmore's Quiz Bowl team
20 participated in the scholastic challenge, Ally
21 McNeff, Liam Ahern, Jessica Trauger, Kevin
22 Walsh and Cadie Lewis are part of the Dunmore
23 team. Holy Cross came in second place. So
24 congratulations to all of them. Ciera Toomy
25 from Dunmore High School will be announcing

1 this evening where she will be attending school
2 and playing basketball.

3 So we're all I'm sure looking
4 forward to that. And congratulations to Ciera.
5 And Dunmore High School Crimson Company will be
6 putting on the Wizard of Oz next week April
7 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th and 30th at 7 p.m.

8 The 23rd is a 2 p.m. show because of
9 Jog for Jude. So Jog for Jude is Saturday
10 night, April 23rd. The Elite Bunny Hunt will
11 be this Saturday, April 16th at St. Anthony's
12 playground. I'm not sure what time that's at.

13 MR. AMICO: 10 a.m.

14 MR. O'MALLEY: 10:00, and I want to
15 wish everyone a Happy Easter. Thank you.

16 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mr. O'Malley.
17 Mr. Dempsey.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm good tonight.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. AMICO: All right. I had two
21 things and Mr. O'Malley took one of them so now
22 I'm down to one. I love going last. This is
23 fantastic. I was just going to say there is no
24 garbage pickup this coming Monday after Easter.

25 This week is a regular schedule,

1 next week no pickup on Monday. And the Borough
2 is closed on Monday. So you can't pay your
3 taxes -- and Friday too -- Friday and Monday.
4 That's all I have. Do we have need to go over
5 anything else this evening? I'll look for a
6 motion to adjourn.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Motion to adjourn.

8 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

9 MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you everybody.

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