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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, August 9th, 2021

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

- MICHAEL DEMPSEY, President
- THOMAS HALLINAN, Vice President
- CAROL SCRIMALLI - absent
- THOMAS EHNOT - absent
- 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. McDonald

4 Zangardi.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Scrimalli. Mr.

7 Ehnot. Mr. Dempsey.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Hallinan.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

12 MR. AMICO: Here.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

14 MS. BRIER: Here.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: Mayor Burke.

16 MAYOR BURKE: Here.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: Number three, public

18 comment on agenda items.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Would anybody like to

20 address Council tonight on agenda items only?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

23 MR. RUGGIERO: Number four, motion

24 to approve the minutes.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a

1 motion.

2 MS. BRIER: I'll make that.

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

5 MR. AMICO: I'll second it.

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

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Number five, a motion
14 to approve and pay the open bills.

15 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
16 motion.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion. Do I
18 have a second?

19 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second it.

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

22 (No response.)

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

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

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

5 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six is a
6 motion to accept the ordinance to permanently
7 waive the zoning ordinance to allow restaurants
8 and eateries within the Borough to provide for
9 outside seating.

10 This ordinance was advertised in a
11 paper of general publication and available for
12 public review at the Borough Building.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: I will look for a
14 motion.

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

16 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
18 second. Anyone on the question?

19 MR. RUGGIERO: On the question, Mr.
20 President --

21 MS. BRIER: I just had a question
22 about the ingress and egress on the sidewalk,
23 something that Vince talked about a couple
24 weeks ago where there was no room. Does the
25 ordinance address that?

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes, that's in your
3 packet.

4 MS. BRIER: The ADA.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: And the motor vehicle
6 regulations are in there as well.

7 MS. BRIER: Okay, thank you. That's
8 all I have.

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Just on the question,
10 this was temporary that Council enacted during
11 COVID. The Liquor Control Board wanted to know
12 if we were going to do it permanent or not.
13 That's what this involved.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. All those in
15 favor.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

21 MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven is a
22 motion to adopt Resolution 2021-2 to accept the
23 cooperation agreement between Lackawanna County
24 and the Borough pertaining to the Community
25 Development Block Grant or CDBG, on the

1 Chestnut Street Improvement Project. This will
2 be using the 2016 through 2020 fiscal year
3 funds.

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

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

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

9 MS. BRIER: I'll second.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone on the
11 question?

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. President, on the
13 question, this is -- Council voted on this
14 already for the stormwater management
15 improvement, the curbing, the sidewalks and the
16 road on Chestnut Street that you already --
17 Council already voted on. This is just a
18 cooperation agreement to solidify for those
19 funds from 16 through 20.

20 MS. BRIER: How much are the funds?

21 MR. RUGGIERO: They're in that
22 packet. I don't have a total. But it's each
23 year's funds that Council already voted on.

24 MS. BRIER: 23,000. Thank you.

25 MS. ZANGARDI: But this is grant

1 money?

2 MR. RUGGIERO: This is Community
3 Development Block Grant that qualified
4 underneath the parameters for the county. It
5 doesn't cost the Borough anything.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: That's what I wanted
7 to make sure.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. Anyone else on
9 the question?

10 MAYOR BURKE: Yeah, Mike, can I?

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

12 MAYOR BURKE: I was wondering, is
13 that like the stormwater -- the involvement in
14 that, Vito, is that replacing the current storm
15 basins?

16 MR. RUGGIERO: That's replacing
17 basins. It's fixing -- and the best way I
18 could describe it is down from the Roosevelt
19 beer garden there's that water that always
20 pools down there on Chestnut Street.

21 It's fixing that problem with pitch
22 and new basins going down to Roaring Brook for
23 the stormwater management. The county
24 engineers and our engineer, Dave Lopatka are
25 working on that.

1 MAYOR BURKE: Okay, yeah, my
2 question would be, do they know already --
3 does it need new pipe with a camera --

4 MR. RUGGIERO: I can't answer that,
5 Mayor Burke.

6 MAYOR BURKE: I mean, that's
7 something we should find out.

8 MR. RUGGIERO: This is replacing it
9 if it does. That's what this money is going to
10 be used for.

11 MAYOR BURKE: Okay, because if that
12 has to be replaced, that's going to -- it might
13 be a lot more expensive than --

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Well, we're not
15 liable for any other funds except for what we
16 qualify for in the Community Development Block
17 Grant which is the funds listed in the packet.

18 MS. BRIER: So just for
19 clarification, Tim, are you saying that this is
20 going to end up costing the Borough money?

21 MAYOR BURKE: Well, that would be my
22 question because I mean the pipeline -- that's
23 a long ways from -- say if you go by the Roosie
24 there, the Roosevelt Bar all the way down to
25 Roaring Brook, that's a lot of pipe. It's a

1 large pipe. That's not a cheap job.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: I don't think there's
3 a -- from the way I understand it, Mayor, there
4 is no compromise in the pipe right now except
5 where the water sits on the bottom of Somers
6 Street. So this is \$462,000 which is allocated
7 for that project. The Borough would not spend
8 any more money above and beyond that \$462,000
9 that we qualify for.

10 So there was no compromise in the
11 pipe which I understood so far. But the
12 engineers have that within the county level and
13 our engineers.

14 MAYOR BURKE: Mike, I would ask if
15 Council would be allowed to see a camera job of
16 that pipe before this is done because that --
17 we don't know what's in that pipe if it's
18 partially blocked, if it's blocked, what would
19 that cost us to clean that out because we
20 don't -- - we don't have that equipment to do
21 that.

22 So, I mean, that was some -- it
23 should be something we should be able to ask
24 American Water for. I would think that they
25 would give us shots of the camera going through

1 that pipe.

2 MS. BRIER: You think we should do
3 that in advance of approving it?

4 MAYOR BURKE: That would be my
5 opinion.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: That has already been
7 approved. This is the Community Development
8 Block Grant. All this is is a cooperation
9 agreement between us and county. This has
10 already been approved at the county level.
11 It's not going to cost us anything.

12 The stormwater management as
13 everyone knows, we're responsible for. So I
14 could see if Pennsylvania American Water could
15 camera that line and get us any results. But
16 it's not -- it's stormwater which would be
17 ours. So that's why the engineers are looking
18 at this.

19 And from what I understand so far
20 there is no compromise in any pipe on Chestnut
21 Street.

22 MAYOR BURKE: Right. My opinion
23 would be they shouldn't have no a problem then
24 showing us a camera of that pipe.

25 MS. ZANGARDI: They probably have a

1 decent --

2 MAYOR BURKE: They have to have. I
3 mean, if they camera then I think Council would
4 be more -- feel more at ease that -- well, if
5 they got the road dug up and they didn't know
6 if it's blocked or when the last time it's been
7 cleaned, you know, I think Council would be
8 more at ease.

9 I know I would be knowing that it is
10 cleaned -- that pipe is cleaned out. And if
11 they're adding more storm basins on there to
12 handle more water, could it handle more water
13 if the pipe is compromised?

14 And if the road is going to be dug
15 up, then we got to consider if we have to throw
16 money -- does the Borough have to throw
17 money -- I imagine we do to fix that pipe. I
18 mean, it's got to be a pretty old pipe.

19 MR. HALLINAN: So, Mayor, what
20 you're saying is, if the pipe is bad, wouldn't
21 it be in our best interest to replace it
22 anyway?

23 MAYOR BURKE: That's what I'm
24 saying. Why not --

25 MR. HALLINAN: -- so we just want to

1 know the cost to -- but we're approving this
2 project here where the water's been laying on
3 Somers since I got on Council. So obviously
4 it's been before that in which this problem has
5 been staring these people in the face.

6 And so I kind of agree with you
7 let's get a scope. That's no problem. But I
8 want to move forward with this project and not
9 kill it.

10 MAYOR BURKE: I'm not saying I want
11 to stop the project. What I'm saying is, not
12 to put the cart before the horse, if we know
13 we're going to have -- opening that up and it's
14 going to be --

15 MR. HALLINAN: I think it's just
16 something we have to ask Mr. Lopatka to look at
17 and our engineers. They're the experts. I
18 know you've worked there. So you're pretty
19 knowledgeable at this stuff also.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: All this resolution
21 is for is to allocate \$462,000 towards that
22 project.

23 MAYOR BURKE: I would just ask
24 Council to ask American Water for the camera
25 work on that and then you would see it for your

1 own eyes if we're going to have to invest money
2 in that. That's all. I mean, we should be
3 doing that anyway.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mayor Burke.

5 MS. BRIER: Can you do that?

6 MR. RUGGIERO: I absolutely can do
7 that. But in order for this project to move
8 forward, you have to pass this cooperation
9 agreement between us and the county for that
10 \$462,000.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else on the
12 question?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
15 signify by saying aye.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

21 MR. RUGGIERO: Number eight is a
22 motion to adopt -- to accept the agreement to
23 be signed by the Police Chief between the
24 Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office
25 and the Lackawanna United Drug Enforcement Team

1 to continue to participate in Municipal Drug
2 Task Force Program.

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

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

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

9 MR. AMICO: I'll second.

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

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Just on the question,
13 Mr. President, this has been going on for years
14 that Dunmore Borough Police Department has
15 participated in the Drug Task Force. We have
16 officers to assist them. This is just to
17 continue that.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

19 MS. BRIER: To what extent are they
20 involved in this, Vito, our policemen?

21 MR. RUGGIERO: Chief Marchese could
22 probably speak better regarding that. But I
23 know in the past, we've had two officers
24 allocated -- and certain members on Council
25 know that -- allocated to do drug enforcement

1 and drug raids throughout Lackawanna County.

2 MR. HALLINAN: They train as a task
3 force, Janet. They'll meet. They'll train.
4 They go out -- it's like, you know, sometimes
5 it's better to get, you know, two guys from
6 Dunmore who are not known in Carbondale.

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Each municipality
8 does put in officers and kind of join them
9 together to create this task force that goes
10 out and enforces the drug enforcement.

11 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Mickey, would I be
13 able to vote on this since my wife has been
14 involved in this kind of stuff?

15 ATTY. PERRY: Yes.

16 MR. HALLINAN: Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. Anyone else on
18 the question?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
21 signify by saying aye.

22 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and

1 so moved.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Number nine is a
3 motion to accept the proposed and advertised
4 changes in the Fire Civil Service Rules and
5 Regulations. Said changes have been approved
6 by the Civil Service Commission. The Board's
7 attorney, Kimberly Scanlon; Christopher
8 DeNaples, Fire Chief; and the Local 860 of the
9 IAFF.

10 MS. BRIER: I'll make that motion.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: I will look for a
12 motion.

13 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
14 motion.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

16 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
18 second. Anyone on the question?

19 MR. AMICO: Yes, on the question,
20 last month -- I shouldn't say last month. Two
21 months ago Chief DeNaples, Attorney Scanlon,
22 Vito, members of the Fire Department Executive
23 Committee and I met just to discuss updating
24 our civil service guidelines.

25 And we all came to an agreement as

1 to, you know, where we felt the guidelines
2 needed to be changed and amended. And at last
3 month's civil service meeting, the Civil
4 Service Board agreed and made some changes.

5 So our next step now is to -- for us
6 to vote on this tonight and then to advertise
7 for, you know, an entry level firefighter's
8 test in the not so distant future. So that's
9 where we are now.

10 MS. BRIER: Do we have a full board
11 for the Civil Service Commission? I know we
12 lost members.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: We didn't lose
14 anybody yet until January when Council turns
15 over in January.

16 MS. BRIER: You lost me.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: Well, we lost you,
18 right. But the alternates are still there. So
19 I believe it's right now it's Mr. Morrell.
20 It's Mr. Loughney. It's Mrs. Oven, and I think
21 that's it. So what we'll do is when Mrs. Oven
22 takes over --

23 MS. BRIER: How many do we need,
24 Vito?

25 MR. RUGGIERO: I'm sorry?

1 MS. BRIER: How many do we need?

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Three.

3 MS. BRIER: Three, oh, okay.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: So when Mrs. Oven
5 takes over, I would ask Council to appoint a
6 new member and probably two alternates just in
7 case.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: We'll do that when the
9 new board comes in.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: Correct.

11 MS. BRIER: Okay.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. I do have a
13 motion and a second. Anyone -- did I -- are
14 you finished?

15 MR. AMICO: I'm good. Thank you.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. Anyone else on
17 the question?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
20 signify by saying aye.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
25 so moved.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Number ten is
2 personnel matters.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Do we have any?

4 MR. RUGGIERO: We do. We have one
5 and it would be up to Council for part time.
6 She's a part time firefighter right -- Chief,
7 can you help me with her name? Alaisha
8 Sherwood.

9 Council, what she is, she's a
10 part-time firefighter right now and also a
11 police officer. Chief Marchese is looking for
12 individuals to work part time on the police
13 department. It's kind of just a paperwork
14 function that, you know, Council would want her
15 to act as a dual role.

16 But I would ask Council to be
17 cautious and to defer to both Chiefs DeNaples
18 and Marchese to work together in this matter
19 so she doesn't exceed any part time hours
20 according to regulation.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Chief DeNaples, would
22 you be able to work that out with Chief
23 Marchese?

24 CHIEF DENAPLES: Provided that -- I
25 think the best -- if we move in this direction,

1 I think the best way to do it is -- you know,
2 unless Chief Marchese has a better solution is
3 for a calendar month, okay?

4 You know, one week -- one 7 days
5 maybe for fire department and the next 7 days
6 she puts it in for the police department
7 because otherwise, I think administratively,
8 it would be very difficult for us both to
9 coordinate our monthly schedules.

10 If she can do that and then that
11 could be preset. She submits one week of
12 availability to the police department and one
13 week to the fire department and, you know,
14 rotate it like that so, you know, just keep
15 them hours at minimum.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Vito, do you think
17 this is a little right now premature?

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Well, what I would
19 like if Council -- Chief Marchese asked me to
20 have this on the agenda for Council. What I
21 would like to do is have Council table this --
22 not that we don't want to hire her. So I could
23 sit with both Chiefs of the department and come
24 up with a preplan and let Council know prior to
25 the solidifying of her transfer over.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: She's already on
2 payroll.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: She already is.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: As long as we could
5 work out a schedule where she could do both, we
6 can do it retroactive at the next meeting if
7 both chiefs can come up with a plan because I
8 know obviously both departments are hurting for
9 part-time employees.

10 So if we can utilize one person to
11 do -- to work two roles, that would be
12 fantastic if she's amenable to that and both
13 chiefs are able to work that out. So we'll
14 keep it off the agenda for now and then we'll
15 revisit it next month once you have an
16 opportunity to talk to both chiefs.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: Perfect.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay, great.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Number 11 is the
20 Treasurer/financial report. Mr. Burton.

21 MR. BURTON: Good evening Council.
22 I'm pleased to report that we received our
23 first installment of the -- ARPA, the COVID-19
24 funding. We did receive that in midJuly,
25 \$677,942. The second installment I believe

1 will be sometime next May or in that --
2 somewhere in that range. So that piece of the
3 puzzle was solved.

4 MS. BRIER: Yeah, great. Great work
5 on that.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Mark, are we keeping
7 that in a separate --

8 MR. BURTON: It's a separate
9 account.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

11 MR. BURTON: We created a new
12 account and to store it -- park that money
13 there and go for however we plan to use the
14 funds.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

16 MR. BURTON: Our net income for the
17 month of July was \$873,000. This is largely in
18 part to the ARPA funding, \$677,000. We
19 received our second quarter landfill fees,
20 \$757,000. Real estate tax payments remain slow
21 in the month of July.

22 But that again was expected to
23 through the summer months. So in total for
24 the -- through the month of July our net loss
25 is \$416,245. This again is due to the People's

1 loan payoff of 2.4 million. You'll see on your
2 financial statements I issued two -- two
3 separate line items referring to the People's
4 loan payoff and the ARPA funding since they are
5 extraordinary items.

6 But they will be recurring
7 throughout the months -- the remainder of the
8 year. So that in general would give us through
9 the month of July a 1.3 million dollar net
10 income. So we're still ahead of schedule
11 through July.

12 Again, just some bullet points for
13 the revenues, we received ARPA funding, the
14 landfill fees, light real estate taxes and
15 again, no draw on the TAN. As far as
16 experiences are concerned, we did make our
17 \$40,000 MMO payment.

18 And there were no other expenses out
19 of the ordinary, just basically payroll
20 benefits and payers of that nature. And that
21 would be it.

22 MS. BRIER: Mark, what line item --
23 where is the money that we received from
24 Highmark or Cummings? What line item is that
25 in the revenue -- you know the 600 --

1 MR. BURTON: Yeah, it's going to
2 be --

3 MS. BRIER: In the miscellaneous?

4 MR. BURTON: In the miscellaneous.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. Most of that's
6 the -- okay, thanks. And thanks for all of
7 your work on this, you know, to receive this
8 ARPA money because I know, you know, it was
9 pretty involved. So thank you.

10 MR. BURTON: You're welcome.

11 MS. BRIER: So going forward, we
12 don't have to do anything else because we
13 already submitted our --

14 MR. BURTON: They'll send us
15 notification how we're to report on how we
16 spend the money and what uses we claim the
17 money for.

18 MS. BRIER: Can you show us that at
19 some point, just e-mail us that?

20 MR. BURTON: Sure. They'll notify
21 us. It's probably similar to a grant funding
22 where you have to report your expenses and
23 justify the spending.

24 MS. BRIER: Sure. Do you have a
25 report for this 677,000?

1 MR. BURTON: No, they just sent
2 us -- I attached it to the -- it was just the
3 notification that the funds had been released
4 and sent into our bank account.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mark.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Mark.

8 MR. RUGGIERO: Number 12, public
9 comment.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone like to address
11 Council tonight? Mr. Duncan.

12 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton
13 Street, Dunmore. I'll be real quick. I got a
14 couple calls from folks regarding the
15 Neighborhood Watch. With the comorbidities and
16 everything, the folks that came to our meetings
17 were late 70s, early 80s.

18 And with their comorbidities, I'm
19 still hesitant to bring folks inside within
20 close proximity, especially with the Delta
21 variant and the numbers going up and the
22 changes in the county rate.

23 So I should say I'm glad to be back.
24 I haven't been here in a long time. We were
25 doing virtual. And then I came out of

1 retirement and went back to work on night shift
2 as a nurse because of staff shortages because
3 of the virus.

4 It's good to be back and to see
5 everybody. I do get calls from residents that
6 would have been things that the neighborhood
7 watch related and everything. I have to thank
8 both Mayor Burke, he actually came out on a few
9 things with me and looked at some issues.

10 And I also have to thank Joe
11 Lorince. When I called Joe Lorince, I was able
12 to get through to Joe and so Joe was able to
13 provide answers to the things that the folks
14 had. So it's just good to be back. And I want
15 to thank the folks that did help me through
16 this time period.

17 If these numbers come down, I would
18 come to Council and ask about reestablishing
19 the Neighborhood Watch. I'm just not
20 comfortable right now.

21 MS. BRIER: Sure. That makes sense.
22 Thanks, Gary.

23 MS. ZANGARDI: Thanks, Gary.

24 MR. DUNCAN: Thank you.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Would anyone else like

1 to address Council tonight?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Number 13, public
5 officials.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Chief DeNaples, do you
7 have anything?

8 CHIEF DENAPLES: I have nothing
9 tonight.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Didge, do you have
11 anything?

12 MR. JUDGE: No.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Vito?

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Perry?

16 ATTY. PERRY: No.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Mayor Burke?

18 MAYOR BURKE: No, Mike.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Zangardi?

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

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Hallinan.

22 MR. HALLINAN: I'm glad to see Didge
23 is out of the hospital. Glad you're healthy.
24 That's all I have. Thank you.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Amico?

1 MR. AMICO: I was actually going to
2 say the same thing. It's nice to see Didge
3 back in action. And, Gary, it's been quiet
4 without you being here. So it's nice to see
5 you here. I miss your comments. You're here
6 every month. It wasn't normal not seeing you.
7 So I'm glad to see you back.

8 MS. BRIER: I just have one thing,
9 Mike.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Sure.

11 MS. BRIER: Someone approached me
12 about Green Ridge Street. I mean, I know it's
13 a state road. But our bus stop is on the other
14 side of -- it's on Webster and Green Ridge.
15 And this woman has five kids on the other side
16 of Green Ridge.

17 And she said it takes sometimes 15
18 minutes to get her kids across the road. And
19 she's also concerned about Clay Avenue and
20 Green Ridge, especially in light of -- you
21 know, there's been a lot of development there.
22 There's a lot of traffic.

23 She suggested and I don't know if
24 it's even possible if we can approach the
25 state. I don't know what our -- what we can

1 even do about a road that we don't own. But
2 she suggested like the crosswalks like that
3 they have at the U going up Mulberry Street
4 where there's a -- you could push a button.

5 And I don't know, they seem super
6 effective when you're driving up Mulberry
7 Street and the kids are crossing back and forth
8 there at the U. I don't know. Is that
9 something that we can look into for --
10 especially on the school --

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Is this Mrs. Pigga?

12 MS. BRIER: No.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Because we
14 installed -- I know we installed bus signs on
15 Green Ridge Street that we had to get
16 permission for. We can try. I mean, I'll
17 default to Mr. Hallinan who would know this
18 better than me.

19 MR. HALLINAN: They can --

20 MS. BRIER: It's a school thing, you
21 know?

22 MR. HALLINAN: I understand -- they
23 would probably -- crosswalks we can probably
24 just put in. There're never going to complain
25 about putting crosswalks in if we paint them on

1 the road. We should ask for permission first.
2 The stops, I mean, did we look at maybe even
3 going to the school district and ask them to
4 change the bus stop somewhere else? I don't
5 know.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, pick up on
7 Webster instead of --

8 MR. HALLINAN: I think it's mostly a
9 school district question to tell you the truth
10 as far as you know --

11 MS. BRIER: Even pedestrians because
12 the lights are so far apart between Monroe
13 Avenue and Blakely Street. So people get
14 going. I myself, you know, get going up that
15 corridor. And I just think, you know, with all
16 the traffic on Clay Avenue and the bus stop on
17 Webster, like, if we just had a couple of these
18 things. Not stop -- not stopping traffic but
19 stopping if people need to cross.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: Where would you
21 suggest the crosswalk so Mr. Judge and I are on
22 the same page?

23 MS. BRIER: Like on Clay Avenue, you
24 know, across Green Ridge Street on Clay Ave.

25 MR. HALLINAN: I thought we had them

1 there before.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: I thought there was.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: There was one there.

4 MAYOR BURKE: It might be the same
5 person that called you. Somebody called me
6 about that two years ago right there on Clay --
7 or Quincy.

8 MS. BRIER: Yeah, Quincy. I don't
9 think Clay has one.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Well, Quincy has one
11 and they have a crossing guard.

12 MS. BRIER: And Quincy is good
13 because that's a school, you know, the school
14 is on Quincy Avenue. There is nothing on Clay
15 and there is nothing on Webster.

16 MR. RUGGIERO: So Clay and Webster
17 off of Green Ridge.

18 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Judge and I will
20 go tomorrow to take a look at it.

21 MS. BRIER: Oh, thanks. And if we
22 can -- how do you even -- what, do we have to
23 contact PennDOT?

24 MR. HALLINAN: Yes, you would
25 contact PennDOT, the district office in

1 Dunmore. They probably would want to do a
2 school route study. There would be, you know,
3 I mean, they would throw it back on us because
4 the speed limit if I'm not mistaken is 25 miles
5 an hour.

6 So they would tell you it's an
7 enforcement problem. That's your problem. So,
8 I mean, there is a lot of different dynamics.
9 Even the school district's involved -- again,
10 maybe that is something we can look at. I
11 don't know who the people are if they would be,
12 you know, able to go to another stop.

13 I understand what you're saying.
14 Green Ridge Street is a speed way. It's
15 insane. And, you know, again, that's our
16 fault.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: Janet, would you want
18 a light there?

19 MS. BRIER: I'm just thinking like
20 Mulberry Street. Mulberry has long areas
21 between lights, you know, just like Green Ridge
22 Street does there. And, I mean, I am seriously
23 worried that someone is going to be taken out
24 there just because that -- you see it every day
25 the traffic there from Henry's now Tommy -- or

1 Mike Kelly is opening the bar.

2 You know, so that down there right
3 at that spot at the 17 of Clay and Green Ridge,
4 that's bumping. Now it's bumping until 3,
5 it's going to be bumping until three in the
6 morning.

7 So I'm just worried that someone is
8 going to get picked off there and then the
9 school bus stopping at Webster -- North Webster
10 Avenue there on the 17 of North Webster. I
11 don't know. I just think -- I have no idea how
12 to contact the state.

13 MR. HALLINAN: They are on the 17 of
14 North Webster?

15 MS. BRIER: That's where the bus
16 stop -- that's what this woman told me.

17 MR. HALLINAN: They're there with
18 West Drinker Street. Green Ridge is between
19 the 15 and 16.

20 MS. BRIER: Oh, I'm sorry the 16 --
21 the 16 of north --

22 MR. HALLINAN: Even for a traffic
23 light, you would have to ask PennDOT to come in
24 and do a study about a traffic light. I think
25 right now we should ask the Chief if you don't

1 mind, Mr. Dempsey, me -- place some cars out
2 there. Enradd -- we bought Enradd if we need
3 people to run it.

4 We have the devices and the tools
5 and the officers to do things to slow people
6 down.

7 MS. BRIER: What's Enradd?

8 MR. HALLINAN: It's a radar that
9 we're allowed to use in the Borough.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: It's a speed
11 detection.

12 MS. BRIER: Even if we can have them
13 there at the beginning and end of the school
14 day.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah.

16 MR. HALLINAN: Mayor, you could ask
17 the Chief -- you're in charge of the Chief.
18 Ask them to start enforcing --

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Judge and I will
20 go out tomorrow. And if the Mayor could talk
21 to the Chief regarding maybe some kind of
22 regulatory deterrence like what you just spoke
23 Enradd, that would be great.

24 MAYOR BURKE: So the worst time,
25 Janet, is for school time then?

1 MS. BRIER: Yeah, and then down on
2 Clay though, that's all day. And that is -- I
3 mean, it's crazy there.

4 MAYOR BURKE: Mayor, I believe you.

5 MS. BRIER: And then, you know, I
6 hate to even say this, but that 1600 block of
7 Clay Avenue should be one way.

8 MR. HALLINAN: We can have an
9 engineer look at a study.

10 MS. BRIER: Just because it's so
11 congested there. I mean, I feel sorry for the
12 homeowners like Tommy and Sandy and people like
13 that who -- I don't know how they even get in
14 and out of their own house.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: Our DPW did paint in
16 front of a lot of driveways on that block no
17 parking.

18 MS. BRIER: And they did. And
19 there's a sign like here to corner. So they
20 stopped parking, you know, like right on the
21 edge because people couldn't even see up and
22 down Green Ridge Street.

23 So people did stop parking there. I
24 just think -- I mean, it's great. It's great
25 to have these businesses flourishing. But we

1 just need to -- I'm worried about the little
2 kids truthfully.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. We'll take a
4 look. Contact PennDOT and see what you could
5 find.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: We will. And Mr.
7 Judge and I will go out and contact PennDOT and
8 the Mayor will talk to the Chief.

9 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Anything else, Mrs.
11 Brier?

12 MS. BRIER: That's all I have.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: I don't have anything
15 tonight. So I will look for a motion to
16 adjourn.

17 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
18 motion.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

20 MR. AMICO: Second.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?

22 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: 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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