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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, August 9th, 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

MICHAEL DEMPSEY

THOMAS HALLINAN

ELIZABETH ZANGARDI

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KATHERINE OVEN

MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 ATTY. PERRY: Roll call. Mrs.

4 McDonald Zangardi.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

6 ATTY. PERRY: Mr. O'Malley.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

8 ATTY. PERRY: Mr. Dempsey.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

10 ATTY. PERRY: Mr. Amico.

11 MR. AMICO: Here.

12 ATTY. PERRY: Mrs. Brier.

13 MS. BRIER: Here.

14 ATTY. PERRY: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

15 MS. OVEN: Here.

16 ATTY. PERRY: Mr. Hallinan.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

18 ATTY. PERRY: Number three, public

19 comment on agenda items.

20 MR. AMICO: Does anyone have any  
21 comment on agenda items only, please?

22 MS. IEZZI: I do. Can I speak or do  
23 I have to wait until the end?

24 MR. AMICO: If it's on the agenda  
25 you can.

1 MS. IEZZI: Okay. I don't want to  
2 bore you with the long details of my concern  
3 because -- Renee Iezzi. I live at 1434 College  
4 Avenue. I've been a resident of Dunmore for my  
5 entire life, 35 years.

6 Anyway, I don't have to tell you how  
7 great this community is, okay. You look around  
8 our buildings are beautiful, our schools are  
9 beautiful, our parks, our athletic fields. And  
10 I would be remiss if I didn't have to say that  
11 our roads are disheartening to say the least.

12 And I've been watching because I'm  
13 like Mrs. Kravitz, I watch everything that goes  
14 on. I know what houses are being sold. I know  
15 what roads are being paved, why they're being  
16 paved. So my question is Prescott Street, is a  
17 true embarrassment to us because we have that  
18 gorgeous field, Schautz Stadium.

19 And we have to travel like Cambodia  
20 up that road. And I'm going to tell you I have  
21 to travel that at least six to eight times a  
22 day because my son has athletic things to do.  
23 And he goes to that Grove Street gym. So I  
24 know the road well. There is no negotiating  
25 that road, okay, safety concern, vehicle

1 concern.

2 St. Joe's, the road behind St.  
3 Joe's, it's a just a little patch; but it is  
4 nonnegotiable. We have drivers, Marywood  
5 drivers who can't drive as it is. But now they  
6 have to negotiate this road. And if you go up  
7 it, there's woods on one side and then there's  
8 a building on the other side. You can't go  
9 anywhere. I'm surprised there hasn't been a  
10 lot of accidents.

11 So my concerns are those heavily  
12 travelled roads, what are we going to do about  
13 them? I know we have a budget. And I just  
14 haven't seen any roads being paved other than  
15 the ones like Chestnut, Grove Street where the  
16 utilities had to pave those roads because of  
17 repairs.

18 MR. AMICO: We're going to be voting  
19 on approving a paving project this evening.  
20 Some of the roads you mentioned are on that,  
21 some are not. We did hire a contractor last  
22 year that was willing going to pave Prescott --

23 MS. IEZZI: Prescott.

24 MR. AMICO: -- who backed out. So  
25 that has to be reput out. But as far as

1           Jefferson is going to be patched. That --  
2           where the stretch of Jefferson --

3                   MS. IEZZI: They were putting  
4           pothole patches and that doesn't work.

5                   MR. AMICO: Correct. We're going to  
6           have a contractor square that away.

7                   MS. IEZZI: So we are going to do  
8           the projects this year?

9                   MR. AMICO: Yes. Well, I'm not  
10          going to say that. We're going to approve it  
11          this evening. Then we're at the behest of the  
12          contractor as to when they could get it done.  
13          I don't know what their schedule is.

14                   MS. IEZZI: So if we don't get it  
15          done this year will we have the budget the same  
16          for next year? Do we not have a budget every  
17          year for --

18                   MR. AMICO: Right. We have the  
19          money set aside for a paving project, yes.

20                   MS. IEZZI: Okay, just I haven't  
21          seen any roads being paved. I know COVID was a  
22          big deal.

23                   MR. AMICO: We just received a  
24          package from three contractors. It was put out  
25          to bid. We just received a package in the

1 beginning of July. We have to go through the  
2 process of voting on it this evening and then  
3 we're on their schedule.

4 MS. IEZZI: So we do have a budget  
5 every year for paving.

6 MR. AMICO: Yes.

7 MS. BRIER: Do you have this, Renee?

8 MS. IEZZI: I do. I have it here.  
9 But what I was saying is that I really haven't  
10 seen any paving so I was wondering why.

11 MR. AMICO: That's the reason.

12 MS. IEZZI: Okay. Thank you. Thank  
13 you very much.

14 MR. AMICO: Anyone else from the  
15 public have anything to speak on? Please.

16 MS. ACCULTO: My name is Joan  
17 Acculto. I live on East Elm Street in Dunmore.  
18 It was brought to my attention about two weeks  
19 ago the corner of San Cataldo and the corner of  
20 Elm there was a hole in the road in --

21 MR. AMICO: Ma'am, this part of the  
22 meeting is agenda items. Can you revisit this  
23 in --

24 MS. ACCULTO: When?

25 MR. AMICO: Tonight. I'll let -- in

1 five minutes. I'll let you know. Thank you.  
2 Anybody else on agenda items only right now?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. AMICO: Seeing none.

5 ATTY. PERRY: Number four, motion to  
6 approve the minutes.

7 MS. BRIER: I'll make the motion.

8 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I  
9 have a second?

10 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

11 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
12 second. Anyone on the question?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. AMICO: All those in favor of  
15 approving the minutes?

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

20 ATTY. PERRY: Number five, motion to  
21 approve and pay the open bills.

22 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
23 to approve and pay the open bills.

24 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that  
25 motion.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

2 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
3 second. Anyone on the question?

4 (Seeing none.)

5 MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

6 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

10 ATTY. PERRY: Number six, a motion  
11 to award the 2022 paving contract to  
12 PennsySupply, the lowest sealed bidder not to  
13 exceed the price of \$1,490,851. Borough  
14 Council reserves the right to remove, replace,  
15 and/or amend any of the identified locations  
16 throughout the Borough and to authorize the  
17 Borough Engineer to issue appropriate notices.

18 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
19 to approve the paving contract to PennsySupply.

20 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that  
21 motion.

22 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I  
23 have a second?

24 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

25 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a



1 second. And on the question I'll just go to  
2 this real quick. Kind of as a review as to  
3 what we spoke of a few seconds ago, we do have  
4 a list of roads that are going to be paved and  
5 I'll just read them real quickly:

6 Electric Street, which will be from  
7 Jefferson to Quincy Avenue;

8 The 600 block of Ward Street, which  
9 is Jessup Avenue to Sherwood;

10 The 600 block of Delaware, which is  
11 Monroe to Quincy -- I'm sorry, 1600 block of  
12 Delaware which is Monroe to Quincy;

13 West Grove Street from Monroe Avenue  
14 to Blakely Street;

15 West Drinker Street from North  
16 Webster into North South Blakely Street;

17 Prospect Street from Millennium to  
18 East Drinker Street;

19 Allen Street, which is from Jessup  
20 Avenue to Drinker Street;

21 Shoemaker Street, which is  
22 essentially just a block long so the entirety  
23 of Shoemaker Street;

24 The 1500 block of Madison, which is  
25 Green Ridge to Marion;

1                   The 1600 block of North Webster,  
2                   which is Delaware to Green Ridge;

3                   Mill Street, which is Wheeler Avenue  
4                   to Burke Street; and they are the ones that  
5                   will be paved. We also have a pretty extensive  
6                   list of roads that are going to be patched.  
7                   And some of our --

8                   MS. IEZZI: Prescott, not on the  
9                   list.

10                  MR. AMICO: I realize that. I  
11                  addressed that. I said we had a contractor.  
12                  This is the list that went out to bid. We did  
13                  have a contractor that was going to take care  
14                  of Prospect. They backed out. So we have  
15                  to -- we can't just give to somebody. We have  
16                  to re -- we have to put it back out to bid.

17                  There's a threshold as to what we  
18                  can legally give to somebody without it going  
19                  out to bid.

20                  MS. IEZZI: I was curious why they  
21                  would have been not on the list.

22                  MS. BRIER: We know it's so  
23                  horrible. We know that.

24                  MR. AMICO: That road -- again, when  
25                  this list went out, we had a contractor that

1 was going to take care of it. That contractor  
2 got busy working somewhere else. He took a  
3 pretty substantial project on. So he told us I  
4 don't have the time to do your project. So we  
5 have to reup it out.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Mick, can you -- do  
7 you know instead of reupping it out can we  
8 just -- since the contractor backed out, can we  
9 just give it to the second contractor that --  
10 the second lowest threshold --

11 ATTY. PERRY: Yeah, we could.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: See if he could do it  
13 for the price of the lowest?

14 ATTY. PERRY: Yeah, absolutely.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: I think they were  
16 pretty close. That way we don't have to bid it  
17 out. We could just take the next guy and  
18 hopefully he could get it done. I'm at Schautz  
19 every day because I manage the field and I  
20 drive up it every day.

21 MS. IEZZI: It's a beautiful place  
22 and, you know, it's just people coming from the  
23 outside looking --

24 MS. BRIER: You can't even bring a  
25 bus up.

1 MS. IEZZI: I think that that should  
2 have been one of the ones that was a major, you  
3 know, take a few out.

4 MS. BRIER: They were before this  
5 list. It was there, Renee.

6 MR. AMICO: It was.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm assuming there's a  
8 record up there whoever the second highest  
9 bidder was -- assuming there is a record up  
10 there.

11 ATTY. PERRY: We could definitely do  
12 that.

13 MS. IEZZI: Thank you. I appreciate  
14 it.

15 MR. AMICO: Anyone else on the  
16 question?

17 MR. HALLINAN: On the question, Mr.  
18 Amico, I just want to make sure the paving that  
19 is done just from past experience, I don't want  
20 to see anything being paved like in the end of  
21 November, you know, so I don't know if we could  
22 put something to it that they would -- a finish  
23 date on this contract like maybe we could say  
24 October 31st or something like that.

25 It does even snow in October and

1           once we hit November, you never know what you  
2           are going to get weatherwise. And once you  
3           start trying to pave in the cold weather,  
4           you're not going to have the same product.

5                     MR. AMICO: Okay. That's no  
6           problem.

7                     MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

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

10                    (No response.)

11                    MR. AMICO: Seeing none, all those  
12           in favor say aye.

13                    ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14                    MR. AMICO: Opposed?

15                    (No response.)

16                    MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

17                    ATTY. PERRY: Number seven, motion  
18           to award Linde Corporation, the lowest sealed  
19           bidder not to exceed the bid price of \$140,600,  
20           the Swinick Stormwater Management Project.  
21           Borough Council has received notice of funding  
22           to subsidize approximately 50 percent of the  
23           cost. When directed to proceed by the awarding  
24           entity, Borough Council authorizes the Borough  
25           Engineer to issue appropriate notices.

1 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
2 to award Linde Corporation the Swinick  
3 Stormwater Management Project.

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

6 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

8 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
9 second. On the question, I just -- to try to  
10 give you an idea as to where the project is  
11 taking place. Sort of right behind the YMCA's  
12 property at the bottom of the Swinick  
13 Development there's -- I'd say there's a low  
14 spot.

15 And the people in that neighborhood  
16 are getting -- they get a lot of water damage  
17 when we have storms. So we received some money  
18 from the state to take care of this project.  
19 And we're just awaiting -- we're just basically  
20 awaiting on the funding. Once we get the  
21 funding we should be able to move forward and  
22 again, try to alleviate the stormwater problem  
23 in the bottom of Swinick Development. Anyone  
24 else on the question?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

6 ATTY. PERRY: Number eight,  
7 personnel matters, appoint the following  
8 part-time firefighters per Chief's  
9 request/recommendation: Brandon Betley, Eric  
10 McLain.

11 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
12 to approve two part-time firefighters hiring.

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

14 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I  
15 have a second.

16 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll second.

17 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
18 second. Again, this is just hiring more  
19 part-time firefighters which we can always use  
20 especially this time of year. These two  
21 individuals were vetted by Chief DeNaples and  
22 did a background check on and we're just going  
23 to move forward with putting some more  
24 part-timers on our shift. All those in favor?

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

4 ATTY. PERRY: Number nine, Treasurer  
5 Report, Mr. Burton.

6 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.  
7 There's a brief analysis for July's profit and  
8 loss. Our net income for the month of July was  
9 \$598,238 bringing our net income year-to-date  
10 to 2.3 million dollars. That was driven mostly  
11 in July by two factors, our surplus -- our  
12 medical surplus distribution, our first of two  
13 installments of \$436,000.

14 We expect another one sometime in  
15 October or November of that same amount. And  
16 second quarter 2022 landfill fees, \$801,000.  
17 As far as expenses were concerned, there was  
18 just standard monthly expenses with the  
19 exception of our partial MM0 payment of  
20 \$60,000.

21 And as I said, real estate tax  
22 revenues we're at about 92 percent collection  
23 rate through July. And expensewise, it was  
24 just a pretty standard month. That's about it.

25 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mark.



1 MS. OVEN: Thanks, Mark.

2 ATTY. PERRY: Number 10, Municipal  
3 Administration, Mr. Kearney.

4 MR. KEARNEY: These past several  
5 weeks at the DCC we've continued hosting  
6 parties and the occasional court rental.  
7 Summer program has been here along with the St.  
8 Anthony's and Sherwood parks. First several  
9 weeks we were averaging between 120 to 150  
10 children at the three parks daily.

11 But as the summer's gone on our  
12 numbers have come down a bit which usually  
13 happens every year, you know, they go on  
14 vacation and stuff like that or they get tired  
15 of it. This past Friday we hosted All Parks  
16 Day here with games and activities for all the  
17 parks along with pizza and ice cream and drinks  
18 for the children.

19 I'd like to especially thank  
20 Councilman Hallinan who has gone out of his way  
21 to round up sponsors for each Friday's pizza  
22 and this past Friday's ice cream and drinks.  
23 Fidelity Bank provided the ice cream truck.

24 Councilman Dempsey sponsored a  
25 Friday several weeks, so a special thanks to

1 him. We'll be wrapping this program up this  
2 Friday. A special thanks to Pat Judge and the  
3 DPW for the quick removal and cleanup of the  
4 fallen tree the morning of All Parks Day.

5 A tree came down up by the little  
6 league. And I noticed the tree down. At  
7 6:10 a.m., called Pat and by 9 a.m. the tree  
8 was gone and the area was cleaned up. That  
9 could have been a real problem for All Parks  
10 Day. So thanks to all of those guys. They did  
11 a heck of a job. And at the end of the month,  
12 August 29th, we have the gym floor refinished  
13 scheduled with an anticipating reopening  
14 Friday, September 2nd, okay?

15 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chris.

16 ATTY. PERRY: Mr. Lorince.

17 MR. AMICO: He's not here this  
18 evening.

19 ATTY. PERRY: Mr. Judge.

20 MR. JUDGE: According to the --  
21 well, we're doing a lot of patching, a lot of  
22 trying to keep up with these roads. The roads  
23 are a mess. I'll give you that. And this  
24 woman here, you were going to ask about the two  
25 holes that opened up on the corner, those

1 basins are blown right out.

2 What's happening is the water is  
3 getting in washing the road -- I think that's  
4 all washed out there. Now, I had them up there  
5 again today. We filled them with stone and  
6 topped it with cold patch just to see how it  
7 would go, but they keep going right down. I  
8 think that whole area is washed out. Both of  
9 those basins are shot.

10 MS. ACCULTO: Both basins?

11 MR. JUDGE: Yeah, inside -- inside  
12 the basins the walls are blown out.

13 MR. HALLINAN: If you don't mind me  
14 talking, I talked to Joe Lorince today. They  
15 did fill it up. And if it does sink again,  
16 he's going to be in touch with either the sewer  
17 or the water company to see whose problem it  
18 might be. There's a catch basin about not even  
19 10 feet away from that hole.

20 So if that keeps sinking down, there  
21 has to be an undermine somewhere. He already  
22 checked with the mining -- Pennsylvania mining  
23 or whoever and they said it's not their issue.  
24 So he's going to check with the water company  
25 or the sewer company.

1 MS. ACCULTO: So you want me to  
2 check with the water --

3 MR. HALLINAN: No, no, we will check  
4 on that. You don't have to do any footwork.  
5 We'll take care of that for you, okay?

6 MS. ACCULTO: All right.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. I hope we  
8 answered your question.

9 MS. ACCULTO: They would listen to  
10 you anyway before they would listen to me.

11 MR. HALLINAN: I know a guy who  
12 could write a letter and he would have it taken  
13 care of. But thank you. I hope that answers  
14 your question.

15 MS. ACCULTO: Okay. Thank you very  
16 much.

17 MR. JUDGE: Besides the patching and  
18 the curbing, we put 40-some curbs in in the  
19 last two weeks. I know the roads are a mess.  
20 If you get a bad spot, call. That's the best I  
21 could tell you. They need to be paved. They  
22 need to be paved.

23 MS. BRIER: Didge, can you give us a  
24 list of those 40 curbs?

25 MR. JUDGE: Sure. In fact, the

1 list -- I have a list. And I think they keep a  
2 list up at the Borough Building.

3 MS. BRIER: Who is they?

4 MR. JUDGE: Jean. She'll have a  
5 list too. She usually copies a list and gives  
6 it to me. She takes those calls. And other  
7 than that, that's it.

8 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Didge.

9 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

11 ATTY. PERRY: Chief Marchese.

12 MR. AMICO: Not here.

13 ATTY. PERRY: Chief DeNaples.

14 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening. This  
15 month is kind of a quiet month. The only major  
16 expenditures or somewhat major expenditures we  
17 have is on the rescue truck. One of the  
18 operating screens went bad. Some of them parts  
19 and the programing for them are obsolete.

20 So we had to get another way to  
21 program that. So that price is still being  
22 worked up by American Fire Services. On the  
23 American LaFrance truck which is 1999, they  
24 stopped producing them quite a while ago. So a  
25 lot of the parts for them are very hard to get.

1                   So we're trying to find a shroud for  
2                   the steering column, the back and front of the  
3                   interior, that price is also being worked up  
4                   because it's kind of hard to locate that part.

5                   The rest of the expenditures are  
6                   minor, just normal things, state inspections  
7                   for some vehicles and that. As of the time of  
8                   this report we have 194 hours of overtime for  
9                   the month of August projected. That could vary  
10                  a little bit with call-offs. That may go up a  
11                  little bit.

12                  We have one firefighter off since  
13                  July with COVID and another one just went off.  
14                  So the minimum is a 7-day period on that. So  
15                  that may vary a little bit. The only scheduled  
16                  upcoming events for the month of August we have  
17                  to participate in the National Night Out  
18                  tomorrow night at the school complex. That's  
19                  pretty much the whole report if there is no  
20                  questions.

21                  MS. BRIER: How many calls did you  
22                  get this month?

23                  CHIEF DENAPLES: This month we're at  
24                  approximately 120 calls. I believe that was up  
25                  to this point.

1 MS. BRIER: Thanks.

2 MR. HALLINAN: The part-time  
3 hires --

4 CHIEF DENAPLES: There's a couple  
5 part-timers that moved onto other full-time  
6 jobs, weren't able to put in a lot of time  
7 because of new full-time positions. So this  
8 will help out because these people tend to have  
9 more availability from what they told us.

10 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

11 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chief.

12 ATTY. PERRY: Number 11, public  
13 comment.

14 MR. AMICO: Would anybody from the  
15 public like to comment to Council this evening?  
16 Gary, you can start.

17 MR. DUNCAN: 117 Barton Street.  
18 Good evening, Council. I'll be quick and I  
19 really will be. I know everybody saw the  
20 editorial, the op-ed that was in the Scranton  
21 Times this past Friday. I know Pat Clark is  
22 here and some other folks are. So I don't want  
23 to -- I know you've got a lot to probably say,  
24 but just a few easy things to remember.

25 I hope we'll take a vote on it. I'm

1           sure we will. I hope it will be a unanimous  
2           vote, no peer pressure. But of importance to  
3           me is, if we don't realize it but I'll just  
4           announce it. The Pennsylvania House of  
5           Representatives, they're home now. They don't  
6           return. They are not back in session until  
7           September the 12th, 13th, and 14th.

8                         Pennsylvania Senate returns  
9           September the 19th, 20th, and the 21st. I  
10          think it's great that the Scranton Times in  
11          their op-ed wants Dunmore and Throop to take a  
12          look at this. But I can't help but put on the  
13          television already and see commercials for  
14          candidates that would like our vote for office.

15                        We have a commissioner who is from  
16          Dunmore. We have two other commissioners. So  
17          I certainly hope that we've reached out to your  
18          three county commissioners and asked them for  
19          their input because it's an important issue. I  
20          hope we've reached out to U.S. Representative  
21          Matt Cartwright. I think I see his commercials  
22          at least three or four times an evening.

23                        He's got a beautiful green  
24          neckerchief on and he's talking about things.  
25          And environmentally related, I would like if we



1           could reach out to Senator Cartwright as --  
2           Representative Cartwright as well as the U.S.  
3           Senator Casey. All of those folks are home  
4           now.

5                                 Representatives Mullins,  
6           Kosierowski, Welby, they're all home now. This  
7           is a golden opportunity for us to reach out and  
8           communicate with all of them as well as to what  
9           our concerns are. The Scranton Times op-ed  
10          pointed it out very clearly. You know, it goes  
11          from the little Roaring Brook to the Lackawanna  
12          to the Susquehanna to the Chesapeake.  
13          Chesapeake is the major tributary. Susquehanna  
14          is the largest feeder into the Susquehanna  
15          River.

16                                 I'm sure everybody knows that. But  
17          what comes out the Roaring Brook is going to  
18          adversely affect everything. If you're a  
19          fisherman, the Lackawanna County -- the  
20          Lackawanna River is actually rated as one of  
21          the 100 top trout streams in America. So the  
22          perspective when I read this and I looked at it  
23          I think about the damage that would be done  
24          with the volume that they want to put into the  
25          river on a daily basis seven days a week.

1 I don't want to beat a dead horse.  
2 Pat, I'm sure you want to get up. And I'm sure  
3 there is others here as well. But I just want  
4 to reach out to everybody on Council and point  
5 out that we have folks that are home. They are  
6 not in session, the Pennsylvania House of Reps  
7 and the Pennsylvania -- Marty Flynn lives in  
8 Dunmore now. Let's reach out to everybody and  
9 ask them to jump on board with this. Thank  
10 you.

11 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Gary.

12 MS. OVEN: Thanks, Gary.

13 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

14 MR. AMICO: Pat.

15 MR. CLARK: Pat Clark, Jefferson  
16 Avenue, Dunmore. To echo what Gary is saying,  
17 a couple points on the leachate plan. So for  
18 those that are not aware, the landfill has  
19 requested to send 200,000 gallons of pretreated  
20 leachate per day into the Roaring Brook.

21 I'm not here to opine on the  
22 technology behind reverse osmosis or what that  
23 is. That's not why I'm here today. I want to  
24 do two things, one, go through the landfill's  
25 history on leachate and ground water management

1 specifically; and then two, why it should not  
2 be left up to the DEP.

3 I went through the filings of the  
4 landfill and the notice of violation and their  
5 communications with the DEP since they filed  
6 for this expansion. In 2016 they got their  
7 first notice of violation. That was  
8 representative of the 13 year continuous ground  
9 water contamination problem.

10 Later that year they were cited for  
11 a 13,500 gallon leachate overflow problem and  
12 then a subsequent issue of \$7,000 of  
13 (inaudible) spill. In September of 2018, they  
14 were cited again with a notice of violation for  
15 a leachate storage problem. They can't exceed  
16 a certain percentage of their lagoons onsite  
17 and they continued to have done that.

18 In September of 2020 when the DEP  
19 was going back and forth with them of the Phase  
20 III expansion application, the DEP came back  
21 and said -- let me read it for you. "Annual  
22 leachate volumes seems underestimated. KSL  
23 estimates 13,572,722 gallons of leachate per  
24 year."

25 And then it goes onto say by

1           calculations -- this is the DEP. "The total  
2           for the period of July 1st, 2018 through June  
3           30th, 2019, is approximately 73 million  
4           gallons." So 73 million gallons of leachate is  
5           estimated produced at that landfill.

6                        I don't know if it's coincidence or  
7           not, but if you multiply 200,000 gallons a day  
8           times 365 days, it actually is exactly 73  
9           million gallons. DEP goes onto say, "It could  
10          be expected the site would generate more  
11          leachate with and during the expansion." So  
12          that is September, 2020 with all eyes on them.

13                       And then September -- or April,  
14          2022, they got another leachate storage  
15          violation issued by the DEP. There have been  
16          continuous and nonstop violations from the  
17          minute they filed this application for  
18          expansion up and through as recently as April.  
19          So can they control their leachate? I think  
20          the answer is no.

21                       Should the DEP be the one that would  
22          be in charge of monitoring it? That is a  
23          question too which is what they're proposing  
24          here. Obviously my personal stance and our  
25          organization's stance about this expansion is

1 well known and against it.

2 But this is what the environmental  
3 hearing board had to say about the DEP and its  
4 monitoring of the Keystone Landfill. The DEP  
5 has not quote, consistently exercised vigorous  
6 oversight at the landfill consistent with its  
7 regulatory and constitution responsibilities  
8 with just as much concern about the rights of  
9 the landfill's neighbor as it does for the  
10 rights of the landfill.

11 The biggest deficiency with the  
12 department's review of keystone's compliance  
13 history is that it relies almost exclusively on  
14 recorded violations, yet the department almost  
15 never records any violations at the Keystone  
16 even if they undeniably occur.

17 So you have a history since people  
18 started paying attention, nonstop of violations  
19 of leachate problems. These are only what have  
20 been recorded and are on the list. Surely  
21 there have been more. You have a DEP who by  
22 the authority that oversees them says they  
23 don't do a good job of monitoring this specific  
24 landfill.

25 This is not the start for this

1 landfill. This is their first ask. They will  
2 produce more and they will ask for more. If  
3 the pattern hasn't been recognized yet, the  
4 landfill asks for two and accepts one. Right,  
5 they wanted to send leachate into two rivers,  
6 now they're only doing one.

7 The wanted to build it X-feet high  
8 and knocked it down. That's their motto,  
9 right? It's like a little kid asking for  
10 dessert. You want two. We give them one. I'm  
11 not here to opine or give opinions on the  
12 technology behind reverse osmosis or whether or  
13 not that is a good thing for anyone.

14 I am here to make sure that the  
15 Council is aware of the leachate management  
16 history problems, continued violations and then  
17 the independent authority of Environmental  
18 Hearing Board's stance on whether or not our  
19 DEP is doing a good job of monitoring that  
20 landfill or protecting it or protecting its  
21 citizens. Thank you.

22 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Anybody  
23 else? Sir?

24 MR. EVANGELISTA: John Evangelista,  
25 Elmhurst Boulevard. Good evening, Council.

1 Nice to see that we're starting to get the  
2 bottom of Elmhurst Boulevard done. It's nice  
3 to see. I guess my concern is where we are  
4 with the rest of Elmhurst Boulevard. We went,  
5 like, two weeks with no rain. The water is  
6 nonstop. This is a picture I took just this  
7 morning from my driveway that I can't get in or  
8 out of my driveway with potholes everywhere.

9 Can't stand down at the bottom of my  
10 driveway to get my mail, afraid somebody is  
11 going to run by and hit the hole and splash all  
12 that dirt up into my driveway. I'm getting  
13 concerned because I don't want to look at a  
14 foot and a half of ice again this winter.

15 I have a pond on the right of me  
16 probably 6, 8 inches. I got mosquitoes this  
17 big. I'm wondering where we are with this  
18 process and what's the plan because we're into  
19 August now.

20 MR. AMICO: Sir, as I mentioned last  
21 month and we're working on getting that  
22 mountain squared away. Again, we started off  
23 with trying to make the road passable which is  
24 where we're at now on the bottom. And then we  
25 did ask -- I'm not going to name names. But we

1 did ask one of your neighbors for access to  
2 their property so we can get rid of the water  
3 that I'm assuming you're talking about now and  
4 we were denied.

5 So we had to revisit and reengineer  
6 a plan. That should be taking place into the  
7 near future. Actually taking care of the water  
8 where you are.

9 MR. EVANGELISTA: You think before  
10 the winter?

11 MR. AMICO: I'm hoping before the  
12 winter. I don't want to go through another  
13 winter.

14 MR. EVANGELISTA: I don't either. I  
15 guess in the meantime, what do I do to get in  
16 and out of my driveway that I'm not hitting  
17 potholes like this? The cold patch they are  
18 putting down is not working.

19 MR. AMICO: I don't know exactly  
20 where your property is.

21 MR. EVANGELISTA: That's a picture  
22 right there.

23 MR. AMICO: I know that; but I'd  
24 have to -- Didge, do you know where this  
25 gentleman is speaking of? Is there anything



1                   that we could do temporarily to give him --

2                   MR. JUDGE: There's always water  
3 there.

4                   MR. EVANGELISTA: In the meantime,  
5 what do I do about big mosquitos that I can't  
6 be in my front or sit out back? The water is  
7 this deep on the side and in front of my house.

8                   MR. HALLINAN: -- might have  
9 mosquito spray.

10                  MR. AMICO: We'll look into what Mr.  
11 Hallinan said.

12                  MR. EVANGELISTA: Okay. I just  
13 wanted to know where we were with the project.  
14 But my main concern is with those potholes, I  
15 got a lot of bike riders that come down. So  
16 what if one of them just decides to dodge  
17 around a pothole, boom, goes flying into my  
18 property. Who is responsible for that? I'm  
19 just curious.

20                  MR. AMICO: I don't have an answer  
21 for that. I don't. I'm not going to pretend I  
22 have an answer.

23                  MS. BRIER: They are paving the  
24 bottom.

25                  MR. EVANGELISTA: Paving the bottom.

1 This is up I'd say about a tenth of a while.

2 MR. AMICO: But I will say like I  
3 said last month, it's a multistage project.

4 MR. EVANGELISTA: I know that. I  
5 mean, just in the meantime, I would like to get  
6 in and out of my driveway without sinking down  
7 my \$50,000 vehicle plus my tax increase that  
8 went up.

9 MR. AMICO: We didn't raise your  
10 taxes. Your school taxes might have gone up.

11 MR. EVANGELISTA: That is just  
12 basically --

13 MR. AMICO: If I do -- I do want to  
14 say this. If I remember correctly, last month  
15 you were asking about the road on the -- us  
16 filling in the road.

17 MR. EVANGELISTA: Now I'm asking  
18 about -- this is two --

19 MR. AMICO: I realize that. But  
20 we're doing our best.

21 MR. EVANGELISTA: I know you are and  
22 so do the concerned citizens here. And I'm  
23 sure they voice my opinion too that now I think  
24 it needs to become more than a borough issue.  
25 So I'm probably going to start doing some

1           footwork in terms of seeing what I could have  
2           done because we're just not moving fast enough.  
3           I put up with this now for two years. My fear  
4           is somebody falling on my property or trying to  
5           get out of the way or just something and they  
6           are blaming me for this. I mean, I'm not  
7           trying to, like, you know, really -- I'm just  
8           stating --

9                       MS. BRIER: No, it's really  
10           inconvenient.

11                      MR. EVANGELISTA: It really is  
12           inconvenient. The amount of taxes these  
13           individuals pay up there, I pay up there. Me  
14           and my wife are hardworking people. We moved  
15           up into that neighborhood because it's a nice  
16           neighborhood. We work hard. And you know  
17           what, I just look at it and it's decreasing my  
18           property value.

19                      Like, I'm at the point I kind of  
20           want to put my house up for sale. I had  
21           enough. I mean, if this is what it's going to  
22           be. But that's my piece. I'm done. I'm going  
23           home for the night. Thank you.

24                      MR. AMICO: Thank you.

25                      MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

1 MR. ARDUINO: Tom Arduino, 306  
2 Willow Street, Dunmore, Rocco Genovese is the  
3 representative for the County. And he does  
4 West Nile Virus. He lives in Dunmore. He's  
5 very experienced. And I'm sure if you give him  
6 his address you could reach him at McDade Park.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: I have Rocco's phone  
8 number. I will reach out. I'll get his  
9 address from Didge and I'll call Rocco tonight  
10 and forward that address. That's a great idea.

11 MR. ARDUINO: He will definitely be  
12 there.

13 MS. ZANGARDI: Yep. I just saw him  
14 today.

15 MR. AMICO: Thank you, sir. Yes,  
16 sir.

17 MR. JAMES: John James, 4385  
18 Elmhurst Boulevard. I live across the street  
19 from John, the guy that was here. And not only  
20 the mosquitoes and the flooding and the last  
21 rain there was this pungent odor of sewage that  
22 was lofting through the air which is another  
23 problem.

24 And I don't understand why, you  
25 know, you're talking about access, like, there

1 is Christopher Way which is adjacent to my  
2 property. And it -- you could -- it's already  
3 a dedicated street. And it's abandoned. It's  
4 not used. It's a dead end. It's at the Tall  
5 Trees and you could easily get a pipe. I mean,  
6 it's already a right-of-way.

7 I don't understand why that is not  
8 being utilized. It would catch all the  
9 tributary storm runoff down the street, catch  
10 it in a basement -- in a basin, go under the  
11 road and then down Christopher Way in a pipe  
12 and then just down into wherever it goes, I  
13 don't know, down to the creek. I don't  
14 understand why that can't be done.

15 MR. HALLINAN: This is a paper road?

16 MR. JAMES: It's a dedicated.

17 MR. HALLINAN: It's our road.

18 MR. JAMES: It's a city dedicated --

19 MR. HALLINAN: Like, is it all grass  
20 and everything? Was it ever given away? Was  
21 it ever given away? Was it a road but they  
22 never developed it?

23 MR. JAMES: It was a dedicated  
24 street that was never developed. It's  
25 Christopher Way. I mean, that would solve

1 everything. You got to either increase the  
2 size of the sewer pipe -- the sanitary sewer  
3 pipe or you got to get the people uphill from  
4 the sanitary sewer pipe to get their storm  
5 leaders off the -- offline because it's just  
6 overwhelming the -- it's all feces water  
7 flowing like a river down Elmhurst Boulevard.  
8 Thank you.

9 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

10 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

11 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

13 MR. AMICO: Please.

14 MS. O'DONNELL: Hi, Kristen  
15 O'Donnell, 1701 Monroe Avenue. I too am up  
16 here about the article that I saw in the  
17 Scranton Times about the landfill wanting to  
18 dump 200,000 gallons of landfill waste water  
19 leachate into the Roaring Brook which will  
20 eventually end up in the Chesapeake and the  
21 fact that they would be -- the DEP would be  
22 looking for a recommendation from Dunmore as to  
23 whether this should be approved.

24 It should be easy to say no. If  
25 not, then I think there is a couple things that

1 Council should at least consider. You know,  
2 one is that I know the DEP originally looked at  
3 harms and benefits when they -- in my  
4 estimation -- wrongly approved the expansion  
5 because I think there are many harms that it  
6 brings in terms of our health and smell into  
7 our environment here as Dunmoreans.

8 So one of my first questions would  
9 be what is the benefit to Dunmore of saving the  
10 landfill this cost of having to treat the  
11 leachate at the Scranton Sewer Authority? Have  
12 they presented anything like that? I only read  
13 the article in the paper.

14 MS. BRIER: We don't know anything  
15 about this. That's why we're asking for a  
16 public hearing actually.

17 MS. O'DONNELL: Yes, and I think  
18 that would be a question, right, because if  
19 it's not just an easy no or if it needs to be  
20 supported, then I think it's incumbent upon DEP  
21 to have a public hearing and make sure that --  
22 I'm not sure what it could be but any benefit  
23 to Dunmore of making a change like that would  
24 /have to be clear.

25 I think the other thing is that I

1 know the Sewer Authority is very highly  
2 regulated. They are under the US EPA with the  
3 power of the Clean Water Act. And it seems  
4 like this proposed change would just be under  
5 the DEP again to monitor and regulate this  
6 effluent.

7 So again, it seems like that would  
8 be a reason in and of itself to say no. But if  
9 not, the DEP should again be required to have a  
10 public hearing where they're explaining to us  
11 the difference between how a sewer authority is  
12 regulated and how this leachate would be  
13 regulated under the different entities and  
14 whether the requested -- the request is any  
15 less stringent than what it is under the sewer  
16 authority now.

17 And then finally I think this idea  
18 of that reverse osmosis is also important for  
19 the DEP to be able to explain to us again if  
20 it's not a simple no as to how that compares to  
21 what's done in the Sewer Authority.

22 I mean, what are the byproducts of  
23 that? What will be done with the byproducts of  
24 that especially since the landfill takes in  
25 Marcellus shale cuttings and how does that



1 compare again to what a sewer authority would  
2 treat the water and what happens with their  
3 byproducts.

4 So that is -- my request is really  
5 just that it would be an easy no for Council on  
6 behalf of the community here. And if not that,  
7 we could ask that DEP holds a hearing too.

8 MS. BRIER: Well, I think we need to  
9 have a hearing regardless because no one here,  
10 you know, has that type of knowledge. And we  
11 need to be very specific about what we ask and  
12 hold them to a higher standard than we have in  
13 the past because it is going into the  
14 Lackawanna River, the Susquehanna River, the  
15 Chesapeake Bay.

16 There are as you said, waste  
17 products from the fracking industry that have  
18 known carcinogens in them such as radium. So  
19 we're also very, very concerned. And we have a  
20 lot of questions because honestly we haven't  
21 received much information.

22 MS. O'DONNELL: And in the big  
23 picture, I'm not sure what benefit we get from  
24 that. I'm not sure why this should be anything  
25 that --

1 MS. BRIER: What I would like to ask  
2 DEP is to have an independent person who is  
3 very, very knowledgeable about this process, an  
4 independent contractor come and speak to us on  
5 the panel because the last time we had the  
6 benefits, you know, we had the folks from the  
7 landfill telling us how beneficial it was. And  
8 then we had DEP saying I'm not quite sure.

9 When we'd ask a question, they  
10 didn't know. They had just come over from  
11 another department, etc. So we didn't have any  
12 independent person who was knowledgeable and  
13 didn't have any skin in the game to tell us  
14 what exactly is going on. We have no idea.

15 This is a major industry,  
16 multimillion, probably billion dollar industry.  
17 Here's what you see. We're Dunmore. The  
18 system itself is, you know, horribly skewed  
19 towards industry because they know we can't  
20 afford to fight this in the courts, etc.

21 So we depend on DEP. We need them  
22 to come in and explain to us and pay  
23 somebody -- pay an expert in this area to  
24 explain to us independently, you know, what the  
25 consequences are. That's what I'd like to ask

1 for.

2 MS. O'DONNELL: Thank you. I  
3 appreciate that. Can I get something  
4 completely on a different topic here?

5 MR. AMICO: Sure.

6 MS. O'DONNELL: And, Mr. Dempsey, no  
7 disrespect to you. I'm sure you do a great job  
8 with the --

9 MR. DEMPSEY: I've got pretty thick  
10 skin.

11 MS. O'DONNELL: -- with Schautz.  
12 But I remember once trying to schedule some  
13 time for and thinking it was very strange that  
14 I had to go through a Council member. So I'm  
15 just wondering why Schautz versus some of the  
16 other facilities is managed through a Council  
17 member versus an employee of the borough or an  
18 administrator.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Money savings, time  
20 savings. We don't have a Borough Manager.  
21 We've never hired anybody to run it. Chris  
22 Kearney runs around. He helps out.

23 MS. O'DONNELL: Okay. I just -- it  
24 feels like it would fit to his wheelhouse.  
25 He's a little bit more accessible to the --

1 people of the community who might not be as  
2 connected particularly to the baseball side.  
3 So if he had any time I think that would make  
4 it a little easier for the common person --

5 MR. DEMPSEY: You're more than  
6 welcome to call me anytime.

7 MS. O'DONNELL: I know but it still  
8 seems weird. It's your work. It's your time.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Everybody else does.  
10 DGR is going to be up there.

11 MS. O'DONNELL: I'm just saying  
12 that's how it came across. It seemed like it  
13 would have been more in the wheelhouse --

14 MS. BRIER: You know what's  
15 happening, Kristen, across the board, you know,  
16 Vince spends hours and hours looking at streets  
17 that need to be paved. I'm doing grant work  
18 that is hours and hours. I mean, we don't have  
19 the personnel to do what needs to be done in  
20 the borough.

21 So there are a lot of unseen  
22 hours -- dedicated hours and not, you know,  
23 just patting ourselves on the back. But we  
24 don't have the money to hire a grant writer.  
25 We don't have the money to hire somebody to run

1           Schautz. So, I mean, it's very time consuming  
2           for Mike, you know, and his family. You know,  
3           it is what it is.

4                         We are not a wealthy community. And  
5           we're trying to run these things and to get  
6           money for the community and to pave the  
7           streets, etc., you know, address these water  
8           issues all the time. So we do spend a lot of  
9           time. And this is the -- actually the smallest  
10          amount of time we spend, you know, at the  
11          Council meetings themselves outside of this.

12                        MS. O'DONNELL: And, Janet, I very  
13          much appreciate that. I think for, you know,  
14          the time that you volunteer, like which is much  
15          of what you're doing, to be managing the  
16          weighty issues that you have in Dunmore, we can  
17          all be grateful.

18                        MR. BRIER: Thanks.

19                        MR. AMICO: Thanks.

20                        MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

21                        MR. ARDUINO: Good evening, Council,  
22          John Arduino, Bednar Street, Dunmore. I'm here  
23          to address Council on a property at 502 Jessup  
24          Avenue. In January of 2018, there was a fire  
25          there. It was a garage that burned. Since

1           that time it has gotten -- it's deplorable.  
2           It's totally overgrown, not to mention it's  
3           directly across the street from the Swinick  
4           Development.

5                     If -- I know you guys are busy. If  
6           anybody ever gets a chance to look at, it's  
7           bad.

8                     MR. AMICO: I know the property  
9           you're speaking of.

10                    MR. ARDUINO: This is really bad.  
11           The grass is totally overgrown. I started  
12           calling it the Clampetts because it's like  
13           Ellie May and whoever else may be living there  
14           now, I'm not sure. I checked. The taxes are  
15           paid. Everything is up on it. What does it  
16           take to have this building taken down?

17                    I've talked to Joe Lorince. He's  
18           told me she's under arrest. That means nothing  
19           to me. She's under arrest. So but what's  
20           happening with the building?

21                    MS. OVEN: She's been arrested?

22                    MR. ARDUINO: No, she's under  
23           arrest. There's a warrant for her arrest. In  
24           the event that she is arrested, what happens to  
25           her property? It's still -- now, this is 2018

1 I'm talking about. We're going on four years  
2 and it still looks the same way it did when it  
3 burned. So I'm just asking Council what do we  
4 have to do to move forward to see either this  
5 place taken down, to see this property  
6 improved? It's bad. It's not something -- I  
7 wouldn't even be here if it wasn't.

8 MR. AMICO: No, excuse me, I do know  
9 the property on the hill on the right-hand  
10 side. I know that property. I'll reach out to  
11 Joe when he gets back.

12 MR. ARDUINO: You're wasting your  
13 time. I'm just being honest.

14 MR. AMICO: I know. I understand.

15 MR. ARDUINO: I'm very straight up.  
16 Tripper knows me a long time. I'm very  
17 straight up. This is --

18 MR. AMICO: Do you know what else we  
19 could do to move this forward?

20 ATTY. PERRY: Well, yeah, we could  
21 execute the arrest warrant, number one, would  
22 be the best thing to do. After that, if she  
23 doesn't comply, then we could get an order  
24 allowing the borough to take it down and charge  
25 her whatever it costs to do it.

1 MR. ARDUINO: I mean, isn't there an  
2 ordinance on the books? I'm sure there is.

3 ATTY. PERRY: There is.

4 MR. ARDUINO: But to take four years  
5 for this to happen, this has really gone  
6 over -- and I'm up here because a lot of my  
7 neighbors -- we just had a new family move in  
8 across the street. They don't have time. They  
9 have little kids so I offered. Something has  
10 to be done. It's just -- it's a mess.

11 And I can't believe the people that  
12 live across the street don't complain about it.  
13 If I had to live across the street -- I'm  
14 looking at the back side of it when I go to  
15 work and come home. It's horrible.

16 MS. OVEN: So you first brought this  
17 up in 2018?

18 MR. ARDUINO: No, that's when the  
19 fire happened.

20 MS. OVEN: Okay. And then when did  
21 you first bring it up to Joe?

22 MR. ARDUINO: Two years ago. And I  
23 don't see anything -- they actually put up a  
24 tent. There's bonfires going up all the time.

25 CHIEF DENAPLES: If there's a



1 bonfire going on there, call it in. Call the  
2 Comm Center.

3 MR. ARDUINO: I have.

4 CHIEF DENAPLES: The police or fire  
5 will respond up there, okay?

6 MS. BRIER: 911, Chief?

7 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah, 911.

8 MR. ARDUINO: I'm trying to be a  
9 good neighbor but this is really --

10 MR. AMICO: It's totally  
11 ununderstandable.

12 MR. ARDUINO: So I would appreciate  
13 anything you could do, something just --

14 MR. AMICO: Can I speak with you  
15 after the meeting? I'll get your number and  
16 I'll get you an answer next week or so and I'll  
17 reach out to you if that's okay.

18 MR. ARDUINO: I appreciate it.

19 MR. AMICO: After the meeting I'll  
20 definitely get your information. Thank you.  
21 Appreciate it.

22 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

23 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, John.

24 MR. AMICO: Anybody else?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. AMICO: Seeing none.

2 ATTY. PERRY: Number 12, public  
3 officials.

4 MR. AMICO: Anything?

5 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing.

6 MR. AMICO: Mayor Conway.

7 MAYOR CONWAY: I'm just excited  
8 we're finally getting some paving done soon.  
9 And our National Night Out is tomorrow. And  
10 it's actually not at the school complex. It  
11 will be here starting at 6:00. Hope to see  
12 everybody.

13 MS. BRIER: Is that a change, Max?

14 MAYOR CONWAY: Yes. Normally it's  
15 at the school. But this year it's here.  
16 That's all I have.

17 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mr.  
18 Hallinan.

19 MR. HALLINAN: I have nothing this  
20 evening. Thank you.

21 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mrs. Oven.

22 MS. OVEN: I would like to thank  
23 everyone for coming tonight. There's a lot  
24 issues that we're trying to work on. I just  
25 want to mention that we all drive on these

1 roads and I have blown out tires and knocked a  
2 hitch cover off and pretty much daily get calls  
3 about it. So we're really working on it. We  
4 spend a lot of time trying to figure out the  
5 worst roads and then kind of mitigate the ones  
6 that we can patch to give you guys some relief.  
7 So I appreciate everyone coming. And I  
8 encourage people if there is an issue to please  
9 come.

10 Don't wait two years. Sometimes the  
11 first time we hear stuff is I'll see it on a  
12 Facebook post and someone is complaining. But  
13 we can only help if we know. So please feel  
14 free to reach out. Thank you.

15 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mrs. Brier?

16 MS. BRIER: Yes, it's very  
17 gratifying to see everyone here tonight. And  
18 we can't do this alone. We do need your input.  
19 We do need your knowledge and your concerns.  
20 So I totally appreciate everyone showing up  
21 here tonight and, you know, expressing what  
22 needs to be done.

23 We can't be everywhere. And it's  
24 just good citizenship to show up. And it's  
25 hard. It's hard for folks to take the time and

1 show up. Thank you very, very much.  
2 Appreciate it.

3 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mrs.  
4 Zangardi.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: I wanted to follow up  
6 with Max on the National Night Out. I think  
7 it's starting at Dunmore?

8 MR. DEMPSEY: The parade starts in  
9 Dunmore, the school and goes up Blakely Street,  
10 makes a right on Green Ridge Street and makes a  
11 left on Monroe Avenue and comes here.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: So it starts up by  
13 the school district.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes, Warren street.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: Blighted properties  
16 are many among the community right now and  
17 we're really working on them. We do have a  
18 list. If anybody has anything they would like  
19 to -- please feel free to call one of us or  
20 even come to a meeting and let us know about  
21 them. We're working hard on it. Dunmore Music  
22 Festival, awesome night last night. Next one  
23 is September 7th.

24 MR. HALLINAN: 17th.

25 MS. ZANGARDI: 17th. And tomorrow

1 night, the night out against crime. And roads  
2 are, you know, the roads. We're working on it.  
3 Thank God, you know. Thank you everybody for  
4 coming.

5 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mr.  
6 O'Malley?

7 MR. O'MALLEY: I want to thank  
8 everybody for coming this evening. Thank you  
9 to our department heads who are here tonight  
10 for your detailed reports. Mrs. Iezzi, with  
11 the paving it's going to get started hopefully  
12 after we, you know, get out of here we get  
13 rolling with that.

14 I do agree with Prescott. It is the  
15 worst street in the borough. But that will get  
16 done. Miss Acculto, the holes near San  
17 Cataldo, hopefully that will get resolved  
18 soon. For the people up at the Boulevard,  
19 again, slowly but surely we're getting there.  
20 It's being paved tomorrow -- the bottom part.

21 MR. AMICO: From what I understand.

22 MR. O'MALLEY: Mr. Arduino,  
23 hopefully we could do something about the  
24 eyesore on Jessup. I want to say thank you to  
25 Councilman Tom Hallinan, Brian McGurl, and the

1 bands that performed at the Buck Town Music  
2 Fest. I was there with my family again. It's  
3 a great time. I highly recommend it for the  
4 next one which is again on September 17th.  
5 That is a Saturday, I believe.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: Mr. Duncan, Mr.  
8 Clark, and Miss O'Donnell, I totally agree with  
9 everything that you said tonight. I have a lot  
10 of concerns about the leachate situation. So  
11 we'll have a public hearing where hopefully we  
12 will get a full explanation as to what the plan  
13 is because we've gotten nothing.

14 Everything I know is from the  
15 editorial in the Scranton Times. And I think  
16 it's a terrible idea. On the face of it, it's  
17 a terrible idea. I want to say congratulations  
18 and best of luck to Coach Ben O'Brien who was  
19 the girls' basketball coach at Dunmore High  
20 School for the past 15 years.

21 He's moving onto the University of  
22 Scranton where he will be the women's head  
23 coach. I wish him the best of luck. Tomorrow  
24 night is National Night Out. So hopefully  
25 we'll have a lot of people at that. St.

1 Rocco's Summer Festival is this weekend, August  
2 12th to the 14th. That's Friday, Saturday, and  
3 Sunday.

4 Sherwood Park Festival will be the  
5 following weekend August 18th, 19th, and 20th.  
6 And that's Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. So  
7 hopefully we'll have good weather for all of  
8 those events that are going on in our borough.  
9 And that's all I have.

10 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mr. Dempsey.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. O'Donnell, if you  
12 ever -- if your daughters want to use that  
13 field, let me know. Was it lacrosse?

14 MS. O'DONNELL: It was, yes.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: I remember. We have a  
16 ton of soccer going on up there now. But  
17 there's -- we could fit their team in for a  
18 couple hours a week or something like that,  
19 just let me know. I have nothing else.

20 MR. AMICO: I kind of say the same  
21 thing every week. I like being last because  
22 there is things I don't need to talk about now.  
23 We've already talked about National Night Out  
24 ad nauseam. The Music Fest, I went last night.  
25 And it was actually too much fun. It made

1 going to work on Monday morning a little bit  
2 challenging because I stayed until the end last  
3 night and I had a blast.

4 One thing that did make me happy,  
5 like, I was just happy to see businesses  
6 thriving on a Sunday, places that would  
7 normally be completely dead were packed last  
8 night. Honey Childs was busy, 3 Jacks was  
9 busy. The Candy Kitchen was open. And it was  
10 just nice to see a vibrant community.

11 This is kind of the reason why -- at  
12 least the reason why I live here. This place  
13 is different than, you know, Clarks Summit or  
14 upper valley, the sense of community from  
15 little kids to older folks to everybody in  
16 between was just out last night. So I do want  
17 to thank Councilman Hallinan for, you know,  
18 pushing this and making the Music Fest a thing.

19 As far as the leachate issue, I  
20 think it's our job to request a public meeting.  
21 This isn't a brand new issue. This is  
22 something that we've known about for a few  
23 years. The reverse osmosis technology was  
24 mentioned I'm going to say probably two years  
25 ago.



1                   And it's things we're trying to  
2                   learn about it. But I'm not going to pretend  
3                   to understand the technology. I would like  
4                   somebody to come in and explain it to us,  
5                   explain to you, explain it to the people who  
6                   would be affected. So this evening I'll  
7                   request a meeting from DEP and try to move  
8                   forward on that.

9                   When I get information I'll put it  
10                  out. And I believe that is really all that I  
11                  wanted to speak of this evening. As far as the  
12                  folks on the Boulevard, again, I do understand  
13                  your frustration. I wouldn't want to drive --  
14                  like the gentleman that left, I understand his  
15                  frustration and I get it. We're doing our  
16                  best.

17                 It's been an issue that's been  
18                 ongoing for years. This issue didn't just  
19                 arise recently. And we're trying to move  
20                 forward. And quite frankly, I don't want it to  
21                 go into the winter. I don't want to be called  
22                 in February to go up to the Boulevard and look  
23                 at the glaciers that are there. I hope it gets  
24                 squared away before that. We're doing our  
25                 best.

1                   And again, paving right now after we  
2 approved it, I'll get this information to our  
3 borough engineer. He'll get contracts drawn up  
4 with the paving firms. And again, we're at  
5 their -- I don't want to say we're at their --  
6 we're on their schedule now.

7                   So when they could get us in,  
8 they'll get us in. And again, as Mr. Hallinan  
9 mentioned we don't want it to go on until, you  
10 know, when it gets cold. We want this to be  
11 done sooner than later. But again, as soon as  
12 we get information, I'll get it out to you  
13 folks. And that's all.

14                   MR. DEMPSEY: I'm going to pull a  
15 Hal on you here with one more thing. You said  
16 you were going to write a letter requesting a  
17 public meeting.

18                   MR. AMICO: Correct.

19                   MR. DEMPSEY: Why doesn't somebody  
20 just make motion and somebody second, we vote  
21 on it and send it on borough letterhead to  
22 request a public --

23                   MR. AMICO: All right. That's why I  
24 like having you here. I'll look for a motion.  
25 Go ahead. You do it.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make a motion to  
2 send a letter to the DEP requesting a public  
3 hearing regarding the reverse osmosis issue  
4 with regard to the landfill.

5 MS. BRIER: I'll second.

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

8 (No response.)

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

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Thank  
15 you. Now I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

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

18 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

19 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
20 second. All those in favor.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Have a  
23 great evening.

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