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4	Monday, September 12, 2016
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7	7:00 P.M.
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10	DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
11	1414 Monroe Avenue Dunmore, Pennsylvania
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13	COUNCIL MEMBERS:
14	MICHAEL MCHALE, President
15	MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President
16	TIMOTHY BURKE
17	CAROL SCRIMALLI
18	THOMAS HALLINAN
19	VINCE AMICO
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20	THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor
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1 (Pledge of Allegiance.) 2 3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli. 4 MS. SCRIMALLI: Present. ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke. 5 MR. BURKE: Present. 6 7 ATTY. CUMMINGS. Mr. Verrastro. 8 MR. VERRASTRO: Present. 9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico. 10 MR. AMICO: Present. 11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan. 12 MR. HALLINAN: Present. 13 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey. 14 MR. DEMPSEY: Present. ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale. 15 MR. MCHALE: 16 Here. 17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Before we get to 18 public comment on agenda items, a minor 19 amendment to the agenda this evening. Item 5B 20 will be an ordinance approving the indebtedness 21 of \$600,000 which will pay the off the bridge 22 TAN loan that we utilized at last meeting to 23 acquire the new Pak Masters. It's just a swap 24 out of equal dollars.

Under personnel matters, the issue

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that will come up this evening is the item of borough manager. And it's my information that there will be a motion to be discussed regarding the retention of Vito Ruggiero under terms and conditions that will be put into motion if it's forthcoming.

And item number seven is not actually a motion to approve the LERTA but to approve the publication for public hearing prior to this September 26th meeting at which time the hearing will be conducted, notice will have gone out and then Council may act on it. That being said, public comment on agenda items.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address Council on agenda items tonight? Gary.

MR. DUNCAN: On the LERTA issue, if I could just ask, 121 South Apple Street, that's the former -- the school that burned down. And then we're going to talk about it again on 9/26. What are we looking at putting in there if you could explain it a little bit more to me or -- Tom, I'm sorry.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: It's application for LERTA. And I don't have the exact

particulars. But in essence, they -- say right now it's assessed right now at \$10,000. If they had this approval and they come in and improve the property, then the excess from 10 to new assessment would be tax exempt for declining period of time.

And basically we're not losing anything. We're not picking up money on day one. But it's an incentive to improve and then we would pick up money at a future date.

And that will be -- all the particulars will be clearly set forth at the hearing prior to next Council meeting. And it will be public comment and question period.

MR. DUNCAN: So we'll have that one last opportunity.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Absolutely, yeah.

MR. DUNCAN: Thanks, guys. Thank

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Mr. Duncan.

Anybody else like to address on agenda items right now?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none. Wait.

MS. CUFF: Can I just --

MR. MCHALE: Wait. Wait. You got to come up to the -- we're on the record. I apologize.

MS. CUFF: Hi. Sharon Cuff, 315

Spring Street. I just actually wanted him to read it again. He was going so fast I couldn't catch a lot of it. That's all.

MR. MCHALE: The amendments.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Oh, I'm sorry. 5B, will be to approve the ordinance for borrowing a 600,000 which will refund this TAN bridge loan of 600,000 that we did last month. So there is no really new money. It's just a different category of money.

Personnel matters will be the matter of Borough Manager. It's my understanding that the retention or discussion regarding Vito Ruggiero for that position will be -- may be open for motion.

And number seven where it says we will approve the LERTA, has been converted to we will approve a public hearing on the LERTA and then consider it at the next meeting.

MR. BURKE: Tom, when will the public hearing be?

1	ATTY. CUMMINGS: If the next meeting
2	is September 26th, then it will be at 7:00 on
3	the 26th. And that way, the meeting can just
4	start late and we won't be hamstrung if it's a
5	10 minute hearing or
6	MR. BURKE: It will be before our
7	meeting.
8	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Right.
9	MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Tom.
10	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Is that okay now?
11	MR. MCHALE: Number four.
12	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number four is
13	a motion to approve the minutes.
14	MR. BURKE: I'll make that motion.
15	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.
16	MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
17	second. On the question.
18	(No response.)
19	MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
20	signify by saying aye.
21	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
22	MR. MCHALE: Opposed?
23	(No response.)
24	MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
25	moved.

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1	ATTY. CUMMINGS: 5A, motion to
2	approve and pay the open bills.
3	MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
4	motion.
5	MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.
6	MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
7	second. On the question.
8	(No response.)
9	MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
10	signify by saying aye.
11	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
12	MR. MCHALE: Opposed?
13	(No response.)
14	MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
15	moved.
16	ATTY. CUMMINGS: 5B is approval of a
17	motion to approve ordinance number one of 2016
18	and ordinance increasing the indebtedness of
19	the Borough of Dunmore general obligation
20	monies by \$600,000. Full copy of the ordinance
21	was and is available at the Borough Building
22	for review.
23	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.
24	MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.
25	MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a

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1 On the question. Quickly on the second. question, as Mr. Cummings said, this is 2 3 \$600,000 we borrowed for the garbage trucks that you see going around our town. There were 4 5 three of them, approximately \$200,000 each. This was just interim financing 6 7 until we have to have approval through state 8 which we knew was coming. But in order to get 9 the trucks on time and get them working, we did 10 a bridge to this. All this does is swap that 11 money out for a five year loan. I think it's a five year loan, Tom. 12 13 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yes. Which is 14 less than the life expectancy of the trucks. MR. MCHALE: Which is much less than 15 16 the life expectancy of the trucks at a very 17 favorable rate of -- Tom --18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'm sorry, I don't 19 have that. 20 MR. MCHALE: Okay. ATTY. CUMMINGS: I know it was --21 22 MR. MCHALE: It was in the 2s, I 23 believe, Tom. 24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I apologize.

don't have it.

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1 No, no. That's my MR. MCHALE: 2 I have a motion and a second. Anybody 3 else on the question? 4 (No response.) MR. MCHALE: All those in favor 5 signify by saying aye. 6 ALL MEMBERS: 7 Aye. 8 MR. MCHALE: Opposed? 9 (No response.) 10 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so 11 moved. 12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is 13 personnel matters, a motion to consider 14 retention of Vito Ruggiero for Borough Manager. MR. DEMPSEY: Tom. I make a motion 15 16 to hire Vito Ruggiero as Borough Manager at a starting salary of \$95,000 plus benefits. 17 18 Start date to be per Mr. Ruggiero's 19 availability. 20 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion. Do I 21 have a second? MR. VERRASTRO: 22 I'll second it. 23 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a 24 second. On the question. 25 (No response.)

1 MR. MCHALE: Tom, do you want to do 2 a roll call, please? 3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Certainly. 4 Mrs. Scrimalli. MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes. 5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke. 6 MR. BURKE: 7 No. 8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro. 9 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes. ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico. 10 11 MR. AMICO: No. 12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan. MR. HALLINAN: Yes. 13 14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey. MR. DEMPSEY: Yes. 15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale. 16 17 MR. MCHALE: Yes. 18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: 5-2, pass. 19 number seven is a motion to approve a public 20 hearing on a LERTA application for the premises 21 located at 121 South Apple Street, Dunmore, 22 with proposed ordinance to follow at the 23 meeting thereafter. 24 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that 25 motion.

1	MR. MCHALE: I have a motion. Do I
2	have a second?
3	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.
4	MR. MCHALE: On the question. Tom,
5	can we do this for 6:45 or would you rather it
6	at 7:00?
7	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Whatever Council's
8	preference is.
9	MR. MCHALE: Anybody? Okay, let's
10	just leave it at 7:00. Public hearing at 7:00
11	with the
12	ATTY. CUMMINGS: The meeting is also
13	published for 7:00. So it will follow
14	immediately thereafter. You can start late but
15	not early.
16	MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the
17	question?
18	(No response.)
19	MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
20	signify by saying aye.
21	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
22	MR. MCHALE: Opposed?
23	(No response.)
24	MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
25	moved.
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1 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight is a motion to approve a resolution for 2 3 community development fund utilization of the 4 Laurel Street Storm Water Project. MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that 5 motion. 6 MR. BURKE: 7 Second it. 8 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a 9 On the question. second. 10 (No response.) MR. MCHALE: All those in favor 11 12 signify by saying aye. 13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. 14 MR. MCHALE: Opposed? 15 (No response.) 16 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so 17 Tommy, for one second. Joe, I should moved. 18 have asked on the question. This is the 19 Schautz property? MR. LORINCE: Yes, this has been 20 21 going on for the last probably 10 years. It's 22 actually Laurel Street's a big -- Hill Street 23 and on the side of the road there's two 24 gullies. What happens is, the water goes into 25 The cars fall in them.

the gullies.

1 So what they are actually going to 2 do is put all new storm water in there and 3 repave the whole road. It's going to be 4 reconstructed. 5 MR. MCHALE: And that's all through Com D money? 6 7 MR. LORINCE: All through Com D. 8 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Joe. 9 MR. BURKE: I'd like to say too, 10 this is one project that Sal's father and 11 myself too were on for a long time. 12 MR. LORINCE: Yeah. it was. This is something Sal 13 MR. BURKE: 14 wanted done really bad and myself too. MR. MCHALE: Joe, thank you for 15 16 getting it done. Number nine. 17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number -- I'm 18 sorry, was there a vote on that? MR. MCHALE: Was there a vote on 19 20 that? MR. DEMPSEY: 21 I don't think so. 22 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor 23 signify by saying aye -- We did vote. We did 24 vote. And then I said I came back on the 25 I apologize that it was afterward. question.

1 Number nine. 2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is 3 a motion to appropriate cell tower funds in the amount of \$5,000 to St. Anthony's Park for the 4 5 completion of the basketball court renovation. MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that 6 7 motion. 8 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it. 9 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a 10 second. On the question. 11 (No response.) 12 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor signify by saying aye. 13 14 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. MR. MCHALE: Opposed? 15 16 (No response.) 17 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so 18 moved. ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number ten is 19 20 public comment on nonagenda items. 21 MR. MCHALE: Would anybody like to 22 address Council on any subject tonight? Please 23 come forward, state your name for the record. 24 MS. CUFF: Sharon Cuff, 315 Spring 25 I just wanted to talk quickly about Street.

the DEP public meeting that was in July. I didn't want to bring it up last month because with all the flooding and all of that. But there was some testimony offered that night. And I just wanted to make sure Council had copies from the American Lung Association.

They submitted one and a scientist from CHEJ submitted one. So I wanted to give those to you guys. I apologize. I wanted to scan all of this and my scanner wasn't working. So if you guys can distribute it, scan it, whatever.

So just a few things like that I want to give you. Also the Public Health Assessment is targeted for December to be finalized. So after that there will be a public comment period. So I thought it might be helpful to give you guys some information from ATSDR just to give you time now to kind of familiarize yourself with how they do the study, what they're all about.

Because during that public comment period, I would hope that you as our Council will have questions, you know, you will voice concerns, opinions, anything. And you will

really take the time, be prepared before the study comes out, know what it's going to look like, get some questions ready.

We already have the issues as I'm sure you've seen with the MAU results that were done in April showing some really high levels in one of the locations that the DEP chose and did some testing at.

So those were brought up in the testimony by the American Lung Association and by Steven Lester of CHEJ and some other, you know, concerned residents. But that's just something -- it's very hard to follow. I mean, I've looked at these MAU reports. And they're time-weighted averages. They are hard.

So I just kind of wanted to ask

Council now. It's September. It gives you

three months just look into the studies,

familiarize yourself and be ready for when they

come out so we can make some really great

informed questions.

The comment period will be at least 30 days. They have already said they may extend it longer for us if we need it. It's probably going to be around the holiday so that

alone, you know, ATSDR and Department of Health said it's a busy time.

So I think everyone's going to be, you know, working to get the best results for this study. The final report will come out after the public comment period. So again, I just ask that everybody really take time. Look at these reports, think about what's going on.

I am not here to say where any toxins are coming from. I am here to say that DEP chose these locations. They chose them because of their proximity. They know wind direction. They know what's upwind. They know what's downwind. They are not going to randomly test locations that they didn't feel the potential for contaminates would get to.

They're not going -- they don't have the money to just wasted their time at a location that couldn't possibly get any toxins coming off that landfill. Again, I'm not here to say all of them that were found came from there. I don't know where they came from. I have no idea.

I'm not a scientist. But we do know that there are really significant issues in the

air. And I think everybody needs to start figuring out why and where they're coming from which we may never know. But we need to be on board that there's a problem. We're fortunate. It's been looked at. Again, that was DEP. I'm happy that they did.

They got these trucks. They put them there four hours at different locations, different dates. You're going to get different readings. You're going to get a different reading every day based on wind. You're going to get different readings based the temperature, hot, cold. It changes everything in the air.

So, you know, again, it makes it difficult to follow. Just I'm asking that everybody really take a look at the documents I'm going to leave you, scan them, spread them out, you know, just kind of go over them. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to address Council tonight? Please come forward and state your name for the record.

MS. TAYLOR: Lindsey Taylor, 1704

Tripp Street. I just wanted to briefly discuss we're still having some issues with the parking lot that's right next door to my house. The drainage ditch seems to have been covered over slightly.

Now their solution is any type of band aid. There are four sand bags there.

When there's a heavy rain, sand bags do nothing. It flows around them which is still creating a lot of gravel going down on the street. I have actually seen two or three people that come down the street to park their cars from the hospice, fall on the ground or slip.

The gravel is right in front of my house which causes me the problem if they fall on my property, am I going to get sued? So I took some pictures of them. Unfortunately for some reason, CVS's machine doesn't want to cooperate with me today. But I could e-mail them to you or you could look at them here.

Also, I've noticed that the stench of sewage has returned to Tripp Street. The last three evenings, you could smell it through

1 the house. MR. DEMPSEY: 1700 block you said? 2 3 MS. TAYLOR: Yes, directly across the street from the old church that is now the 4 5 historical society. So we've been working on this for about a year now. And it seems to be 6 7 like baby stepping. But nothing seems to be 8 really progressing. 9 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, can you go 10 up and look at the gravel thing at least if you 11 could get a sweeper up there? 12 MR. JUDGE: What's that address, ma'am? 13 14 MS. TAYLOR: 1704 Tripp. MR. MCHALE: Can you take care of 15 16 that? Thank you. And the smell, I'll have the 17 Sewer Authority go up tomorrow. 18 MS. TAYLOR: I know Mr. Jim McGraw, 19 he has addressed the situation quite a few 20 times already. But it seems to be coming back 21 I don't know, like, where it's coming again. from. 22 23 MR. MCHALE: I'll have them go up 24 and if they have to vacuum or -- I'll have them 25

go up tomorrow.

1 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. 2 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Anybody 3 else like to address Council? MR. GIUMENTO: Angelo Giumento, 521 4 5 Actually, there's two separate things William. here that kind of go together. Back in August, 6 7 my basement took about 4 inches of sewer water 8 when I had to have a company come and 9 professionally clean my basement and sanitize it. 10 11 I understand that the Borough had 12 went looking for relief from the federal 13 government for disaster relief. 14 MR. MCHALE: Yes. MR. GIUMENTO: I'm wondering if I'm 15 16 on that list and what progress you have had. 17 MR. MCHALE: Did you report it to 18 the Borough Building? MR. GIUMENTO: I did. 19 20 MR. MCHALE: Okay. Then, yes, you 21 are on the list. And we're trying to gather 22 all the information. It's an upward battle 23 because the threshold with the federal 24 government was -- Tom? 25 MR. DEMPSEY: Was it 25 million?

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MR. MCHALE: 25 million.

MR. GIUMENTO: Right.

MR. HALLINAN: That was PEMA. I'm sorry for interrupting. State, not federal.

MR. MCHALE: That's PEMA, I'm sorry. But we're working with Senator Blake's office trying to get something to see if we can help out the taxpayers. It's not a promise but we're trying.

MR. GIUMENTO: With that being said, they're going to put a 5 foot base with one of these gigantic polls of in front of my next door neighbor's house which is about 5 feet from our property line. It's not just a poll that they are drilling and sticking in the ground.

This is going to be a 5 foot concrete base that originally it was going to take up two-thirds of my sidewalk. And then I called and John McGurl came up and had to explain that the poll -- the marker was in the wrong spot. They changed it to another spot.

But regardless of the fact, it's taking up the whole area between the curb and the sidewalk. Seventeen years ago when I built

my house, my house sits on a rock ledge. When they dug for the sewer line to go out to the street, they couldn't get down as far as they needed to go in the tower where the bell would be for the sewer line for my property because it was an empty lot.

So they had it -- they only ran to get down maybe I don' know, 6 or 7 feet. Well, with that being said, maybe five, six, seven years ago whenever it was, we had an issue with carbon dioxide coming up from the minds. And DEP along with the Office of Surface Mining got together and had to put mitigation systems in my house, my neighbor's house and the neighbor on the other side.

John McGurl is telling me that the hole they are going to drill for this base is 25 feet deep. Now, vibrations from a rock ledge -- I don't know if it's there are isn't there. But if my house is sitting on it, this is only 30 feet away, not even 30 feet.

Vibrations from that is going to cause another outbreak of this carbon dioxide coming up. Is it going to do any damage to my foundation of my house because my house is

sitting on a rock ledge? There's a lot of variables here. I looked at it and I said, you know, the polls are 110 feet. If you stand in my back yard, you could look out of Grove Street and the towers go way past the top of the trees. It's really an eyesore. It truly is.

I just don't understand why they -if the polls, the telephone polls lasted for 60
years, that would -- they have a ship that's in
the harbor down in Baltimore that's 250 years
old made out of wood. I don't see why they
need to put a steel poll in that size. I'm
wondering about an extraction system.

I'm wondering about disturbing the subsurface. My house sits on that rock ledge as I talked about and vibration. And then if they do hit rock, what's their plan?

MR. MCHALE: Sir, we had them here tonight. I don't know if you walked in.

MR. GIUMENTO: I did.

MR. MCHALE: We did have them here tonight and many of your questions that you're asking we're trying to get answers to as well.

My first inkling of -- and I mentioned tonight

when I first spoke of these polls is driving down Monroe Avenue and seeing this monstrosity.

They look ridiculous. They're rusty, old. They look old. And they're an absolute eyesore. They are claiming that they are going to be safer so on and so forth. And I don't want to reiterate everything they said. But any of your concerns -- we now have contact people.

We're going to name a committee of three of us because they can meet in a group of seven of us without doing it in public. Why they didn't want to do that is for your interpretation as well. But three of us will form a committee and we'll meet with them, bring every one of your concerns.

And as you said Mr. McGurl's claim is that he'll knock on your door any time of the day to answer any of your questions. We're going to hold all of them to the fire.

MR. GIUMENTO: Well, he did come up.

MR. MCHALE: Yeah, he seems like he's a good man.

MR. GIUMENTO: He did come up. He said initially they were going to put like 6 or

6 and a half foot base in rather than five.

And that would have taken up almost the whole sidewalk from where they were going to put it.

But on their letter they said they were replacing but never came and been specific and said, hey, we're not going to put wooden polls in now, we're going to put these steel polls in now that are 30 feet higher than what's there now.

MR. MCHALE: We agree.

MR. GIUMENTO: I just don't understand the height restrictions that they need to run lines out if they're not going to add additional lines in the future which I --

MR. MCHALE: They're claiming they're safer. They'll sustain more winds and damage God forbid anything happens. And they are above the tree lines, so on and so forth. It's just more -- it's better for the grid that it's going to. Now, again, sir, I'm just passing along --

MR. GIUMENTO: I would like it better if it was underground.

MR. MCHALE: I agree. I agree.

MR. GIUMENTO: You know, we're not

moving forward here. We're just adding onto the old stuff that we have. That's what our town is.

MR. MCHALE: We had a quick personnel meeting. And as we were walking out, I said the same thing. My wife yells at me all the time about that. Why do we in this town -- she's not from this town. Why are all of these wires all over the place? I agree. We just have to find the money to do it.

MR. GIUMENTO: My son lives in
Baltimore. And when he comes back he just
laughs (inaudible) all right. Thank you, guys.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

MS. BARKLEY: Good evening. My name is Debra Barkley. I live at 1235 Clay Avenue. And like you said before we don't want to reiterate everything that was said earlier. I just want to let you know that the street light that was at the corner of Grove and Clay is still not up or still not back yet.

I talked to John maybe two weeks ago on the phone after getting his August 26th letter. He told me that he would look into the

lights. But if nothing was done in a couple weeks to call the Borough and ask the Borough about the lights. Obviously I know that was brought up tonight. I just want to let you know where the corner is.

MR. MCHALE: And, ma'am, I don't mean to interrupt you --

MS. BARKLEY: Go ahead.

MR. MCHALE: That was a big concern of ours too. And Mr. Burke actually was the first one to bring it up. And I spoke to our contractor. He was going to identify every one that was up is going to go back up. Mr. McGurl said by the end of this week every one of them will be up. So if not, I'll give you my card and you call. And believe me, it will be up.

MS. BARKLEY: Okay. Thank you. We had cars towed on Clay Avenue so we're a little nervous about --

MR. MCHALE: Yeah.

MS. BARKLEY: -- the lights. Our neighbors have been leaving their lights on the porches. I guess the only thing is that John McGurl does seem like a very nice person. And I'm sure that he is. On the phone to me he had

resident in every house that is currently by the construction. He didn't talk to my house.

And I know at least four or five neighbors have said no one came.

said that he had talked to at least one

And we're not all receiving the same letters. Some people got the initial letter about having better lines for not having power outages. I never got that letter. I got the letter August 26th updating us that everything would be done by midSeptember that we expect installation of the new polls and wires to be complete by midSeptember.

I'm being told it's done by midSeptember to the one that's in the island now if you keep going down Grove towards the Community Center that big island that's been a lot of discussion with the neighborhood watch. That will be done until there and then once the holiday is over they will restart in January to go from there to all the way the rest of the way down.

I don't know. That's what he's telling me. Again, a lot of stuff that was brought up it's a lot of concerns that the

neighbors have. I know one of our big concerns is the damage to the property, the sidewalks, how you can't really walk down that sidewalk on the one side of Grove anymore because of the big base that is there.

The neighbors are just concerned that we're not told about it ahead of time just to be able to understand and ask questions and offer feedback, if possible. I know that they have to do this. And it's an eyesore. But I feel like if our neighbors had been warned ahead of time that the roads will be closed and kind of work with us versus surprising --

MR. MCHALE: Yeah, we agree. We agree. I think you probably heard a little bit tonight. And we'll keep on top of it now that we know who we speak to. Promise you we'll be yelling as loud as you did.

MS. BARKLEY: All right. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MS. DURKIN: My name is Cheryl

Durkin. I live at 1217 Clay Avenue right down
the street from Debbie. And I really just want
to go on record and reiterate that some of the
things that she said. First of all, I feel

really sad that the PP & L would not hold some type of public meeting prior to doing all of the work that, you know, just seems like they were too afraid of the feedback. So that's a sad situation.

I own property on 408 West Grove
Street. The new poll is smack dab in the
middle of the porch on that house. So I know
that when I'm trying to sell the house, the
resale value of the house may be less than what
I would have hoped it to have been.

The letters that I received interesting. I used to live at 1240 Clay Avenue with my husband Lawrence Durkin. He passed away three years ago. Somehow I received in my mailbox at 1217 Clay, three copies of those letters. Very interesting since I don't live at 1240 anymore. They were addressed to 1240. I got them at 1217.

Happy to have gotten them, but sad to find out what all of this has evolved into.

I feel badly that you people were not informed.

I think that the citizens of Dunmore should have been included in a discussion at least.

When I followed the people outside, they said

that they're engineers, do the placement of the polls and that's that. Nothing else can be done. And the height of everything is based on new regulations state and otherwise. So I just really wanted to make a statement and have it on the record.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Thank you.

MR. DUNCAN: Anyway, with rehiring of Mr. Ruggiero, do we have a start date then or how does that work if I could ask?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: The motion was upon his availability.

MR. DUNCAN: Thanks. There's a neighborhood watch meeting a week tonight. So it will be 9/19/16 at 7 p.m. I know we have a lot of the folks here from the neighborhood watch tonight. And I appreciate that. Just keep in mind next week we will have the formal meeting and we hope to see you all there.

Back to the situation with PP & L and I really do appreciate the fact that you guys took the time and answered the questions tonight. So again, I probably sound like I'm

in a cloud of Alzheimers tonight when I ask the question. So is there a possibility that we'll have a public meeting where the public could come back and ask questions?

I know there will be a committee of three from Council. But we will as the general public -- because I got a lot of the questions from the citizens is there -- will there be a chance that we will be --

MR. MCHALE: Gary, I think you were here right at the beginning.

MR. DUNCAN: I was.

MR. MCHALE: It's kind of -- she -- the representatives were kind of upset that we wanted to do it in public. So I'm not blaming them. They kind of got put on the spot. And I understand it's a tough situation. We can continue to try, Gary.

It didn't seem like they were very receptive to listening to complaints. That was the thing that I got. But they said they didn't. And then they started answering Council's questions. So maybe it's the start of a good dialog.

We're going to put a committee

together. And I agree. We got to -communication has to get better.

MR. DUNCAN: I know from phone calls and concerns that I got on my end of things, I know different letters went out. And I know from other people, some people didn't get any letters. So I don't know where the glitch is in the system or how that situation gets corrected.

Everybody doesn't have Mr. McGurl's number. And I don't know if there is a way we can get that out there publically if we can get that onto the website -- the Borough site if I could make that request formally so that the general public has access to it because I'm sure additional concerns obviously are going to come up. So can we do that?

MR. MCHALE: Tommy, can we put Mr. McGurl's number out on the website?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Absolutely. Yeah, he asked that we distribute to anybody that asks.

MR. MCHALE: That's fine, Gary. I don't want to give his number out without making sure.

1	MR. DUNCAN: No, I don't either. I
2	just asked if we can
3	MR. MCHALE: He left extra cards
4	too.
5	MR. DUNCAN: All right. Can I
6	just
7	MR. MCHALE: Absolutely. Take one.
8	MR. DUNCAN: And then thanks very
9	much. And I hope to see everybody next week.
10	Oh, and I do want to reiterate the smell from
11	the sewage line up on Tripp. I'm at Tripp and
12	Barton the intersection. What she said is
13	factual. So I don't know what the situation is
14	up there. And I appreciate you having the
15	Sewer Authority get up and take a look at that.
16	MR. MCHALE: I'll have them there
17	tomorrow.
18	MR. DUNCAN: So thanks a lot, and
19	I'll see you all next Monday at the
20	neighborhood watch meeting.
21	MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.
22	MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Mr. Duncan.
23	MR. HOLECKO: Good evening. My name
24	is a Eric Holecko. I'm the property owner at
25	932 and a half East Drinker Street. Tonight

I'd like to make a formal appeal to have -- to revoke a handicap parking spot in front of 940 East Drinker Street.

The reason for my appeal is based on the fact that Mr. Fortese has the property at 940 East Drinker Street. He already has two off street parking spots available to him and both would be wheelchair accommodating. This reserved on street handicap parking space only serves to take away a parking space from surrounding neighbors who already have limited options. At this time if I could show you some pictures?

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings, are we allowed to do what -- what would be the next step?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: You could accept the information. You can't act on it.

MR. MCHALE: Who do we give it to Joe or to Mr. Marchese?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Chief Marchese.

MR. HOLECKO: I've already spoken to Chief Marchese about this issue. He said that he did approve the handicap parking spot based on wheelchair reasons. And the case -- and

discussion was closed. But I believe this 2 3 would have to be my next step to appeal and to 4 have some kind of check or balance on this. ATTY. CUMMINGS: Council can direct 5 Mr. Lorince's office to investigate if you 6 7 wish. 8 MR. HOLECKO: There is at least 20 9 feet. I do have a copy --MR. MCHALE: Thanks. Is this headed 10 down towards Anna Maria's? 11 12 MR. HOLECKO: Yes. I'm sorry, I do 13 only have six copies tonight. 14 MR. MCHALE: Here. Tim: MR. HOLECKO: 15 There is two parking 16 spots there. They are both -- they are both --17 he has adequate space to accommodate a 18 wheelchair if need be off street. So I'm not 19 really sure why there was a --20 MR. MCHALE: Sir, understand, that I 21 got to take -- Tom, I got to take your advice 22 on what is our next step. 23 ATTY. CUMMINGS: The next step is to 24 accept the information. And you could direct 25 Mr. Lorince to meet with Chief Marchese and

there was to be no further discussion.

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1 investigate the situation versus what was 2 represented the permit applying for the 3 handicap parking spot. MR. MCHALE: Joe, will you take care 4 5 of that first thing? MR. LORINCE: Yes, I will. 6 7 MR. MCHALE: We'll get an answer 8 from Chief Marchese and provide it to you. 9 MR. HOLECKO: Okay, even though I was in touch with Chief Marchese? 10 11 MR. MCHALE: I'm just --12 MR. HOLECKO: I mean, it seems -- is 13 there not legislation I could -- Council could 14 pass? ATTY. CUMMINGS: 15 Not this evening. 16 MR. HOLECKO: Is there some way I 17 could get it on the agenda? 18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: The only thing that 19 they could do this evening is accept the 20 information you request, refer it to 21 Mr. Lorince to meet with Chief Marchese. 22 Mr. Judge might want to be involved 23 considering it's on a public street and then 24 have them report back to Council and Council 25 could report back to the citizen.

1 MR. MCHALE: Our next meeting is in 2 two weeks. We can report as quick as that. 3 MR. HOLECKO: Okay, would I be able to get this on the agenda? 4 5 MR. MCHALE: We can put it on the agenda based on Chief Marchese's recommendation 6 7 is what we'll do. He is -- he would be the one 8 who gives them out. He's the one who approves 9 We're a governing body that I assume will take his recommendation. 10 11 MR. HOLECKO: Okay. And again, I would like to point out there is at least 20 12 13 feet on the off street parking. I would 14 eventually like a Council vote. Would that be --15 16 MR. MCHALE: Assuming Chief 17 Marchese's recommendation is such. But we'll 18 discuss it as a Council. If they want to put 19 it on against a recommendation, we'll do so. 20 MR. HOLECKO: Okay. So my contact 21 from here or do I just have to show up at the 22 next Council meeting? 23 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince will be 24 your contact for now. I could give you my 25 card. And you could call me.

MR. HOLECKO: If I could have a 1 2 card? 3 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely. My cell phone is on here as well. It's my business but 4 5 my cell phone is on there. It's the easiest way to get me. 6 7 MR. HOLECKO: Okay. Can I have your 8 contact information? 9 MR. MCHALE: Is that it, sir? MR. HOLECKO: That's all. Thank 10 11 you. 12 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Anybody 13 else like to address Council? 14 MR. ZECH: Edward Zech, 206 Andrew I think we have to find out just what 15 16 a public utility is in Pennsylvania after 17 hearing all of the reports from PP & L. That 18 should be our first step. I'm here to see what can be done 19 with the awful condition of north and south 20 21 Blakely Streets. The person that's the 22 contractor is not backfilling ditches, pave 23 He's not patching any of the normal wear 24 and tear on that road. It's awful to go on 25 that road.

Come down from Dunmore Corners and it's like going down a ravine. There's no place that you could move that doesn't have a hole. I mean, I understand it's under construction. But they should be daily having somebody up and down that road just filling in when it's, you know, this low or when this much pave is missing.

MR. MCHALE: Joe, I agree with

Mr. Zech. It's a nightmare up there. Could

you reach out to PennDOT and let them know our

concerns?

MR. LORINCE: Yeah. I did talk to
August Baker about it. And I even talked to
Tom Pichiarella. And they said they were going
to send a crew out to start patching.

MR. MCHALE: Could you reiterate tomorrow morning how Council is in full agreement with Mr. Zech?

MR. LORINCE: I will call them first thing tomorrow morning.

MR. ZECH: I won't hold my hopes in PennDOT. There's plenty of roads that they haven't patched since the spring.

MR. MCHALE: Unfortunately it's

their project.

MR. ZECH: I mean, they should be -- something has to be done.

MR. MCHALE: I agree.

MR. ZECH: They are going to break their plows in the wintertime if the roads aren't fixed because the plows are going to catch them. It's murder on the vehicles. There's no place you can go to -- you can't go around it because every time you try to go around it, that road's closed.

MR. MCHALE: I agree.

MR. ZECH: Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

Anybody else like to address Council tonight?

MR. GIUMENTO: Who owns the easement from the curb to the property pegs in the borough?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: It depends on the property description in the deed. Some descriptions go to the middle of the road with so far from the center line. Some go to the front property line initial 10 feet from porch, portico, sidewalk, and other matters.

So in many instances, although you

would presume you own to the curb, you may. 1 But you actually may own 10 feet back from the 2 3 curb depending on the original subdivision 4 grants. 5 MR. GIUMENTO: My question is, is that Borough property right there? 6 7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: It depends on the 8 deed. It's a case-by-case basis. 9 MR. GIUMENTO: Is it PP & L 10 property? ATTY. CUMMINGS: PP & L have the PUC 11 rights. You go into the public thoroughfare 12 13 for the utility convenances. 14 MR. GIUMENTO: The one gal mentioned about the island on Grove Street. That would 15 16 be considered their right of way? ATTY. CUMMINGS: No. They could go 17 18 in the public right of way. A Borough street 19 is a public right of way. 20 MR. GIUMENTO: Understand. But I'm 21 talking about the island on Grove Street. 22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I can't. I would 23 have to look at the deed for that particular 24 item to answer that. 25 MR. GIUMENTO: Did anybody look at

1 They put a poll there. it here? 2 MR. MCHALE: We didn't know the 3 polls were going in. In all seriousness until 4 I saw -- you think I was kidding, when I went 5 down Monroe and saw that monstrosity, I couldn't believe it and that was probably --6 MR. GIUMENTO: 7 That was a nice 8 little green space that they actually ruined. 9 MR. MCHALE: I agree. Anybody else 10 like to address Council tonight? 11 (No response.) 12 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none. Public officials. 13 ATTY. CUMMINGS: 14 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge. MR. JUDGE: No. 15 16 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney. 17 MR. KEARNEY: No. 18 MR. MCHALE: Chief DeNaples, 19 anything tonight? 20 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah, two things. Actually our smoke detector installment for 21 22 29th of September was cancelled. I just 23 received a call from the American Red Cross. 24 They have to reschedule it because Penn State 25 Worthington needed to back out.

So as soon as we get that date, we'll let everybody know and we'll put it on the website so everybody is aware of it. We were given two donations, one by Sack's Taylor Shop for elevator door keys. That was about \$180 roughly.

And Dunmore Rotary Club denoted us
200 feet of search rope that was about \$350. I
just wanted to put on the record and thank them
both organizations for the donation.

We need it and it helped out especially because the Borough didn't have to make the purchase and they were willing to donate it. They reached out to us to see if we needed anything.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Chief.

Mr. Lorince, do you have anything?

MR. LORINCE: No.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey, do you want to lead us off tonight?

MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I have nothing tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: I would just like
Mr. Lorince to send a letter to PennDOT.
Obviously, we're not getting anywhere with
Mr. Baker. We've already revisited this issue
of them repatching that road. So I would like
at least monthly updates from PennDOT about
what's going on out there.

It seems like we have to -- you know, nobody knows. Nobody knows what's -- you know, it seems like they're there, they're not there. What's the holdup? I mean, this project has been going on and everybody is asking questions. And we're not getting any answers.

So I don't think it's beyond the stretch to ask PennDOTT to have Mr. Baker or somebody from the head of construction to come in and give us, you know, maybe monthly updates about what the heck's going on out there, okay, and what we can expect in the future, okay? Would we please do that?

MR. LORINCE: I'll go up tomorrow and talk to Mr. Baker.

MR. HALLINAN: Okay. I'd rather it in a letter so it's on record.

1 MR. LORINCE: We'll set something up 2 in a monthly meeting, once a month come in and we'll talk. 3 MR. HALLINAN: Yes. 4 Thank you. MR. LORINCE: You're welcome. 5 MR. HALLINAN: That's all I have. 6 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Amico. 7 8 MR. AMICO: I just want to say that 9 tomorrow I'll get in touch with the website and put Mr. McGurl's information on. So as soon as 10 11 I get it to the website, you know, it will 12 probably take a day or two for them to upload 13 it and then will be available. 14 And if you have any questions, obviously just contact us or contact Mr. McGurl 15 16 and we'll move forward. Thank you. 17 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro. 18 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes, I just want to 19 pubically thank the fire department. This past 20 Saturday they dedicated the new firehouse to my 21 farther. And they had a nice open house and I 22 just wanted to say thank you. 23 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Sal. 24 Burke. 25 MR. BURKE: Wonderful ceremony. Ι

would like to thank Greg Wolff and Mike. They had a lot of nice words to say. It was very touching. And they did a great job. And I'm really proud of the fire department. And, of course, Sal's father who was so -- it was his baby. And it's a beautiful firehouse. And if it wasn't for Sal like Mike said it, this never would have happened. It was a great ceremony.

On another note, Joe I was wondering if you could talk to -- on Cherry Street they have been working there for quite a while. If you could ask them if they could park their equipment someplace else? There's going to be an accident there.

Me and my wife sit on the porch every night in the summer and there is at least ten or more incidents while we're sitting there where it's a close call. They are parked on the corner.

MR. LORINCE: Was it RLE?

MR. BURKE: Yeah, they're parked right on the corner so you have a -- somebody making a right-hand turn going up Cherry is blindsided. And it's just screeching breaks after screeching brakes. Sooner or later

1 somebody is going to get hit. MR. LORINCE: I'll talk to them 2 3 about it. MR. BURKE: But maybe they could go 4 5 across the street -- Mill Street, maybe there's a lot there. 6 7 MR. LORINCE: Yeah, there's a little 8 spot over there on Mill Street. I'll ask them. 9 I'll call Johnny Gentile tomorrow. 10 MR. BURKE: Okay. Thanks, Joe. That's all I have. Thank you. 11 MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli. 12 13 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you. I also 14 want to say how beautiful the ceremony was for the dedication of the firehouse in honor of 15 16 Sal's father, Salvatore Verrastro. 17 absolutely beautiful. 18 And I want to thank everyone for 19 coming letting us know your issues. We hope to work on these and continue to let us know what 20 21 they are. Thank you again and have a good 22 night. 23 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, 24 Mrs. Scrimalli. I really don't have anything 25 else other than what we spoke about tonight

the concern over PP & L. I think we at least 1 2 opened the door to communications. And it 3 should have happened a long, long time ago in 4 my opinion. But I appreciate everybody 5 6 listening. And again, any concerns that you 7 have, bring them to our attention. And believe me, the yelling will continue. So I appreciate 8 everyone coming. And I'll look for a motion to 9 10 adjourn. 11 MR. BURKE: Motion. 12 MR. DEMPSEY: Second. MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a 13 14 All in favor. second. 15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. MR. MCHALE: We are adjourned. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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