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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, June 12th, 2017

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

MICHAEL MCHALE, President

MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President

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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Here.

MR. RUGGIERO: Can I have all the  
candidates for the Planning Commission come  
with me, please?

Council, this is Janet Brier, 1711  
Monroe Avenue, Dunmore. Janet, please explain  
why they should choose you for being on the  
Planning Commission.

MS. BRIER: Hey Guys.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Brier.

2 MS. BRIER: How are you? I'm a  
3 lifelong Dunmorean, fourth generation, all my  
4 brothers and sisters graduated from Dunmore, my  
5 mom did, my kids did, my grandparents didn't  
6 because they only went to sixth grade.

7 But you have a history of  
8 contributing to the Borough. My grandfather  
9 was a Congressman. My aunt and uncle were  
10 Councilman and Councilwoman at some point in  
11 their lives. And I'm a certified public  
12 accountant with a Master's in public health.

13 So I do bring that piece to it at  
14 least the financial piece. And I think I'd do  
15 a good job, totally love this town, totally  
16 want to give a little bit back. So thanks so  
17 much.

18 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

19 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

21 MR. RUGGIERO: Thank you very much.

22 MS. BRIER: You're welcome.

23 MR. RUGGIERO: Council, this is Gary  
24 Duncan, 117 Barton Street in the Borough. Mr.  
25 Duncan, please tell Council why they should

1 choose you to be on the Planning Commission.

2 MR. DUNCAN: Usually I'm up here  
3 talking about the Neighborhood Watch Group.  
4 But anyway, Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street.  
5 You know, I'm married. My wife is Lynne Greco  
6 Duncan. We have two daughters Anne and Claire.

7 And I'm a former full-time faculty  
8 member of Misericordia University where I  
9 taught kinesiology, neurology, physical  
10 disabilities. And that was way back in the 80s  
11 and 90s. I spent 43 years in health care. And  
12 I went into it for the oldest of cliches. I  
13 really did it because I wanted to make a  
14 difference in people's lives. And I thought we  
15 could make a positive influence in them.

16 To this day I'm still -- I'm a  
17 lecturer at Marywood University. I teach the  
18 rehab component for the nursing administrator's  
19 course. Chances are there's people in this  
20 room that have either been my students or I've  
21 been in their home to treat their family  
22 members.

23 My wife and my children and I --  
24 really my wife and I have tried to emphasize  
25 the importance of giving back to your

1 community. And I have a 22-year-old daughter  
2 who just graduated from Marywood and so she may  
3 be leaving us. And thank God I have one that  
4 still may be around for a couple years. But  
5 wherever they ultimately wind up -- and I  
6 pray -- I think my oldest daughter will be in  
7 Dunmore until she passes.

8 But we've encouraged them to give  
9 back to their communities. And I think that  
10 we've done that. They have done it as Girl  
11 Scouts. We work at food pantries. I'm the  
12 former president of the Hibernians. I still  
13 continue to be part of an annual food drive at  
14 the St. Patrick's Parade.

15 I've been a rehab director. I had a  
16 million dollar budget. And I have a degree in  
17 business in addition to being a nurse and an  
18 occupational therapist. So I think I know a  
19 little bit about budgeting. I won't pretend to  
20 have the expertise that a certified public  
21 accountant has.

22 But I certainly know where to look  
23 for the answers if I personally don't have  
24 them. As I said, I got into health care  
25 because I wanted to give back to patients.

1 I'm a member of the Governors  
2 Council on Ageing. I'm 1 of 11 people. It had  
3 to be a unanimous appointment. And we did that  
4 with a Republican Senate and Congress. And I'm  
5 not and I still got on. We're able to roll out  
6 policies and procedures for the geriatric and  
7 the handicap residents of 67 counties of  
8 Pennsylvania.

9 So I know how to be a team member.  
10 And I know how to write policy and procedure.  
11 Probably four years and change ago, when Mike  
12 Hayes was on this Council, I came before the  
13 Council at that time and spoke about the need  
14 after having spoken to about 30 or 40 residents  
15 of Dunmore who had expressed various concerns I  
16 came here to talk to you folks and get an  
17 education about former neighborhood watch  
18 groups that existed.

19 And I think in the four years and  
20 change that I started that, you folks have all  
21 been a part of it. I think we have grown that  
22 in Dunmore. We have police liaisons that have  
23 been at every meeting. And I always give Tom  
24 Richardson a shoutout because he doesn't miss  
25 them.

1                   We have members of Lackawanna County  
2                   Probation and Parole who are now a part of it  
3                   as well as a representative from the District  
4                   Attorney's Office. We've had speakers  
5                   including Judge Moyle and others. Dunmore Fire  
6                   Department comes down every year. They do a  
7                   presentation on fire safety in October for us.

8                   I belong to the Dunmore Historical  
9                   Society. I would like to think there's not too  
10                  much in Dunmore that I haven't joined and been  
11                  a part of. And I've written a grant for  
12                  \$14,000 this year. And based on -- it may  
13                  sound like it's not a lot, I could tell you  
14                  when I was in Harrisburg and on the Council on  
15                  Aging meetings, I went over looking for more  
16                  money and they told me they didn't have it.

17                  And by God, the next day in the  
18                  Scranton Times the report was out that  
19                  essentially Pennsylvania's budget was in dire  
20                  straits but we tried. And we at least got a  
21                  county grant. So I have written grants. I am  
22                  grateful to Council for opening up these  
23                  positions.

24                  I'd like to become a member of the  
25                  Planning Commission because as I said earlier,





1 the Planning Commission is willing to give it  
2 150 percent of their personal commitment. I  
3 think it's so important to our town. I  
4 probably spoke for five minutes now. I cut it  
5 short. I always remember my five minute time  
6 limit. Is there any questions or -- thanks  
7 everybody.

8 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Gary.

9 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gary.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Council, Joe  
12 Grochowski, 1711 Adams Avenue.

13 MR. GROCHOWSKI: I just have some --  
14 these are just reference materials. This is  
15 actually information that I sent along. This  
16 was stuff I sent via e-mail and some additional  
17 information that I just want to briefly share.

18 What I just distributed was when I  
19 initially expressed my interest in the position  
20 some of the information I sent along was the  
21 original e-mail with my interest which I'll  
22 cover tonight along with some of my  
23 professional and personal experience.

24 And I actually just gave you a copy  
25 of current clients that I work with just to

1 give you a sense of the current world I'm in.  
2 So my name is Joe Grochowski. I live at 1711  
3 Adams Avenue. I was born and raised in  
4 Dunmore, born here in 1975, graduated from  
5 Scranton Prep.

6 I left Dunmore to go to Penn State  
7 University in 1994. I graduated from Penn  
8 State in 1998 with a BS in psychology. After  
9 Penn State I decided to continue my graduate  
10 studies at the University of Chicago. I  
11 received my Master's of Arts in Social  
12 Sciences.

13 Right after the University of  
14 Chicago I was employed at -- I got a job offer  
15 at the company called SPSS which is an  
16 analytical software company now owned by IBM  
17 doing analytical analysis for the government  
18 and other agencies wanting to understand  
19 correlations and very complex analysis.

20 I worked there for a year and then  
21 moved to New York City. I work at the Research  
22 World which is a think tank for chief  
23 information officers from the world's largest  
24 companies in the world, had the pleasure of  
25 interviewing and dealing with technology

1 related issues on how to plan, build their  
2 development plants for large companies like GM,  
3 Boeing, Lockheed Martin, worked with Bill  
4 Gates. We've interviewed Bill gates.

5 I had a lot of experience working  
6 with C level executives from the Fortune 500 at  
7 the Research Board. I'm -- then I went onto I  
8 started working virtually. I worked for a  
9 company called the Concours Group which is a  
10 managing and consulting firm.

11 I was promoted ultimately to  
12 director of all their leadership development  
13 programs for senior level HR executives again  
14 from the Fortune 500 companies.

15 Today I -- for over seven years I  
16 worked for the RBL Group which it stands for  
17 the Results Based Leadership Group. We are the  
18 trusted advisors to the world's largest  
19 companies. You have a list of those companies  
20 there. Those are my clients that I advise and  
21 consult on related to the town, the development  
22 of their chief information officers and senior  
23 teams, how to compete and win in the  
24 marketplace.

25 I first made a deal with companies

1           like Ikea, Goldman Sachs, MGM, Coca-Cola.  
2           Collectively the people I work with probably  
3           employ over 2 million people. HR budgets are  
4           probably larger than our state budgets.

5                       And so I had the pleasure actually  
6           of working with large companies across many  
7           industries pharmaceutical and so forth.  
8           Fifteen years doing management consulting, work  
9           with the C level people, chief information  
10          officers, CEOs, academics. I kind of built to  
11          that intersections of business and academia.

12                      I do a lot of research, writing,  
13          analyzing, preparing reports. I've published  
14          over 250 reports for businesses on planning and  
15          developing and around technology and HR. So  
16          that's what you have in front of you. Also  
17          personally I moved back to the area in  
18          September of 2014. I bought a home at 1711.

19                      And it has been a thrill to be back  
20          to the community. And that's why I am here  
21          today. My sole interest in the planning  
22          position is serving the wonderful community of  
23          Dunmore and providing planning advice and  
24          guidance to Council as they see fit in terms of  
25          land use, proper use of our land. How do we

1 grow and develop as a community responsibly,  
2 what are our current needs, what are our future  
3 needs, how do we address those gaps. I have a  
4 lot of skills collaborating with other people  
5 in business and governments.

6 My sole purpose is kind of a civic  
7 issue where you could kind of if you want to  
8 help, you have to do something about it. So  
9 and finally I -- just on a personal front I am  
10 married. My wife Nicole is -- they're over at  
11 a T-ball game right there right now. My son  
12 Nate is playing. He's 8 years old. He's  
13 actually a fraternal twin. My son died at 16  
14 months of age.

15 That's why you'll see the  
16 Maximillian Fund on my resume. We started a  
17 nonprofit in honor of my son to serve the  
18 community. We actually gave a grant to the  
19 YMCA last year for the education and  
20 development of children.

21 And my youngest son Jacob also  
22 plays. I'm the coach at Dunmore T-ball. I'm a  
23 certified baseball umpire. I'm on the Scranton  
24 Alumni Board of Governors. And I coach my  
25 kids. I love my community. And I would love

1 to serve and plan and help in whatever way I  
2 can. So thank you Council for your time and  
3 attention. And I hope you get a chance to  
4 review the materials. And if you have  
5 questions, please let me know.

6 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Joe.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Do you want to run  
8 the Farmer's Market?

9 MR. GROCHOWSKI: Great idea.  
10 Thanks.

11 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Council, Jerry  
13 Michaels, 317 North Apple Street. Mr.  
14 Michael's, please describe yourself to Council  
15 and why they should choose you to be on the  
16 Planning Commission.

17 MR. MICHAELS: Good evening,  
18 Council. My name is Jerry Michaels. I'm here  
19 tonight to submit my name for your  
20 consideration to renew my seat on the Dunmore  
21 Planning Commission.

22 I have been a member of the Planning  
23 Commission for eight plus years. And I have  
24 been acting as Secretary. I'm a lifelong  
25 resident of Dunmore. I'm a graduate of

1 University of Scranton with a degree in  
2 accounting, licensed real estate agent with my  
3 license in escrow at present. And I'm a  
4 retired store supervisor for a large chain  
5 store in the area. That's all. Is there any  
6 questions?

7 MR. DEMPSEY: No, sir. Thank you.

8 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

9 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: This is Roseann  
11 Zubrickas, 1121 Prescott Avenue in Dunmore.  
12 Roseann, please describe yourself to Council  
13 and why they should choose you to be on the  
14 Planning Commission.

15 MS. ZUBRICKAS: My name is Roseann  
16 Naro Zubrickas. And I have been an alternate  
17 member of the Dunmore Planning Commission since  
18 November, 2011, shortly after the death of my  
19 dad, Salvatore J. Naro who was a member of the  
20 commission.

21 As an alternate, I have only missed  
22 one meeting since 2011, whether my vote counted  
23 or not. I have been in the Dunmore community  
24 for very close to 60 years. I have raised my  
25 children in this community.

1                   They were both schooled in this  
2                   community and still both live in this  
3                   community. My daughter lives at home and is a  
4                   Pennsylvania State Policeman. And my son and  
5                   daughter own a home on Hill Street. I always  
6                   tease him that he's a Hilly now and I am still  
7                   a Gully. I know I'm dating myself for sure  
8                   there.

9                   I feel I would be a good candidate  
10                  because I have proven myself to be loyal and  
11                  committed to the commission and my main concern  
12                  is Dunmore. I hope to have grandchildren some  
13                  day. And I want them to be healthy and happy  
14                  and safe. I want them to be proud to say they  
15                  are from Dunmore, Pennsylvania like I have been  
16                  proud my whole life.

17                  I have everything I need in this  
18                  life and I am very blessed. I don't want  
19                  anything from anybody. And I don't think need  
20                  anything from anybody. I feel I would be an  
21                  asset to the Planning Commission of the Borough  
22                  of Dunmore. And I thank you for your time and  
23                  your vote.

24                  MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

25                  MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.



1 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: Council, this is  
4 Katherine Oven, 1630 Madison Avenue in Dunmore.  
5 Katherine, describe yourself to Council and why  
6 they should choose you to be on the Planning  
7 Commission.

8 MS. OVEN: My name is Katherine Oven  
9 as Vince said -- Vito said, I'm sorry. I was  
10 looking at Vince. I live in Dunmore. I lived  
11 here about 18 years. And when I heard there  
12 was some opportunities with the planning, I  
13 decided to put my name in.

14 I'd like to get more involved in  
15 contributing to the Borough. I have children  
16 who live here. And I have a vested interest.  
17 And I think there's lot to be done as far as  
18 preserving the natural resources in the area,  
19 protecting the land.

20 And I would love the opportunity to  
21 work with the zoning and with the Council and  
22 with our new Mayor trying to make Dunmore a  
23 beautiful place to live and for future  
24 generations to move back to. Thank you.

25 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

2 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

3 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Council, Tom  
5 Pichiarella, 142 Potter Street in Dunmore.

6 MR. PICHIARELLA: Hi everybody.  
7 Vito told you who I am. I have been on the  
8 Planning Commission for about seven years now.  
9 I have a business in Dunmore. I'm also an  
10 engineer. I want to be on the Planning  
11 Commission so I could help the Borough grow in  
12 a smart and sensible in accordance with the  
13 ordinances. Is there any questions?

14 MR. MCHALE: Tom, how long have you  
15 served on the Planning Commission?

16 MR. PICHIARELLA: Seven years.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Seven years.

18 MR. MCHALE: You said seven years.  
19 I apologize. I didn't hear him. Thank you,  
20 Bud.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Tom.

22 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you, Tom.

23 MR. RUGGIERO: Council, Al  
24 Senofonte, 712 East Drinker Street in Dunmore.  
25 Mr. Senofonte, describe yourself to Council and

1           why they should choose you to be on the  
2           Planning Commission.

3                       MR. SENOFONTE: My name is Al  
4           Senofonte. And I'm a Dunmorean. I have been  
5           on the Planning for a long time. I have been  
6           the chairman for several years. All I could  
7           say is I don't believe you've had any grief  
8           come back to Council over the way we've  
9           performed. We've been consistent with all of  
10          our decisions. We have a good board.

11                      I believe after tonight we are going  
12          to lose some of the members because they didn't  
13          reapply. And if you have any questions, I  
14          would be more than happy to answer them.

15                      MR. DEMPSEY: No questions.

16                      MR. MCHALE: Nothing, Mr. Senofonte.

17                      MR. SENOFONTE: I was expecting some  
18          questions. I prepped all day for this.

19                      MR. MCHALE: How about your  
20          background, Mr. Senofonte, your business  
21          interests, things like that?

22                      MR. SENOFONTE: Business interests,  
23          we have a currier service. We have a tree  
24          service. We have a restaurant up in Dunmore.  
25          We do a lot of volunteer work. I have always

1 done volunteer work for Dunmore, whether it be  
2 helping the veteran's paint flagpoles in the  
3 cemetery, whether it be our equipment for Jog  
4 For Jude.

5           Anyone needs anything, they ask us.  
6 You know, we are always there. We don't have a  
7 problem with that. We're more than happy to  
8 help out. All my kids -- most of my kids live  
9 in Dunmore. They do a variety of sports and  
10 activities in Dunmore. I have a good family.

11           And once again as far as Planning, I  
12 look at my -- I look at our Planning  
13 Commission as your cabinet. If we perform  
14 well, you guys don't get any grief. If we  
15 don't perform well, people will come to you.  
16 All I could say is since I've been chairman,  
17 all of our decisions have been consistent and  
18 fair.

19           And I feel good about that. And I  
20 could go to bed every night and sleep well. In  
21 the past I've heard it was a little different,  
22 you know, people were getting phone calls and  
23 whatnot. This is going back 20 years. That  
24 has all changed. Fortunately I have never  
25 received a phone call from any of you guys or

1 girls on Council as to weigh one thing one way  
2 or the other. And I appreciate that. You let  
3 us make our our decision and we have been fair  
4 and consistent.

5 MR. MCHALE: Thank you,  
6 Mr. Senofonte. We appreciate it.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Appreciate it.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

9 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: Council, this is  
11 Elizabeth Zangardi, 120 Homestead Street in the  
12 Borough. Elizabeth, describe yourself to  
13 Council and why they should choose you to be on  
14 the Planning Commission.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: I was born and raised  
16 in Dunmore. I -- for me, I feel everybody  
17 applying the ultimate goal for all of us is  
18 what's best for Dunmore -- actually the  
19 Council, Planning, and so on. So for me it's a  
20 privilege.

21 I -- it's a challenge for me. I  
22 know what's going on. I'm active in my  
23 community. And feel I vote and study for what  
24 I believe is best for the community. I do  
25 research when I get the proposed -- proposals.

1 I study the maps. I go out and I look to see  
2 what changes the people want. I go to the  
3 addresses for what is being proposed. And I  
4 study it. And so I feel -- I've been on it for  
5 I think -- I'm not really that good with years,  
6 but I think it's eight or nine years.

7 I'm faithful to it. I'm loyal to  
8 it. I show up. I show up to the meetings.  
9 And I vote for what's best for Dunmore, I  
10 believe. That's it.

11 MR. MCHALE: Thank you very much.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

13 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Council, that  
15 concludes all the candidates for the Planning  
16 Commission.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item prior to  
18 the regular meeting is a presentation from  
19 Michael Cummings regarding health care plan and  
20 cost reduction.

21 MR. CUMMINGS: Good evening,  
22 Council. As your Solicitor mentioned, my name  
23 is Michael Cummings from Cummings Insurance.  
24 And I appreciate the opportunity to be in front  
25 of you this evening to provide an update on how

1 the Borough has performed over the past little  
2 more than two years in your PMHIC Program.

3 So just a little background,  
4 April -- I'm sorry, in the third and fourth  
5 quarter in 2014, I engaged with the Borough and  
6 provided analysis to examine your medical  
7 benefits that the Borough has for its employees  
8 and to determine if it was prudent or not to  
9 move from your fully insurance arrangement of  
10 Blue Cross of NEPA into an self funded  
11 arrangement or rather anything other than what  
12 you were doing.

13 For years Council would -- I'm  
14 sorry, the Borough would receive some pretty  
15 big increases from the carrier Blue Cross of  
16 NEPA and there was really no other recourse.  
17 So we did an analysis over many months. And  
18 the Borough of Dunmore in April of 2015 joined  
19 the PMHIC Program. PMHIC is an acronym that  
20 stands for Pennsylvania Municipal Health  
21 Insurance Cooperative.

22 It's a self funded program. And  
23 there is approximately 250 other entities like  
24 the borough, a township, a borough, a small  
25 city across the Commonwealth that are part of





1           you received back or will receive back  
2           aggregate \$407,000. So that is just a complete  
3           turnaround from previously of continuous  
4           increases of really nothing else to do and just  
5           taking it from the carrier.

6                     The best thing about this I think is  
7           that you maintain the integrity of the program  
8           and your benefit. Your employees still are  
9           able to keep the same level of benefit although  
10          Highmark required BC NEPA they're still with  
11          Blue so they walk around with Blue Cross cards.  
12          They went to the same doctors and hospitals,  
13          etc.

14                    You maintain the integrity of the  
15          benefit and you receive \$407,000 back of monies  
16          that, you know, would have just gone to a  
17          carrier in terms of keeping their profit. But  
18          the money went back to you because it wasn't  
19          spent on claim dollars. So I'm very  
20          appreciative for the opportunity to work with  
21          the Borough.

22                    As a resident of the Borough of  
23          Dunmore, I'm happy that the Borough is acting  
24          very prudently and saving money on a benefit  
25          that costs a lot of money. So thank you very

1 much. Any questions?

2 MR. DEMPSEY: No, Mike. I just want  
3 to say you guys do an excellent job down there.  
4 You and your brother and your dad provide us  
5 with absolutely excellent service. I've never  
6 heard a complaint. You guys are always here,  
7 answer your phones, answer your cell phones no  
8 matter what time of day it is. So I appreciate  
9 that.

10 MR. CUMMINGS: Thank you very much.

11 MR. MCHALE: Michael, real quick  
12 just to backtrack into prior to you guys taking  
13 this plan and running with it, our costs were  
14 averaging around a million dollars. And in the  
15 initial year that I don't even think you're  
16 including, we were able to cut our as you say  
17 premium the first year several hundred thousand  
18 dollars to get into the program.

19 So we saw an initial savings. And  
20 then obviously the 200 -- we haven't seen an  
21 increase over the -- of what we contribute  
22 every year the last couple years which is  
23 massively important. On top of that, we're  
24 getting these premiums returned to us. So I  
25 think it's something that also has to be

1           pointed out the premiums haven't gone up. You  
2           know, like as you alluded to we were getting  
3           20, 30 percent. Mr. Ruggiero -- he dealt with  
4           it prior to you guys coming in. So to that  
5           point again, thank you for that.

6                       MR. CUMMINGS: I hope you continue  
7           to perform well. That's not a guarantee. You  
8           know, when you're -- you look over a seven year  
9           period you're going to have two really good  
10          years. You're going to have some mediocre  
11          years. You're going to have the bad year.

12                      It's going to happen. But, you  
13          know, use the monies that are returned, build  
14          up a reserve. And when that bad year comes  
15          you're ready to fund that. But it will turn  
16          around again. It always comes back to the  
17          mean.

18                      You're doing a very prudent thing by  
19          taking more of -- you're taking it into your  
20          hands and you're not just letting a carrier  
21          just give you increases every year and not  
22          explain why that's happening. Thank you very  
23          much.

24                      MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

25                      MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. Good  
2 night.

3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Prior to public  
4 comment which is agenda item number four, there  
5 will be an addition to the agenda. It will be  
6 scheduled at 9.1. And it will follow number  
7 nine. That will deal with the SSA sale review.

8 At a prior meeting Council had voted  
9 to request that the Scranton Sewer Authority  
10 request the Auditor General to review certain  
11 portions and particulars of the transaction  
12 sale as set from SSA to Pennsylvania American  
13 Water.

14 Mr. Dempsey made a very specific  
15 motion at the Scranton Sewer Authority as  
16 Dunmore's representative that did not pass with  
17 the majority of the vote. So it fell to the  
18 wayside. So the next step that has been  
19 discussed is to have the Attorney General's  
20 Office review the particulars of sale and  
21 compliance with the SSA sale agreement. So  
22 that will be 9.1. And Mr. Dempsey will handle  
23 that. Number four public comment on agenda --

24 MR. DEMPSEY: And, Tom, can we go  
25 there, can we add a 9.2?

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sure.

2                   MR. DEMPSEY: And that would be  
3 motion to ask or send a letter to the SSA that  
4 they reconsider their stance on allowing the  
5 Auditor General to come in and review the sale.

6                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: That letter would  
7 be from Council?

8                   MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

9                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Okay. Sure. That  
10 will be 9.2. And now it is number four, public  
11 comment on agenda items.

12                   MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address  
13 Council tonight, please come up and state your  
14 name for the record? Name and address for the  
15 record, please. Anybody?

16                   (No response.)

17                   MR. MCHALE: Oh, I'm sorry, I  
18 apologize. It's been a long day -- on agenda  
19 items only, I apologize. Tom, seeing none.

20                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Seeing none, number  
21 five is a motion to approve the minutes.

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

23                   MR. VERRASTRO: Second.

24                   MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
25 second. On the question.

1 (No response.)

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

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is  
10 a motion to approve and pay the open bills.

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

12 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

13 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
14 second. On the question.

15 (No response.)

16 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
17 signify by saying aye.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
22 moved.

23 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven  
24 is a motion to approve the assignment of  
25 combined sewer/storm water line easements. In

1           1968, the Borough assigned all of their  
2           easements for -- to combine storm/sewer system  
3           and everything impertinent thereto to the  
4           Scranton Sewer Authority.

5                         And that what was conveyed to  
6           Pennsylvania American Water, the combined  
7           system. In doing the research, they found four  
8           easements that were either subsequent to 1968  
9           or had not been properly assigned to the Sewer  
10          Authority in the bulk transaction although  
11          legally and equitably they did belong to the  
12          Sewer Authority and thus were conveyed to  
13          Pennsylvania American Water.

14                        So this list of three easements, one  
15          is the sewer line that actually goes under this  
16          property; one is the sewer line that the  
17          Borough Building that came from the SSA and two  
18          other similar ones that we -- there's no value  
19          to them. The maintenance would be a liability.  
20          And this simply clears up that title question.

21                        MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

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

24                        MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

25                        MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a

1 second. On the question.

2 (No response.)

3 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
4 signify by saying aye.

5 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
9 moved.

10 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight  
11 is a motion to amend the Scranton-Abington's  
12 Planning Association known as SAPA,  
13 Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation  
14 Agreement. This amendment to Section 7 of the  
15 existing agreement extends the review period  
16 for an additional two years, expiring on  
17 November 20, 2019.

18 MS. SCRIMALLI: On the question.

19 MR. MCHALE: Well, I'll look for a  
20 motion first.

21 MS. SCRIMALLI: Oh, I'm sorry.

22 MR. MCHALE: Do you make a motion,  
23 Carol?

24 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make the  
25 motion.



1 MR. MCHALE: Do I have a second?

2 MR. AMICO: I'll second it.

3 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
4 second. On the question.

5 MS. SCRIMALLI: On the question,  
6 sorry about that. The Scranton Abington  
7 Planning Commission Association has many  
8 benefits. And one of them that is addressing  
9 tonight is going to afford us to actually amend  
10 our ordinances or update our ordinances for  
11 very low cost.

12 The cost should be just under  
13 \$6,000. And that's because there is grant  
14 monies available to members of the association  
15 that wouldn't be available if we weren't part  
16 of this. So that's one benefit. And there  
17 will be other benefits coming down the pike.

18 And if you guys have any other  
19 questions or if you want to know more about the  
20 Scranton Abington Planning Association, just  
21 let me know and I could help you with that.

22 MR. MCHALE: Just quickly on the  
23 question, I want to thank -- publically thank  
24 Carol. She worked on this SAPA Committee for  
25 it has to be four years, Carol, correct?

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: At least, yes, maybe  
2 even more.

3 MR. MCHALE: It's good to see it  
4 finally coming to fruition that, you know, a  
5 good opportunity to combine resources of all of  
6 these municipalities. And Carol's been our  
7 lead person for a long time. So thank you,  
8 Carol, for everything you've done.

9 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

10 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
11 question?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
14 signify by saying aye.

15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
19 moved.

20 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is  
21 a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2017-1  
22 authorizing submission to the Municipal  
23 Assistance Program and committing municipal  
24 resources in the amount of \$5,935.44 as a match  
25 to the grant.

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'd like to make  
2 that motion.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

4 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
5 second. On the question.

6 (No response.)

7 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
8 signify by saying aye.

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
13 moved.

14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 9.1 is  
15 a motion regarding SSA sale review by the  
16 Attorney General's Office.

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

18 MR. BURKE: Second.

19 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
20 second. On the question.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Briefly on the  
22 question, as many of you know, we -- both  
23 Dunmore Council and Scranton Council asked that  
24 the Sewer Authority invite the Auditor General  
25 to come in and review the sale of the Sewer

1 Authority.

2 The Auditor General had said he  
3 would not come in without an invitation from  
4 the Sewer Authority. During a meeting as the  
5 Borough's representative on the Sewer  
6 Authority, I made that motion during a meeting  
7 and that motion failed unfortunately.

8 So we believe this to be the next  
9 step asking the Attorney General to come in and  
10 review the sale. It's certainly not  
11 insinuating that there was anything criminal  
12 wrongdoing. But the public has questions that  
13 they would like answered by a neutral third  
14 party.

15 And, unfortunately, they did not  
16 allow the Auditor General to be invited. So  
17 whether or not this is in the Attorney  
18 General's job description or job title, I don't  
19 know. But I think it's important that we send  
20 that letter.

21 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
22 question?

23 MR. BURKE: Yes, on the question,  
24 I've called Billy Gaughan on this. He made the  
25 motion for Scranton to have it examined by the

1 Attorney General. And I agree with Scranton  
2 Council on that. He said it was also their  
3 Solicitor's advice that would be the next step  
4 to have the Attorney General examine the Sewer  
5 Authority deal. That's all I have on that.

6 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
7 question?

8 (No response.)

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

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item 9.2 is a  
17 motion to issue correspondence to the Scranton  
18 Sewer Authority from Dunmore Borough Council  
19 requesting that they reconsider their decision  
20 to have the Auditor General review the  
21 particulars of that transaction.

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

23 MR. BURKE: Second.

24 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and  
25 second. On the question.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: On the question  
2 without repeating myself, just we would like to  
3 send them a letter -- the Sewer Authority Board  
4 members asking them to reconsider their stance  
5 to review the sale.

6 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
7 question?

8 (No response.)

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

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item is  
17 personnel program that would be hiring for the  
18 Summer Program and Summer Borough grass and  
19 lawn maintenance work.

20 The motion would be for grass  
21 cutters:

22 A. Mark DeLuccie.

23 B. Corey Frick.

24 C. Jake Makowski.

25 D. Matthew Murray.

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E. Mark Sinkevich.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: For the Summer Program subject to proper clearances being received from the Dunmore Police Department and other officials that they are allowed to work with children:

A. Jack Boland.

B. Nikolaos Boniello.

C. Kylie Brazil.

D. Sylvia Hartshorn.

E. Carey Kayleigh.

F. Cordaro Ross.

G. Kelly Czankner.

H. Paul Taylor.

I. Gianna DePietro.

J. Alec DeSando.

K. Mark Finan.

L. Richard Grippi.

M. Sam Hanni.

N. Colin Holmes.

O. Megan Hartshorn.

P. Connor McLaine.

Q. William McHale.

R. Nicholas Maldonato.

1 S. Ariel Matticks.

2 T. Allie Olivetti Meyers.

3 U. Margo Bonin

4 V. Matthew Murphy.

5 W. Kayleigh Semion.

6 Z. Nicolo Summa.

7 Aa. Michael Ehnnot.

8 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

9 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that  
10 motion.

11 MR. VERRASTRO: Second.

12 MR. MCHALE: On the question. Just  
13 as a matter for the public the -- we are  
14 proposing that the -- obviously subject to all  
15 the clearances, the programs -- the summer  
16 programs start the 26th of June and run for --  
17 Vito -- for six, seven weeks?

18 MR. RUGGIERO: I think six weeks.

19 MR. MCHALE: Well, six weeks I guess  
20 Council could all review that to see if it  
21 could go any further allowing the budget. And  
22 grass cutters will start as soon as they can  
23 because we have a ton of properties now to cut  
24 grass and we're way behind in that regard.  
25 Anybody else on the question?



1 (No response.)

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

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item is public  
10 comment --

11 MR. HALLINAN: I have a personnel --  
12 I'm sorry, Mr. Cummings. I'd like to make Nick  
13 Scalzo -- move him from part time to full time  
14 in the DPW.

15 MR. MCHALE: Can you make that in  
16 the form of a motion, Tom?

17 MR. HALLINAN: I'd like to make a  
18 motion to move Mr. Scalzo from part time to  
19 full time in the DPW Department, please.

20 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

21 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
22 second. On the question.

23 MR. BURKE: On the question, I would  
24 have to vote no because I believe we need  
25 somebody with a CDL.

1 MR. MCHALE: Quickly on the question  
2 too, it's my understanding Mr. Scalzo's worked  
3 part time for over three years in the DPW. And  
4 the three years in the DPW does not include any  
5 vacation time. So we appreciate him sticking  
6 in there. He's understood to be a very good  
7 employee.

8 So that's just my two cents. And we  
9 just had a retirement in the DPW. He is  
10 replacing that gentleman who's been with us for  
11 30 years and should probably be recognized as  
12 such. So we'll do that at the next meeting.  
13 Anybody else on the question?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
16 signify by saying aye.

17 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

18 MR. VERRASTRO: Aye.

19 MR. MCHALE: Aye.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

22 MR. AMICO: Aye.

23 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

24 MR. BURKE: Opposed.

25 MR. MCHALE: The motion carries,

1 6-1, Tom.

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Anything else under  
3 personnel matters?

4 MR. HALLINAN: Yes, I would also  
5 like to have part-time police officer for  
6 summer vacations and people off, Joseph  
7 Sherpinksas. I would like that as a motion to  
8 make him a part-time police officer.

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

10 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
11 second. On the question, this just adds to the  
12 roster, Tom, correct?

13 MR. HALLINAN: Correct.

14 MR. MCHALE: This is one more guy  
15 that we could pull as a part time.

16 MR. HALLINAN: Increases the pool.

17 MR. MCHALE: Increases the pool,  
18 exactly.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: For the record,  
20 subject to the Chief's approval.

21 MR. MCHALE: That's true, subject to  
22 the Chief's background and approval as well.  
23 Anybody else on the question?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor



1 along as well. And if you didn't get them let  
2 me know. I have some hard copies of the walk  
3 itself and of the things that we found,  
4 obviously, the photos -- I hope you were able  
5 to get the photos. There was some other  
6 concerns and everything. But I just want to  
7 make sure everybody was in receipt of that.

8 If you didn't, let me know. I will  
9 certainly get them out to you. A week tonight  
10 which is June the 19th at 7:00, we will have  
11 our June meeting here Dunmore Neighborhood  
12 Watch right here at the Community Center.

13 I want to thank Tom Hallinan not  
14 from the neighborhood watch but at the  
15 Historical Society, we have a nice group  
16 tonight. First off, you're all certainly  
17 welcome to join us next week at the Dunmore  
18 Neighborhood Watch Group. But the Dunmore  
19 Historical Society is located at Tripp and  
20 Barton Street.

21 And we're there every Saturday at  
22 9:00 in morning and everybody is welcome to  
23 come in. It's really a \$20 a year annual  
24 membership. We have a lot of historical data  
25 there, a lot of photographs from the Borough

1           going back from when the rail yards and  
2           everything else was still in effect.

3                     And if you like history remotely and  
4           I love history, I think there is such great  
5           stuff archived over there. And I think even if  
6           you just want the to stop in for two or three  
7           minutes and take a look at some of the stuff  
8           that they have.

9                     And Tom was good enough to come over  
10          Saturday and speak a little bit to the group as  
11          well. So I'd encourage everybody to get  
12          involved. I mean, it's us. It's the history  
13          of Dunmore. I hope we'll get to see you there.  
14          Can I announce just a fundraiser that we're  
15          having for somebody?

16                    MR. MCHALE: Sure.

17                    MR. DUNCAN: We have two guys on the  
18          Parade Association who are dying of pancreatic  
19          cancer -- I should say being treated. But the  
20          prognosis don't look good. We're going to have  
21          a fundraiser for those guys. It's just a pasta  
22          dinner and a salad dinner. It's going to be  
23          Tuesday, June the 27th, 2017, from six to nine  
24          at the Waldorf.

25                    There's a thank you for being a

1 friend Facebook page. Tickets are 20 bucks.  
2 This is really for a good cause. Nothing comes  
3 back to us. We're taking whatever money we  
4 make on that and giving it 50/50 to the family  
5 of both of these guys with pancreatic cancer.

6 So and if you can't do that, do me a  
7 favor -- I'm an usher at my church. I'm pretty  
8 much a religious guy. If you can't do  
9 anything, maybe a couple Our Father's and Hail  
10 Mary's for them. I hope to see you all next  
11 week at the neighborhood watch meeting and I  
12 hope to see you at the History Society as well.  
13 Thanks everybody.

14 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you, Gary.

15 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

16 MR. MURAK: My name is a Ron Murak.  
17 I'm not from Dunmore. I'm actually from  
18 Tunkhannock. But what I'm here for I talked to  
19 Council for the over the last three, four  
20 months. We had talked about instituting a  
21 Moose lodge in Dunmore. We have done so. We  
22 did that in May. We now have 50 members in our  
23 organization here in Dunmore.

24 Again, I'm the administrator in  
25 Tunkhannock. I'm also the administrator here

1 in Dunmore for that lodge. I have told Council  
2 about things we do, such as, we purchased some  
3 signs. We did this from between the  
4 Tunkhannock lodge and the Stroudsburg lodge,  
5 neighborhood crime watch, we had talked a  
6 little bit about it with your neighborhood  
7 watch program, thought it would be a great idea  
8 to put up signs, let people know that you  
9 people are watching your town and trying to  
10 keep things in line.

11 I know I have given a couple --  
12 Carol has a couple of the signs. I do have a  
13 few more back there, somewhere around 16 or 17.  
14 But I would like to present them to Council  
15 along with the ones in the back from Dunmore  
16 Moose Lodge.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you so much. We  
18 do appreciate it.

19 MS. SCRIMALLI: We do thank you so  
20 much for all you do. Can you just tell just  
21 two minutes of what the Moose Lodge does in  
22 terms of --

23 MR. MURAK: The Moose Lodge it's a  
24 fraternal organization. We're a community  
25 service organization is basically what we are.



1 We raise money through small games of chance  
2 and social supporters we have. We do events.  
3 I have a computer which is a child ID computer.  
4 We ID children. We give parents thumb drives.  
5 It's Amber Alert compatible. It's another  
6 part of the organization.

7 We donate money to baseball, to the  
8 Little League, T-ball, whatever, all of that.  
9 The school, high school, when we do open a  
10 lodge, we donate our hall for the high school  
11 for the kids when they do their banquets and  
12 things of that sort.

13 There is no charge for that. We  
14 just bring them in and just try to help out the  
15 community to donate the services that we offer.  
16 So --

17 MS. SCRIMALLI: And the history is  
18 long.

19 MR. MURAK: The history goes back to  
20 the late 1800s is when the organization was  
21 founded. So if you want to know anything about  
22 it, Moose Intl dot org and you could find  
23 anything you want to about the organization.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Where are you located  
25 and how would you go about becoming a member?

1 MR. MURAK: Right now we're meeting  
2 at Sport Hill Inn, which is formally Anna  
3 Maria's. I know it's changed names. That's  
4 where we're meeting now.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Who would you contact  
6 for membership?

7 MR. MURAK: You could contact  
8 myself. I could give you my number and  
9 anybody is welcome.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Sure.

11 MR. MURAK: 570-881-9705 and my name  
12 is Ron. Thank you very much.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you very much.

14 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

15 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to  
16 address Council tonight?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

20 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Ruggiero, do you  
21 have anything tonight?

22 MR. RUGGIERO: No.

23 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings?

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir.

25 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney.

1 MR. KEARNEY: No.

2 MR. MCHALE: Chief, I'm sorry, I  
3 didn't see you, Buddy.

4 CHIEF DENAPLES: I have nothing.  
5 Thank you.

6 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince?

7 MR. LORINCE: Grass cutters, could  
8 they start --

9 MR. MCHALE: They could start  
10 tomorrow as soon as you could get them in.  
11 I'm going to go a little bit off the normal  
12 thing tonight. I'm going to go first. First  
13 and foremost, I apologize for my attire. I was  
14 at an outing for my company today. It's been a  
15 long day so a couple little slipups that I had  
16 tonight, I apologize.

17 Number two, with Mr. Cummings, I  
18 think he left. I once again I wanted to thank  
19 him. He kind of went into details so I won't  
20 belabor the point. But it's kind of an example  
21 that this Council has been very proud of  
22 challenging every line item not caring what  
23 company is doing what, just challenging every  
24 line item and getting the best price for the  
25 taxpayer.

1                   And it's paid off to the tune of  
2                   \$407,000. So it's something we're very proud  
3                   of. The banking is the same way. We've done a  
4                   ton of stuff there. Our pensions are in line.  
5                   So I'm not going to -- I talked about that a  
6                   lot. So I won't bore you with that.

7                   The one thing that I did want to go  
8                   into that is -- was mentioned in the Scranton  
9                   Times I believe last Saturday is the Borough's  
10                  acquisition of the Schautz property, something  
11                  that we are massively happy about.

12                  To give the details that were not  
13                  given in the Times, we paid zero for it. It  
14                  was donated to us from the Schautz Foundation.  
15                  I'm pretty proud of that because, you know, I  
16                  think everybody knew that over the past 10, 15  
17                  years, it was going to be sold for 1.5, 2  
18                  million dollars.

19                  He saw what the possibilities and  
20                  wanted to return it to the Borough -- the youth  
21                  of the Borough. He sees the need. So  
22                  publically we're going to do a proclamation or  
23                  something to honor Walter Schautz who lives  
24                  right behind Mr. Grochowski actually.

25                  He's a very great man and his

1 foundation does a lot of very good work that  
2 don't like a lot of credit for. So we won't  
3 embarrass him as he says. But he's a very  
4 quiet man. So we're going to honor him in a  
5 good way. The plans for that are wide open.

6 Council has yet to meet on that. A  
7 couple of us have met with a lot of our  
8 representatives to try to get some grant money.  
9 But the overall thought process here is the  
10 town, the kids especially need fields. These  
11 fields have turned out phenomenally.

12 Vince is very much involved with the  
13 softball, absolutely great. I think our soccer  
14 program is really, really in need of stuff like  
15 that. And our older kids on the baseball end,  
16 Mr. Ruggiero works with a lot.

17 Although they could use the school,  
18 sometimes it's not always available to them.  
19 It doesn't have lights as Schautz always did.  
20 Schautz as I was quoted was our Yankee Stadium  
21 when I grew up. So I think it's our hope --  
22 it's our dream that we're going to return it to  
23 the place where everybody wants to be again.

24 And when you drive through Dunmore  
25 and you see the lights on at Schautz, you know

1 something good is going on up there from, you  
2 know, the Scranton Red Socks at Schautz  
3 Stadium. The Schautz Teener League we've all  
4 played there, either softball or baseball or  
5 all of the above.

6 The playground with the asphalt is  
7 still up there. It's still standing. The  
8 monkey bars are all there. The merry-go-round  
9 still works. It's all up there. It's not in  
10 good shape but we are going to do something  
11 about it.

12 Just to give you guys an idea, we  
13 had an architect give a rendering of what it  
14 could be. It's up here but you could see with  
15 the possibility of doing a soccer, baseball,  
16 and putting in a new playground and make it a  
17 showpiece that it could be. So something we're  
18 very proud of and we're going to move forward  
19 on in short term.

20 I'll leave that for everybody to  
21 take a look at after the meeting. This is  
22 another one that it gives an aerial view of  
23 what the property looks like. We own the  
24 entire parking lot now, the entire property  
25 which is much bigger than we thought.

1                   If you could picture where the  
2                   playground is in the back, squared off, there's  
3                   a lot of land that has a ton of trees on that  
4                   will be knocked down and made green space as  
5                   well. So thank you again to Walter Schautz and  
6                   the Schautz Foundation for their commitment to  
7                   us and seeing the vision that hopefully we can  
8                   take this back to a field where all the kids  
9                   both young and old can play for a long, long  
10                  time.

11                  So that's desperately needed in the  
12                  Borough. So we're proud to present that to you  
13                  guys tonight. I think that's all as I'm losing  
14                  my voice. I'll pass it along to Vince. Do you  
15                  want to start us off tonight?

16                  MR. AMICO: Yeah, I just want to  
17                  remind everybody that this Saturday and next  
18                  Saturday, June 17th and the 24th at the  
19                  Community Center from nine until noon will be  
20                  our Electronic Recycling Program in  
21                  coordination with the county's program.

22                  And I want to stress that you could  
23                  bring one TV and one computer monitor per  
24                  household. And we'll also be handing out our  
25                  recycling containers, one per household. And

1           when it comes to the monitors and TVs, just  
2           please be sure that they are brought to us  
3           basically in the condition that you purchased  
4           them, meaning they have to be -- the screens  
5           have to be intact.

6                     If they came in a cabinet, they have  
7           to be in a cabinet. And the cord has to be  
8           attached. And that's all I have. Thank you  
9           very much for your time. I appreciate it.

10                    MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Mr. Amico.  
11           Mr. Hallinan.

12                    MR. HALLINAN: I just want to say  
13           that the Farmer's Market will be starting up  
14           June 24th. It will be running every Saturday  
15           for 11 weeks from nine to one. We have a wide  
16           variety, wine, fruits, vegetables. We have two  
17           people that are going to cook, you know, farm  
18           to table for us and different meals that they  
19           will make and serve that day.

20                    We have blueberries. We have the  
21           Blakery which is a gentleman that comes in with  
22           all kinds of pastries and fresh breads,  
23           Buttercup Farm's fresh eggs and she'll have  
24           fruits and vegetables also. And this year what  
25           we're going to do too is, we're going to set



1           aside a space for one stand where it will be  
2           for anybody in the community where a non profit  
3           say Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, you know, Little  
4           League, Dunmore Oilers where they could come  
5           in, set up for the day.

6                     They'll make plans with Vito at the  
7           Borough Building, reserve that day and try to  
8           make some money for their organization rather  
9           than standing out in the street and get  
10          threatened by cars and stuff.

11                    Also I want to thank Mike for --  
12          nobody knows, this was at least a two year  
13          process that he's gone through to try to get  
14          this together and the work that Michael went  
15          through and he doesn't like taking accolades,  
16          but it's been drawn out -- if you knew, the  
17          University tried to get this, Lackawanna  
18          College tried to get it.

19                    He's turned them down and Michael  
20          made this dream come through for the Borough.  
21          What we could do with it, you know, I hope it  
22          becomes a showcase in Northeast PA. And I want  
23          to thank you, Mike, for everything you have  
24          done that on that. And I'm sure everybody else  
25          in the town will too.

1                   And one more thing, Ron, God bless  
2                   your community and everything that you guys  
3                   just went through up there. My prayers are  
4                   with you and I'm sure and everybody on Council.  
5                   It's a horrible thing up there. God bless your  
6                   town. Thank you.

7                   MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Tom. Well said  
8                   by the way. He speaks for all us. That's well  
9                   said. Michael.

10                  MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I just want to  
11                  piggyback on your comments, Michael, what we  
12                  have been able to accomplish, I have been three  
13                  and a half years. I know you're double that.  
14                  Timmy and Carol probably double that or at  
15                  least equal to that.

16                  This new stadium is unbelievable. I  
17                  have two young kids. I have a seven year old  
18                  and a four year old that will be able to enjoy  
19                  that for however many years. In addition to  
20                  that, we have -- and this is just a few items;  
21                  added six additional police officers, a million  
22                  dollar fire truck, a new fire station, LED  
23                  lights throughout the entire town.

24                  We acquired Schautz Stadium. We  
25                  added a Canine Unit to the Borough.

1 Mr. Cummings has explained, you know, we  
2 scrutinize every contract and scrutinize all of  
3 the insurances that we have. Again, that is  
4 another \$400,000 that we didn't have -- the  
5 health insurance.

6 We have brand new police cars. We  
7 have brand new fire trucks. This was all done  
8 in the three and half years I know that I was  
9 here and you guys have done a ton more before  
10 that.

11 I know I'm forgetting things. But  
12 we've done this without raising taxes. And  
13 we've done it within your budget. So, you  
14 know, we're pretty proud of that. I can't wait  
15 for this field. Thank you, Mike, for all of  
16 your hard work on that and also a sincere  
17 thanks to Mr. Schautz greatly appreciating  
18 above and beyond. So thank you. That's all I  
19 have.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Verrastro?

21 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes, I just want to  
22 thank all the planning candidates for coming  
23 tonight. We appreciate you guys taking the  
24 time. And also, Ron, thank you again for the  
25 signs. I can't wait to see them up. That's

1 it.

2 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Sal.

3 Mr. Burke?

4 MR. BURKE: Same here, candidates  
5 excellent every one of you, really proud of you  
6 to come up here and volunteer your time for  
7 this great Borough of ours.

8 Ron, with the Moose, good luck to  
9 you. And thank you for coming in and helping  
10 our community. Mike, thank you for all the  
11 work you did with Schautz. We tried to get  
12 Schautz Stadium 14 years ago and we failed. My  
13 favorite field. I grew up on that field.

14 It's as Mike said to us it was my  
15 Yankee Stadium. We snuck in there. We played  
16 football. We got chased off that field so many  
17 times. It's was like a carpet playing on  
18 there. I'm really excited about my  
19 grandchildren being able to play on there. And  
20 I hope I could play on there too if they start  
21 an old man's league. I'm really excited about  
22 that.

23 Thanks, Mike. That's a huge asset  
24 for our whole area here, the kids soccer --  
25 there's a guy right there I know that is really

1 excited about the soccer. There you go, Brian.  
2 There it is. That's the field, Buddy.

3 My grandsons will be really excited  
4 just as your kids will be and you will. Like I  
5 said, thank you, Mike. Excellent job.

6 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Tim.  
7 Mrs. Scrimalli.

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: Well, I would like  
9 to start by thanking you Mike for all the work  
10 you did on this. And I think it's going to be  
11 a wonderful asset for Dunmore. I also want to  
12 thank Mike Cummings. I know he left but what a  
13 great job that he and his company is doing for  
14 us.

15 I also want to thank the Naro Family  
16 for doing their fundraiser last weekend, what a  
17 great job and all who helped with the  
18 fundraiser. And also we have a couple dates I  
19 would like you to save. I know Gerard Hetman  
20 is not here. But he would want us to let you  
21 know that the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Air Show  
22 will be August 11th, 12th, and 13th.

23 And then Sherwood Youth Association  
24 is having their festival in August also. It  
25 would be the next weekend, the 17th, 18th, and

1           19th. You may want to keep those dates in  
2           mind. I do want to thank the Planning  
3           Commission candidates. I thought you were all  
4           excellent. Thank you for coming, appreciate  
5           your time.

6                         And I appreciate the fact that you  
7           want to donate your time to the community.  
8           That means so much. Tom, thanks for all the  
9           work you did on the Farmer's Market. I can't  
10          wait to see it. It's very exciting. It's  
11          growing. So that's nice. It's exciting. You  
12          got the tree out there?

13                        MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, don't ask where  
14          it is.

15                        MS. SCRIMALLI: That's all I have  
16          for tonight. Thank you all for coming.

17                        MR. MCHALE: Before we look for a  
18          motion to adjourn, just as an announcement, our  
19          second meeting of June, July, and August are  
20          typically cancelled for the summer. We are  
21          going to do that again.

22                        Obviously if something comes up that  
23          has to have immediate attention, we can jump it  
24          right back on and we'll let everybody know if  
25          and when that happens. So our next scheduled

1 meeting is the 10th of July. And with that,  
2 I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

3 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
4 motion.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

6 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
7 second. All those in favor?

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.

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