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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, July 13th, 2020

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

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

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

4 MS. BRIER: Here.

5 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

6 MR. AMICO: Here.

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Hallinan.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Dempsey.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Ehnot.

12 MR. EHNOT: Here.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Scrimalli.

14 MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. McDonald

16 Zangardi.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Mayor Burke.

19 MAYOR BURKE: Here.

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

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Does anyone have any
23 public comment on agenda items only?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Number four, is a
2 motion to approve the minutes.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
4 motion.

5 MR. AMICO: I'll make that motion.

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

8 MR. EHNOT: Second.

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

11 (No response.)

12 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

14 MRS. BRIER: Aye.

15 MR. AMICO: Aye.

16 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

17 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

18 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

19 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye. Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
23 so moved.

24 MR. RUGGIERO: Number five is a
25 motion to approve and pay the open bills.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
2 motion.

3 MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to
4 approve and pay the open bills.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

6 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

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

9 MS. BRIER: I have a question. Why
10 are we paying Reuther and Bowen \$10,000?

11 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. I didn't
12 hear what you said.

13 MS. BRIER: Oh, I'm just asking why
14 are we paying the engineer 10,000?

15 MR. RUGGIERO: It could have been a
16 special project. I would have to look to see
17 what that \$10,000 equated to. But it could be
18 one of the projects that they're doing.

19 MS. BRIER: Okay. I'm just looking
20 at some of the larger bills.

21 MR. BURTON: There were several
22 invoices on that, Janet.

23 MS. BRIER: Oh, there were?

24 MR. BURTON: It was just --

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Excuse me, sir. We're

1 on the record here.

2 MS. BRIER: That's Mark.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Oh, Mark, I couldn't
4 tell under the mask. I apologize.

5 MR. BURTON: Mark Burton.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Mark, just announce
7 your name so that Maria knows. Sorry.

8 MR. BURTON: I'm sorry. Okay.

9 MS. BRIER: I just have one other
10 one; Bassler Equipment Company, five grand.

11 MR. BURTON: That's another one.
12 There were several invoices on there.

13 MS. BRIER: What do they sell us?
14 What kind of equipment? Fire?

15 MR. HALLINAN: Would that be fire?

16 MR. RUGGIERO: I can't hear what
17 she asked.

18 MS. BRIER: Bassler.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: They do all the
20 signs, stop signs, regulatory signs, things of
21 that nature.

22 MS. BRIER: Okay. I was just
23 wondering. Thank you.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else on the
25 question?

1 (No response.)

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

4 MRS. BRIER: Aye.

5 MR. AMICO: Aye.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

7 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye. Opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six is a
15 motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-4, Floodplain
16 Management. The purpose of this Ordinance
17 requires all persons, partnerships, businesses
18 and corporations to obtain a permit for any
19 construction or development setting forth
20 certain minimum requirements within of the
21 Borough which are subject to flooding. This
22 Ordinance also establishes penalties for
23 noncompliant parties.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
25 motion.

1 MR. AMICO: I'll make that motion.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

3 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second that.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
5 second. Anyone on the question?

6 (No response.)

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

9 MRS. BRIER: Aye.

10 MR. AMICO: Aye.

11 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

12 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

13 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

14 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye. Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
18 so moved.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven is a
20 motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-5; Operational
21 restrictions on all engine powered vehicles
22 which cannot be legally operated on public
23 roads within the Borough.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion?

25 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: How about a second?

3 MS. BRIER: I'll second.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
5 second. Anyone on the question?

6 (No response.)

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

9 MRS. BRIER: Aye.

10 MR. AMICO: Aye.

11 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

12 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

13 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

14 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye. Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
18 so moved.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Number eight, a
20 motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-6; Prohibiting
21 the use of engine braking or also known as Jake
22 Brakes. The purpose of this Ordinance
23 prohibits truck to utilize this mechanism from
24 the boundary line northbound on State Route
25 6011, also known as Wheeler Avenue ending at

1 Short Street at the Veterans' Tank Memorial
2 unless an emergency situation is encountered.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
4 motion.

5 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
6 motion.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

8 MR. EHNOT: I'll second it.

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

11 (No response.)

12 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

14 MRS. BRIER: Aye.

15 MR. AMICO: Aye.

16 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

17 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

18 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

19 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye. Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
23 so moved.

24 MR. RUGGIERO: Number nine is a
25 motion to adopt Resolution 2020-2, which is

1 Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus
2 or CDBG-CV program. The purpose of this
3 Resolution authorizes the Board of
4 Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an
5 application to the Pennsylvania Department of
6 Community and Economic Development for funding
7 on behalf of the Borough for Coronavirus Aid
8 Relief in the amount of \$87,657.

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

11 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion. Do I
12 have a second?

13 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second.

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

16 (No response.)

17 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
18 signify by saying aye.

19 MRS. BRIER: Aye.

20 MR. AMICO: Aye.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

22 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

23 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

24 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye. Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
3 so moved.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Chairman, number
5 12, I would like to move up next to the number
6 10 spot. It's another resolution.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay.

8 MR. RUGGIERO: So number ten would
9 be the Strategic Management Planning Program
10 Application, which would be Resolution 2020-3.
11 The purpose of this ordinance is to allow
12 participation in a DCED Grant Program to aid
13 the Borough, a Strategic Management Planning
14 Program project. This would provide a resource
15 or tools for the Borough to aid financially in
16 moving forward.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
18 motion.

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

20 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second.

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

23 (No response.)

24 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
25 signify by saying aye.

1 MRS. BRIER: Aye.

2 MR. AMICO: Aye.

3 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

4 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

5 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye. Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
10 so moved. Quickly, just if anybody needs or
11 wants copies of these resolutions, we have them
12 here rather than read them into the record,
13 Mick, we'll attach them to the minutes?

14 ATTY. PERRY: Yes.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Because they're long.

16 MR. RUGGIERO: And they were
17 advertised and they are on file at the Borough
18 Building.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: Number 11 then would
21 be a motion to approve the Pension COLA lawsuit
22 settlement. This was approved by Pension Board
23 at their June meeting. Firefighter Arnone
24 would be due \$13,988.90 which includes a one
25 time interest only payment. And firefighter

1 Smith would be owed \$1,439.93.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
3 motion.

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

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

6 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second.

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

9 (No response.)

10 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
11 signify by saying aye.

12 MRS. BRIER: Aye.

13 MR. AMICO: Aye.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

15 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

16 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye. Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
21 so moved.

22 MR. RUGGIERO: Number 12 would be
23 personnel matters.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: I don't think we have
25 any personnel matters.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: No personnel matters
2 this evening? Number 13 would be the Treasurer
3 Financial report.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Brier, do you
5 want to -- Mark?

6 MS. BRIER: I would introduce Mark
7 Burton our new Treasurer (inaudible.) And
8 right now he could do the Treasurer report.

9 MR. BURTON: Sure.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Mark, if you could
11 come up to the podium, please? Thank you.

12 MR. BURTON: Good evening Council.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Speak loudly.

14 MR. BURTON: Anyway, as you could
15 see by the numbers that I ran comparing this --
16 the first six months of this quarter and six
17 months of last quarter, we're in a little
18 better shape than we were at this point last
19 year.

20 Last year we had a couple different
21 one time expenses and revenue sources that we
22 used the TAN money for. In 2019, was some
23 capital projects. But other than that, this
24 year our tax collections is a little bit down
25 due to the pandemic.

1 But otherwise, we're pretty stable
2 as of right now. Going forward again, that's
3 something that is up in the air as far as where
4 the pandemic would -- Berkheimer actually sent
5 a small report. I should have included that in
6 tonight's package. That detailed -- about
7 \$30,000 per quarter --

8 MS. BRIER: They said per month.
9 They added the caveat that it might be like
10 five percent loss.

11 MR. BURTON: -- increase in tax
12 revenue due the virus --

13 MS. BRIER: -- Berkheimer said total
14 estimate. They did say they have the numbers
15 for the end of the -- of July. They'll be able
16 to give us a better estimate for the rest of
17 the year in terms of our -- the hit we're going
18 to take on the tax -- wage tax. It's all wage
19 tax.

20 MR. BURTON: It's the collections.
21 Obviously people aren't working so we're not
22 receiving the their income taxes. They are
23 slightly down about 5 percent for the year.
24 And they project that moving forward for the
25 rest of the year. That's something that we

1 have to monitor the situation going forward.

2 But as of right now, we're pretty
3 still in a sound financial position as of the
4 end of the quarter.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mark.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody have any
8 questions for Mr. Burton?

9 MR. HALLINAN: Mark, the TAN money,
10 that's --

11 MR. BURTON: That's been paid in
12 full for this year.

13 MR. HALLINAN: That's paid in full.
14 Thank you.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody else?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

18 MR. BURTON: Thank you.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Number 14 public
20 comment.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody like to
22 address -- Mr. Duncan, that is you under there,
23 isn't it?

24 MR. DUNCAN: Okay, Gary Duncan,
25 Barton Street Dunmore. Just let everybody know

1 the Dunmore Neighborhood Watch is still taking
2 place. I'm still getting responses from folks
3 via text, e-mail, etc., etc. Just a couple
4 thank yous. Joe Lorince and Vito I want to
5 thank because we had some issues that did come
6 up. Those are the folks we reached out to.

7 I also want to thank Didge who is
8 behind me and DPW for all their assistance in
9 getting furniture and different things like
10 that for folks.

11 Didge, I know you're back there.
12 Please tell the guys we acknowledge them and we
13 thank them very much for that. Just a
14 couple -- this is Dunmore Neighborhood Watch
15 stuff.

16 I got a call not just from property
17 owner but family members. It's a house that we
18 had concerns about since we started
19 neighborhood watch. I think we're going on
20 eight years now, so 1337 Adams Street. I want
21 that mentioned and in the record again.

22 I got calls from neighbors like I
23 said from their children. If you go down to
24 1337, it's just take a ride. Go down through
25 Ferguson Court. You'll see the house. It's

1 the house that intersects with the alleyway.

2 There's so much furniture and
3 everything on that porch. The steps are
4 literally rotted right through. The United
5 States Postal Service carriers are throwing the
6 mail up onto the porch.

7 They have not been able to go up and
8 down the steps. The person that owns the
9 residence is now -- there is not a lot left to
10 hoard. She tried to show the neighbors some
11 possums that are living inside the house
12 now -- baby possums.

13 The furniture is all over the porch.
14 She's storing things in her car now. Obvious
15 concern is by the neighbors it's a fire waiting
16 to happen. You can't get up her back steps. I
17 did go down through Ferguson Court. It's
18 Ferguson and Harmony. It looks like a tree is
19 going through the railing that gets you out of
20 that house. God forbid there was a fire. You
21 couldn't get down those steps. So I have to
22 bring that one up.

23 The other one is 1311 Green Ridge
24 Street. Everybody knows that it's an ongoing
25 issue those of you who have been at

1 neighborhood watch meetings for years -- 1311
2 Green Ridge Street. I spoke to folks down in
3 that area, Jefferson, Green Ridge before the
4 meeting tonight.

5 We need traps down there if we can
6 get in touch with Carl Dunda. They've got
7 rodent issues down there and everything. That
8 property is overrun once again. We know from
9 our neighborhood watch meeting how difficult it
10 is to contact a homeowner because we have to
11 have, you know, legally all ramifications
12 (inaudible) up in Moosic Lake we can't track
13 them down and those types of things. So if we
14 can at least maybe get Carl Dunda.

15 I want to give -- I have the
16 permission of one of the complainants to give
17 the phone number out tonight so we can get in
18 touch with them and let them know about traps
19 or whatever. But the person --

20 MR. HALLINAN: You could give it to
21 me afterwards if you don't want to put it out
22 in public.

23 MR. DUNCAN: Pardon me?

24 MR. HALLINAN: You can give me that
25 phone number later (inaudible) private

1 property. I can't go on their property --

2 MR. DUNCAN: No. I'll give you the
3 number later before we exit.

4 MR. HALLINAN: Absolutely.

5 MR. DUNCAN: All right. Thanks.
6 The other thing is, I just want to mention
7 again just because I'm involved with Harrisburg
8 and different things. But God forbid -- and
9 taking a look at the numbers and everything, I
10 hope we never have to go back. It's great to
11 be here and see you all in person.

12 I brought it up with our virtual
13 meetings if we ever have to go back if we can
14 get onto Zoom meetings or to Skype. I'm on the
15 county task force. I'm on the state task force
16 with Secretary Torres and ageing. And we can,
17 you know, it's an interactive feature.

18 So if there's questions from an
19 audience, you can ask the question. If there
20 is a misunderstanding by anybody on the other
21 side, we correct those concerns that we have
22 and ask those questions. So that's it. The
23 neighborhood watch is still going on. So
24 thanks everybody.

25 MR. HALLINAN: I know that

1 Mr. Lorince was going to the magistrate or
2 court. Don't quote me on that one with that
3 residence on Green Ridge Street. That happened
4 last week. So I don't know the outcome of
5 that. And also 1337 Adams, Joe's been down
6 there a lot. I think it's an elderly person.
7 So -- no? That's what I understood.

8 MR. DUNCAN: -- about 63.

9 MR. HALLINAN: Well -- I'm getting
10 old.

11 MR. DUNCAN: Don't go there.

12 MR. HALLINAN: We'll check on that.

13 MR. DUNCAN: All right. I'll give
14 you that phone number later. Thank you.

15 MR. JOHNSON: David Johnson, 601
16 Shirley Lane. First, I want to thank Council,
17 Vito, Janet for following up. I got my street
18 paved. Thank you, gentlemen.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Glad you're happy.

20 MR. JOHNSON: I'm happy.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Good.

22 MR. JOHNSON: But I would say -- and
23 thank Mike and his DPW crew, they did a heck of
24 a job. But the roller doesn't distribute
25 water. It's clogged. They used my water and

1 my hose through the whole project, you know.
2 I'm glad -- I was glad to do it. I'm glad the
3 road is done.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: I was going to say ask
5 Didge for reimbursement.

6 MR. JOHNSON: The second thing --
7 and I didn't hear Mark. When we have a profit
8 and loss statement, can we see a budget so we
9 can see how the expenses and the income are
10 going to that budget --

11 MR. BURTON: For the next meeting I
12 could do that. I just started basically in the
13 beginning of March. So I'm transitioning --

14 MR. JOHNSON: Because this won't
15 tell us much if we get to the end of the year
16 and we (inaudible.)

17 MR. BURTON: Right. I am going to
18 be working on the budget comparison, budget
19 numbers. But like I said, I just --

20 MR. JOHNSON: Well, if you can. If
21 you get to a point where there is some kind of
22 a budget --

23 MR. BURTON: There will be
24 eventually.

25 MR. JOHNSON: And the other question

1 I had. You approved the minutes of the
2 meeting. Is there any way we can get a copy of
3 the minutes that you already approved?

4 MR. DEMPSEY: They are virtual,
5 aren't they, Vito?

6 MR. RUGGIERO: They're online.

7 MS. BRIER: I don't think there's a
8 written copy online, right?

9 MR. DEMPSEY: No, it's not written.
10 It's a virtual. So you have to go on our
11 website and click on it to watch it.

12 MS. BRIER: They weren't
13 transcribed.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: It's a whole
16 recording of the last meeting.

17 MS. BRIER: It's the Zoom meeting.
18 It's the whole meeting and you see us talking.

19 MR. JOHNSON: I seen them before.

20 MS. BRIER: Okay. It's on there
21 right, Vito?

22 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: If you have trouble,
24 you could call the Borough Building and they'll
25 walk you through it.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Just call me.

2 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

3 Thanks for the road, guys.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

5 MR. O'MALLEY: Good evening. Tripp
6 O'Malley. I have a question for Mr. Ehnot and
7 Mrs. Scrimalli. You voted to send a letter
8 opposing the landfill expansion but you
9 wouldn't sign it. I was just wondering if you
10 could explain your rationale for that.

11 And I'm wondering if you feel that
12 the 42-year expansion can possibly be a health
13 risk for the residents of the Borough. Thank
14 you.

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

17 MR. LYNOTT: Sorry I wore an M-95
18 mask. I hope you're going to hear me. Can you
19 hear me? All right. My name is Joe Lynott.
20 I live in Dunmore. I had called an official
21 and made a minor complaint about something and
22 I did a lot of research and there's nothing you
23 can do about it, about my complaint.

24 But I will give you some perspective
25 and give you some content on that. I know you

1 don't pay your lawyers you have to tackle this.
2 There's a fairly large confederate flag hanging
3 near my house.

4 My father was in the service. I was
5 in the service. My two sons are in the
6 service. I have three daughters who are just
7 as patriotic as me. It has nothing to do with,
8 you know, whether you're in the military or
9 not. My Wife is just as patriotic. You're
10 probably as patriotic as anybody.

11 There is nothing you could do about
12 it. The law states somebody could keep a --
13 hang a confederate flag. But what offends me
14 is, number one, it's hanging higher than the
15 American flag. I can't do anything about it.
16 I can't -- boy, it's not by much. I mean,
17 you'd really have to go out there with a level
18 and take a look.

19 But rules of the flag, no flag can
20 hang higher than the American flag. It's
21 hanging next to two Marie Corps flags, which
22 offend me. But then again, it's legal. You
23 know, I have a son that's in the Marines. He's
24 still in the Marines. He's been in ten years.

25 He says you have ten percenters.

1 You have to deal with them. Now, last week
2 about five days ago, the Chairman of the Joint
3 Chiefs of Staff -- I work for the government.
4 He's my boss's, boss's, boss's, boss's, boss's
5 boss. He spoke in front of Congress. And they
6 are preparing to draft to remove the
7 confederate flag from DOD facilities.

8 The Marine Corps has already banned
9 the confederate flag. General Milley when he
10 spoke to Congress, he said the American Civil
11 War was fought and it was an act of treason at
12 the time against the Union, against the Stars
13 and Stripes, and against the U.S. Constitution,
14 which is true. That's what it was for.

15 You know, we're not going to debate
16 the civil war. It's offensive. And I can't
17 ask you to do anything about it because the law
18 states that a person can do that. But I wish
19 you would consider, just consider because I
20 can't do it, maybe a Dunmore proclamation
21 stating the Dunmore Borough is not in favor of
22 individuals flying the confederate flag. You
23 respect their rights to do that if you so wish,
24 but I don't know what your rules are.

25 I apologize for never coming to a

1 meeting before. I've lived here 25 years. My
2 mother moved here about 40 years ago. I put
3 five kids through the district. And you guys
4 run the city really well. You don't need me to
5 come down here. I have no complaints about the
6 way the city is run. You're doing what you can
7 with the tools you got. So I don't come down
8 here.

9 This one thing bothered me and I
10 came down to say it. I don't care about any
11 signs or anything else you want to -- that's
12 election season. But a confederate flag takes
13 me over the top.

14 MS. BRIER: What street is that on?

15 MR. LYNOTT: I don't want to say
16 it. There's no sense pointing it out. You
17 know, I'm not here to poke the person in the
18 eyes because the person has every right even
19 though he's supporting something that fought
20 against the Constitution, totally against the
21 Constitution. He has a right to do it.

22 You have freedom of speech. I mean,
23 you can't yell fire in a movie theater. You
24 can't yell hijack on an airplane. So your
25 speech is limited to a sense. You're not

1 totally free. You can't do anything, but he
2 can do this.

3 There's nothing you can do about it
4 but maybe just a proclamation stating, you
5 know, Dunmore Borough is not in favor, does not
6 condone the flying of the confederate flag and
7 you wouldn't do it on any public properties or
8 you wouldn't display it on public property just
9 like the military is getting ready to --
10 they're drafting up the -- Secretary Esper said
11 and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
12 said they're just trying to make sure they get
13 all the legals right because it will be
14 challenged.

15 I don't want you to be getting
16 challenged, you know, if you don't -- fix the
17 potholes. You don't need a lawyer to --

18 MS. BRIER: I'd like to make a
19 suggestion for a proclamation so we're on
20 record. And I also want to thank you for your
21 service and your sons'.

22 MR. LYNOTT: Thank you.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Mickey, can you look
25 into that?

1 ATTY. PERRY: I'm sorry, what? I
2 can't hear you.

3 MR. HALLINAN: Can you check what
4 he's asking about making a proclamation
5 about --

6 ATTY. PERRY: You can do a
7 proclamation. You can't -- you can't stop him
8 from flying the flag. But you could have a
9 proclamation against it.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir. We'll
11 definitely consider that for our next meeting.

12 MR. LYNOTT: Thanks for listening.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Yes, sir,
14 you can come up again.

15 MR. JOHNSON: While I'm thinking of
16 it, somebody to finish the stops on Shirley and
17 Marjorie and Reeves Street. They started
18 paving the corners but they cut that
19 (inaudible) when they cut the street. They
20 need to finish the other corners. They had
21 stops on the road just to finish it up.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay, thank you.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

24 MR. DUNCAN: Just one last question,
25 thanks for talking about that flag. Do we have

1 any updates on the Scranton Sewer Authority
2 sale? Has anything changed? Were you able to
3 get through to Attorney Shrive?

4 MS. ZANGARDI: No, I did call him.
5 Last I did talk to him was probably the end of
6 April beginning of May. We will be getting
7 back together to meet regularly in August.

8 MR. DUNCAN: If you hear anything --

9 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll let you know.
10 I'll call him. I'll try calling him.

11 MR. DUNCAN: Thank you.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody else like to
13 address Council tonight?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none. Public
16 officials, Mayor Burke.

17 MAYOR BURKE: I want to thank
18 Council for --

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Tim, can you speak up
20 a little louder? I know Maria is having a
21 tough time here.

22 MAYOR BURKE: I want to thank
23 Council for passing the Jake Brake Ordinance
24 and the ATV Ordinance. I really appreciate it.
25 I think it's for the safety of the town. And I

1 think it's a start on the ATVs. And the Jake
2 brake definitely is a problem, especially
3 there's local businesses that use Wheeler
4 Avenue and anybody that's lived on the state
5 highway, Blakely Street, Drinker Street,
6 Wheeler Avenue knows what I'm talking about and
7 been in that line of business.

8 Toms knows the noise the Jake brakes
9 make. And it's very annoying and it rattles
10 your windows. But thank you, Council, for
11 getting that done. Mr. Lynott, I appreciate
12 your comments tonight. I do agree with you. I
13 don't honor a confederate flag in Dunmore. The
14 only flag that I honor here, period, is the
15 American flag.

16 But thank you, Gary, for coming up
17 and speaking up (inaudible) Didge, thanks for
18 getting those stop signs up. The whole
19 neighborhood was thrilled, you know, because,
20 a lot of the children down there were
21 (inaudible) you've seen the children there.
22 They said good job. Thank you. And that's all
23 I have, Mike.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mayor
25 Burke. Vito?

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Perry?

3 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Zangardi?

5 MS. ZANGARDI: No, I'm good. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Scrimalli?

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: I just want to thank
9 Didge and the DPW for their hard work during
10 last week's heat. And I want to thank you all
11 for coming. And that's all I have for tonight.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr. Ehnot?

13 MR. EHNOT: I'm good.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Hallinan?

15 MR. HALLINAN: I'd like to
16 congratulate the Dunmore High School graduates
17 this Friday night at the high school. I think
18 it will be nice if we can get their pictures up
19 at Schautz Stadium if that's possible invite
20 the family, you know, possibly social distance
21 get their picture taken right there. That
22 would be nice.

23 Also, Didge, Fourth Street where you
24 spoke to that woman. I talked to Council
25 tonight and if you could put the proper sign I

1 imagine that she talked to you about. Would
2 you take care of that? And I think that's all
3 I have. Thank you very much.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Amico?

5 MR. AMICO: I have nothing tonight.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

7 Mrs. Brier?

8 MS. BRIER: I just wanted to point
9 out to everyone that the letters in opposition
10 to the Keystone Sanitary Landfill expansion are
11 on our website, is that correct, Vito? And I
12 wanted to thank in particular Senator Casey,
13 Representative Matt Cartwright, our State Rep
14 Kyle Mullins, Mayor of Scranton, the Mayor of
15 Dunmore, Scranton School District, Mid Valley
16 School District, and Citizens for Healthy
17 Jessup.

18 All of these folks stood up in
19 opposition of the 40-year expansion -- 40-plus
20 year expansion of the Keystone Sanitary
21 Landfill and they wrote pretty eloquently
22 about the reasons for their opposition. And
23 they are worth reeding. And they are all on
24 our website. That's all I have.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Real

1 quick, Vito, maybe we could get together with
2 Tiffany to do those signs that we did for their
3 graduation, maybe? I think we were missing a
4 couple kids last time and had to scramble at
5 the last minute. So maybe we can get with her
6 and put them on for one day -- when are they
7 graduating?

8 MR. HALLINAN: Friday.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Oh, Friday. I don't
10 know. Maybe it's a little bit short notice.
11 But she was quick last time.

12 Also I want to thank Vito and Corey
13 Frick with the help at Schautz the last two
14 weekends. We had huge tournaments there the
15 last two weekends, a lot of baseball teams. It
16 was great seeing people there. Without their
17 help, you know, being there at 6:00, 7:00 in
18 the morning setting up, cleaning out bathrooms
19 and garbage cans, we wouldn't have been able to
20 have those.

21 The tournaments wouldn't have been
22 as well run as they are. So I wanted to thank
23 Vito and again, Corey Frick who dropped
24 everything in a moment's notice to come and
25 help us in the stands. So thanks to those

1 guys.

2 That being said, I don't have
3 anything else. Mr. Lynott -- I do. Yes, thank
4 you for coming. And I completely agree. And
5 if that's something that we can do without any
6 legal repercussions I think we should. And I
7 think it's a great idea.

8 I appreciate you coming down and
9 letting us know that. That being said, I'll
10 look for a motion to adjourn.

11 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make a motion.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

13 MR. EHNOT: Second.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
15 second. All those in favor signify by saying
16 aye.

17 MRS. BRIER: Aye.

18 MR. AMICO: Aye.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

20 MR. EHNOT: Aye.

21 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye. Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and

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so moved. We're adjourned.

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