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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, October 12th, 2020

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

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

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. DEMPSEY: Roll call.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. McDonald

5 Zangardi.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Scrimalli.

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Ehnot.

10 MR. EHNOT: Here.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Dempsey.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Hallinan.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

16 MR. AMICO: Here.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

18 MS. BRIER: Here.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Mayor Burke.

20 MAYOR BURKE: Here.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Prior to getting

22 started, Vito, Chris Kearney, who is a

23 long-time employee of the Borough and obviously

24 friends to all of us, his father, Gar Kearney

25 passed away last night. So I just ask

1 everybody to have a moment of silence for
2 Mr. Kearney and his family.

3
4 (Moment of silence.)

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6 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Number three on the
8 agenda was tabled on 9/14. It's a hearing on
9 the application of Shree Hare Krishna Corp.
10 Current license E3337, LID No. 58100 in the
11 municipality of Scranton, Lackawanna County to
12 its facility on 620 North Blakely Street within
13 the Borough of Dunmore understanding that said
14 transfer must be approved at a later date by
15 the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Is there someone here
17 from Krishna Corporation?

18 ATTY. SZEWCZYK: Yes, we are.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: If you could just
20 please state your name and who you are and try
21 to speak up for the court reporter if you
22 wouldn't mind?

23 ATTY. SZEWCZYK: No problem. It's
24 Attorney Chris Szewczyk on behalf of the
25 applicants. And I apologize if my back is to

1 you and then also have T.J. Patel who is the
2 sole member of the corporation:

3 So what we have is a just a basic
4 liquor license transfer. Mr. Patel's
5 corporation owns Joe Six Pack that currently
6 exists on 620 North Blakely Avenue in Dunmore.

7 And what he's going to do is the
8 liquor license for that premises, he's going to
9 move into safekeeping and then the license
10 premise, the one we're looking to transfer into
11 Dunmore at the Scranton address will become the
12 liquor license that controls at that Joe Six
13 Pack location.

14 Nothing in terms of the operation of
15 the business will change. It's really just a
16 liquor license swap more or less. The current
17 license will go into safekeeping. The Scranton
18 license will be the operational license for the
19 Dunmore location. So I don't know if Council
20 has any specific questions for myself and my
21 client. But that's the gist of it.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm going to ask if
23 anybody from the public has a comment? Does
24 anyone from the public have any comment or
25 questions?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none. Does
3 anyone from Council have any questions?

4 MR. EHNOT: This is going to remain
5 strictly a takeout, correct?

6 ATTY. SZEWCZYK: Correct. Nothing
7 is going to change. The liquor license will
8 move from Scranton to Dunmore. That's all.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. No
10 questions.

11 MR. RUGGIERO: Number five then
12 would be a motion to approve and transfer
13 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board License
14 E3337, LID No. 58100 from 1801-1803 Pittston
15 Avenue in the municipality of Scranton,
16 Lackawanna County to its facility located at
17 620 North Blakely Street proposed license
18 municipality Dunmore, Lackawanna County which
19 would have been Resolution 2020-5.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
21 motion.

22 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
23 motion.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion. Do I
25 have a second?

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
3 second. Anyone on the question? All those in
4 favor signify by saying aye.

5 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
9 so moved.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six would be
11 now public comment on agenda items.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Does anyone from the
13 public have any comment on the agenda items
14 only?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven is a
18 motion to approve the minutes.

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

20 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion. Do I
21 have a second?

22 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
24 second. Anyone on the question?

25 (No response.)

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

3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
7 so moved.

8 MR. RUGGIERO: Number eight is a
9 motion to approve and pay the open bills.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion?

11 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
12 motion.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

14 MR. AMICO: I'll second.

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

17 MS. BRIER: I have a question -- a
18 couple questions. Vito, I don't know if you
19 could answer these without Mark Burton being
20 here. I don't know if you could answer this
21 without Mark being here, the Treasurer, but
22 Oliver Price and Rhodes, \$2,000.

23 MR. RUGGIERO: Oliver Price and
24 Rhodes is our civil service attorneys.

25 MS. BRIER: Civil service, okay.

1 All right. How about Reuther Bowen for 9,500?

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Reuther Bowen is the
3 Borough Engineer on various projects whatever
4 it may be. I don't know the specifics to the
5 amount of that. But that's who Reuther Bowen
6 is.

7 MS. BRIER: And Titan Tree? Is that
8 the Adams Avenue?

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Titan Tree was to cut
10 the tree down on Adams Avenue.

11 MS. BRIER: Did we ever get any
12 reimbursement?

13 MR. RUGGIERO. No, I know there is
14 something going back and forth with that. I
15 believe that is what the Titan Tree bill is.
16 I'll get that bill to Attorney Perry.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: We're trying to get
18 that money back from the homeowners.

19 MS. BRIER: Yeah, yeah. Okay. But
20 since we're going to be paying it, it sounds
21 like, you know, we should get that to Mickey.

22 MR. RUGGIERO: I will get that to
23 Attorney Perry.

24 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks. And just
25 one more, Bassler Equipment?

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Bassler Signs?

2 Bassler is the equipment company in Kingston
3 that we use to make all our regulatory signs
4 and buy things for that.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay, thanks.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: You're welcome.

7 MR. EHNOT: How about Jaworski?

8 MR. RUGGIERO: Jaworski is the --

9 MS. BRIER: The banners.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: Hometown hero

11 banners.

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

14 MS. BRIER: And Northeast
15 Inspection, there's \$9,000. We'll get
16 reimbursed for that?

17 MR. RUGGIERO: We get paid for that.
18 That's their cut after we get paid for it.

19 MS. BRIER: Oh, I see. Okay.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Any other questions?

21 MS. BRIER: How about -- one more
22 Witmer, 4,900 bucks.

23 MR. RUGGIERO: Witmer is a sign
24 company.

25 MS. BRIER: It says fire store.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Pardon me?

2 MS. BRIER: It says Witmer
3 Associates Fire Store, fire, F-I-R-E.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: That might be
5 something to deal with the Fire Department,
6 Witmer?

7 CHIEF DENAPLES: That was from the
8 state grant.

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes, we received a
10 state grant and it was deposited into our
11 account. And that is what was purchased with
12 the grant money.

13 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks.

14 MR. AMICO: I have one. \$1,046 from
15 the Recycling Center.

16 MR. RUGGIERO: From the Recycling
17 Center?

18 MR. AMICO: For. Lackawanna County
19 Recycling 9/30/20, \$1,046.80.

20 MR. RUGGIERO: I'd have to look,
21 Vince.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else?

23 MS. BRIER: Would that be COVID
24 covered, maybe?

25 MR. RUGGIERO: I can't hear you.

1 MS. BRIER: Would that be COVID
2 covered?

3 MR. RUGGIERO: If it deals with
4 picking up or anything to do with the Recycling
5 Center during this time we will submit to
6 Lackawanna County for reimbursement.

7 MS. BRIER: Okay.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay? We're good.
9 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 MR. RUGGIERO: Number nine is a
16 motion to appoint a lender/financial
17 institution that can satisfy and refinance the
18 Borough's existing liability.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a motion
20 on that.

21 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
22 motion.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: And what's the motion,
24 Mrs. Zangardi?

25 MS. ZANGARDI: To vote on approving

1 it, approving the lender.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Who?

3 MS. ZANGARDI: I'd like to do -- can
4 I do Dempsey?

5 MR. DEMPSEY: So the motion is to
6 appoint --

7 MS. ZANGARDI: Boenning and
8 Scattergood.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Boenning and
10 Scattergood. I have a motion. Do I have a
11 second?

12 MS. BRIER: I'll second.

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

15 MR. HALLINAN: On the question, I
16 just want to make sure that on the record that
17 this isn't final approval of this that more or
18 less we have five weeks if I'm not mistaken as
19 was mentioned in the last meeting.

20 It was mentioned in the last meeting
21 that they would go out and sell bonds and come
22 in with a final interest rate that they would
23 charge us. So I want to make sure that, you
24 know, they rated us at -- I want to say the
25 proposal was 2.3. But that number is not set

1 in stone. So I just want to make sure of that.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. Do you want to
3 reword the motion as, you know, a motion to
4 appoint Boenning and Scattergood pending
5 final --

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. So we're going
7 to amend the motion until they come back with
8 their final percentage?

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Interest rate.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: Interest rate.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. So there's a
12 motion on the floor to appoint Boenning and
13 Scattergood pending their final interest rate
14 number. Do I have a second on that?

15 MS. BRIER: I'll second.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm sorry. Thank you.
17 Anyone else on the question? Quickly on the
18 question, I am going to abstain from this vote
19 as I do have a family member that submitted
20 that was part of one of the proposals.

21 I did not participate in any of the
22 discussions, meetings, and I'm not voting on
23 this as it is a family relation. I just wanted
24 to put that on the record. Anyone else on the
25 question?

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: Just to ask again,
2 so Boenning and Scattergood are from
3 Philadelphia. And we were looking at FNCB and
4 Fidelity and they're in Dunmore. Okay. I just
5 want to be clear about that.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Are you good,
7 Mrs. Scrimalli?

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: Oh, yeah. I'm fine.
9 Thank you.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Sorry. Anyone else on
11 the question? So, yeah, just on the question
12 there were two separate proposals, one from
13 First National Bank and Fidelity Bank and then
14 one from Boenning and Scattergood per our
15 last -- I think last meeting they both
16 presented.

17 Was it the last meeting? Yeah, they
18 both presented their -- and this is what we're
19 voting on today.

20 MR. EHNOT: We're awaiting not the
21 interest rate, the bond rate which will affect
22 the interest rate.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Anyone
24 else on the question? All those in favor
25 signify by saying aye. And we're going to do a

1 roll call. I'm sorry. Let's do a roll call.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. McDonald

3 Zangardi.

4 MS. ZANGARDI: Yes.

5 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Scrimalli.

6 MS. SCRIMALLI: No.

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Ehnnot.

8 MR. EHNOT: Yes.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Abstain.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Dempsey abstains.

11 Mr. Hallinan.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Mr. Amico.

14 MR. AMICO: Yes.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: Mrs. Brier.

16 MS. BRIER: Yes.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: Motion carries,

18 5-1-1. Number ten is personnel matters.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: I will look for a
20 motion to appoint part-time police officers
21 Robert Grunza, Jacob Guzzi and Tyler Hinkley.

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

23 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
25 second. Anyone on the question? Again, just

1 quickly on the question, these are just
2 part-time officers. They are not appointed to
3 full-time status.

4 We have a depleted part-time list
5 due to us hiring some individuals and other
6 part-timers finding jobs in other departments.
7 So we do need a few extra part-timers to fill
8 in slots when our full-time staff is not
9 working. So I have a motion and a second.
10 Anyone else on the question?

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

13 (No response.)

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

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
20 so moved. Second is -- second personnel matter
21 I'll look for a motion to appoint part-time
22 firemen Brandon Bouton, Nastasha Burdyn, and
23 Andrew Holter.

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

25 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: I've a motion and a
2 second. Anyone on the question? Again, the
3 same explanation for our part-time fireman's
4 list. We always, you know, need extra
5 part-timers to fill in when, you know, our
6 staff has days off, Kelly days any sort of day
7 so that we don't have to fill it with overtime.

8 I have a motion and a second.
9 Anyone on the question?

10 (No response.)

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

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Number 11, is
19 Treasurer Financial Report, Councilwoman Brier?

20 MS. BRIER: Oh, yeah, Mark is off
21 today because of Columbus Day. So he asked me
22 to give the Treasurer's report. Everyone has a
23 copy of it. So far this year from the nine
24 months -- almost nine months ending September
25 30th. We have income of 10 million 416. And

1 expenses of 10,287,752. So we have a net
2 income of 128,282.32. And just, of course, I
3 do this every meeting. But I just want to
4 caution everyone that that's our net income.
5 That's not how much money we have in the bank
6 for the rest of the year.

7 We're going to be in a deficit
8 spending situation because, you know, the tax
9 money and all that money is already in. And
10 we're going to get a little bit fewer -- a
11 little bit less money coming in from the
12 Berkheimer for wage taxes because people have
13 lost their jobs.

14 And it doesn't look as dire as it
15 did originally, you know, in terms of the loss
16 of income to the Borough. But that being said,
17 we have -- we have five more payrolls of two
18 hundred grand each. And we have \$169,000 a
19 month for health insurance. And then all of
20 these bills that come up, you know, on a
21 regular basis.

22 Now, we should be getting about half
23 a million dollars from the landfill because we
24 didn't get -- we have one more check coming
25 this year. That still puts us in a deficit

1 spending situation. I just want you to know
2 about that.

3 We're working on the budget. Mark
4 and I are working on the budget, like, a more
5 realistic budget in terms of like the full time
6 equivalents and stuff. And he's working
7 really hard on it. So hopefully, we'll have a
8 decent budget for you guys by the end of
9 October or early November. Thanks. Anyone
10 have any questions?

11 MR. DEMPSEY: When you say deficit,
12 we do -- I mean, that's based on what we have
13 in income and spending. I mean, we have 9
14 million dollars in the bank to pay that. So
15 we're not really in deficit. We have that
16 money.

17 MS. BRIER: We're in deficit a
18 spending, you know, income versus revenue.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: We have the money.
20 We're going to refinance.

21 MS. BRIER: Yeah, we're going to
22 have to spend Sewer Authority money. We just
23 passed a resolution that we're going to
24 refinance. That's going to cost of us 5
25 million of that 9 million, maybe 5 million 400.

1 So in 2019 we took 3 million out of the Sewer
2 Authority account.

3 I'm hoping this year we won't have
4 to take 3 million because there's as Councilman
5 Dempsey said, there's 9 million in there. But
6 we're going to spend five on that resolution
7 that we just passed. And that leaves, you
8 know, without a pad and pencil not much money
9 in there.

10 So hopefully we don't have to spend
11 3 million this year from it. Because again,
12 it's a reserve that was a one-time hit. You
13 know, once it's gone it's gone. It won't be
14 renewed. Any other questions? Thank you.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Number 12, public
16 comment. Mr. Duncan. And, Mr. Duncan, I know
17 you're going to ask, we did go over your
18 proposal for the neighborhood watch. You're
19 set to begin your meetings this third Monday,
20 would be next week.

21 MR. DUNCAN: All right. Thank you.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Yep.

23 MR. DUNCAN: Thanks. Gary Duncan,
24 117 Barton Street, Dunmore. First, I just want
25 to say I have bilateral hearing aids. And I

1 appreciate the fact that we have these
2 meetings. And I could only speak for a guy
3 with hearing aids. I sat there tonight hoping
4 the -- acoustic waves go forward. They
5 protect (inaudible) I mean, I taught neurology.
6 And even with that, sitting where I'm sitting
7 tonight I still can't hear anything.

8 It's obviously my problem, not
9 yours. But I hoped to hear the financial
10 report tonight, and I hoped to hear number two
11 on the agenda. I don't know if other folks are
12 having an equally difficult time hearing. I
13 don't know what we can do to rectify it.

14 MS. BRIER: Gary, one of the things
15 we can do is turn it off.

16 MR. DUNCAN: I asked. They don't
17 know if they can.

18 MS. BRIER: Yeah, but Chris is
19 normally here. But his father passed away.
20 So, yeah, we'll make sure that this is off for
21 the next meeting because that's really why you
22 can't hear.

23 MR. DUNCAN: Oh, my God, I can't
24 hear anything. I apologize. Like I said,
25 anyway, so if there is any way -- I don't want

1 to make you reiterate what was said but if
2 there's any way we can get access to what we
3 discussed tonight in the event that the other
4 folks couldn't hear it.

5 MS. BRIER: The minutes.

6 MR. DUNCAN: Okay. Thanks. I got a
7 phone call today from one of the folks that
8 usually comes to our neighborhood watch. And
9 it's a nice -- where do we get the We Support
10 Dunmore PD signs that we're seeing up in the
11 yards if somebody can tell me where we can get
12 those?

13 MR. EHNOT: Police station and
14 DePietro's Pharmacy. They are ten dollars a
15 piece. Do you know the nonemergency phone
16 number for the police? It's 3-4 --

17 MR. DUNCAN: I have the number.
18 It's a person that can't get out anymore but
19 they still wanted to get a couple signs just to
20 support --

21 MR. EHNOT: We'll deliver them.

22 MR. DUNCAN: Oh, that's even better.
23 Thanks. I'll call him later. Thank you for
24 that. And then another person called and
25 Mr. McGraw, Jimmy McGraw -- I don't want to

1 leave anybody out. Jimmy McGraw, he's up on
2 Delaware Street and Exchange Court, not on
3 Tripp Street but on Exchange. Months ago --
4 and, Didge, thank you for being here. Months
5 ago we had asked that we get a no parking from
6 here to corner sign up there.

7 I don't know if because of the
8 pandemic or whatever, we never got it up there.
9 It was painted on the street at one point,
10 Didge, no parking here to corner. Coming down
11 from the bank his concern is bad weather is
12 coming. Nobody will be able so see it on the
13 street. He asked if I could remind --

14 MR. JUDGE: The sign is gone.
15 Construction took the sign down.

16 MR. DUNCAN: Jim said the one up on
17 Exchange Court is obliterated. Thanks a lot.
18 And let me see -- and that's really it. Thanks
19 for the neighborhood watch getting back. And
20 I'll get the e-mails and everything else out.
21 Thank you.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Next? Please state
23 your name and address for the record and try to
24 speak as loud as you can.

25 MS. JANUS: My name is Gina Janus.

1 I live at 202 Sunset Drive up in Naphin
2 Development. And I'm here today to express my
3 interest in learning the plan to correct the
4 storm drain situation in front of my home.

5 Ever since Nicole Drive development
6 was put in, the water does not drain properly
7 into that storm drain. And my driveway,
8 garage, basement gets flooded. Mr. Hallinan,
9 you were there four years ago when I lost
10 everything in my basement.

11 There's the storm drain as the water
12 flows down -- actually had a geyser over 4 feet
13 high. I had 12 inches of water in my basement.
14 I lived in this home for 50 years, never had
15 water issues until the Nicole Drive was put in
16 and all that water comes down.

17 At that time, Mr. Judge's employees
18 were gracious enough -- Mr. Hallinan asked them
19 to place a curb in front of my house. Well,
20 that was great for a little bit. Now, the
21 water diverts and still comes down. Half of my
22 driveway right now is dirt. I can't even use
23 my driveway.

24 And this year the drain caved in and
25 I've been patient in trying to deal with it.

1 However, a few weeks ago -- we have security
2 cameras. And we caught three raccoons going in
3 and out of this drain because the hole next to
4 it is so large that a small child can go into
5 it.

6 So I contacted the Mayor and
7 Mr. Judge's people were there immediately. And
8 they know what needs to be taken care of.
9 Right now they're in the middle of doing that.
10 However, replacing that drain which you need to
11 do because it's caved in is one thing.

12 Another issue there is what do I do
13 for my driveway and my basement? Okay, it's
14 always getting some kind of water because of
15 the situation. There's too much water coming
16 down. It's not working properly. And from
17 what I have learned, I guess part of the
18 situation with these drains is that they need
19 to be, you know, cameraed and checked to make
20 sure everything is working right.

21 Well, we know the one in front of my
22 house is collecting too much water. And then
23 the ones down the street from me are dry. They
24 don't even get water. So I just need to
25 understand what we're going to do. Is there

1 funds available for this project to be
2 completed correctly and for me to have the
3 situation resolved?

4 I mean, I'm getting up there. If I
5 want to retire to Florida and sell my home,
6 who's going to want it? I'd have to disclose
7 all of this. I had a hole right next to my
8 grate -- I have a grate at the bottom of my
9 driveway because my driveway goes downhill.

10 There's a hole that -- and it's
11 right up against the foundation. All of that
12 is eroding because of the water. And I don't
13 know what I'm supposed to do. I've been
14 patient for four years. My property is being
15 damaged. And, unfortunately, four years ago
16 you were in the middle of the sale so one side
17 was saying it's not us. And the other side was
18 saying it's not us.

19 I just -- I need to know. No one
20 else on the street is having the issue I am
21 because I have the direct line from the
22 development above me. And honestly, I don't
23 even know why that drain was placed where it
24 was. So I just need to understand is there
25 funds available and what we're going to do

1 MAYOR BURKE: I went up there with
2 Dave Lopatka. I called him just to go over to
3 show Gina's problem. And he's waiting for
4 Council's approval to inspect it. I don't know
5 if we gave approval for him to inspect.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: We weren't asked as
7 far as I know. I wasn't asked.

8 MAYOR BURKE: I brought it up in
9 Executive Session. And I brought it up to Vito
10 that we have to have it inspected because we
11 now own -- which we didn't own --

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Does anyone have a
13 problem with Lopatka going up to inspect?

14 MR. HALLINAN: No. If I'm not
15 mistaken, I think we were up there four years
16 ago with Mr. Lopatka. I went by the other day
17 and everything was set up with the drain there
18 because there was a problem down the street I
19 was looking at. So how far along are we with
20 that drain?

21 MR. JUDGE: The drain is in.

22 MR. HALLINAN: The drain is in. I
23 know it rained last night. It wasn't a lot.
24 Were there any problems with that?

25 MS. JANUS: Well, we get it through

1 the yard now because the curb is eroded. But
2 the curb -- I mean, I was -- I can't use my
3 driveway. I cannot put my Subaru -- it cannot
4 go over. And then it drops off where you added
5 the extra macadam because it eroded. And I
6 can't get it fix. Why should I pay to get it
7 fixed?

8 MR. JUDGE: We plan on going. When
9 it's finished and the blacktop is put down,
10 you'll have curb. And we're going to pull it
11 back. You won't have a bump there.

12 As soon as they're done you'll see a
13 big difference. And the basin we put in is
14 twice the size of what was there. Did you see
15 the size of the one that was there? That's
16 because of the line that was up there.

17 MS. JANUS: And actually the line
18 from Nicole Drive is larger and then the line
19 that you're attaching to is smaller. So right
20 now my basement is having the weight because it
21 has to go into a smaller --

22 MS. BRIER: Who put that in, Gina,
23 like four years ago you're saying they did some
24 construction on Nicole Drive?

25 MS. JANUS: Yes.

1 MS. BRIER: And who did that?

2 MS. JANUS: Mickey Perry's brother
3 was the owner or whatever of the development.

4 MR. HALLINAN: Just some
5 maintenance, can we have the Sewer Authority go
6 up there where the water is and just scope
7 those lines and make sure there is no
8 blockages? Maybe it's holding the water back
9 from that basin and go down further. But, I
10 mean, I'm in agreement with Mr. Didge here.
11 Let's see what happens. And, I mean, I'll stop
12 up tomorrow. When do you plan on finishing
13 this?

14 MR. JUDGE: We'll be there in the
15 morning.

16 MS. JANUS: They have been there.

17 MR. HALLINAN: You're going
18 tomorrow. Are you going to blacktop it
19 tomorrow?

20 MR. JUDGE: We'll put fill in there
21 and concrete (inaudible) a little bit about
22 around the hookup. And once it's filled in,
23 like I said, we'll pull it back in. You won't
24 even have a bump there.

25 MR. HALLINAN: If he gets in touch

1 with Mr. Lopatka tomorrow, our engineer, and
2 I'll come up also. I do have some PennDOT
3 experience. Don't hold that against me. But
4 we'll come and check it out, okay?

5 MS. JANUS: I mean, on top of that I
6 have a manhole right on the street in front
7 which the Sewer Authority was up multiple times
8 this year because of the blockage from Nicole
9 Drive. So I was taking online classes, live
10 classes.

11 They couldn't even hear me because
12 they needed like two trucks at once to try to
13 flush out the lines. So those lines from
14 Nicole Drive down aren't even handling the
15 sewer. So is that going to end up to be my
16 problem next? Like, this is what my concern
17 is.

18 MR. HALLINAN: I hear you. Let's
19 take it one step at a time. I know you've been
20 patient.

21 MS. JANUS: I've been very patient.

22 MR. HALLINAN: Let's see what Mr.
23 Lopatka tomorrow if we can get it, okay? Do
24 you have a phone number on hand with us so we
25 can call you? Before you leave, give your

1 number to Vito. We'll try to coordinate some
2 stuff with Mr. Lopatka to get out there, the
3 engineer. And I'm going to stop.

4 MS. JANUS: Thank you very much.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Anyone
6 else?

7 MS. LONGO: Good evening everyone,
8 Stephanie Longo. I live at 312 Williams
9 Street, Dunmore. And I'm here today on behalf
10 of my mother, Ann Marie as well as two elderly
11 neighbors that live on my street who are unable
12 to attend due to limitations as well as other
13 people in our neighborhood who all have
14 expressed the same concerns.

15 In your neighborhood we have a
16 nickname for Williams Street. It's called the
17 Great Dunmore Speedway. Somebody is going to
18 get hurt on Williams Street. And I know in the
19 past Carol, Tom, and Vito have been up checking
20 out the situation on Williams Street.

21 And it's getting worse instead of
22 better. This past summer was a complete
23 nightmare. There are children out driving golf
24 carts so they could get to see their friends.
25 And I think that's illegal in Dunmore Borough.

1 I'm not sure but I would think it
2 is. They're hogging up the whole street so
3 cars can't go in. And if you're trying to get
4 them out of the way and you beep your horn
5 you're going to get the finger unfortunately.

6 There's also people that are driving
7 ATVs. And again, if you're driving or if
8 you're outside, guess what, you're getting
9 cursed out. There's sneakers hanging in --
10 directly underneath my bedroom window that
11 signifies drug dropoffs.

12 And I do hear drug dropoffs at night
13 at times. There was even an incident this past
14 week. And it got caught partially on our Arlo.
15 Unfortunately where we are did not get the full
16 thing.

17 But somebody decided to speed at
18 about 3:30, 4:00 in the morning down Farber
19 Court straight through to where it dead ends by
20 Schautz Stadium. They realized they couldn't
21 get out so they hung a right and basically
22 plowed right over.

23 I don't know how they didn't get
24 killed -- someone's stone wall. There's
25 constantly drama on our street. From what I

1 have been told by some neighbors, I've heard
2 that Dunmore Borough is planning on purchasing
3 a track of land near Prescott Avenue and then
4 closing it off so this way at Schautz's
5 Stadium, Prescott Avenue will be closed.
6 Please don't. That's going to make Williams
7 Street even worse.

8 We're concerned about the safety of
9 the neighbors. I'm concerned about my mother's
10 safety. My mother has mobility issues. And a
11 lot of times I work from home. So I'm
12 upstairs. I don't know what's going on
13 downstairs when I'm working obviously.

14 And she'll be out working and
15 tending to the flowers or whatever on the
16 Farber Court side and we'll hear horns. You'll
17 hear something going awry on Farber Court.
18 It's constant. For myself when I'm leaving the
19 house to go do something, at least three times
20 a week, if not more, there's brakes screeching
21 or something because somebody is flying up
22 William Street in either direction as I'm
23 trying to back out.

24 And sometimes I'll get the horn
25 laid into when I'm trying to back out of my own

1 driveway. It's a nightmare. Even trying to
2 come up from Blakely Street in my area when I'm
3 driving up Williams Street, I have to hold my
4 breath because that hill is such a blind hill
5 and people drive down it at about 50, 60 miles
6 an hour sometimes.

7 But I'm afraid I'm going to get hit
8 head-on and get killed. I'm worried about
9 children in neighborhood. There are children
10 that go to the school bus that are by
11 themselves what if one of these children gets
12 hurt?

13 There is no stop sign on certain
14 places. In fact, where Farber Court enters
15 onto Williams Street, there is no stop sign.
16 And there is no dead end side where Farber
17 Court ends at Schautz Stadium. It's dangerous.
18 It's also extremely narrow.

19 And this is not a crack against
20 Dunmore DPW or Dunmore Borough or anything
21 because you guys can't help it. We lost so
22 many reflectors on our house that we have on
23 the side because people have hit our wall and
24 had a hit and run.

25 But DPW when they're coming through

1 for the garbage actually hits our reflectors
2 and knocks them over. And we caught them on
3 the Arlo. We thought kids were doing it just
4 to be kids.

5 It's extremely narrow. And I know
6 Farber Court links up with the City of
7 Scranton. So I don't know if you could make
8 that one way or something. I don't know what
9 the answer is. I just know that there's a
10 problem. And we -- my mother and I have been
11 to Council so many times on this.

12 But we're afraid somebody is going
13 to get hurt. And it's just getting worse
14 instead of getting better. This past summer
15 was a complete nightmare. And I'm afraid it's
16 going to get worse. So thank you very much for
17 your time tonight.

18 MS. SCRIMALLI: Didge, can't we put
19 a stop sign at the end of Farber Court?

20 MR. JUDGE: I'll talk to -- they
21 have to tell me. We can get together.

22 MS. LONGO: Carol, you did that one
23 time. I remember that specifically you came up
24 with that. And there was a stop sign installed
25 at the bottom of Farber Court. And it only

1 lasted about two days. And I think DPW can't
2 get through because it's too narrow.

3 MS. SCRIMALLI: That's what I'm
4 saying. Can we put the stop sign someplace
5 where the DPW truck -- like get a taller pole?

6 MR. JUDGE: You can't put it right
7 at the end of the street. We can't get around
8 it, maybe 20 yards back.

9 MS. SCRIMALLI: Maybe we can talk
10 to --

11 MR. JUDGE: It's a bad area.

12 MR. HALLINAN: I'll look at it with
13 you tomorrow.

14 MS. LONGO: But I know that Grove
15 Street is also a one-way street. People use
16 Williams Street as a shortcut between Blakely
17 and (inaudible.) Mom, correct me if I'm wrong,
18 I know Captain Barth came up last year and he
19 was looking at maybe partial on Williams Street
20 one way.

21 So he was looking maybe top of the
22 hill area to be one way or something. I don't
23 know what actually transpired there. I know
24 Captain Barth was awesome. He came up with --
25 he has this little wheel thing that he was

1 doing a survey with. And he was doing whatever
2 policemen do to figure these things out. And
3 unfortunately, I guess there weren't enough of
4 accidents from what I recall.

5 MS. BRIER: It's so narrow.

6 MS. LONGO: It's horrible. My
7 neighborhood directly across the street and
8 ourselves, we have parking bumpers on the side
9 and people drive right up over them. The guy
10 that's on the other side of us, his parking
11 bumpers are completely destroyed. It's just
12 been really difficult trying to live there and
13 not -- I take my life in my own hands when I
14 back out of my own driveway.

15 MR. HALLINAN: As you know we
16 already visited trying to make it one way. I
17 don't know what could happen with that. I
18 don't know if it didn't meet the criteria. We
19 might have to do like maybe a -- I know you
20 can't see anything. It's terrible.

21 Maybe -- I don't understand why we
22 can't have speed bumps in the Borough because
23 that would definitely help. I don't care,
24 uphill, downhill. You come over there and
25 people just come flying up. And you are really

1 taking your life in your own hands, like,
2 trying to avoid the other car, trying to hit a
3 house. So it is bad. It's very bad.

4 MS. LONGO: Thank you.

5 MS. BRIER: You're not allowed to
6 put speed bumps in?

7 MR. HALLINAN: I don't know why we
8 can't. Is that something we have to look into,
9 Mick? Like, I know there's some, like, I was
10 always told that we cannot put speed bumps as
11 the Borough entity which I always said why
12 can't we put a speed bump -- another location
13 going into the school, Dunmore High School and
14 the Elementary Center.

15 I know they have them on their
16 property side. I wanted to put some on our
17 side because people that are walking the trail,
18 you know, they're taking their lives into their
19 own hands because people don't pay attention.

20 It's just the nature of the game
21 anymore with cell phones and everything going
22 on. I would love to -- my point of view is,
23 can we put speed bumps on Borough roads? Can
24 we figure that out somehow to get that done?
25 Thank you.

1 ATTY. PERRY: I'll look into it,
2 Tom.

3 MR. HALLINAN: That would be a big
4 help.

5 MS. LONGO: That would be a really
6 big help especially with that blind hill. It's
7 terrifying, like I said. Thank you very much.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else like to
10 address Council tonight?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none. Public
13 officials. Didge, do you have anything?

14 MR. JUDGE: No.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Mayor Burke?

16 MAYOR BURKE: Yes, Sunset Drive, I
17 was up there a few weeks ago to look at it and
18 I talked to Didge. They're fixing the storm
19 basin. And I don't believe that's going to fix
20 the problem. I called Dave Lopatka.

21 Dave came up and gave us some of his
22 time. And I said I'll ask Council if -- he
23 says he's never had to inspect them. I said
24 I'll ask Council if you could. I've reported
25 that to Vito. And I brought it up in executive

1 sessions. And I also brought up that I don't
2 believe that the storm basin -- and I told
3 Didge, you know, they're doing a good job.

4 But I don't think that the storm
5 basin is going to handle the problem because
6 there's so much water. I was there two weeks
7 ago. The only rain we had that was a rain most
8 of the night. It wasn't a hard rain. And the
9 basin across the street was filled. And the
10 basin in front of her house was filled
11 three-quarters.

12 And it wasn't even a heavy rain. So
13 I could see how easily it goes over the top on,
14 you know, a slight rain like that. I believe
15 that we have to start cameraing those lines
16 since we own them now. Right now we're not
17 spending any money on flood problems.

18 And when I was on Council, we said
19 we would spend that Sewer Authority money on
20 flood problems. But as far as I know, we
21 haven't spent a penny of it on flood problems
22 yet. I believe it's going to get worse if we
23 don't. I think there is equipment we need, the
24 vactor truck. I don't believe those lines were
25 vactored or jetted in over 30 years.

1 So I don't know the last time they
2 were cameraed. It definitely has do be
3 cameraed. That could be part of her problem
4 there. It could be -- but I don't think -- I
5 still don't even think that will solve it. But
6 I would go up with Tom and Dave Lopatka. I
7 showed Dave what I thought could solve her
8 problem.

9 But that's going to cost money from
10 the Sewer Authority money which we're not
11 spending on Sewer Authority projects. And I'm
12 afraid it's going to be gone before we can fix
13 her problem and other people who are going
14 to -- the storms are getting bigger now.

15 These -- we acquired -- for the
16 people who don't know, we acquired the
17 stormwater system when we sold the Sewer
18 Authority. So these problems are only going to
19 get worse and now we're responsible, the
20 Borough is responsible.

21 I've been trying to find out if we
22 have an easement to even go and check the storm
23 line that goes into Roaring Brook. And it's
24 taking a long time. To me it's a long time.
25 But anyway, it's over two weeks. But this is

1 something I think should be just on our
2 records. We should have records. We don't
3 even have maps of our lines in Dunmore like
4 Scranton does.

5 But it's something -- this money
6 from the Sewer Authority will be gone before we
7 even start a project in my opinion. I hope
8 not. But, I mean, I could remember when I was
9 on Council, we all said that we'd put this
10 money aside for stormwater projects and we --
11 obviously we didn't.

12 And that worries me because besides
13 Gina and her husband there, there are other
14 people that have problems and, Janet and Beth,
15 you're new to Council. You haven't seen a big
16 storm yet while you're on Council. And you
17 start getting all the phone calls that I get
18 every year, it's embarrassing for me to go to
19 these houses and tell them we're going to do
20 something and in all reality, we haven't been
21 doing anything on.

22 Now, Vito said in Executive Session
23 now -- today's executive session that we -- the
24 American Water is going to do some kind of
25 project on Chestnut Street. And that could be

1 part of our solution right there. But right
2 now we haven't had a meeting with American
3 Water in I don't know when.

4 I used to attend all the meetings.
5 But we haven't had a meeting on it. So I can't
6 be updated with them. And without contact,
7 obviously you don't know what the hell is going
8 on. You have to -- you have to have meetings.
9 We have to set up more meetings and we have to
10 take care of their problem.

11 Because their problem -- they're
12 only one couple. And that's one too many for
13 me. But there's -- they're not the only family
14 that has a problem with rain water. If you
15 guys ever see a big storm coming down -- or if
16 we had a bad storm right now, all you'd have to
17 do is walk out back here and look at the old
18 Dempsey's there and you could see a river flow
19 through there, okay.

20 Then it goes and it floods the
21 houses across the street. Before that, it
22 floods houses up above that. But we haven't
23 looked at this problem in -- or done anything
24 about this problem. And it's going to cost a
25 lot of money some of it.

1 But we have to make a start on --
2 and checking all of these storm lines that we
3 own now, okay. This is the taxpayer's problem
4 now, which is us. We work for the taxpayer.
5 We have to have these lines cameraed.

6 We have to get an answer where's the
7 easement where the storm line goes into Roaring
8 Brook? There has to be an easement. Why is
9 that so hard to find out? I don't understand
10 why we have to -- we can't just -- we don't
11 have these records.

12 MS. BRIER: Can we get a meeting --
13 ask Vito to get a meeting with American Water
14 Company?

15 MAYOR BURKE: American Water
16 Company, I think all it is is a phone call we
17 want a meeting. We haven't had our monthly
18 meetings now in how long, Vito?

19 MR. HALLINAN: -- it's because of
20 COVID also. Let's be honest here.

21 MAYOR BURKE: It doesn't mean we
22 couldn't have a zoom --

23 MR. HALLINAN: -- and obviously,
24 yes, they have a problem. But let's also
25 recognize all the people here we own 10

1 percent. It's not the whole town that we're
2 responsible for anymore. Ninety percent of the
3 issue and 90 percent of the lines, bottom line
4 are owned by the American Water Company, not by
5 us.

6 So, I mean, we only -- like I said
7 before, most of it's up in Swinick. And there
8 are a few down in this area. Most of it is
9 controlled by the American Water Company. So
10 let's make sure we're telling the truth of the
11 whole story.

12 MAYOR BURKE: Well, let's make sure
13 you're listening. Let's make sure you're
14 listening --

15 MR. HALLINAN: I am listening.

16 MAYOR BURKE: Let's make sure you're
17 listening.

18 MR. HALLINAN: I am listening.

19 MAYOR BURKE: Because I'm telling
20 the truth and don't you ever accuse me of not
21 telling the truth because I am telling the
22 truth. Look it, the storm line, we own the
23 storm line. Fact. Tell me what's not the
24 truth about that? So don't be saying --

25 MR. HALLINAN: Right. But don't

1 say --

2 MAYOR BURKE: Don't say what? What
3 is it that I'm not saying that's not the truth?

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Timmy, can you please
5 sit down and can you please stop? Can we just
6 get --

7 MAYOR BURKE: What am I saying?

8 MR. HALLINAN: I said tell the whole
9 truth. I never said you are a liar. Who owns
10 90 percent of the lines?

11 MAYOR BURKE: The storm lines?

12 MR. HALLINAN: Who owns 90 percent
13 of most of the lines in the Borough --

14 MAYOR BURKE: What are you talking
15 about, storm lines?

16 MR. HALLINAN: I'm talking combined
17 lines.

18 MAYOR BURKE: Combined lines we
19 know. We sold the combined lines. What I just
20 said is we own the storm --

21 MR. HALLINAN: You made it sound
22 like we're flooding all over the place --

23 ATTY. PERRY: One at a time. Hold
24 on. The stenographer can't take down both of
25 you talking at the same time. One at a time.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: I will call
2 Pennsylvania American Water tomorrow.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Can everybody relax?
4 We said we're going to send somebody up there
5 and camera the lines. We already told Vito to
6 call the water company to get a meeting. What
7 else do you want us to do? We said we were
8 going to camera the lines.

9 MAYOR BURKE: I want us to act on
10 it. I brought this up.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: We said we would send
12 Lopatka up there. We said Vito -- we agreed
13 with you on everything. What else do you want
14 us to do?

15 MAYOR BURKE: I want us to do it. I
16 want us to do it.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: I can't do it tonight.

18 MS. ZANGARDI: Last week Tom
19 Hallinan and Mr. Dempsey were not at the
20 meeting. So they're not aware of the
21 conversation that happened last week in the
22 Executive Session. So I'm not -- I brought it
23 up last week in the Executive Session.

24 MAYOR BURKE: I'm sorry, Tom. You
25 weren't there at the meeting when we talked

1 about these lines. I'm sorry about that. But
2 I'm telling the whole truth on we do own these
3 lines.

4 MS. BRIER: Timmy is talking about
5 sewer lines and Tommy was talking combined
6 lines, two different things. So we do own the
7 sewer lines or the storm lines --

8 MAYOR BURKE: No, we don't own the
9 sewer lines. The storm lines we own now. But
10 the thing is the combined lines -- the reason
11 why we have to have them cameraed -- the
12 project Vito mentioned just an hour ago in
13 Executive Session that they're going to be
14 working on Chestnut Street, now is a good time
15 to find out -- and sooner than later where
16 these lines are connected because somewhere
17 along the line there's storm lines I've
18 seen -- because I worked for the Sewer
19 Authority for years.

20 There were lines tied into the storm
21 lines, okay, that's shouldn't have been. We
22 have to find out for sure if these lines are
23 tied in or not.

24 MS. BRIER: Can American Water tell
25 us that?

1 MAYOR BURKE: They have the camera
2 truck to do it. But they don't own the storm
3 lines, Tom.

4 MS. BRIER: Maybe that's why we
5 could meet with them and we can talk about
6 that.

7 MAYOR BURKE: Right. But, I mean,
8 we have to set up a meeting. We could have had
9 zoom meetings like we did at Council if
10 American Water is afraid to come out.

11 MS. BRIER: Well, we can get a
12 meeting.

13 MAYOR BURKE: Right. It's a big
14 issue. And I think we're going to be -- we're
15 not going to have that money for very long.
16 And just like one project I think that can help
17 them, I think is going to cost a lot of money.

18 I think the one basin across the
19 street from their house has to be tied in
20 further down the road because there is a
21 water -- like if you go up -- anybody has a
22 water problem, the best time to see it is
23 during a rain and if you are at that property.

24 Otherwise, you're just trying to
25 explain to people what you could see with your

1 own eyes. I could see when it was raining, not
2 even a heavy rain, I could see that they have a
3 problem. With heavy rain they got a big
4 problem.

5 Bit it's hard to explain. If you
6 see it with your own eyes, then you see where
7 the water goes. It goes over -- right over the
8 curb right down their driveway. And the line's
9 not big enough to contain it. But these are
10 things we have to look at because now we own
11 the line.

12 Before American water could come up,
13 jet, vactor. Those lines might not have been
14 jetted in over 30 years, who knows. DPW,
15 they're great at fixing it. They're doing a
16 great job fixing the basin. But if the basin
17 can't contain the water, that is not the DPW's
18 fault. We have to figure out engineeringwise
19 how we're going to get that water away from
20 their home and these other homes back here that
21 flood.

22 MS. SCRIMALLI: I have a question.
23 So say we --

24 MAYOR BURKE: I can't hear you. I'm
25 sorry, Carol. I can't hear you.

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: Say we camera and
2 say it's a blockage, what would be the next
3 step if it's a blockage?

4 MAYOR BURKE: Well, if we camera and
5 see it's blocked, we have to -- obviously we
6 have to jet and vactor them. And we have to
7 find out what lines -- if there's any lines
8 that are illegally connected or not. There
9 could be sewer lines tied in there that we
10 don't know about.

11 I seen it before in different areas
12 in Scranton when I worked with the Sewer
13 Authority lines that shouldn't have been tied
14 in where they were. We have people that have
15 their rain gutters hooked up to the water line.
16 You see that all over.

17 MS. SCRIMALLI: It might not just be
18 a simple blockage. It may be other things.

19 MAYOR BURKE: It's other things.
20 There's too much water. And water goes
21 downhill. They're downhill. The basin across
22 from them fills up very fast from the water
23 above. The basin across the street, everything
24 goes downhill. And they are at the very worst
25 end of it in their neighborhood anyway.

1 But this goes on further -- like
2 when I was talking to Tommy, Tommy said
3 Chestnut and Smith washes out down there.
4 That's part of the -- that line down there.
5 Down at the tank it washes out with smaller
6 storms it washes out down there.

7 And it goes through Cordaro's
8 Lumber, then it comes down through the street
9 below Cordaro's; and it goes right through the
10 old Dempsey's and then it hits the streets
11 right behind us here.

12 But we got to start looking at these
13 problems and addressing them. That's what I'm
14 saying. I'm sorry, Tom, for yelling like I
15 did. It just gets me mad. And you weren't
16 even on Council when I was arguing about these
17 problems that we haven't taken care of.

18 MR. HALLINAN: And, Timmy. We
19 suggested a certain amount of money for the
20 refinancing. That's not the final number. We
21 could always change that too. I don't know
22 what we're going to do with it when we make the
23 final say of what goes on. You know, the
24 money -- we'll have money.

25 MAYOR BURKE: Any project, it's

1 going to be a lot of money.

2 MS. BRIER: Let's start with the
3 water company. Tim, it sounds like there's
4 tons of stuff we have no idea, lots of -- we
5 have no idea about a lot of things concerning
6 the water runoff.

7 So let's start with the water
8 company and sit down with them and see if they
9 have maps, if they know something we don't
10 know, you know, what they can do to remediate
11 this situation right away.

12 I just think we need to -- we need
13 more information. We don't have a clue about
14 anything. We just can't --

15 MAYOR BURKE: Right. We have to get
16 the information. We have to get meetings set
17 up with American Water.

18 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

19 MAYOR BURKE: And, Tom, I'm sorry I
20 lost my temper. I mean, this has been
21 something that's been bothering me a long time
22 and I apologize.

23 MR. HALLINAN: You're passionate.
24 No problem.

25 MAYOR BURKE: But it's -- I just

1 think we have to act on it. And because like
2 you said, I'm sick of visiting people that have
3 these problems. I wouldn't want it myself. I
4 wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy. And it's
5 only going to get worse.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay.

7 MAYOR BURKE: Okay, and besides
8 that, I'm sorry for losing my cool. My
9 neighbor called me and again and asked me if
10 we're still going to consider doing the Jake
11 brakes from north to south on Wheeler and
12 Cherry. I said I'll bring it up again if
13 Council wants to make a motion on that.
14 Otherwise, I told them you have to ask Council.
15 I've asked.

16 MS. BRIER: It's just a matter of a
17 sign, Tim -- just a matter of a sign? One
18 sign?

19 MAYOR BURKE: No, they'd have to do
20 the study again, which I'm sure it will pass
21 because it already -- the study already passed
22 south and north on the Jake brakes. But they
23 found out that the trucks were doing it going
24 the other way too.

25 So it only makes sense to put it

1 there too. But we have to go through the
2 motions. Somebody has to make a motion to have
3 PennDOT do the study and do the exact same
4 thing we did for the first one.

5 MR. HALLINAN: All we have to do is
6 change the ordinance. We have to get rid of
7 the old ordinance and make a new ordinance to
8 cover north and south because all we do is
9 cover the one direction. We need a new
10 ordinance.

11 MS. BRIER: We just have to vote on
12 that?

13 ATTY. PERRY: Yes.

14 MS. BRIER: I'll make that motion
15 that we --

16 ATTY. PERRY: It has to be
17 advertised. We have to -- the ordinance has to
18 be drafted and advertised and voted on.

19 MS. BRIER: Oh, okay. So you can't
20 make -- well, can we just do that then? Can we
21 do that? Do we need to make a motion to do
22 that --

23 ATTY. PERRY: I can't hear you.

24 MS. BRIER: I'm sorry. Do we need a
25 motion to do that? Or can we just do that in

1 terms of --

2 ATTY. PERRY: You need a motion.

3 MS. BRIER: Okay, to change the
4 ordinance.

5 ATTY. PERRY: Yes.

6 MS. BRIER: Okay. I'll make a
7 motion to change the ordinance that we do both
8 north and south.

9 ATTY. PERRY: So go both ways.

10 MS. BRIER: Go both ways with a
11 sign.

12 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second that.

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

15 (No response.)

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

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
22 so moved. Tim, do you have anything else or,
23 Mayor Burke, do you have anything else?

24 MAYOR BURKE: No, just I apologize
25 for my losing my cool. I'm sorry, Tom.

1 MR. HALLINAN: You're fine.

2 MAYOR BURKE: I know you didn't
3 create this problem.

4 MR. HALLINAN: Don't worry about it.

5 MAYOR BURKE: I was telling the
6 truth that we do own the storm line just so
7 everybody knows that. And the combined system
8 is totally different ownershipwise. But it is
9 a very expensive problem, the storm line.

10 And these problems aren't going away
11 until we start acting on them. And that's all
12 I have. And thanks for everybody listening to
13 me lose my cool. I apologize. That's all I
14 have tonight.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Chief DeNaples?

16 CHIEF DENAPLES: Nothing tonight.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Vito.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Perry.

21 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Beth.

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

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Scrimalli.

25 MS. SCRIMALLI: I would just like to

1 let everyone know that October is Italian
2 American Heritage month. We do celebrate that
3 here in Lackawanna County as well as other
4 areas. We did a beautiful flag raising down at
5 the county and raising the Italian flag for the
6 month.

7 Some of the people there were the
8 Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County,
9 Keystone Chapter UNICO, Scranton Chapter, UNICO
10 San Cataldo Club, the Victor Alfieri Club, some
11 other groups that I don't think were present
12 but also celebrate would be the San Mango
13 D'Aquino and the Gloria Lodge of the Sons of
14 Italy and the two churches, St. Rocco's of
15 Dunmore and St. Ubaldo. I don't want to leave
16 them out.

17 I wanted to ask our local historian
18 of Italian heritage, Stephanie Longo, did I
19 leave anything out? Any groups to add to
20 those?

21 MS. LONGO: I think you got
22 everything.

23 MS. SCRIMALLI: Did you want to tell
24 the group about your podcast on Italian
25 heritage? Why don't you go up? Once again,

1 Stephanie Longo our local historian.

2 MS. LONGO: Buonasera. At least now
3 get to go talk about something that I
4 absolutely love which is Italian heritage
5 versus something that I absolutely hate, which
6 is the situation on William Street.

7 I just want to echo everything that
8 Carol said. October is in the United States
9 national Italian American heritage month. And
10 believe it or not, Dunmore actually bears a
11 very important designation in the Commonwealth
12 of Pennsylvania in terms of local Italian
13 American heritage.

14 And that is out of all the
15 municipalities in the Commonwealth of
16 Pennsylvania, Dunmore actually has the highest
17 concentration of Italian American residents.

18 In the year 2014 in the United
19 States Census Bureau's American community
20 survey, they actually calculated based off of
21 people reported in and they discovered the top
22 20 Italian towns in the United States.

23 And Dunmore was number 12 on that
24 list. So I was very happy because what I do
25 for a living which is Italian heritage and

1 seeing my hometown the highest one on list, I
2 mean, it gave me quite a bit of an ego boost
3 and also Old Forge is another one that's
4 actually made the top 20.

5 They are only two in Lackawanna
6 County that have made the top 20. Everybody
7 else is further out. So Dunmore does bear that
8 very special designation. What I do for a
9 living -- so some of you knew me when I worked
10 at the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.
11 I'm not there anymore.

12 I got my dream job. I am the
13 associate producer and chief administrative
14 officer of the Italian American podcast. It is
15 the United States leading media outlet for
16 Italian Americans.

17 We have the highest rankings, the
18 highest numbers. So I get to do that by day
19 and write my books about local Italian American
20 at night. So I'm very happy all the time. So
21 if you see me, that's why I'm smiling. And
22 Carol and I were talking about some really fun
23 things to do for Italian heritage month.

24 So I want to open this up to Borough
25 residents. What I do is I go around and

1 present. I present local heritage,
2 northeastern Pennsylvania heritage. So next
3 Thursday, October 22nd, we're actually going to
4 do a Zoom live presentation of Italian American
5 heritage in Lackawanna County for anybody
6 that's interested.

7 If you're interested, send me your
8 e-mail address. I'll send you the link. It's
9 nice and easy, nice and fun. I try to keep it
10 really light and exciting and just something
11 that we want to do just to have an Italian
12 American celebration here in Dunmore since you
13 are the most populated Italian American town in
14 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

15 MS. BRIER: Stephanie, is it on our
16 website, the Borough website? We can put it on
17 the Borough website.

18 MS. LONGO: Yeah, I'll e-mail it
19 over. That's not a problem. Anybody is
20 welcome to do it. I love doing this. And it's
21 like doing for people too. So if you have
22 questions or if there's anything that you're
23 excited about, I do strongly recommend that
24 anybody that goes and listens to Italian
25 American podcasts, it's Italian American

1 podcast dot com.

2 We just finished -- I know that
3 today is Columbus Day. That's a loaded
4 argument. So I'm not going there. But we just
5 finished a big series on Columbus that's six
6 episodes, six hours worth of anything that you
7 want to know about that.

8 We also do stuff like jarring
9 tomatoes or some other exciting things. We did
10 a whole series where we talked about Jessup
11 because of St. Ubaldo, they actually have the
12 most important central Italian American
13 celebration in the United States.

14 They're the only ones who actually
15 do that. So lots of really cool Italian
16 American tidbits. So check us out. And I'm at
17 your disposal. I'm a proud Dunmorean. I'm a
18 proud resident and a proud Italian American.
19 Anytime that you need something for that, I'm
20 your person. So grazie.

21 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you very much,
22 Stephanie. I just want to say that also
23 October 24th is United Nations Day in which we
24 celebrate all heritage. I think that's the
25 most important thing besides that being my

1 birthday but we won't go there.

2 But anyway, I do want to say I feel
3 very, very bad that you're having the situation
4 with the flooding. And, Timmy, we will get to
5 the bottom of it. You know it's just a matter
6 of getting it done. We had a lot of dry
7 weather so we will get to the bottom of it. I
8 just want to thank everyone for coming. Thank
9 you.

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

11 MR. EHNOT: If anybody wants a We
12 Support Police sign, call the Borough or the
13 Police Station and/or pick them up the
14 DePietro's. If you know a neighbor or anybody
15 that cannot get to the Borough or the Police
16 Station or DePietro's, we will deliver to their
17 home.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr.
19 Hallinan?

20 MR. HALLINAN: I have nothing this
21 evening.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Amico.

23 MR. AMICO: Nothing. Thank you.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Brier.

25 MS. BRIER: I'm good too.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: I don't have anything
2 either. So with that, I'll look for a motion
3 to adjourn.

4 MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to
5 adjourn.

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

8 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: All in favor?

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
14 so moved. We're adjourned.

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