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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, June 13th, 2022

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

- VINCE AMICO - President
- JANET BRIER - Vice President - absent
- MICHAEL DEMPSEY
- THOMAS HALLINAN - absent
- ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
- WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III
- KATHERINE OVEN
- MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor
- VITO RUGGIERO, Borough Manager - absent

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. AMICO: Roll call.

4 ATTY. MATTHEW PERRY: Beth McDonald
5 Zangardi.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

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8 ATTY. MATTHEW PERRY: Mrs. Oven.

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10 MS. OVEN: Here.

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12 ATTY. MATTHEW PERRY: William
13 O'Malley.

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15 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

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17 ATTY. MATTHEW PERRY: Michael

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19 Dempsey.

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21 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

22 ATTY. MATTHEW PERRY: Vince Amico.

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24 MR. AMICO: Here.

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26 ATTY. MATTHEW PERRY: Kathryn Oven.

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28 MS. OVEN: Here.

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30 ATTY. MATTHEW PERRY: Janet Brier,
31 Thomas Hallinan, not present.

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33 MR. AMICO: Public comment on agenda
34 items. Does anyone from the public like to
35 comment on agenda items only?

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37 (No response.)

1 MR. AMICO: Seeing none. Next,
2 motion to approve the minutes. I'll look for a
3 motion to approve tonight's minutes, please.

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

5 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a second.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

7 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
8 second. Anyone on the question?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. AMICO: Seeing none, all those
11 in favor.

12 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Motion to
16 approve and pay the open bills. I'll look for
17 a motion to approve and pay the open bills.

18 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
19 motion.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

21 MR. AMICO: Anyone on the question?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. AMICO: Seeing none. All those
24 in favor.

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Number
4 six, motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-4,
5 Declaration of Taking. The purpose of this
6 just -- I'll give everybody a quick heads up as
7 to what this is. The purpose of this
8 resolution authorizes the Borough Solicitor
9 file a Declaration of Taking of the property
10 owned by Philip George Silva and Jude A.M.
11 Silva located at 1738 Jefferson Avenue,
12 Dunmore, PA pursuant to Section 205(b)(3)(7)
13 and 12. I'll look for a motion.

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

15 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a second.

16 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

17 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
18 second. And on the question, I'll just make
19 this real quick just so people understand what
20 we're doing. Last -- early -- I guess it was
21 early this year we did the same thing with a
22 property on Green Ridge Street with a property
23 that was underwater on taxes. It was unkept.

24 And the Borough basically condemned
25 the property, did a title search on it and

1 purchased the property for what was owed on it.
2 And we were able to get it back on the tax
3 rolls. We're essentially doing the same thing
4 with the property on the corner of Jefferson
5 Avenue and Delaware -- scratch that.

6 I apologize, Jefferson Avenue and
7 Electric Street, the old Electric Street
8 (inaudible) building for those of you that know
9 it that way. That is what this resolution will
10 allow us to do. All those in favor.

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

15 Personnel matters, tonight then the only
16 personnel matter is to hire a part-time police
17 officer Tabitha Mentz. Tabitha is a graduate
18 of the Police Academy, went through Chief
19 Marchese's background check. And we're just
20 going to put her on the rolls as a part-time
21 police officer. So I'll look for a motion.

22 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that
23 motion.

24 MR. AMICO: I'll look for second.

25 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

1 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
2 second. Anyone on the question? All those in
3 favor.

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Okay,
8 number eight, Treasurer/financial report.
9 Mr. Burton?

10 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
11 I'll be brief because it was a pretty
12 relatively quiet month in the borough
13 financially. May ended up with a net loss of
14 approximately \$31,000. For year-to-date
15 income, we're looking at a net income of 2.4
16 million dollars.

17 As far as revenues for the month,
18 real estate taxes will begin to level off after
19 we hit our peak in March or April. We received
20 a Comcast franchise fee that was \$61,000 for
21 the first quarter of 2022.

22 We received the FCEMS grant of
23 \$15,000 and miscellaneous revenue from the
24 Dunmore School District first quarter expense
25 reimbursement of \$20,000. As far as expenses

1 were concerned, we did have one large bill
2 through the -- for the Keystone Industrial Park
3 road repair. That was about \$227,000.

4 And we made a partial MMO payment
5 once again for the month for \$60,000. So net
6 income year to date, 2.4 million dollars.

7 MR. AMICO: Anyone have any
8 questions for Mr. Burton?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. AMICO: Seeing none. Thank you
11 very much.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mark.

13 MR. AMICO: And now we're just going
14 to go through our municipal administration.
15 Mr. Kearney, please.

16 MR. KEARNEY: Good evening. It's
17 been a busy few weeks. There have been parties
18 both weekend days for the past several weeks.
19 And there's another scheduled this Saturday.
20 We recently hosted the Corner Stone's-- that's
21 the preschool and kindergarten graduation
22 ceremonies down here on Wednesday.

23 As for the gym, we're currently
24 hosting four Dunmore grade school basketball
25 teams who are practicing several times a week,

1 plus the DHS girls varsity team who are using
2 our gym until their floor is resurfaced.

3 As for the building -- the grounds,
4 we recently repaired a gutter that had winter
5 damage and are currently remulching the
6 playground. Is remulching a word? Anyway,
7 we're putting new mulch up there.

8 We ordered two new swings to replace
9 some old ones. But unfortunately we were told
10 they will take 10 to 12 weeks to arrive. I
11 guess another supply chain deal. And that's
12 it. So I mean, we'll probably get them by the
13 end of the summer. I ordered them two weeks
14 ago.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Is there anywhere we
16 can get them quicker?

17 MR. KEARNEY: No, I checked.
18 Everybody has the same problem. And that's all
19 I have.

20 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

21 MS. OVEN: Thanks, Chris.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

23 MR. AMICO: Mr. Lorince.

24 MR. LORINCE: How are you doing?

25 We're kind of busy with the grass complaints.

1 We had like 42 grass complaints that we had to
2 send letters trying to get people to cut their
3 grass. We attended a hearing for Roche's
4 garage. He was given 30 days to clean up the
5 property. Attorney Perry was given the list of
6 the four condemned properties. He's working on
7 the title searches on those.

8 Planning Commission, we're still
9 waiting on Meade Street project and we're still
10 waiting on the O'Neill Highway. I met with
11 Mike Kelly on the project that's on Chestnut
12 Street. So he's moving forward with that. I'm
13 doing the health licenses, just going up
14 Chestnut Street.

15 And then I'm doing multifamily
16 inspections, 127 Pine, 1320 Adams, 114-16
17 Willow Street and Electric Street, 1601. The
18 list of the grass complaints are on the back.
19 If you know anybody, you could give them a call
20 and tell them to cut their grass.

21 MR. AMICO: Joe, is the Roche garage
22 the property with the freezers on the side of
23 it?

24 MR. LORINCE: I'm sorry, Vince, I
25 can't hear --

1 MR. AMICO: No problem. Is the
2 Roche garage the property that has the freezers
3 on the side of it?

4 MR. LORINCE: No, that's a different
5 property. That's Avery. Avery, there's a
6 warrant out for his arrest. Roche is the one
7 on the bottom of the hill. If you go down the
8 bottom you have the garage on the left next to
9 the Patch bar. And across the street he has
10 that --

11 MR. O'MALLEY: So it's across the
12 street that's --

13 MR. LORINCE: Yes. Yes. He was
14 found guilty and he has 30 days to clean it.
15 If he doesn't, then they'll fine him every day.

16 MS. OVEN: The old car wash by
17 Riccardos --

18 MR. LORINCE: We sent him a letter
19 out about cutting the grass. And we're trying
20 to get him to move that wall.

21 MS. OVEN: What about the heavy
22 equipment sitting outside, is that allowed?

23 MR. LORINCE: Well, that's a
24 commercial property, yes. He's been using it
25 for his rental place. I know it's not the best

1 condition. It's not. But we're working on
2 him. He's a hostile individual. That's all I
3 could say.

4 MS. OVEN: Thank you, Joe.

5 MS. LORINCE: You're welcome.

6 MR. AMICO: Mr. Judge.

7 MR. JUDGE: Basically we're still
8 cleaning up from the storm we had two weeks
9 ago. We're out every day with that and we're
10 getting these veterans flags up every day. I
11 just got 30 more in. Thirty more just came in.
12 So that kind of kills us. We're two guys every
13 day. Like I said, we're cleaning up from that
14 storm and the rest is just garbage and --

15 MR. AMICO: Do you have an estimated
16 date as to when you are going to start hot
17 patching?

18 MR. JUDGE: I would like to start
19 Monday. This week we couldn't. We had too
20 many guys on vacation. But Monday, I
21 definitely want to start on the curbs. We have
22 a list of curbs. People are getting water. I
23 would like to start off with curbs. That's
24 about it.

25 MR. AMICO: Thank you very much.

1 Chief Marchese.

2 CHIEF MARCHESE: All right. We had
3 the month of May we responded to 749 calls for
4 service. We're up 63 calls from last month.
5 For the month we had six criminal arrests,
6 eight citations for not traffic offenses, 22
7 citations were issued for motor vehicle
8 violation and five written warnings.

9 Eleven shifts were sent out for the
10 month for overtime. Part timers worked a total
11 of 688 hours which equates to about 86 shifts.
12 May 25th, Officer Burgette -- several officers
13 took part in the yearly mandatory hands on
14 tactical handcuffing class hosted at the YMCA
15 and instructed by Tommy Richardson.

16 May 4th, 10th and the 23rd, Officer
17 Burgette participated in mandatory bimonthly
18 SWAT training. Officer Richardson participated
19 on May 10th. The shifts were covered by
20 part-time officers. May 15th we assisted
21 Memorial Motorcycle Run that left Penn Trucking
22 up on the O'Neill Highway.

23 Councilman Hallinan got me in touch
24 with Mr. Flynn's office. And we applied for a
25 grant for our IT upgrade. Hopefully we'll hear

1 something in the next month or so. But he said
2 everything looked pretty good. We're looking
3 to get like 30,000. The final bill was like
4 29-something. And that's it.

5 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Chief.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: Thanks.

8 MR. AMICO: Chief DeNaples.

9 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening. We
10 have a couple steep expenditures for the month
11 of June. Some of them were prescheduled
12 maintenance we do every year on the sign basis
13 host testing this year was \$3,023.75. We lost
14 14 sections of hose to failure and one section
15 of hard suction.

16 We're working on a quote to get that
17 replaced. However, we're going to amend our
18 state grant that Mark mentioned. We got
19 \$15,000 to replace the hose. So the hose will
20 probably be somewhere around \$6,000 range give
21 or take. It will be purchased through the
22 COSTARS Program so it doesn't have to be put
23 out for bid or anything of that nature.

24 Besides from that, we had a
25 breakdown on our ladder truck. We had a flat

1 tire on that. We were about 200 and some
2 dollars to get that taken care of. The fire
3 alarm system in the firehouse needed some
4 upgrades to it. We were at \$2,260. We're
5 still waiting for some parts to come in for
6 that. Those were the major expenditures for
7 the month.

8 There was some other ones but they
9 weren't as expensive. One hundred forty-six
10 hours on overtime so far for this month to
11 cover some shifts. We still have three
12 full-timers out on Heart and Lung. We have one
13 full-timer out with COVID as well. He should
14 be coming back on the 14th. He's doing pretty
15 well. That is pretty much it for the month.
16 Thank you.

17 MS. OVEN: Thanks, Chief.

18 MS. ZANGARDI: Thanks, Chief.

19 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chief. Number
20 10, public comment. Would anybody from the
21 public like to address Council tonight? We'll
22 start with Mr. Duncan and then we'll go down.

23 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton
24 Street. Just two things and I'll be very
25 quick. One, Joe, I got a call from my friend

1 down by Nina's -- the house that abuts the
2 alley by Ferguson Court. She's concerned about
3 the overgrowth with the grass and everything
4 and the deterioration on the stuff that is on
5 the porches.

6 It's always the same concern if our
7 firemen have to go in, God forbid, somebody's
8 going to get killed in there. It's that bad of
9 a situation. And the other thing is, I know
10 you folks are all aware and I know Joe is, but
11 just for the record, Dunmore Historical Society
12 is for sale.

13 The gentleman that was the president
14 of the Historical Society no longer is. There
15 is another person who is. The grass is
16 overgrown. It's really bad looking in there.
17 It's sky high. The family that was in the --
18 what used to be the parsonage is gone. So in
19 essence, it's an abandoned situation right now.
20 There's a garbage can out front. Somebody
21 threw a dead animal in that. I don't know who
22 we can get in touch with or how we can get
23 to --

24 MR. LORINCE: I did talk to the guy
25 who is the president or -- I did talk to him

1 and I explained to him that he has to maintain
2 the property. And then I also explained to him
3 that he can't just sell it to anyone because
4 it's in a residential neighborhood that he
5 needs to come in front of the Zoning Board or
6 the Board to actually -- if he's looking to
7 flip it and put like a law office in there or
8 some type of office.

9 MR. DUNCAN: The folks that rented
10 it from the Historical Society put up a picket
11 fence. That fence is now broken apart. I have
12 other concerns just like anybody would. God
13 forbid kids go in there and have a couple cans
14 of beer or something. But somebody could get
15 hurt right now. Anyway, it's on Barton
16 Street -- Barton and Tripp.

17 If you're not familiar where the
18 Historical Society is, if anybody wants to take
19 a drive by and see for yourselves, we would
20 appreciate it. Thank you.

21 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

22 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

23 MR. AMICO: Sally.

24 MS. JUDGE: Good evening, everyone.

25 I just have a few little things that I would

1 like to go over. I'm here tonight again just
2 to talk a little bit about the contract
3 negotiations. And I understand no one will
4 respond. That's okay with me. I feel better
5 if I get it off my chest.

6 We finally got to meet on June 8th,
7 finally after months of trying to negotiate and
8 trying to get to the table. We got to the
9 table finally and were told everything is
10 pulled now from the table. We're not even
11 going to discuss anything that was discussed in
12 the past.

13 They're going to wait for PEL,
14 Pennsylvania Economy League that -- in case no
15 one knew that -- to give them suggestions how
16 to spend their money. It could take months.
17 It could take years.

18 We haven't had a contract since
19 December of '20. We go to work every day. We
20 do our work. We do our work well. DPW hasn't
21 had a contract since December of '21. I spoke
22 to these people from PEL. And I was told by
23 them there is no reason the Borough has to
24 wait.

25 They're only giving suggestions.

1 They are not telling them what to do. I think
2 as a borough, I think they could maybe make
3 their own decisions in cases like this.
4 Whatever they're being told at the end --
5 again, it could take years. I don't -- as
6 members of the union, we don't want to wait for
7 years. We don't want to get in the same
8 pattern that Scranton School District was in.

9 It's already going on two years.
10 They said they would come back with something
11 maybe August or September. They didn't even
12 get their information yet. We are still giving
13 them information every day. There is no talk
14 this year at all. That will be a full two
15 years we don't have a contract going into next
16 year. I'm 63. I want to retire soon. I want
17 to retire with everything that I have coming to
18 me.

19 I don't want to go out with no
20 raises for two years or three years, whatever
21 the case may be. We keep coming to these
22 meetings hoping that -- actually I'm surprised
23 that people are actually here today, which is
24 great. I want this out in the public. I want
25 people to know that the employees of the

1 Borough of Dunmore with clerical and DPW, I
2 won't say anybody else, are right at this time
3 not being treated fairly.

4 We need a contract. There is 17
5 people in the office. It can't be that hard.
6 There's two things that we want. We want to
7 keep our insurance. We want a raise. That's
8 all we want. We don't want anything more than
9 that.

10 I don't want to -- we don't want to
11 as a whole, we don't want to have to go to the
12 newspaper or to the news stations. We don't
13 want to have to do that. Scranton did it.
14 They spoke. They went on the -- everybody went
15 to the media and all of that stuff. We don't
16 want to do that. That's an embarrassment to
17 the Borough. That's just going to be -- just
18 another little thing that the Borough has to
19 contend with.

20 We don't want to do that. We're
21 frustrated. We will continue to fight. We
22 will get a contract. Hopefully we will move on
23 and this will be over and done with. And two
24 years is a long time. And myself and our
25 others, we don't want to wait. We just want to

1 move forward and want to move on just like
2 everybody else is.

3 Everybody is moving on. There's
4 four people on Council that are union members,
5 one was a union member. I don't know if he
6 still is. But there is three others that are
7 union members. You have to understand where
8 we're coming from.

9 And you do because you've all been
10 there. It's two years without a contract.
11 It's just crazy. It's crazy and enough of
12 that. I will -- I'm sure you'll all take into
13 consideration I'm being here.

14 But I just would also like to say we
15 just received a new recycling truck from
16 Mr. DeNaples. I'm very happy about that. It
17 lessens our calls during the day. It lessens
18 the work on the DPW. They have been picking up
19 recycling in open trucks, very hard for them to
20 work like that, very hard in the office to
21 listen to these phone calls they didn't get my
22 recycling. They didn't pick up my garbage.

23 We didn't have the trucks. We
24 didn't have -- open trucks meaning they're
25 picking up. They're dumping it into a one ton

1 truck or a 10 ton truck. And I thank Mr.
2 DeNaples for giving us that truck. Thank you
3 very much.

4 One last thing and I don't know how
5 much the public knows. I would just like to
6 say after nine years of working with the
7 Borough Manager it was a thrill to be with
8 Vito. He was very good to us. He treated us
9 very kindly. We're going to miss him. And I
10 just wanted to thank him for being who he is.
11 I hope our friendship continues. Thank you.

12 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

14 MR. AMICO: Anyone else from the
15 public? Sir? Just state your name for the
16 record, please.

17 MR. EVANGELISTA: John Evangelista.
18 Good evening, Board. I was back here in the
19 winter. I believe several of you at one point
20 have come up to Elmhurst Boulevard. I'm at
21 4369. There's several individuals in this room
22 too that live there.

23 There's a real bad problem in the
24 winter. I got several pictures here. It has
25 become worse now. The water hasn't stopped.

1 Several large potholes in the road. Any one of
2 us that has a low profile car, we're bottoming
3 out the bottom. The road has become dangerous.
4 You need to go walk your dog down the road, you
5 literally have to walk in your neighbor's
6 yards.

7 I'm not going to get into speed.
8 That is a whole other issue for a whole other
9 time. I brought a couple pictures here
10 tonight. I mean, I'm just here tonight to find
11 out where we are. I know we talked about -- I
12 heard from Didge saying we had an engineer up
13 there looking at some things.

14 First picture I got, I'm going to
15 show you here is actually from the bottom of my
16 driveway several big holes. And if you look at
17 the flip side of the picture, I don't want to
18 get on that list for cutting grass but me and
19 my neighbor is the Tax Collector of Dunmore
20 used to go cut that grass.

21 That water is a foot deep now. Last
22 summer I could cut that area if you want to use
23 that for your records. Picture two, is a view
24 going this way up Elmhurst Boulevard to my
25 house. The water, that never stops. I had

1 people at my house a few weeks ago that parked
2 in the lower part of the driveway, they all had
3 dings in their car because they're hitting
4 those potholes.

5 Thank you, Didge, for filling those
6 potholes. I truly appreciate it. But they are
7 just ripping it out. Every week I have got to
8 sweep the bottom of my driveway because the
9 rock is going up 10, 15 feet. There is another
10 picture.

11 MR. AMICO: Sir, I don't want to cut
12 you off. You can continue.

13 MR. EVANGELISTA: You guys know. I
14 really want to know, where are we with this?

15 MR. AMICO: I'll explain. Where we
16 have this with our engineer right now, we're
17 not looking to put a band-aid on it. We're
18 looking to fix the issue. And the issue is not
19 on the Boulevard. The issue is above the
20 Boulevard. So we're looking for a solution to
21 fix the problem from top to bottom, not just,
22 you know, right now we're in band-aid mode.
23 I'm not going to lie to you.

24 Mr. Judge's guys are there all the
25 time trying to keep the road passable for lack

1 of a better term. And in the winter it was a
2 nightmare. We were there in the winter.

3 MR. ENVANGELISTA: I think we're
4 looking at a worse issue going --

5 MR. AMICO: No doubt. What we need
6 is an actual solution for our engineer to do it
7 the right way and not just to patch it. So
8 that is in the works right now waiting on an
9 engineer to give us solid --

10 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Can you say the
11 engineer's name?

12 MR. AMICO: Reuther-Bowen, Dave
13 Lopatka. But we're looking for an actual
14 solution to the problem, not just a band-aid.
15 And the problem isn't just on the Boulevard.
16 We could fix the Boulevard. But that's not
17 fixing the issue because the issue is from
18 above. So that's where we are right now.

19 CHIEF MARCHESE: Is there any way
20 they could clean it? Put hot pavement down.
21 The problem is you keep throwing rocks over it
22 and run over it with a machine and it's gone
23 the next day. These are my neighbors. It's
24 bad. And it's getting worse.

25 MR. AMICO: I don't know if --

1 CHIEF MARCHESE: That solution is
2 going to take months.

3 MR. AMICO: No, I know. I don't
4 know if, Mr. Judge, would you be able to answer
5 this question? I don't know if hot patch would
6 stay.

7 CHIEF MARCHESE: Or just pave that
8 section, maybe 30 feet --

9 MR. JUDGE: I think we should just
10 put concrete in. I know that sounds weird but
11 there's nothing that's going to stay in there
12 with the water. There's constant water.

13 MR. EVANGELISTA: That water has
14 not even -- even about a week and a half ago
15 and that water is not stopping.

16 MR. JUDGE: You got to see the
17 water.

18 CHIEF MARCHESE: We just found this
19 out tonight because a couple of my other
20 neighbors are here. The backyards, my backyard
21 included is completely soaked. One of the --
22 he has pictures. There's a retention pond up
23 there. It was all cleaned up like two years
24 ago.

25 What they're doing now is when they

1 pull the trailer out of there and cleaned it
2 up, Bellefonte's dumping all the debris down
3 there. So now that water's not even getting
4 into the retention pond. It's coming down our
5 yards. My poor neighborhood had his house for
6 sale. Before the rain came the other day, he
7 got completely soaked, completely soaked.

8 And then the rain came and his house
9 got flooded. My yard, you can't even walk in
10 the backyard and everybody else is in the same
11 position.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: If they can clean
13 out the retention pond where it would hold more
14 water --

15 MR. AMICO: We do have to -- we're
16 on the record, so we can't have people from the
17 audience chiming in. If you want to talk you
18 are more than welcome to come up. I don't know
19 who just said something about a retention pond.
20 This is the first I've heard about a retention
21 pond being --

22 CHIEF MARCHESI: The backyard issue
23 just happened the other day.

24 MS. OVEN: Who did you say was
25 dumping?

1 CHIEF MARCHESE: He has pictures.
2 There's dumping debris and all kinds of stuff.
3 There's like a small retention pond. Now the
4 water is not even getting to it.

5 MR. AMICO: Let's go with who is
6 they and where is the retention pond?

7 CHIEF MARCHESE: I'm assuming -- I
8 don't know for sure, it could be Bellefonte.
9 The apartments are right there. There's a road
10 that goes down there. It was closed at one
11 time. That's where the trailer was and
12 Mr. Lorince got him to get the trailer out of
13 there. They were dumping all kinds of paint
14 back there and stuff from the trailer and they
15 pulled it out of there.

16 MR. AMICO: Can you look at that
17 tomorrow?

18 MR. LORINCE: Yeah, I could look at
19 that. The retention pond, that was only for
20 one house. That was for the house up above
21 when the guy was building a new home. That's
22 on a private property. That's Tarapchak's. I
23 think Tarapchak owns that retention pond. And
24 that was just for the house up above that he
25 built a new home and it was for one house.

1 Pretty much the pond is pretty much
2 catching most of the water for the whole
3 mountain. Could it be a solution, yeah, maybe
4 we could go in there and eminent domain that
5 property and build a nice retention pond and
6 catch some water in there and direct the water
7 down to the Boulevard with pipes. That's our
8 engineer has to decide that.

9 CHIEF MARCHESE: Just that little --
10 water adding to that pond, completely drenched
11 everybody's yard just that little bit screwed
12 everything up.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: If it's private
14 property, we're not authorized to go on it.

15 MR. LORINCE: No, we can't go on it.
16 And it's not meant to do the whole mountain.

17 MR. EVANGELISTA: That's it guys. I
18 appreciate your time.

19 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

20 MR. AMICO: As soon as we have a
21 solid plan from the engineer we'll put it out
22 to bid and try to get it squared away.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: In the meantime, maybe
24 we can talk to Lopatka and see what sort of --
25 paving it or hot stuff.

1 MR. EVANGELISTA: I appreciate it.
2 Thank you.

3 MR. AMICO: Thank you for your time.
4 Anyone else? Mr. Tigie.

5 MR. TIGUE: Chris Tigie from Throop
6 Street. Good evening everybody. Great job by
7 the way, Didge, with filling the potholes.
8 Everything really looks nice. You've got an
9 uphill battle with that. The reason why I'm
10 here, I brought Ty Holmes with me. He's not a
11 Dunmore resident.

12 But he's part of a veterans vision.
13 I, myself, am not a veteran. I believe the
14 tank at that time bottom of Blakely Street is
15 lacking a lot of memorials of this current
16 conflict such as Iraq, Afghanistan, all of
17 that.

18 The flags are not placed properly.
19 I don't know. I mean, if everybody works
20 together, is there any way we could get private
21 money, grants to maybe do this or are you guys
22 on board?

23 MR. AMICO: What are you looking to
24 do?

25 MR. TIGUE: Like to put more, like,

1 there's a WWI, WWII and I think Korea, right?
2 But there is not for Vietnam, nothing for Iraq,
3 Afghanistan. I brought Ty.

4 MR. HOLMES: I could explain.
5 Currently what we have over at the Scranton
6 School District, is a display that honors all
7 the wars. Myself, first of all, my name is Ty
8 Holmes. I'm a 25-year veteran of the U.S.
9 Military.

10 First and foremost, he did bring it
11 to my attention that the flags are not the way
12 they are supposed to be. If any veteran drives
13 by that knows the flags, first and foremost,
14 that's a smack in the face. I know it's not
15 intentional. But that is a smack in the face
16 to not have the flags properly displayed.

17 That was the first thing. And
18 obviously cleaning up and getting a display
19 that honors all the conflicts. You could
20 actually -- there is now several monuments that
21 are actually being designed and still all over
22 the state. They honor all the wars so that
23 it's one monument. You don't have six or seven
24 different monuments, just one that captures all
25 the wars that have been fought.

1 You could even go so far as to do
2 one where you place the names. That's up to
3 you guys. But I know you've reached out to me
4 and said can you work with this group. I'm
5 currently working with VFW Post 25. We're
6 putting a monument and a sign over at the
7 Scranton High School football field if you've
8 seen the display. We're actually adding to
9 that.

10 And if you wanted my assistance, I
11 was looking at doing something similar to that
12 and going out to some of the VFWs and some of
13 the other organizations and also seeking
14 grants. We did -- we're seeking grants for our
15 sign over at Scranton. So we, the school
16 district, aren't responsible.

17 So I said I would work with them.
18 Obviously once he gets approval from you guys
19 to seek grants to see if we can get this done.
20 Again, you're losing each year more and more
21 veterans from Vietnam and so forth. I
22 guarantee you if a veteran drives by and he
23 sees it there, it hurts their heart.

24 They may not speak about it and say
25 it, but I could promise you it bothers me

1 whenever I drive by any monument that's not
2 properly displayed. So I'm looking to work
3 with him even though I'm not a Dunmore resident
4 in any way that I can to secure funds, clean it
5 up, work with people on how to get the design
6 that you like.

7 I just want to make sure when you
8 are displaying something, the intention is
9 always there and it's good. And if we don't
10 get it right, the people that it's supposed to
11 honor are offended.

12 MS. JUDGE: Can I say something? We
13 don't take care of that. That is through Ed
14 Faatz I believe his name is and Bob Tuffy.
15 We've never touched that. They are the ones
16 that do all that and put that stuff there.

17 MR. HOLMES: Is there any way you
18 could get them in contact?

19 MR. LORINCE: I just want to say a
20 question because they bought the Scranton Deaf
21 School, the veterans. And something is going
22 on there because the grass hasn't been cut. It
23 looks like no one is there. It looks like it's
24 vacant. I don't know what's going on over
25 there. So that is where Ed Faatz -- that's

1 where he was stationed. And there was the -- I
2 can't remember the lady that bought it.

3 MR. TIGUE: Somebody owns that.

4 MR. LORINCE: I guess they just --
5 they're gone.

6 MR. AMICO: We're going off on a
7 different topic now.

8 MR. LORINCE: Ed Faatz used to take
9 care of everything where the tank is. He used
10 to do the flags and everything for the
11 military. And he used to come out of the deaf
12 school. But all of a sudden, if you go take a
13 ride by the deaf school, you'll see the grass
14 is -- I think they just -- they're gone. I
15 don't know what is going on.

16 MR. TIGUE: I don't know. I just
17 figured I'd throw it out there. I know with
18 the boroughwide liter cleanup that we
19 organized, we're going to take care of that --

20 MR. AMICO: Long story short, we're
21 on board with whatever help you need. We're on
22 board with helping out at the tank, whatever we
23 could do to help.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: If the flags aren't
25 displayed properly, that seems like a pretty

1 easy solution.

2 MR. TIGUE: Not only that, but to
3 have memorials for each conflict.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, there is only so
5 much real estate there. But we're not going to
6 dispute putting anything. If you want to add
7 to it, that's fine. I'm not a veteran.

8 MR. TIGUE: I'm not either.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: I don't know if I
10 would be comfortable removing one. But you
11 could certainly add to it. So the flag seems
12 like an easy fix. So if we could talk to
13 Mr. Holmes and put them in the right order or
14 display them properly, yeah, we're all on
15 board. I'm not looking to offend anybody,
16 especially veterans.

17 MR. TIGUE: Like I said, I'm not but
18 I figured it was -- because when we cleaned it
19 up last year when we did that cleanup, it was a
20 mess. And I noticed that. I never really
21 noticed that driving by all of these years. I
22 don't know, but it's just an idea.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, absolutely.
24 We're on board.

25 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

1 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Anyone else
2 from the public like to address Council this
3 evening? Seeing no one -- I apologize.

4 MR. GIANNETTA: My name is Michael
5 Giannetta. I live up on the Elmhurst
6 Boulevard. I don't know what's going on up
7 there. But I've lived there my whole life. I
8 put in 175 feet concrete curb, three catch
9 basins, an 18 inch pipe to protect myself from
10 what's happening up there over the past I don't
11 know how many years.

12 It used to be able to handle 3
13 inches, 4 inches of water. I don't know why
14 this happened this past year. But now it can't
15 even handle two because when they paved the
16 road, whoever did it, must have thought those
17 catch basins were yours. They took the crown
18 out of the road and put a macadam curb that
19 takes extra water and puts it into my catch
20 basins, 18 inch pipe was full, full.

21 You could stand on top of one of
22 them and you can't and hear yourself talk.
23 That's how loud the water is. Like you were
24 saying you're trying to get something done.
25 Who is up there looking? What is the

1 contractor?

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Reuther-Bowen is the
3 name of the engineer. And the engineer that
4 works for them is Dave Lopatka.

5 MR. GIANNETTA: Do you have any
6 plans of when this is going to happen?

7 MR. AMICO: As I said, sir, they are
8 in the process of drawing up plans for it now.

9 MR. GIANNETTA: I've lived there my
10 whole life. It's just --

11 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Has he been
12 retained?

13 MR. DEMPSEY: If you want to come up
14 after him, you're more than welcome.

15 MR. GIANNETTA: I have had the Fire
16 Department in my basement at times with two of
17 their pumps pumping my basement out up over my
18 knees. What I did, I did it to protect my
19 home. And I thought I was okay. Now again, I
20 can't even take 2 inches of water because now
21 they're pushing even more water to it. All I
22 want to do is live in peace.

23 And I'm sure all of these other
24 people here want the same thing. I own the lot
25 next to my house. I've allowed that guy to put

1 a trench in to keep the water away from him and
2 run it down -- Sal lives up there. How bad is
3 it up there, Sal?

4 CHIEF MARCHESE: Bad and it's
5 getting worse.

6 MR. AMICO: Sir, I don't know what
7 else to say other than we're trying to -- we're
8 working with an engineer to try to draw up not
9 a band-aid but a legit solution. I can't make
10 the gentleman work any -- draw his plans up any
11 faster. We're looking to solve the problem
12 correctly, you know, not just band-aid it.

13 MR. GIANNETTA: Whoever was up there
14 from the Borough last time said they had put in
15 three catch basins. They have to do what I did
16 on that side of the road. On the corner up
17 where Tall Trees is, one there and a pipe down
18 past his house. Then that lot -- that
19 retention pond does not belong to Tarapchak.
20 I've lived there my whole life. That retention
21 pond was put in when they built those
22 apartments. Elmo put that in. It's a joke.

23 MR. AMICO: Again, I'm --

24 MR. GIANNETTA: I'm just telling
25 you, it's not Tarapchak's.

1 MR. AMICO: I do understand. This
2 is me. I know the water flows downhill so your
3 problems are coming from above. You know, so
4 without -- if we don't solve the problem above
5 you, nothing is going to be right on the
6 Boulevard until --

7 MR. GIANNETTA: There is also a road
8 up there, the Baldassari road, the water pours
9 down there. You guys have to send a backhoe
10 and street sweeper up there so the people could
11 get in and out of Tall Tree Apartments. That's
12 sad. There's got to be something temporarily
13 to be done.

14 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

15 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

16 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

17 MR. AMICO: Ma'am?

18 MS. JAMES: My name is Denise James.
19 I live on Elmhurst Boulevard. You mentioned
20 Reuther and Bowen was the engineer firm. Are
21 they retained?

22 MR. AMICO: Yes. They're our --

23 MS. JAMES: Is there any kind of
24 contract signed?

25 MR. AMICO: They're our Borough

1 engineer.

2 MS. JAMES: So where are we? What
3 information are they giving you to give to us
4 tonight?

5 MR. AMICO: There's nothing -- I
6 gave you --

7 MS. JAMES: We're stating what the
8 problems are.

9 MR. AMICO: Ma'am, I can't elaborate
10 a solution if I don't have the solution in
11 front of me.

12 MS. JAMES: Why don't you have the
13 solution in front of you? If they are working
14 on it, how come you are not -- you're the
15 president.

16 MR. AMICO: I am the president.

17 MS. JAMES: So how come you're not
18 informed?

19 MR. AMICO: I am informed. The
20 engineer is working on getting a solution.
21 He's not calling me on a daily basis saying --

22 MS. JAMES: When did he start?

23 MR. AMICO: I'm sorry?

24 MS. JAMES: When did he start?

25 MR. AMICO: On this project?

1 MS. JAMES: Yes.

2 MR. AMICO: Two months ago, maybe, a
3 month ago.

4 MS. JAMES: Maybe. You don't have
5 any facts for us. That's what we're here
6 tonight for.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: Excuse me, ma'am --

8 MR. AMICO: Ma'am -- Beth -- Ma'am,
9 if I had known you were going to come asking me
10 questions, I would have something prepared.
11 I'm not going to speak off the cuff.

12 MS. JAMES: So you're not prepared.
13 This is a meeting.

14 MR. AMICO: Can I maybe finish?
15 Again, I can't answer questions if -- I'm not
16 going to lie to you and make up answers. Had I
17 known you were coming with these questions, I
18 would have had answers prepared. I don't speak
19 to the engineer on a daily basis asking about
20 all the projects that are going on in the
21 Borough. There's a number.

22 Your issue is a big one. And I
23 understand to you it's the biggest problem in
24 your life and I understand that. But he's also
25 working on, you know, Bunker Hill project,

1 getting our roads patched and paved. There's
2 numerous projects he's working on.

3 MS. JAMES: What number are we on
4 the list?

5 MR. AMICO: This is the top one
6 right now.

7 MS. JAMES: We're the top one.

8 MR. AMICO: Yes.

9 MS. JAMES: Okay.

10 MR. AMICO: But again, had I known
11 you were coming with questions, I would ask. I
12 have the questions that you asked tonight. I
13 will e-mail him tonight and ask and I'll have
14 answers for next meeting. But again, had I
15 known you were coming tonight, I would have
16 been prepared.

17 MS. JAMES: As long as we're
18 informed that you were informed, that's what we
19 want to know.

20 MR. AMICO: Which is understandable.
21 But again, I'm not going to just -- going to
22 make up something to appease you. I don't
23 think that is the right thing to do. I'm just
24 telling you what I know. I know the engineer
25 is working on it.

1 MS. JAMES: As a resident, we all
2 want to know what exactly he's doing.

3 MR. AMICO: He's looking at a
4 solution, again, a long-term fix, not just
5 let's channel the water away from you and dump
6 it in another part of Dunmore. I think the
7 answer needs to be fixing the problem on the
8 top of the mountain, correcting it on the
9 Boulevard but not dumping it into Bunker Hill,
10 which is below you.

11 There has to be a legit solution
12 that solves the problem, not just -- seems to
13 be the answer a lot of times just getting it
14 out of your backyard and dumping it onto
15 somebody else's. That's not the answer.
16 There's a number of solutions that I could off
17 the cuff say.

18 But again, I'm not going to say they
19 are right or wrong because I'm not an engineer.
20 That's why I'm asking the engineer to come up
21 with a legit solution that again, is not going
22 to affect anybody, for lack of a better term,
23 downstream. That's not fair.

24 MS. JAMES: Okay. We need to know
25 when the next meeting is so that we can revisit

1 this again.

2 MR. AMICO: The next meeting is --
3 all of our meetings are the second Monday of
4 the month, so whatever the second Monday of
5 July would be. I don't know off the top of my
6 head. The second Monday of July will be our
7 next public meeting.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: July 11th.

9 MR. AMICO: But I can -- again, you
10 don't have to wait until July 11th to get an
11 answer. I could -- after the meeting I'll get
12 your information.

13 MS. JAMES: I mean, we want to be
14 informed.

15 MR. AMICO: I understand and you
16 deserve to be. When the meeting is over I'll
17 get your contact information.

18 MS. JAMES: Because it is getting
19 worse. Every year it is getting progressively
20 worse. This is not -- it's causing property
21 damage.

22 MR. AMICO: We have been there with
23 Mr. Judge, Mr. Lorince, and with the engineer
24 numerous times in the winter -- Mr. O'Malley
25 was there in the winter when we had the ice

1 issue.

2 MS. JAMES: We're not seeing any
3 kind of construction going on. We're not
4 seeing any --

5 MR. AMICO: Again, there is not
6 going to be any construction --

7 MS. JAMES: We're going on a decade.

8 MR. AMICO: I understand. Thank
9 you.

10 MS. MEILA: Hi, my name is Debbie
11 Meila. I also live up on the Boulevard. And I
12 wanted to know when you're doing all of this,
13 is there any grants out there for walking
14 trails and putting back streetlights because
15 people go so fast and there's people walking
16 continuously.

17 Constantly they are walking to the
18 lake. There's bikes that come through like
19 racing bikes. There's motorcycles. There's a
20 lot up there that's going on. I called Kyle
21 Mullins and I asked him if there was any grant
22 money out there that while you are doing all of
23 this planning, maybe you could make it even
24 prettier and put like a walking trail.

25 I don't know what to do because

1 somebody is going to get killed with the
2 speeding; am I right? It's just insane. You
3 sit out there and it's like, well, maybe we
4 could make it prettier, brighter. I was just
5 wondering if there is grants that you could do
6 or would it have to come through --

7 MR. AMICO: I'm sure there's
8 something we can do.

9 MS. MEILA: I didn't know if we have
10 a grant writer.

11 MR. AMICO: We do not.

12 MS. MEILA: But there's got to
13 be -- it's so beautiful up there and people are
14 constantly walking. It's nonstop. I mean, my
15 phone goes off all day long at work. There's
16 people walking their dogs and all of a sudden,
17 you'll be walking and a car goes flying by you.
18 You go right around the corner -- the other day
19 I was talking to Mr. Giannetta and a car went
20 flying by and we got drenched, right? So,
21 like, if you can make it prettier, better.
22 Really like --

23 CHIEF MARCHESE: There's no
24 sidewalks.

25 MS. MEILA: So I'm saying if your

1 engineer maybe somebody could add something
2 because I know, like, in front of my house the
3 water runoff is so bad that all the pavement is
4 now gone. It's all picked up. And somebody is
5 going fall. And I'm like, I don't know if it's
6 my responsibility if it's going to be from the
7 water running down.

8 There's no use -- I mean, there is
9 no use paving it. I've had people there. And
10 they go, what are you paving this for? It's
11 all going to come up again. So, yeah, somebody
12 is going to fall.

13 MR. AMICO: Like I said, we're --

14 MS. MEILA: I know that. But what
15 I'm saying is maybe they could add into like a
16 make it like a walking something -- to make
17 it -- even streetlights. It's really dark. I
18 think there used to be streetlights right,
19 Mr. Giannetta? There were streetlights, right?

20 MR. GIANNETTA: There were
21 streetlights. They took them down. We haven't
22 had them.

23 MS. MEILA: I mean, it's just used
24 so much. It's beautiful. So maybe they could
25 do something to make it better. Thanks.

1 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

2 MS. SIRI: So you could remember my
3 last name because name is Siri, Shirley Siri.
4 So I (inaudible) for 35 years in Scranton. I
5 happily moved to Tall Trees to downsize. So I
6 understand all the problems that come with
7 being a property owner and how long it takes to
8 get things done.

9 But I think the reason why I really
10 came up to say something because I'm hearing
11 about this problem. I do live at Tall Trees.
12 And I happen to live at the highest point.
13 They call me mountain girl. And my back
14 bedroom is literally on Elmhurst Boulevard.
15 It's across the road from a new construction of
16 a home that, I mean, is amazing. The point I'm
17 trying to make is, I had problems getting in
18 and out of there before.

19 I have a small car. And there were
20 times when I just couldn't go because of the
21 weather with the road that you can't get in and
22 out of with the potholes and everything. It
23 was so bad it was easier for me not to go.
24 When friends would want to come and get me, I'd
25 say, no, please. I'm doing you a favor. Don't

1 come and get me.

2 And, yeah, it works itself out. But
3 this last storm I was really surprised because
4 the entrance to the Tall Trees, it wasn't
5 just -- it was boulders. It was boulders. I
6 mean, it was huge. And my bedroom floods. But
7 Tall Trees is aware of it. They are going to
8 get their engineer to look at it and see how
9 they could help some of this water that is
10 coming down.

11 And I have pictures too but I didn't
12 print them. You know I have to keep towels
13 there. It just gets a little too high and it
14 wants to come into my back room. But I know it
15 will get fixed eventually. I just don't know
16 when. But when you're working from the top,
17 it's not just water.

18 I don't know where these boulders of
19 rocks are coming from. If it's from where this
20 man, you know, created -- he created his own
21 world up there with -- you'd have to see it.
22 Maybe you have. Maybe you have. So besides
23 the water and the water is bad, there is a lot
24 of erosion.

25 So, you know, having anything to,

1 you know, whatever you do is probably going to
2 last about five years unless you could fix from
3 the bottom to the top. So I just wanted you to
4 know that I do have flooding in my bedroom
5 recently often.

6 But, oh, you know what I did? I
7 went out and took some of those rocks and made
8 my own little retaining wall. I did and it
9 helps.

10 MS. OVEN: Is your bedroom on the
11 ground floor?

12 MS. SIRI: No, it's the highest
13 point of the apartment.

14 MS. OVEN: And you're getting water
15 there?

16 MS. SIRI: Oh, yeah, and it's coming
17 from across, you know, that's what's happening.
18 But everybody in the neighborhood has the
19 problem. It's not just me. And they're aware
20 of it. One little -- it's having, you know, it
21 would be wonderful -- sidewalks and everything
22 would be wonderful.

23 But, you know, if it's always going
24 to rain and rocks are always going to come down
25 and people's yards are going to get flooded,

1 you know, a huge problem has to get fixed
2 first, right?

3 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Would anyone
4 anybody else like to address Council this
5 evening?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. AMICO: Seeing none. Okay.
8 Now, we'll do public officials. Mayor Conway.

9 MAYOR CONWAY: I have nothing.

10 MR. AMICO: Anybody that spoke
11 already, Didge, Joe? Miss Zangardi?

12 MS. ZANGARDI: I just want to
13 apologize to everybody. There are problems all
14 over town are getting the best of us I think.
15 There is quite a few problems. And I'm sorry,
16 you know, we will -- I know we are trying to
17 work on it, which is not a good enough answer
18 when you are living through it constantly for
19 years.

20 But that is not even good enough
21 either. We're working on it. And we're
22 trying. We're doing the best we can. I know
23 you want a specific answer. We don't have a
24 specific answer but it is being worked on
25 regularly specifically for that.

1 And we have some down here. My
2 husband and I had water problems. It's not an
3 easy solution.

4 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: -- is there
5 drawings or a proposal --

6 MR. AMICO: Ma'am, we're on -- we'll
7 talk after.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah, the court
9 reporter has to take everything down. That's
10 why you have to be identified. And it's not
11 easy, especially with your frustration. I get
12 it. I lived it. I'm sorry and we all are.
13 But it is being -- and like Mr. Amico said,
14 it's a permanent solution not a band-aid
15 because you can't live with a band-aid anymore.
16 But it's not going to be tomorrow. Sorry.

17 And the other thing I wanted to say
18 is tomorrow is Flag Day. Raise your flags.
19 And the other thing I wanted to address was
20 Chris Tigue. I work with Tommy Coar who is the
21 commander at the VFW. I will touch base with
22 Tommy tomorrow about the tank. Thank you.

23 MR. AMICO: Mr. O'Malley?

24 MR. O'MALLEY: I'd like to first
25 thank everyone for coming this evening. I want

1 to thank the department heads for their
2 detailed reports. Mr. Duncan, thank you for
3 your concerns and bringing them to our
4 attention. Mr. Evangelista, Mr. Giannetta, Ms.
5 James, Miss Meila, and Miss Siri, I was up on
6 the Boulevard in the winter and I saw that
7 situation. It was horrible. And so I feel
8 terrible for the problems that you're
9 experiencing up there.

10 And like Mr. Amico said, we have the
11 engineer working on it. Hopefully something
12 will come along soon and we could get that
13 fixed for you. Mr. Tigue and Mr. Holmes, Thank
14 you. It's a great idea honoring our veterans
15 down at the tank memorializing all of our wars.

16 And I'd like to thank Mr. Vito
17 Ruggiero, our outgoing Borough Manager. It was
18 a pleasure working with him. Every time I ever
19 called he got right back to me. He's very
20 professional in his job. It's not an easy job.
21 But every experience I had with him was
22 positive. So thank you, Mr. Ruggiero. That's
23 all I have.

24 MR. AMICO: Mr. Dempsey.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, real quick. I'd

1 like to -- I'm going to talk to Vito privately.
2 But I'd also like to thank him. I was part
3 of -- actually sitting in his seat from I don't
4 know how many years ago, a long time ago. I
5 was part of hiring him back about eight or nine
6 years ago. We became extremely close over that
7 time.

8 His kids are like my own. So I'm
9 going to miss him too. But I know we're going
10 to stay tight. I'll talk to him privately
11 about that. But I'm definitely going to miss
12 him. That's all I have.

13 MR. AMICO: Mrs. Oven?

14 MS. OVEN: I would like to thank the
15 department heads for coming. Thank you, Didge,
16 for all of your responses as far as potholes
17 and trying to help us keep our streets safe and
18 for all of your work when we had that storm.

19 The people in Elmhurst Boulevard, I
20 have lived in a home where I got flooded. I'm
21 sorry for what you are going through. I would
22 say Vince is working really hard as well as the
23 other members of Council with the engineer.
24 And we are trying to come up with a solution.

25 But I think we should try to work

1 with something temporarily as far as like Didge
2 said put concrete or trying to patch the roads
3 so it makes it a little bit easier for you.
4 But I'm very sorry for what you're going
5 through.

6 And I'd like to thank Vito for
7 everything he did. And he was very helpful
8 when I started on Council and I wish him a lot
9 of success with his next job.

10 MR. AMICO: Thank you. I'll just
11 kind of add onto what everybody was saying as
12 far as the Boulevard issue. Again, I know it
13 doesn't make -- it doesn't really sound right
14 to say I sympathize with you because I'm not
15 living your problem. So I don't just want to
16 give you lip service and say I feel your pain.

17 This is something that is the utmost
18 of importance to you and I get it. And again,
19 I don't want to just -- I do believe we should
20 put a band-aid on it for the time being to try
21 to alleviate your pressure.

22 And that's what I'll talk to Mr.
23 Lopatka this evening. I'll e-mail him tonight
24 and look for a temporary solution just
25 something to, you know, get us through the time

1 being. But long-term again, our goal is to
2 have a long-term legitimate solution. And I
3 don't think it's going to be easy, nor do I
4 think it's going to be inexpensive. But it
5 needs to be done.

6 Trust me when I say we're working on
7 it. It's being worked on. Again, if I were
8 you looking at me -- I'm not going to curse but
9 there would be words going through my mind that
10 I'm not going to say. But if I were you, I
11 would be saying like this guy is full of hooley.
12 He's just trying to get through the meeting.
13 And trust me when I say that's not the case.

14 We were up on the mountain numerous
15 times with Mr. Judge, you know, showing what
16 the problem is. And that's fantastic, but
17 finding a solution is what we need to do and
18 trust me when I say we're working on it. It's
19 being worked on. And as soon as I have
20 something -- before you leave tonight, ma'am,
21 I'll get your information and I'll start giving
22 you some legit answers, not just me giving you
23 lip service.

24 I'll start giving you where we are
25 on -- I don't know the right way to say --

1 where we are progresswise. And again, I just
2 want to add and I know Vito is not here but
3 just tell him I'm going to miss Vito. I'm
4 going to miss working with him. He's been a
5 world of help to me. He was here from when I
6 first got on Council six years ago to now and
7 I talked to him every day. He's been a world
8 of help.

9 And I'm going to miss him. So I
10 want to thank him for his service to our
11 Borough. And that's all I have tonight. I'll
12 look for a motion to adjourn.

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

14 MR. AMICO: Look for a second?

15 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

16 MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

17 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

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