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1	COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE	
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3	HELD:	
4	Monday, June 10th, 2019	
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6	TIME:	
7	7:00 P.M.	
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9	LOCATION:	
10	DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER 1414 Monroe Avenue	
11	Dunmore, Pennsylvania	
12	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	
13	MICHAEL DEMPSEY, President	
14	THOMAS HALLINAN, Vice President	
15	MICHAEL MCHALE - absent	
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17	VINCE AMICO	
18	THOMAS EHNOT - absent	
19	MICHAEL HAYES	
20	THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor	
21	TIMOTHY BURKE, Mayor	
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24	MARIA McCOOL, RPR	
25	OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER	

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1	(Pledge of Allegiance.)
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3	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.
4	MR. AMICO: Here.
5	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.
6	MR. DEMPSEY: Here.
7	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Ehnot. Mr.
8	Hayes.
9	MR. HAYES: Present.
10	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.
11	MR. HALLINAN: Here.
12	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale. Mrs.
13	Scrimalli.
14	MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.
15	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mayor Burke.
16	MAYOR BURKE: Here.
17	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public Comment on
18	agenda items.
19	MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone like to address
20	Council tonight regarding agenda items only at
21	this time?
22	(No response.)
23	MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.
24	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number four is
25	a motion to approve the minutes.

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1	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
2	motion.
3	MR. AMICO: I'll make that motion.
4	MR. HAYES: Second.
5	MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
6	second. Anyone on the question?
7	(No response.)
8	MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
9	signify by saying aye.
10	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
11	MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?
12	(No response.)
13	MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
14	so moved.
15	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number five is
16	a motion to approve the and pay the open bills.
17	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
18	motion.
19	MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
20	motion.
21	MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?
22	MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second.
23	MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
24	second. Anyone on the question?
25	(No response.)

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1	MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
2	signify by saying aye.
3	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
4	MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
7	so moved.
8	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is
9	a motion to appoint five members to the Shade
10	Tree Commission staggered five year term. The
11	term expiring 12/31/21, Alison Longo; 12/31/22,
12	Harry Kirias; 12/31/23, Dennis Ross; 12/31/24,
13	Michael Ruddy; and 12/31/25, Amanda Zilla.
14	MR. DEMSPEY: I will look for a
15	motion.
16	MR. HAYES: I'll make that motion.
17	MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.
18	MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
19	second. Anyone on the question?
20	(No response.)
21	MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
22	signify by saying aye.
23	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
24	MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?
25	(No response.)

1 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and 2 so moved. 3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven 4 is personnel matters, 7A is the hire for the 5 2019 Summer Recreation Program pending background and child abuse clearance reviews: 6 7 Hannah Bonin, Max Burke, Antoinette 8 Cantarella, Kayleigh Carey, Emma Coar, Ross 9 Cordaro, Hannah Earley, Lauren Grippi, Nora 10 Haggerty, Katie Hilson, Anna Hubshman, Layla 11 King, Mariana Leo, Elizabeth McNeff, Alexis 12 Mercado, Allie Olivetti-McLaine, Megan 13 Pavlowski, Emily Pinto, Aleah Schulte, 14 Mackenzie Senatore, Hannah Sheehan, Nick Stanco, Lisa Tallo, and Anna Talutto... 15 16 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a 17 motion. 18 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that 19 motion. 20 MR. HAYES: Second. 21 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a 22 Anyone on the question? second. Quickly on 23 the question, these are students of Dunmore 24 high school and former students of Dunmore High 25 School that apply to help run our summer

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program here at the DCC, Sherwood Park, and St.
Anthony's Park. They help the teachers also
that you'll hear get hired later regarding
programs, different sorts of games and arts and
crafts and things of that nature. That being
said, all those in favor signify by saying aye.
ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?
(No response.)
MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
so moved.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: 7B is to hire for
2019 Summer Recreation Program Counselors as
follows:
Kyle Dougherty, Michael Ehnot, Ryan
Ehnot, Mark Finan, Lindsey Lorince, Allison
Mendola, Michael O'Malley, Scott Pagnotti,
Elizabeth Stefanski.
MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
motion.
MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
motion.
MR. DEMSPEY: Second?
MR. HAYES: Second.
MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a

1 Anyone on the question? Again, second. quickly on the question, these are the 2 3 supervisors or camp counselors that again are 4 split between the DCC, McHale Park, Sherwood 5 Park, and St. Anthony's split pretty much evenly depending on the need of, you know, most 6 kids come here. 7 8 There is only a few that go to St. 9 Anthony's. So they will be split based on need 10 in order to supervise. That being said I will 11 look for -- all those in favor signify by saying aye. 12 13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. 14 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed? 15 (No response.) 16 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and 17 so moved. 18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item is to 19 hire the following for 2019 Seasonal Grass 20 Cutting Program: Keenan Brazil, Alec DeSando, 21 Thomas Dougherty. 22 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a 23 motion. 24 MR. AMICO: I'll make that motion. 25 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
second. Anyone on the question? Again on the
question, these three are Dunmore students.
They apply and are hired again, seasonal for
summer employment. They go around cutting
grass on abandoned properties, weeds, things of
that nature on properties that we get
complaints on, among other things cleaning
storm drains and leaves and things of that
nature. Anything else, Joe?
MR. LORINCE: Schautz Stadium.
MR. DEMSPEY: Schautz Stadium,
McHale Park. They do everything. So all those
in favor signify by saying aye.
ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?
(No response.)
MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
so moved.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number four is
to hire part-time police officers based on the
need of Dunmore Police Department: Nelson A.
Morales, Brandon Muta, and Raymond J. Kosciuk.
MR. DEMSPEY: I'll look for a
motion.

I'll make that motion. 1 MR. HAYES: MR. DEMSPEY: Second? 2 3 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it. 4 MR. DEMPSEY: Motion and a second. 5 Anyone on the question? (No response.) 6 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor 7 8 signify by saying aye. 9 **ALL MEMBERS:** Aye. 10 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed? 11 (No response.) 12 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and 13 so moved. 14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight is Public Comment commencing with Gerard 15 16 Hetman, Lackawanna County. 17 MR. HETMAN: Good evening folks, 18 Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County Community 19 Relations. First a few policy related items. The first I should note that our Area Agency on 20 21 Ageing distributes this to all the senior 22 centers including here in Dunmore right away. 23 So it's already on the wall over 24 That is our farmer's market voucher 25 distribution schedule. This program in past

years where seniors meet certain eligibility criteria can get up to four vouchers for redemption at local farmer's markets.

There is a schedule. Is it right there. And I have some dates here also on a release. So we'll leave that information. Second item goes with the third item also, we are now part -- our department of Lackawanna County Flood Risk Coalition.

It involves several county

departments working in conjunction with the

federal and the state management agencies.

Both coalition is to raise awareness of the

dangers of flooding both to obviously someone's

health and well being in flood emergency but

also in terms of insurance and preparing

property for potential dangers of flooding.

So we have a handout here about the program. We direct through the county website for coalition. It has a lot of great information on it, very interactive, several mapping tools that the public could use and are easy to use and free and lots of good info. So please check out our information here, very useful and lots of good details.

On that note, our county's Planning and Economic Development which is also part of the coalition will be holding a flood plan management technical assistance ordinance update workshop. It's taking place on Tuesday, June 25th at the County 911 Center, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. It's run by Mary Liz Donato who works in that department. Many of you know her.

Please, if someone from the Borough could attend, it's a great opportunity to learn more about flooding ordinances and related information which will be a hot topic for this year and next year. So anyone who would like to attend on behalf of the Borough would be more than welcome.

We also have the county's Disability Action Committee workshop coming up in that same time span, again, Thursday, June 27th at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in Scranton. There is a special workshop as part of this program for municipalities who want to learn more about compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

It's the first time we've seen anybody do this type of training. They are

very excited about it. They do have a presenter coming in from the MidAtlantic ADA Training Center out in Maryland to run the training. So check it out if you can, great information, really good stuff to know for everyone here involved with the borough government.

And there is a session later that day for private businesses, particularly restaurants it focuses on later. Morning session is dedicated to municipal governments specifically for you.

And then on a Parks and Recreation note, our Senior Fun Day comes up this Friday, June 14th, 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., at McDade Park, really just an open house at the park. Everything is free for seniors that attend including the coal mine tour. And also we have lots of refreshments, giveaways, and really good entertain and lots of free food.

So come out, seniors especially.

Anyone that defines themselves as a senior citizen is welcome. So please come out and enjoy it. We have our summer trolley excursion schedule from the Electric City Trolley Museum.

There's a variety of trolley excursion times that run every day.

But there are some special characters that appear on there during the summer, including Spiderman, Mickey and Minnie Mouse and several of the Frozen movie characters. In the winter you get Santa Claus and Spring you get the Easter Bunny.

This is what the trolley museum does on demand, very popular. And if you want to participate, try to ride those, get reservations to ride those because they do book up.

Next Saturday, June 22nd, is our annual Bike Safety Fair at McDade Park. We do have our helmet entry blank here. I'll leave this if anyone still wants to enter one you can do that. Typically we have deadlines in the past. We accept them up to a couple days out from the event. So I'll leave that.

And just also some other information, our 3 on 3 basketball tournament, July 26th through the 28th. All of four family fun dates co-inside with the Bike Safety Fair.

And we'll also leave some information for Penn State's College of Health and Human Development. They are looking for families to participate in a children's health study out at University Park. They asked us to pass this around if we could. That's all we have. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you, Gerard.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Gary Duncan,

Neighborhood Watch.

MR. DUNCAN: 117 Barton Street.

Just very briefly, I know everybody got the minutes from the last neighborhood watch meeting. Joe, thank you for the responses. I appreciate it.

And just, everybody, a week tonight on the 17th we'll have our monthly neighborhood watch meeting at 7:00 in this room. So thank you very much.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you, Gary.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Gary.

MR. HAYES: Thank you, Gary.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Other public

comment.

MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else like to address Council tonight? Anybody? Going once, twice? All right.

(No response.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Hayes, do you want to lead us off?

MR. HAYES: Wow, sure. Thank you,
Mr. Chairman. I just want to say that I'm
extremely excited to obviously have the Summer
Rec Program back again for us. As you know,
this is something that years ago I was on a
stasis and we fought hard to bring it back. So
I'm glad to see that we have these programs for
the kids.

The numbers keep increasing every year. It's a great program for kids to learn not only interaction but problem resolution skills and how to interact with other kids their age, etc. It's a great thing that I would partake in when I was a kid and I'm glad we're able to do it again this year for the youth of Dunmore.

And I'm also glad to be -- to see that we're going to be putting on some more

1 part-time officers. I know, Chief, with the vacations coming up for the police department, 2 3 I hope that helps out with the scheduling and 4 that's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. 5 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Vince? MR. AMICO: I'm good tonight. 6 7 you. MR. DEMPSEY: 8 Okay. Mr. Hallinan? 9 MR. HALLINAN: I'm good. Thank you. 10 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Scrimalli. 11 MS. SCRIMALLI: I just want to thank 12 everyone for coming. And that's all I have for 13 tonight. 14 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. The only thing 15 I have is that I don't know if Michael 16 mentioned it but the Summer Program is going to 17 start July 1st. They won't be working July 4th 18 or 5th. And then they'll pick up the week 19 after that. Vito, when does it run? Is it six weeks? 20 21 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes. 22 MR. DEMSPEY: Six weeks after July 23 1st, so whenever that date would be. I don't 24 have it off the top of my head. But that being 25 said, thank you all for coming tonight. And I

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will look for a motion to adjourn.

MAYOR BURKE: Mike?

MR. DEMPSEY: Oh, Tim, I got better at it. In the beginning of the year I was really bad at it. I apologize. Mayor Burke.

MAYOR BURKE: Yes, I would like to start off with a moment of silence for Lois Kelly. Lois was a councilwoman -- the first councilwoman in Dunmore, real pioneer in Dunmore.

She had her own business here in Dunmore, daycare center. She's a good woman. I would like to have a moment of silence for Lois.

(Moment of silence reflection.)

MAYOR BURKE: Thank you. I have a few issues. I went over some of the streets with Joe during the week. And we were looking at areas where we might be able to put impervious roads. It's something I brought up with Council months ago when I went to the class -- actually years ago when I went to the class on storm drainage.

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And Joe also showed me some places where we had a meeting the 29th with American Water at the Borough Building, every month we have a meeting with American Water. there's areas now where I think and Joe thinks -- I don't know if we agree on everything, but I think just about everything, the park area here would be a good place for a retention pond, I believe.

Schautz Stadium would be a good If you take a ride by Schautz Stadium, area. you'll see a retention pond in the back. It's beautiful. It contains all the water from the field. And pervious pavement kind of works the same way as the Astroturf works there. There's a lot of stone underneath.

It's not the exact same thing, but exact principle where the water goes down into a retention -- goes through the turf, the pavement -- I mean, the rocks, the sand and it goes right into a retention pond in the back which holds probably I don't know how many hundreds of thousands of millions of gallons of water in the back of Schautz.

But I think we can put a retention

pond at the bottom of Blakely Street to help solve the problem that starts all the way up the top of Drinker Street. It's one pipe.

That one pipe comes down Drinker Street, goes through our parking lot which I believe the Borough own parking lot where Joe made a good suggestion that would be a very good place for a tank there in that parking lot.

That would take a lot of the pressure off the water. That one pipe goes all the way down to the tank then it goes down to Scranton. This all floods. The problem is, they put big pipes from Drinker Street all the way down to the tank going into the smaller pipes. So obviously what all that did was make us flood quicker now.

But if we have a retention pond in where Schautz Stadium is on the bottom of Blakely Street, that would reduce a lot of it. And that would be the start of it. We also would be helping Scranton out with their problems with flooding. This all costs money, of course.

But I think we have to start moving on this. A good place for a pervious road

would be if you go down the alley behind the bank there where it floods by Mike's place all the time, that alleyway. That's what they're made for is alleyways, not high traffic areas where you have heavy loads.

That would be a perfect spot and the parking lot too. They are great for parking lots. They would eliminate a lot of the rain problem right there. And we have to start somewhere. But I think if we form a storm authority board just to start looking into this more, a lot things even like rain barrels.

I have two rain barrels under both of my gutters in the front and the back. And you wouldn't believe how much that holds. And when the rain is over, I water my garden with it. But if every building on that street had a rain barrel, you just -- the start of the storm it's saving us all that water that's going into that one single pipe that goes down Drinker, goes down Blakely, all the way to the tank.

And then it goes to Scranton. Joe's idea with a holding tank at the parking lot that we own at Dunmore Corners is a great idea. The tank would go underground. Of course this

all costs money. Maybe we can get help from the state. But other areas have done this.

Scranton is putting eight tanks in.

Dunmore has one up in sport hill. It covers a small area there. But all the places where we're flooding -- and it did alleviate the problem up in sport hill where they flood. The porous concrete or pavement in areas like

Shoemaker Street that leads into the same area where Mike gets flooded all the time in his business where the sewer lids just blow off the top because all the combined storm and sewer is in one single pipe, okay?

A porous pavement on just that short street of Shoemaker would help alleviate some of that problem. Joe's idea about putting a tank in at the parking lot that we own underground there, that would help out big time.

MR. DEMPSEY: Tim, can I respond to you?

MAYOR BURKE: Sure.

MR. DEMSPEY: Myself, Joe, Vito, we met with Senator Blake. We met. He came, met us on Jefferson Avenue, Kyle Mullins --

Representative Kyle Mullins met us there. Both of them brought their staff. We met there for over an hour. We took them -- we then went from Jefferson Avenue up to the place where you're talking in front of Mike's business and showed them exactly what the problem was.

Obviously, what we're talking about is extremely costly. We brought up the idea of the retention pond. We brought up the idea of holding tanks. Obviously, we just brought up a lot of ideas. So what we had talked about was and what's going to happen in the next week or so is, we're going to meet with Senator Blake's office and Representative Mullins' office and Pennsylvania American Water all at the same time and sort of try to figure out what the problem is and what the best possible solution to correct the problems.

Once we do that, the funding for it.

So hopefully we can get some funding. But all of that is in the works. It's going to take time. At least -- at the very least they've already met us at Jefferson. They agree. They met us down here -- or up at Blakely Street.

They agree that it's a problem.

They are more than willing to try to help. So just so you know that it's either next week or week after we're all going to have a meeting and try to figure out the best possible solution.

MAYOR BURKE: Right. Would I be invited to the meeting?

MR. DEMPSEY: Sure. I'll have Vito send you the invitation.

MAYOR BURKE: Okay. Because I do believe -- I'll tell Senator Blake and Kyle too that same thing that I'm saying now, the same ideas that -- and I know Joe brought them up before that I think could really help. And I know this is going to cost a lot of money.

But it's something that has to be done. And we have to start somewhere because every time we -- I've never seen any place, any kind of construction in Dunmore where the -- I've never seen -- say that water can't -- will be contained. I've never seen it contained, whether it's a new home, a new business.

Maybe we should try to change our ordinance that any kind of new business with a parking lot has to be porous concrete or

pavement because that's what other towns are doing. Pennsylvania is far behind the rest of the country. Other towns in Pennsylvania are doing it.

I know Philadelphia's got porous alleys. Michigan, all the way up there, they freeze less because the water goes right into the ground, okay, so you don't have to worry about it. They do have to be maintained though. We have to talk to the right people and maybe form a commission and just to get ahead of it.

Okay. That's all I have on that.

I'd also like Council to revisit the ordinance that I brought up last year, last April and again this April about the ordinance that they have in Moosic about the quads. I really wish Council would revisit that and think it over.

I think it would help us out. I'm getting more and more complaints about the quads, adults driving quads, children going through stop signs, no helmets. They're illegal. It's a state law. They are illegal to be on the streets, period. There is more and more of them every summer.

1	And if we just revisit. In Moosic
2	they said it's helped them out. If we just
3	even think about it, I ask Council to think
4	about it. Please give me an answer by next
5	month. It's been over a year now that I
6	brought this up. I'm just hoping for an answer
7	either yes or no so I know where we stand on
8	it. And that's all I have for tonight, Mike.
9	Thank you.
10	MR. DEMSPEY: Thanks Tim. Before I
11	forget, Chris Kearney, is he here?
12	MR. KEARNEY: Yes.
13	MR. DEMSPEY: Do you have anything?
14	MR. KEARNEY: No.
15	MR. DEMSPEY: Chief?
16	CHIEF MARCHESE: No.
17	MR. DEMSPEY: Vito?
18	MR. RUGGIERO: No.
19	MR. DEMSPEY: Attorney Cummings?
20	ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir. Thank
21	you.
22	MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. I'll look for a
23	motion to adjourn.
24	MR. HAYES: I'll make that motion.
25	MR. DEMSPEY: Second?

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1	MR. HALLINAN: Second.	
2	MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor	
3	signify by saying aye.	
4	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.	
5	MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?	
6	(No response.)	
7	MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and	
8	we are adjourned.	
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