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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, April 12th, 2021

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

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

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. DEMPSEY: Roll call.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. McDonald  
Zangardi.

MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Ehnot.

MR. EHNOT: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

MS. BRIER: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Mayor Burke.

MAYOR BURKE: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Tonight we were  
supposed to hold a public hearing pursuant to  
the Pennsylvania Municipality's Planning Code  
at 6:30 regarding -- to inform and take public  
comment on the proposed comprehensive update to

1 the Dunmore Borough Zoning Ordinance enacted  
2 August 23rd of 2000.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: And, Vito, it has come  
4 to our attention one of the gentlemen from  
5 SAPA --

6 MR. LORINCE: One of the  
7 representatives from SAPA I guess got sick so  
8 he can't make it tonight. So we would like to  
9 continue it until your next meeting.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: So continue the  
11 hearing until the May meeting.

12 MR. LORINCE: May 10th.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Same time, same  
14 location on May 10th at this location.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay.

16 MR. LORINCE: I just want to tell  
17 anybody if they have any questions about SAPA  
18 they could e-mail it to me and I'll make sure  
19 it gets to the planner if anybody has any  
20 questions about it or if somebody wants to come  
21 in, I'll explain it to them.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. And they could  
23 also come and speak publically about it at our  
24 May meeting. All right. So I would look for a  
25 motion then to continue the hearing based on

1 the medical issue from one of the SAPA  
2 representatives to our May meeting.

3 MR. EHNOT: I'll make that motion to  
4 continue the hearing until the May 10th at 6:30  
5 here at the Dunmore Community Center.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. I have a  
7 motion. And a second?

8 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Does anyone have  
10 anything on question?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and  
17 so moved. We are continued -- the SAPA hearing  
18 until our May 10th hearing at 6:30.

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

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Would anyone from the  
22 public like to address Council with regard to  
23 any of the agenda items?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Number four, a motion  
2 to approve and pay the open bills.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a motion  
4 to approve and pay the open bills.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that  
6 motion.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion. Do I  
8 have a second?

9 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a  
11 second. Anyone on the question? Mrs. Brier?

12 MS. BRIER: I just have a question  
13 about -- for Mark about Bucktown Truck Sales,  
14 11 grand?

15 MR. RUGGIERO: I think I sent the  
16 details. Did you get the details that I sent?  
17 That was DPW plow repairs. There was multiple  
18 invoices.

19 MS. BRIER: And fire department  
20 \$18,000?

21 MR. RUGGIERO: They were truck  
22 repairs to the fire truck. Councilman Amico  
23 knows about them.

24 MS. BRIER: Repairs, all right. And  
25 they were the only -- Wilkes-Barre Materials.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: That's cold patch.

2 MS. BRIER: Cold patch. Okay.

3 Thank you. Reuther's the regular. Okay.

4 Thanks. That's all I have.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody else on the  
6 question with regard to the bills?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. DEMPSEY: Hearing none. All  
9 those in favor?

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and  
14 so moved.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: There's an error on  
16 the agenda. I omitted inadvertently a motion  
17 to approve the payroll. So it's not on there.  
18 So we're going to subtract number five which is  
19 that resolution that's been continued to May  
20 10th and we're going to add a motion to approve  
21 the payroll.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a  
23 motion.

24 MS. BRIER: I'll make a motion.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion. Do I

1 have a second?

2 MR. AMICO: I'll second.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and  
8 so moved.

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six is  
10 personnel matters. The first would be a motion  
11 to appoint the following part-time firefighters  
12 on Chief DeNaples' request and recommendation.  
13 Mr. Chairman, how would you want to do it? Do  
14 you want me to read them all?

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Can you read them off?

16 MR. RUGGIERO: Edward Abda, Michael  
17 DiPierro, Joseph Palermo, Gregory Rhodes, Alec  
18 Shattin, Alaisha Sherwood, John Stevens and  
19 James Trowbridge.

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

22 MR. AMICO: I'll make a motion.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

24 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: On the question?

1 MR. AMICO: These individuals will  
2 be part-time firefighters which is fantastic  
3 for the Borough. It helps tremendously with  
4 our staffing, helps with our overtime and  
5 especially now going into the summer months  
6 with vacations. This will be a fantastic  
7 benefit to the Borough.

8 So I would like to thank Chief  
9 DeNaples for implementing this, Chief  
10 Marchese's guys for doing the background checks  
11 on them. So all and all this is a great thing  
12 for the Borough. So I'm happy about this.  
13 Thank you.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mr. Amico.  
15 Anyone else on the question? Quickly, I also  
16 want to thank the Chief and the fire department  
17 and the police department. I don't think we've  
18 ever had this many part-time firefighters at  
19 least on one list as long as I've been here.  
20 So this is good to see.

21 So I appreciate all the work from  
22 the fire department, police department and the  
23 Chief. Anyone else on the question?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?



1 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and  
5 so moved.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: Second part of that  
7 personnel matter a motion to approve the  
8 following part-time police officers per Chief  
9 Marchese's request and recommendation: David  
10 Redmond and Cotisha Smith.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a  
12 motion.

13 MR. EHNOT: I'll make that motion.

14 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a  
16 second. Anyone on the question?

17 MR. EHNOT: Chief Marchese -- summer  
18 is coming up. We have a lot of people going on  
19 vacation. We have some officers out and we're  
20 pulling a lot of overtime. So hopefully this  
21 will cut down on our overtime.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr. Ehnnot.  
23 Same thing, I mean, we keep losing guys to, you  
24 know, getting full-time jobs. You know, I'm  
25 happy for those guys. But it does hurt us. It

1 makes our guys work longer hours and paying  
2 them overtime and filling the schedule so we  
3 have a full roster on the road to protect  
4 everybody.

5 So I'm happy again to see some more  
6 names on here. So I appreciate all the work by  
7 Chief Marchese and the police department as  
8 well. Anyone else on the question? All those  
9 in favor?

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. DEMPSEY: They ayes have it and  
14 so moved.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven is  
16 Treasurer financial report, Mr. Burton.

17 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.  
18 Okay, well, as of this month March 31st, it  
19 might appear that we're running at an operating  
20 deficit of 1.3 million dollars. That may be  
21 the truth. But there's one major qualifying  
22 event that occurred in March which caused the  
23 deficit was to pay off the 2013 pension bond  
24 with People's Bank. That was 2.6 million  
25 dollars.



1           actually -- it's not reflected in the numbers  
2           because March's deposit would be made in the  
3           beginning of April.

4                         But right now we're operating at  
5           about 73 percent of revenue collected for the  
6           year through three quarters which is  
7           outstanding. It's much higher than we  
8           anticipated. Also we received our liquid fuels  
9           payment. That was \$410,000 for this year.  
10          That's based on a couple different scenarios of  
11          population, amount of roads you have and the  
12          amount that the state is allocated to  
13          distribute to its municipalities. So it's a  
14          little bit less than last year.

15                        MS. BRIER: Mark, is that under the  
16          line state shared revenue --

17                        MR. BURTON: State shared revenues,  
18          yes. As far as the expenses are concerned, we  
19          made our annual lease payment for our police  
20          cars that were \$65,000; \$40,000 to our MMO  
21          payment, an additional \$56,000 in rock salt for  
22          February's invoices that we paid in March,  
23          which is higher because of the rough winter  
24          that we had; and again, the 2.6 million dollars  
25          to pay off the People's loan.

1                   There was no need to draw on the TAN  
2                   again this month. So that's still fully in  
3                   place. As far as the budget to actual, again,  
4                   real estate collections, a little higher than  
5                   anticipated. We weren't sure with the pandemic  
6                   how quickly people would be paying. But they  
7                   seem to be responding pretty well.

8                   MR. DEMPSEY: Mark, we were  
9                   expecting -- or maybe not expecting, but health  
10                  care reimbursement. Did we receive that yet,  
11                  any portion of that?

12                 MR. BURTON: Not yet. That will  
13                  come in two portions. There's going to be one  
14                  in May or June and another in October.

15                 MR. DEMPSEY: I wasn't sure if it  
16                  was March or April. It's May.

17                 MR. BURTON: Right. It's May or  
18                  June and then in October or November for the  
19                  second portion.

20                 MR. HALLINAN: Mark, that 1.6 that  
21                  we're supposed to get --

22                 MS. BRIER: Tell everyone what  
23                  you're expecting.

24                 MR. BURTON: It's approximately  
25                  \$900,000.

1 MS. BRIER: Really? I think we only  
2 budgeted six.

3 MR. BURTON: We budgeted six. It's  
4 going to be closer to nine.

5 MS. BRIER: Yay.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Mark, that 1.6  
7 American Cares money, are we seeing any of that  
8 yet or what's going on with that?

9 MR. BURTON: No, that will be --

10 MR. RUGGIERO: I'm sorry?

11 MR. HALLINAN: The 1.6 that we're  
12 supposed to get from the government.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: That's 1.28. No,  
14 that will go through Lackawanna County. They  
15 haven't finalized how they're going to do that.  
16 It might come in two or three different  
17 tranches. But the Borough is expected 1.28 in  
18 return for the essential employees that we  
19 employed during the pandemic.

20 MS. BRIER: That could be spread  
21 over a couple of years.

22 MR. RUGGIERO: It could be spread  
23 over two or three years or possibly one. The  
24 county doesn't know yet.

25 MR. HALLINAN: Did they give what it

1 could be allocated for?

2 MR. RUGGIERO: No, it's just to deal  
3 with COVID expenses. So my example to them was  
4 we employed our police department from when  
5 President Trump on the 13th of March declared a  
6 national pandemic all the way to 31, December.

7 Our police department alone was  
8 about 1.5 million dollars worth of payroll. So  
9 if we're allocated 1.28, I asked if the payroll  
10 records would cover that and I got the answer  
11 yes. The county doesn't know if it's going to  
12 be that easy and simple. But we're hoping  
13 that's all it takes.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Can we use it to pave  
15 roads?

16 MR. RUGGIERO: It goes back into our  
17 operating expense.

18 MR. HALLINAN: We can't do  
19 infrastructure with it.

20 MS. BRIER: You can't do paving  
21 roads, no.

22 MR. BURTON: Back to the budget to  
23 actual, again, the liquid fuels is about  
24 \$40,000 less than anticipated. That is just  
25 again a calculation that fluctuates from year

1 to year.

2 Landfill fees are about \$75,000 less  
3 than anticipated. And again, no draw on the  
4 TAN. With the rough winter another -- \$56,000  
5 in rock salt and again the People's payoff.  
6 But overall, budget to actual going into the  
7 first quarter, we're operating a surplus of 1.3  
8 million dollars which is about \$350,000 ahead  
9 of budgeted numbers for the first quarter of  
10 2021. So all and all, things are looking  
11 pretty good.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mark.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Mark.

14 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Mark.

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

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Would anyone like to  
18 address Council tonight? Mr. Jordan. Billy,  
19 would please just state your name and address  
20 for the record?

21 MR. JORDAN: Yeah, hi, I'm Bill  
22 Jordan. I'm the President of the Dunmore  
23 Police Association. The reason I'm here  
24 tonight is I wanted to address an issue I heard  
25 a possible -- it's possible that the school



1 resource officers are going to be pulled out of  
2 the school come June permanently.

3 And, you know, as a parent I would  
4 want to know if that's the case what is the  
5 game plan going forward? And I would also like  
6 to, you know, we have an important election  
7 coming up next month. And I would like to, you  
8 know, find out the position of the people  
9 running on their position whether or not they  
10 are going to vote to take the police out of the  
11 schools.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Billy. We  
13 have not had any specific conversations with  
14 regard to taking school resource officers out  
15 of the school district. It certainly has been  
16 talked about in the past when the school  
17 district was getting back on its feet once  
18 they're able to afford certain protection.

19 But I have two children in the  
20 school district. I know Mr. Amico does. I  
21 know some of the people have grandchildren in  
22 that school district. Me talking for myself, I  
23 would never pull any officer out of the school  
24 district without another officer or some form  
25 of school resource officer in place at that

1 time.

2 MR. JORDAN: Okay, so basically,  
3 like, is there a possibility that may happen  
4 down the road?

5 MR. DEMPSEY: I mean, anything is  
6 possible. But we haven't discussed about  
7 anything --

8 MR. JORDAN: Okay, I mean, I was  
9 told by our Chief that it's a possibility that  
10 come June they are done in June.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: There's no specific  
12 decision that has been made. Like I said, me  
13 personally and anybody else could answer, me  
14 personally, I would never pull officers out of  
15 that school district without other officers,  
16 SRO officers being placed in the school  
17 district.

18 That's my personal opinion, whether  
19 it's a Dunmore Police Officer or a trained  
20 school resource officer in that building  
21 that --

22 MR. JORDAN: I mean, me personally,  
23 I would rather have a Dunmore Officer there  
24 and, you know, like going forward, like I said,  
25 we have an important election coming up. And

1 I'd like to know the positions of some of the  
2 people running come June. Maybe if you guys  
3 could make that public before the election on  
4 how you feel if you feel that the Dunmore  
5 Police should be at the school or if you're  
6 open to the idea of having a private sector  
7 come in instead of the police department.

8 That would probably be a lot of -- a  
9 lot of people would probably want to know that  
10 before the election. All right. Thank you.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else like to  
12 address Council tonight? State your name and  
13 address for the record.

14 MR. O'MALLEY: Good evening. Trip  
15 O'Malley, 623 East Warren Street. I just have  
16 two questions this evening. How much did we  
17 spend on Schautz Stadium in total? Did any  
18 outside donations or sources pay for anything  
19 for Schautz Stadium or was it totally funded by  
20 the taxpayers?

21 And the second question, with only  
22 4.2 million of the 18 million left from the  
23 Sewer Authority sale, what's the plan to pay  
24 for the upkeep of the storm drains, the piping  
25 that we are now responsible for?

1                   And how much of the 13.8 million  
2                   that was spent from the Sewer Authority sale  
3                   was actually spent on storm water related  
4                   projects?

5                   MR. DEMPSEY: You're first -- at  
6                   least I can answer your first question. I  
7                   don't know specifically. I think we took a  
8                   loan for Schautz for 1.5 million. And the  
9                   other was received through donations -- a  
10                  donor. So that is how I could tell that is how  
11                  Schautz was paid for. I believe it was 1.5  
12                  and, Janet, you might be able to --

13                  MS. BRIER: Yeah, when I looked at  
14                  it, it was a -- the loan was 1.5. We took 700  
15                  out of the Sewer Authority account -- 700,000.  
16                  And then there was a payment for the land off  
17                  Blakely Street another 250 so over -- close to  
18                  3 million. I don't know if anybody donated  
19                  anything.

20                  But I know that Dunmore spent close  
21                  to 3 million, like the Borough. But I don't  
22                  know if -- I wasn't here then. I don't know if  
23                  anybody contributed anything. But I know what  
24                  we spent as taxpayers. We spent almost 3  
25                  million dollars on that.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, and I do know  
2 that some of it was donated. I don't know the  
3 specific amount. But all the invoices are I'm  
4 assuming public.

5 MR. O'MALLEY: Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: You're welcome.  
7 Anyone else like to address -- just your name  
8 and address just for the record again, please.

9 MS. MEDINA: Crystal Medina from  
10 Third Street. I was actually looking for an  
11 update on the light that was put in. It was  
12 put in. We were just waiting to see back from  
13 PP & L. I know when Stacey called there was a  
14 case number or something that was needed. I  
15 don't know if anybody had called in reference  
16 to that?

17 MR. RUGGIERO: The girls in the  
18 office did take care of that. The case number  
19 that they were referencing there was a purchase  
20 order needed for that. We are on the list. It  
21 can be unfortunately an extended period of time  
22 just based on PP & L. And they give a ballpark  
23 of, you know, the next 90 to 120 days.

24 So we installed it, obviously. We  
25 paid for it already. We're just waiting for

1           them to power it up. We're at their disposal  
2           and their mercy.

3                   MS. MEDINA: So would it be better  
4           for to us keep calling?

5                   MR. RUGGIERO: You can. I don't  
6           know in this case if the squeaky wheel gets the  
7           grease. You can absolutely. We've called  
8           there. And they kind of, you know, tell us the  
9           same thing they're going to tell you, yeah,  
10          we're going to get to it. When they actually  
11          get there is a different story.

12                   MS. BRIER: Can we make a call --  
13          just one more call?

14                   MR. RUGGIERO: Yeah, we can call  
15          again. We'll keep calling. Sure.

16                   MS. MEDINA: Even if they give us a  
17          close estimate.

18                   MR. RUGGIERO: Joe, last time you  
19          spoke to them, what did they say?

20                   MR. LORINCE: They said four to six  
21          weeks.

22                   MS. BRIER: When was that?

23                   MR. LORINCE: The day we put the  
24          light up.

25                   MR. RUGGIERO: Two, three weeks ago.

1 MS. MEDINA: Now, another major  
2 concern is a resident on our street right now  
3 is -- there's what we believe is, you know,  
4 some drug activity going on in the property  
5 that's right across from me. It's the only  
6 rental property on the street.

7 And, you know, when he first moved  
8 in it really wasn't a problem. Since  
9 approximately January there's been, you know,  
10 over 15 times the cops have been called to this  
11 property, you know, for domestic violence that  
12 spilled out in the streets that our kids are  
13 now seeing.

14 I mean, this is really becoming, you  
15 know, an issue now for us. The landlord has  
16 been contacted in regards to this and, you  
17 know, on her end, he's paying his rent on time.  
18 But, you know, that's the reason why she hasn't  
19 moved forward with anything because, you know,  
20 he's paying his rent. But at the same time now  
21 our kids are seeing a woman being battered in  
22 the middle of the street.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Don't we have an  
24 ordinance where after so many phone calls the  
25 police documented if something could happen

1 before where he could get evicted; am I right?

2 CHIEF MARCHESE: I can't hear you.

3 MR. HALLINAN: I said is there an  
4 ordinance that we have that after so many  
5 incidents with certain people that they could  
6 be evicted.

7 CHIEF MARCHESE: I have to look at  
8 it.

9 MS. MEDINA: We want to know what  
10 can we do or what can be done from this end? I  
11 mean, if they've been there several times -- I  
12 mean, the girlfriend -- there's already been I  
13 don't know how she put it through but something  
14 with the landlord had said the girlfriend  
15 couldn't come back to the property because of  
16 the domestic violence between the two of them.

17 And instead, what she's doing is  
18 hopping fences through other backyards because  
19 the landlord did put up cameras, you know, on  
20 the property. So she's hopping fences to avoid  
21 being seen by the cameras to get into his  
22 property which he's claiming -- the tenant is  
23 claiming he doesn't want her there any longer  
24 but is still allowing her to come back into the  
25 property which then is spilling into another



1 domestic violence over and over again. You  
2 know, it does seem to be drug related.

3 MR. HALLINAN: Joe, can you check an  
4 ordinance? I'm almost positive there is  
5 something about --

6 MR. LORINCE: Yeah, what's the  
7 address?

8 MS. MEDINA: This would be 512 Third  
9 Street, but it's on the second floor. There's  
10 a single woman that lives downstairs by herself  
11 and has been afraid to call the cops because  
12 she's afraid of retaliation, you know, from the  
13 tenant upstairs and from her actual landlord at  
14 this point because the landlord is saying  
15 there's nothing she could do about it because  
16 he's paying his rent.

17 But again, you have a single woman  
18 that's terrified living downstairs. And now  
19 you've got the rest of us on the street that  
20 are worried because the drug activity is  
21 happening between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. I mean,  
22 the cops --

23 MS. BRIER: Where would the  
24 streetlight be?

25 MS. MEDINA: Right in front of that

1 house. So it's directly across from mine and  
2 it's right above. So, I mean, the street light  
3 is there but --

4 MS. BRIER: It doesn't light up.

5 MS. MEDINA: It doesn't light up  
6 yet. I mean, I don't know if that is even  
7 going to slow anything down. This woman does  
8 seem to be determined to consistently get into  
9 this house. You know, she was caught breaking  
10 in a couple of times now.

11 The cops come and can't arrest her  
12 because they said that they can't. She's not  
13 trespassing because there is -- nothing has  
14 been filed officially against her to be on the  
15 property from what I understand. But I mean --

16 MS. BRIER: When is the activity  
17 basically 9 a.m. -- p.m.

18 MS. MEDINA: 9 p.m. to about 2 a.m.  
19 roughly.

20 MS. BRIER: Maybe the Chief could  
21 send a car to just drive by.

22 MR. EHNOT: Sal, can you get  
23 increased patrol over that neighborhood?

24 CHIEF MARCHESE: We're aware of the  
25 problem there. I've been over there many

1 times.

2 MR. EHNOT: If you could show a  
3 little bit more police presence.

4 MR. JORDAN: The ordinance that Mr.  
5 Hallinan is referring to I do believe there was  
6 something on the books a year ago. I thought  
7 it was enforced through the Code enforcement.  
8 The landlord will be cited if there was  
9 X-amount of police calls or nuisance calls.

10 The landlord could be cited and then  
11 he wouldn't be able to rent the property for  
12 three or six months. I don't know offhand.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Joe will check into  
14 it. Thank you very much, Billy.

15 MS. MEDINA: Well, what does it do to  
16 our property if this is deemed a nuisance  
17 property? Does that affect the rest of us as  
18 far as our --

19 MR. HALLINAN: I think it's just a  
20 tool we can use if it fits that. Then the  
21 zoning officer could have them tell the guy  
22 that they have to go.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: It's not a  
24 condemnation of the property.

25 MR. HALLINAN: You're not doing

1 anything to your property. You'll be fine. We  
2 just got to do our job.

3 MS. MEDINA: It's the only rental on  
4 the street. And, you know, we haven't had any  
5 issues like that until he moved in. And once  
6 again, you know, the activity with our cars  
7 being broken into and all of that just, you  
8 know, elevated again which is why we requested  
9 the light and also the cars that go whizzin up  
10 and down the alley back there. I mean, our  
11 kids are riding their bikes there. So there's  
12 just a lot going on all of a sudden.

13 MS. BRIER: Maybe if we can step up  
14 the patrol by her house on Third Street.

15 MS. MEDINA: Yeah, Third Street.

16 MR. JORDAN: What hours does it  
17 happen, the cars going through the alley?

18 MS. MEDINA: That would be even  
19 during the daytime when the kids are riding  
20 their bikes around.

21 CHIEF MARCHESE: They are doing a  
22 lot of construction work on Dudley Street so a  
23 lot of them are --

24 MS. MEDINA: Yeah, and that's to be  
25 expected with something like that. But, you

1 know, it's even, you know, before and after  
2 that, those cars go whipping up. I don't even  
3 know how you could drive that fast. That alley  
4 is so small. But they do. And we try to yell  
5 at people to slow down because the kids are on  
6 their bikes and, you know, we yell at our own  
7 kids to make sure that they're looking.

8 But they're kids. They won't. They  
9 just dart out in front, you know, so we're  
10 trying to keep on top of them too. But if we  
11 can get extra patrol in the area we would  
12 appreciate it.

13 MR. JORDAN: Yeah, we'll have  
14 patrols in that area.

15 MS. MEDINA: Yeah, but to actually  
16 drive down that street. I know that they go  
17 down Dudley but they don't come down Third  
18 Street that I noticed. Thank you.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: You had your hand up,  
20 Miss. If you could just please state your name  
21 and address for the record.

22 MS. RASALLA: For the record my name  
23 is Lynn Rasalla. I reside at 321 Oak Street in  
24 Dunmore. This is to address statements and  
25 false allegations said at the November 9th,

1           2020 Dunmore Borough Council meeting. I  
2           recently came across this information and I'm  
3           addressing it this evening April 12th, 2021.

4                       Words spoken against me at the  
5           November 9th, 2020 Dunmore Borough Council  
6           meeting are a retaliation, bullying, and  
7           harassment by the claimants.

8                       The deception begins page 21, line  
9           13 through page 35, line 16 with absolute  
10          deception, page 35, line 13 through 14. Page  
11          21, line 9 begins with Kim Nole. I'm going to  
12          start with line 16. That's where it starts  
13          with me.

14                      "The lady that owns the house is  
15          constantly feeding all the stray animals. She  
16          stands on her porch, opens the can and flips  
17          the food from the lid. It goes on her  
18          property, kerplunks it on the porch. But twice  
19          she's already flicked it into my driveway.

20                      I asked her not to do that and, of  
21          course, comments went back and forth. But  
22          she's -- it's like never ending. She's feeding  
23          them daily. I know Joe Lorince had been at the  
24          house and was totally appalled with the porch.

25                      Our mailman has filed a report with

1 the post office last year that he refused to go  
2 on the property on the porch because of how  
3 disgusting it is. I've spent close to \$200  
4 this summer trying to reenforce our backyard so  
5 that the cats stop going in it cutting through  
6 to go to her property."

7 And I'd like to address that. I may  
8 be unconventional but I am exhausted of the  
9 never-ending deceit that I have stopped all  
10 communications with 319 and 319 and a half Oak  
11 Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania in May of 2020  
12 when they told me they put rocks in my yard for  
13 storage. I'm just done with my neighbors.

14 However, since 2018 I trapped,  
15 neutered and returned 11 community cats, almost  
16 13. Two have escaped from my trap; eight to  
17 homes; working on the ninth, three to the vet  
18 to be put to sleep when ill; three dead in the  
19 road were taken to Veterinary Referral and  
20 Emergency Center, 318 North Boulevard, South  
21 Abington Township to be screened for a chip, if  
22 none, cremation at no cost.

23 You just have to call before going  
24 so room could be prepared for the dead cat's  
25 arrival. That is a total of 25 community cats

1           that will not be reproducing. If each of these  
2           community cats have one litter of five kittens,  
3           that would be 125 additional cats in the  
4           community.

5                        If each of the cats had average of  
6           three litters of five kittens in a season,  
7           that's a total of 375 new cats in the  
8           community. That's 375 kittens not born in the  
9           community in one season thanks to T and R. I  
10          do not have seven cats.

11                       Page 22, line 3 where Miss Nole  
12          states about the mailman, I have attached a  
13          letter from the US Postal Service dated March  
14          24th. To clarify the e-mail I spoke with Lelis  
15          Sheets, manager of customer service of the  
16          Dunmore Post Office, 114 North Blakely Street,  
17          Dunmore, March 21 at 11:25 a.m.

18                       Her first words were, "Don't believ  
19          everything you hear." She continued to say she  
20          has not seen nor heard anything about my  
21          property. She asked me if the mail courier  
22          continued to deliver my mail. I said, yes.  
23          She said, "There you have it. If there was a  
24          complaint, the post office would step in to  
25          rectify it." And attached is a letter from --



1 e-mail letter from the US Post Office with  
2 apologies to me regarding the mail carrier. So  
3 that statement itself proves that statement  
4 made back in November is false.

5 Nole states, "In her backyard I like  
6 to call it the cat condo contraption. But if  
7 we're on our deck, that's all we see. It's a  
8 constant annoyance." Nole has supplied  
9 supplies to help create this cat condo  
10 contraption and knew the purpose of the box  
11 given. And the Noles never sit on their deck  
12 long before I built this.

13 So I have pictures attached so you  
14 could see the box. And you could see the rear  
15 of my house. And the back of my house right  
16 next to it is their garage. So obviously there  
17 is no deck right there to be a constant  
18 nuisance or an annoyance to them. My deck --  
19 or my basement where it -- it's no longer  
20 there.

21 It's basement level. And their deck  
22 is first floor level. So for them to see that  
23 on their deck -- and I have a picture of the  
24 view of their deck from my -- where the  
25 contraption was located and as you could see in

1 the photos, half of their deck is blocked off.  
2 You can't see.

3 But you have to go to the side rail  
4 of their deck, look down all the way to the  
5 right and see down by Mr. Lorince's feet  
6 because that's where it would have been  
7 located. And then I took a picture of the view  
8 that we have. We have a gorgeous view because  
9 we live on a hill.

10 Nole speaks line -- page 23, line 13  
11 through 15, Nole speaks of keeping her areas  
12 nice, nice, presentable. 319, 319 and a half  
13 Oak Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania, residence of  
14 William, Kathy and Kim Nole has two different  
15 colored -- two different types of siding which  
16 is hideous. Their house is bringing down the  
17 property value of the 300 block of Oak Street,  
18 Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

19 Their front yard lawn is constant  
20 dog urinated, muddy rotted brown grass, if any,  
21 which according to Nole is nice and  
22 presentable. It's nauseating when walking by.  
23 And I have the pictures to show that.

24 Page 23, line 17 through 19, she  
25 also put private property signs right

1            everywhere, you know, directed toward us.  
2            Private property signs were put everywhere due  
3            to the following incidents:

4                            One, 319 Oak Street's garage, the  
5            Noles built past variance onto my property, 321  
6            Oak Street, by one foot. The garage is 6 feet  
7            too wide. When addressed, Mr. Nole asked Miss  
8            Rasalla for a dollar amount for the land. The  
9            next day William Nole rescinded the offer  
10           saying we're just going to say we're renting  
11           the land from you for a penny a year. What is  
12           that? I was dumbfounded and intimidated.

13                           Number two, the privacy fence by the  
14           Noles; again, see photos. William Nole asked  
15           Miss Rasalla if she wanted the flower bush in  
16           the rear of 321 Oak Street which was planted by  
17           Kathy Nole to be taken out when digging for the  
18           post for the fence or leave it there. Miss  
19           Rasalla said, "Take it out."

20                           The next day Mr. Nole said, "We  
21           decided not to do that." "Bill said Kathy  
22           said, it's life. We will maintain the bush."  
23           See photos of the bush. They're out of  
24           control. They're taller than the privacy  
25           fence. And years later they just decided to

1           poison the bush until dead. And I have  
2           pictures of how it was left.

3                       And then I had to remove it and I  
4           can't plant anything there because there's  
5           years' worth of poison soil. As they said they  
6           to reenforce the property. There's a picture  
7           of the two by four. They put two by fours  
8           under their fence and they also used chicken  
9           wire in their front yard.

10                      Number three, I came home to find a  
11           ladder in my yard. I phoned Kim Nole to ask  
12           her why is there a ladder in my yard. Nole  
13           giggles and said, "We had a new roof put on and  
14           they had to climb on top of the garage to get  
15           to the house." I asked again, "So why is there  
16           a ladder in my yard?" I told Kim to move the  
17           ladder and put it between her house and her  
18           garage.

19                      This is number four. This was the  
20           deal breaker for me with my neighbors. They  
21           put rocks on my property. I confronted Mr. and  
22           Mrs. Nole asking, "Why are there rocks in my  
23           yard?" Mr. Nole stated it was for storage for  
24           me because I have a hole in my backyard that  
25           he's been taking care of for three years.

1 Mr. Nole had stated that the grass cutter had  
2 twisted his ankle very badly and supposedly he  
3 didn't tell me because I'm never home. I could  
4 just go grab a rock and put it in the hole.

5 Kathy Nole then stated that the  
6 grass will grow over the rocks and stated that  
7 the hole was from water runoff from snow and  
8 rain. At that point I told her the  
9 snow -- the snow was from their snow being  
10 plowed into my yard. Kathy said that he would  
11 never. I showed her the proof on the pavement,  
12 which you guys have proof that snow is being  
13 snowplowed in my yard.

14 I told the Noles to remove all the  
15 rocks and that I would contact the Borough and  
16 the grass cutter. The next day after the rocks  
17 were finally removed, I put down dirt where the  
18 rocks were. I went into my house to get a view  
19 from upstairs to see the end result, only to  
20 see Mr. and Mrs. Nole stomping on the dirt I  
21 just placed, which again there's pictures.

22 The Noles for 23 years have paid and  
23 directed someone to shovel snow into my yard  
24 for several years. Barry Lindemuth, the hired  
25 help has plowed their snow into my yard with

1 his truck. I never gave permission for the  
2 snow to be put in my yard.

3 I'm always afraid of retaliation but  
4 yet, here I am. Again, pictures of the plowed  
5 pavement and pictures of the snow when the  
6 Borough plows it up and how they just keep  
7 going up the alley. And then when I have my  
8 snow cleaned. So when Mr. Lindemuth goes by,  
9 the excess snow that comes off his plow is not  
10 cleaned up and then I have to shovel again.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Rasalla, can I  
12 cut you off for a second?

13 MS. RASALLA: Sure.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: You sent us a pretty  
15 detailed document.

16 MS. RASALLA: Yes.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm following along  
18 with you as you're reading it. In the interest  
19 of time, I know other people want to speak --

20 MS. RASALLA: Okay.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Would it be okay if we  
22 attach your notes as part of our record?

23 MS. RASALLA: Is it going to be on  
24 the meeting minutes?

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

1 MS. RASALLA: That would be fine.  
2 That would be fine. I would like to say that I  
3 was brought to the magistrate because of  
4 something that was said on November 9th and  
5 I --

6 MS. BRIER: Can you clarify what was  
7 said?

8 MS. RASALLA: Well, that -- all of  
9 this was said. All of that I have attached,  
10 these photos, you know, line -- whatever the  
11 line number, page number, line whatever, those  
12 were things that were said at November 9th.

13 So what I'm saying is what has  
14 happened. So in my closing, I have about  
15 feeding bans, about trap, neuter, return. I  
16 have about how they give people permission to  
17 go on my property. I have all that listed  
18 here. And I'm trying to say, no, it's not  
19 okay. This is my property.

20 And in doing so, I feel that the  
21 retaliation is what happened on November 9th.  
22 I did not break any laws. I did not do  
23 anything to anybody. And I feel that their  
24 complaint against me was 100 percent false.

25 If you saw that about the skunks.

1           You say -- you can't, you know, accuse me of  
2           something and then yet, you have it on Facebook  
3           how cute they are and you're going to name  
4           them. That's not right. So there's a lot of  
5           false allegations here.

6                     And I just want to be left alone by  
7           the Noles. I don't feel the Noles should ever  
8           complain about anybody again because they have  
9           a lot of deceit in their grievances. And it's  
10          not just me. There was other addresses she  
11          included. And we all feel the same, a lot  
12          people are -- think it's commendable for cat  
13          neuter and return. And it makes a difference  
14          everywhere.

15                    And we just want to be, you know --  
16          there shouldn't be retaliation. So anyways, I  
17          had to pay for fees. There's obviously  
18          property damage done to my yard. And I feel  
19          the Noles should be responsible for that  
20          because they're the reason for it. So I would  
21          like that to be however you handle that. I  
22          don't know how you handle that.

23                    MR. DEMPSEY: That wouldn't be  
24          something that we would handle. That would be  
25          a civil issue between you and the Noles.



1 MS. RASALLA: Yeah, but I went to  
2 the magistrate because of what was said here.  
3 So I'm saying something here. So if that needs  
4 to go to the magistrate, whoever filed the  
5 papers for me to go to the magistrate, do the  
6 same for that person.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. We can't just  
8 file a magistrate's action. There has to be a  
9 code issue. So that would be taken care --

10 MS. ZANGARDI: The Borough has rules  
11 we have to follow. So the rule has to be  
12 broken in order for us to take the Noles to the  
13 magistrate.

14 MS. RASALLA: False allegations.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Again, that's a civil  
16 court issue. That is between you and the  
17 Noles. That has nothing to do with you and the  
18 Borough.

19 MS. BRIER: You could sue them. And  
20 we have all of this on the record which is  
21 good, you know. So we do have a record. And  
22 it's permanent, okay?

23 MS. RASALLA: Okay. And I'm going  
24 to continue to trap, neuter, and return. Thank  
25 you very much.

1 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Would anyone else like  
3 to address Council tonight? Mr. Mendola,  
4 please state your name and address for the  
5 record.

6 MR. MENDOLA: My name is Matthew  
7 Mendola. I am the Vice President of DGR. With  
8 me tonight are three other board directors,  
9 Vicky Scanlon, Bob Kopacz, and Mike  
10 Pasqualichio. The reason I'm before you  
11 tonight is a proposal to utilize Schautz  
12 Stadium for the upcoming 2021 fall season for  
13 soccer.

14 A little bit about DGR Soccer, we  
15 are nonprofit recreational soccer program for  
16 children between the ages of 4 and 17. We  
17 started out back in 1984. My own personal  
18 experiences were I have fond memories of the  
19 tank top reversible jerseys back in the 80s,  
20 even at half time having oranges, playing at  
21 Monroe Park. I'll never forget these memories.

22 But that's what we want to have for  
23 our children that are playing now. We want to  
24 give them the best that we can like what we had  
25 back in our day. Schautz Stadium, we played

1           there back in 2019. It was a great season. I  
2           know in the feedback we get from our surveys to  
3           the parents and players, everything good that  
4           they said.

5                        They appreciated the facility offer,  
6           the turf, the kids enjoyed it. We didn't have  
7           any bug problems. If we went to other fields,  
8           grass areas. So that was all good. I also  
9           appreciated having meetings with Mike Dempsey  
10          this past year, year and a half ago. We got  
11          together trying to work out the 2020 soccer  
12          season.

13                      Of course, difficult times we've had  
14          this past year with the pandemic. We didn't  
15          have the 2020 season. So that's why we're here  
16          tonight to try to work out a schedule where we  
17          propose the fall season August 7th through  
18          November 7th, weekdays Monday through Thursday  
19          5 to 8 p.m., to utilize that field for  
20          practices.

21                      On top of that, we're asking for  
22          Saturdays as well from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for  
23          games to be played. Right now we're in the  
24          process of working out the affiliation with the  
25          Philadelphia Union Major League Soccer Program.

1 I think this offers many opportunities, not  
2 only for us as DGR but for the Borough and  
3 Schautz Stadium as well.

4 A couple of the ideas are to have  
5 camps that will be hosted by the union,  
6 clinics, training sessions and also bringing in  
7 outdoor talent to have tournaments that would  
8 generate money for the Borough. I appreciate  
9 the time tonight meeting with you all. And I  
10 appreciate your consideration with this  
11 proposal.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Matt.

13 MR. MENDOLA: All right. Thank you.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: With me being the one  
15 that pretty much knows the most about Schautz  
16 and sort of scheduling and everything like  
17 that, just so I have it correct because we had  
18 texted back and forth and, you know, decided  
19 to come to a meeting so -- just so it's on the  
20 record and we have it. It's August 1st of  
21 2021, correct the start --

22 MR. MENDOLA: August 7th.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: And it's November?

24 MR. MENDOLA: Yes, the first week of  
25 November.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: So it's four months.

2 MR. MENDOLA: Three.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: You can see I'm bad at  
4 math. And it's 5 to 8 every night except  
5 Fridays; 9 to 1 Saturday.

6 MR. MENDOLA: Yes.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: What I would propose  
8 rather than hashing it out here is you and I  
9 and some board members, maybe some Council  
10 members want to sit down and see if we can come  
11 up with a fair way that you guys -- we want you  
12 to play there. I mean, it's built for the  
13 kids.

14 You do have some kids that are from  
15 Scranton and Abington, I assume. But you do  
16 have a lot of Dunmore kids, from all over. So  
17 we want -- and I'm just speaking for myself.  
18 But I think I could collectively speak for  
19 everybody. We want to see at least our Dunmore  
20 kids play there.

21 If other kids from Scranton and  
22 Abington and wherever else they come from get  
23 to play there, it's a bonus. What I can tell  
24 you at least from scheduling purposes, we can't  
25 accommodate every day that you're asking for.

1 I already have commitments from  
2 other programs that are paying to rent those  
3 days. And they've already rented them. But  
4 what I would like to do is sit down with you  
5 guys and sit down with the board and maybe a  
6 couple Council members and see if there's a  
7 couple days a week, a couple of Saturdays a  
8 month that you can utilize the field.

9 I can't give you all of those dates  
10 just because it's -- I've already made  
11 commitments with other people for a lot of  
12 them. But we certainly want you to play some  
13 games there. I was -- maybe you could do a  
14 hybrid between there and Sherwood or wherever  
15 else --

16 MR. MENDOLA: We have a lease right  
17 now with Sherwood. And we'd like to keep that  
18 lease in case of schedule conflicts. And, of  
19 course, things come up where you have other  
20 schedules with other organizations. That's not  
21 unheard of. But what we're asking is priority  
22 just because we are majority Dunmore.

23 You know, and the parents, we don't  
24 want to raise the registration fee. We want to  
25 keep it as low as possible, especially after

1           this year that we've had. How do we come back  
2           out of this pandemic and ask for over \$100,  
3           \$125 just to pay off Schautz? It doesn't seem  
4           like a fair option, especially for the  
5           taxpayers and residents and parents and all of  
6           that.

7                       MR. DEMPSEY: Yep. And so -- we  
8           have a large note on Schautz Stadium. We are  
9           renting it out now. I think we've made around  
10          \$15,000 just in March and a little bit of  
11          April. So it does generate a lot of funds.  
12          And, you know, we're not saying that you can't  
13          play there.

14                      I'm just saying -- I'm not even  
15          talking about the rental cost. If you want  
16          to -- if we can come up with something that is  
17          feasible for us and you to where we could rent  
18          it to the people that -- I've already  
19          committed. I wouldn't be able to call them  
20          back and say, you know, we're going to give it  
21          to DGR now. You don't have those dates.

22                      So a lot of those dates are already  
23          taken. But maybe we can could go through the  
24          schedule and pick out a day a week, two days a  
25          week, a Saturday here, a Saturday there and

1           come up with a set schedule so that you have it  
2           for your parents and kids that want to have a  
3           set schedule and know where they're playing.

4                     It's probably a headache if we call  
5           you and say, hey, it's open Friday come on up  
6           and play. But we could do that as well as long  
7           as having, you know, we try to get you a set  
8           schedule and try to come up with a fair rental  
9           price. You know, we're not -- I'm not looking  
10          to charge what we normally charge outside  
11          organizations.

12                    MR. MENDOLA: I appreciate that.

13                    MR. DEMPSEY: Something fair that  
14          we'll all agree to, not just me that everybody  
15          will agree to so that you guys are happy.  
16          We're happy. The kids get to play there. You  
17          know, we still have our agreements with other  
18          places to rent the place. That's what I would  
19          propose going forward if you're okay with that.

20                    MR. MENDOLA: Sounds good to me. We  
21          can always schedule a meeting, have board  
22          members and board members and we'll work  
23          something out.

24                    MR. DEMPSEY: Absolutely. That will  
25          be great. If anybody else wants to comment,



1           that's what I propose. So we'll get in touch  
2           later in the week. We'll get a date and sit  
3           down and hash it out.

4                   MR. MENDOLA: All right. Thank you  
5           for your time. Appreciate it.

6                   MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else like to  
7           address Council tonight?

8                   (No response.)

9                   MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

10                   MR. RUGGIERO: Number nine, public  
11           officials.

12                   MR. DEMPSEY: Mayor Burke, do you  
13           have anything tonight?

14                   MAYOR BURKE: Nothing tonight.

15                   MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Lorince.

16                   MR. LORINCE: Nothing.

17                   MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Judge?

18                   MR. JUDGE: No.

19                   MR. DEMPSEY: Mark?

20                   MR. BURTON: No.

21                   MR. DEMPSEY: Chief Marchese, do you  
22           have anything?

23                   CHIEF MARCHESE: No.

24                   MR. DEMPSEY: Chief DeNaples?

25                   CHIEF DENAPLES: Nothing tonight.

1 Thanks.

2 THE COURT: Vito.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Perry.

5 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. McDonald?

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

8 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Scrimalli.

9 MS. SCRIMALLI: I just want to say  
10 again that we're going to continue the SAPA  
11 meeting in May. I think it's the 10th. And if  
12 you have any questions about anything to do  
13 with the SAPA plan, please call Joe down at the  
14 Borough Building and if you need his number you  
15 could come and see me.

16 Also, I just want to say we had a  
17 very successful drivethrough Easter bunny  
18 giveaway. And it was very nice. And I want to  
19 thank Gertrude Hawks for donating and also  
20 Mr. DeNaples. And I also want to thank  
21 everyone for coming tonight. Thank you.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you,  
23 Mrs. Scrimalli. Mr. Ehnnot, do you have  
24 anything?

25 MR. EHNNOT: I have nothing.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Hallinan?

2 MR. HALLINAN: You're going to kill  
3 me. I was wondering about a lot of road  
4 problems we have, our pave cuts. You know, and  
5 I'll been hashing on this for years. One,  
6 they're not properly filled. And I was  
7 wondering -- and it takes -- I think they have  
8 a limit of almost a year or two to get to them  
9 through the utilities.

10 I was wondering if there was  
11 something we can do with an ordinance if they  
12 don't reply to a utility cut within 30 or 40  
13 days, something reasonable that we could come  
14 up with that we could have a contractor come in  
15 fix them correctly. And we have somebody watch  
16 them and do it right because a lot of times  
17 they're not -- when they backfill, they're not  
18 filling it correctly so that's what causes a  
19 sink.

20 So I'm just wondering if there's  
21 something we can do along those lines where we  
22 can contract out the pave cut and then bill  
23 them for the work being done instead of waiting  
24 and waiting and waiting. I mean, they're a big  
25 problem to the Borough with a lot of our roads.

1 Is that something you can look into, Mick?

2 ATTY. PERRY: Sure. We can draft  
3 something on that.

4 MR. HALLINAN: Okay. Would you look  
5 into that for me too?

6 ATTY. PERRY: Sure.

7 MR. HALLINAN: I got another thing  
8 up on when the state put in a turning lane on  
9 top of Drinker Street by Field Street there, it  
10 took away parking on the right-hand side, what  
11 limited parking there was. At least they were  
12 able to get somewhat.

13 Now they can't park there at all.  
14 And they're gone up on their lawns and it looks  
15 terrible. But the thing is from my PennDOT  
16 experience, they did a traffic study probably  
17 justified, what do you call, the turning lane  
18 being there. But it probably -- done when  
19 there's a day care there.

20 Otherwise, I don't think you get 15  
21 cars going back on Field Street a day. So my  
22 thing is, can we contact PennDOT somehow and  
23 change that?

24 ATTY. PERRY: The Borough has  
25 jurisdiction over the parking.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Yes, for them to get  
2 their parking back, they would have to take the  
3 turning lane out.

4 ATTY. PERRY: Oh, I didn't  
5 understand. I thought there was no parking  
6 signs.

7 MR. HALLINAN: No, we want to give  
8 them -- I want to give them their parking back.  
9 But to give them that parking back, they have  
10 to take out the turning lane.

11 ATTY. PERRY: Oh, I see.

12 MR. HALLINAN: So my question to you  
13 is, could we go to PennDOT and would we be  
14 liable for any kind of accident that happened  
15 because we took that turning lane out?

16 ATTY. PERRY: Well --

17 MR. HALLINAN: It is a state road.

18 ATTY. PERRY: If it's deemed unsafe  
19 and there's an accident there and we changed it  
20 or had PennDOT change it, we could have a  
21 problem, sure.

22 MR. HALLINAN: Okay. So that's a  
23 no.

24 ATTY. PERRY: Well --

25 MR. HALLINAN: Could you look into

1           it for me, please?

2                    ATTY. PERRY: I could talk to --

3                    MR. HALLINAN: Because I have a few  
4 neighbors up there that are pretty upset.

5                    ATTY. PERRY: We'll definitely look  
6 into it.

7                    MR. HALLINAN: Okay. Thank you.  
8 And also as -- Mr. Burton left -- said we have  
9 \$400,000 in what do you call -- our liquid  
10 fuels tax. Our liquid tax if anybody knows,  
11 that's supposed to go for any kind of, you  
12 know, highway maintenance, equipment, anything  
13 like that.

14                    I'd like to get some roads paved  
15 this year somehow, some way and maybe use half  
16 that money, 200,000, see what we can come up  
17 with. But I think that is something we have to  
18 kick around because the roads are deplorable.  
19 And they really have to be addressed. And it  
20 doesn't necessarily have to be paving.

21                    We could also do oil and chip on  
22 some alleys. There's a lot of different  
23 inexpensive ways to repair some of these roads  
24 instead of the old, you know, which is -- for  
25 the major roads you want to mill it. You want

1 to pave it, you know. But some of the other  
2 roads maybe crack sealed and then come back  
3 through with an oil and chip like -- sort of  
4 like what we did on PennDOT roads less traveled  
5 like alleyways and things like that.

6 They'll get 20 years out of it. You  
7 know, it's something we really got to look at.  
8 Or not even pave the whole road. You pave the  
9 parts that are bad. Why rip up good stuff when  
10 you don't have to.

11 MS. BRIER: Can we buy that pot  
12 filler thing with that money or is that okay?

13 MR. HALLINAN: The only problem with  
14 buying a pothole patch is, the pothole patch is  
15 a great idea. You have to buy stone. The  
16 stone has to be stored in a dry area. Then you  
17 have to store the oil and which you would have  
18 to buy in a bulk price for it to be  
19 inexpensive.

20 So now you're getting into where you  
21 are going to store it over the winter because  
22 it would have to be a heated -- so going down  
23 that road isn't feasible. If you got a bunch  
24 of towns or the county, I don't think it is  
25 something feasible for the Borough of Dunmore.

1                   We rent one out, they're very  
2                   expense. I mean, I think we got quoted -- what  
3                   was the quote we got, Vito, \$2,000 for 6 ton?

4                   MR. RUGGIERO: Yeah, for 6 ton, it  
5                   was 22 or \$2,400. So for a whole truck it  
6                   would have been like \$12,000.

7                   MS. BRIER: Will the fuels tax pay  
8                   for that?

9                   MR. HALLINAN: Absolutely.

10                  MS. BRIER: It would.

11                  MR. HALLINAN: But the only thing  
12                  about that is, it's a step up from cold patch.  
13                  It's not a -- it's not permanent. Cold patch  
14                  is not a permanent solution and neither is what  
15                  do you call the cold patch -- the hot patch  
16                  machine. So the only good thing is asphalt.  
17                  You have to do it the right way.

18                  You know, either mill a road or even  
19                  if you do partial repairs, jackhammer them out,  
20                  seal them up, you know. Even half of these  
21                  utility cuts aren't sealed properly. But it's  
22                  something we have to look at. Thank you. I  
23                  know it was a busy night. I'm sorry for tying  
24                  up your time. Thank you.

25                  MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr.



1 Hallinan. Mr. Amico?

2 MR. AMICO: I'm good tonight. Thank  
3 you.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mrs.  
5 Brier?

6 MS. BRIER: I just have those five  
7 police cars that no one is using. Chief, do we  
8 have five that we don't need anymore?

9 CHIEF MARCHESE: I can't hear you.

10 MS. BRIER: The five police cars  
11 that we don't need anymore.

12 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes, we can compile  
13 the list.

14 MS. BRIER: Okay, where are they?

15 CHIEF MARCHESE: They're at the  
16 police station.

17 MS. BRIER: So what can we do to get  
18 rid of them? They are -- just to get rid of  
19 them, number one, because they are just sitting  
20 there rusting, right?

21 CHIEF MARCHESE: I think there is  
22 certain restrictions. I just can't get rid of  
23 them.

24 MR. RUGGIERO: We sold two, didn't  
25 we? One to Lackawanna County and one to --



1           And the other ones there I think they are  
2           combined \$2,500 of what they're saying they're  
3           worth. We can put them online and see what we  
4           get as is.

5                   MS. BRIER: Can you do that, Vito?

6                   MR. RUGGIERO: Sure.

7                   MS. BRIER: Thank you. That's all I  
8           have, Mike.

9                   MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mrs. Brier.  
10          One thing I want to bring up before we adjourn  
11          is Officer Richardson had e-mailed Council with  
12          regard to Dunmore Borough participating in the  
13          American Heart Association's heart challenge,  
14          right, Tom?

15                   OFFICER RICHARDSON: Yes.

16                   MR. DEMPSEY: So the police  
17          department and the entire borough and the fire  
18          department, all of our employees are going to  
19          be considered a team for that, correct, and the  
20          whole community?

21                   OFFICER RICHARDSON: The community  
22          would be the main team and then it would be  
23          individual teams listed below that so you could  
24          sign up as a team and create -- so like the  
25          police department has a team. If the fire

1 department wanted to create a team, they could  
2 create -- we could almost make it like a  
3 friendly competition between each other.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: And you're all listed  
5 under Dunmore Borough as a whole --

6 OFFICER RICHARDSON: Yes, as a  
7 whole. And it would also include if any  
8 private businesses or citizens who want to get  
9 involved in it also. And it would just be  
10 everything would be compiled together and then  
11 nationally we would be recognized as a major  
12 sponsor team. That's without anybody doing any  
13 type of donations. That would just be, you  
14 know, getting people up, active and doing 3  
15 miles.

16 MS. BRIER: When it is?

17 OFFICER RICHARDSON: It runs from  
18 now until May 15th. And they're actually --  
19 they said they are coming out with an app for  
20 it to make life a little bit easier on tracking  
21 your milage and stuff.

22 MS. BRIER: How do you sign up?

23 OFFICER RICHARDSON: Right on the  
24 American Heart Association. There is an e-mail  
25 that I sent to Mr. Dempsey. And it's also on

1           our Facebook page.

2                   MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, we have the  
3 link. We're going to put it on all of our  
4 social media pages. I'd encourage everybody to  
5 click on it and share it so that it gets a lot  
6 of attraction.

7                   And I'd obviously encourage  
8 everybody to participate. I mean, it's a great  
9 cause, promotes a healthy lifestyle. I think  
10 it's great that the Borough is going to do it  
11 as a whole. It's a great community event. So  
12 I'd appreciate it. And I know Officer  
13 Richardson would as well if everybody  
14 participated, shared it and get the word out.

15                   So I want to thank you, thank the  
16 police department again for always -- and the  
17 fire department, of course, and all of our  
18 employees for always being involved in the  
19 community. It just makes everybody look good  
20 and everybody is happy.

21                   So I appreciate all the hard work  
22 you did. With that, I don't have anything  
23 else. So I think I'll look for a motion to  
24 adjourn.

25                   MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to

1 adjourn.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion. Do I  
3 have a second?

4 MR. AMICO: Second.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?

6 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and  
10 so moved. And we're adjourned.

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