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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, November 9th, 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, Mrs. Scrimalli's notably absent.

23 Unfortunately her mother passed away. So we'd

24 like to have a moment of silence.

25 (Moment of silence.)

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Number three, public
3 comment on agenda items.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Does anyone have any
5 public comment for anything on the agenda items
6 only? Mr. Duncan?

7 MR. DUNCAN: I just wanted to for a
8 few seconds, if I can, if anybody could just
9 help me out. Is this Mike Kelly's -- is that
10 going to be his development Bucktown Center?
11 It's number six, the resolution.

12 MR. HALLINAN: What number, Gary?

13 MR. DUNCAN: Number six, Resolution
14 No. 20-6.

15 MR. HALLINAN: Yes. Yes, that is.

16 MR. DUNCAN: I just didn't remember.
17 And I don't remember if we -- I don't remember
18 if the Planning Commission -- is that still
19 going to come in Planning or -- that was at the
20 corner where the Dream Tan place, right? Am I
21 right?

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Apple Street and
23 Drinker.

24 MR. DUNCAN: When is that going to
25 start? No dates yet?

1 MR. HALLINAN: I would say it's in
2 the beginning stages. It was just starting.
3 It didn't go before planning yet or zoning. So
4 it's just in the beginning stages. They are
5 looking for grants, okay.

6 MR. DUNCAN: All right. Thank you.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody else like to
8 address Council on agenda items only?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

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

13 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
14 motion.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
16 motion.

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

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

19 MR. EHNOT: I'll second it.

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

22 MR. EHNOT: Mike, I do. Chief
23 Marchese sent all of us an e-mail today about
24 the police cars that's 120 days past due.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay.

1 MS. BRIER: How much is it, Tom?

2 MR. EHNOT: He didn't give me an
3 amount on it. It's from Kovach Specialty
4 Uplifters for the interceptors for the police
5 cars.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Mark, I think I
7 forwarded -- is Mark here? Mark Burton.

8 MR. EHNOT: Mark, did you get that?

9 MR. DEMPSEY: I think I forwarded
10 you that invoice from the police cars.

11 MR. BURTON: Yes, you did. We've
12 asked Rich Barth to contact Ford because for
13 some reason they billed us in one invoice for
14 total.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: For the total. It's
16 usually monthly, isn't it?

17 MR. BURTON: We were under the
18 impression it would be monthly billing and
19 was -- what was that, Vito?

20 MR. RUGGIERO: \$160,000.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. Mark, can you
22 or Vito, work with them to -- because it's not
23 on these bills for approval, correct? And does
24 it have to be -- we do have to get that paid.
25 So if you can guys work with Kovach and get the

1 correct payment and hopefully get that first
2 payment on the next month's meeting? Tommy?

3 MR. EHNOT: That's fine.

4 MS. BRIER: I have just a couple
5 questions. Bucktown Truck Sales and Service,
6 10 grand. Do you know what that is?

7 MR. BURTON: That's a normal
8 invoicing for repairs to the -- of maintenance
9 vehicles. There's probably about 10 or 11
10 invoices that are in that 10,000. It's not one
11 bill.

12 MR. RUGGIERO: Bucktown Services,
13 all the plows and garbage trucks on top of
14 Drinker Street. That's Bobby Morgan's place.

15 MS. BRIER: Yeah, I know where it
16 is. And the Jaworski signs, is that the
17 banners? So we got to pay for those.

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

19 MS. BRIER: And then the audit was
20 20 grand -- Murphy --

21 MR. RUGGIERO: Murphy, Doherty
22 audit.

23 MS. BRIER: That's the total bill,
24 Mark.

25 MR. BURTON: Yeah.

1 MS. BRIER: And then Ufberg, another
2 six grand. All right. Whitmore Associates, 10
3 grand -- \$11,000.

4 MR. BURTON: That was for the fire
5 rescue, the PPEs for the firemen.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: That was covered by a
7 grant. We received the money for the grant and
8 then pay it out.

9 MS. BRIER: Okay. Great. Thanks.
10 That's all I have.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else?

12 (No response.)

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

15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

20 MR. RUGGIERO: Number six is a
21 Resolution 2020-6. The Borough of Dunmore
22 supports the submission of an application to
23 the Department of Community and Economic
24 Development under the local share account
25 Monroe County in the amount of \$500,000 for the

1 development of Bucktown Center by New Horizons
2 Development Corporation.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Vito, you skipped the
4 minutes.

5 MR. RUGGIERO: Oh, I'm sorry if I
6 skipped number four. Motion to approve the
7 minutes. Just trying to move it right along.
8 Sorry. We'll go back to that one. Motion to
9 approve the minutes.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: All right. Number
11 four, motion to approve the minutes. Do I have
12 a motion?

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

14 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

17 (No response.)

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. All those in
19 favor.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

25 MR. RUGGIERO: Okay. So we approved

1 the minutes. And we paid the bills. Now we'll
2 go back onto six, which is Resolution 2020-6,
3 the Borough of Dunmore supports the submission
4 of an application to the Department of
5 Community and Economic Development under the
6 local share account Monroe County in the amount
7 of \$500,000 for the development of Bucktown
8 Center by New Horizons Development Corporation.

9 MS. BRIER: How come it's Monroe
10 County?

11 MR. RUGGIERO: I'm sorry?

12 MS. BRIER: Why is it Monroe County?

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Monroe County is
14 where the LSA grants come out of. It's the
15 gaming money. So we've done this before that
16 the Borough basically acts as a conduit of
17 approval which allows an entity -- we did it
18 for Sherwood Park to apply for that gaming
19 money. They did it for the splash pad.

20 MS. BRIER: I was just wondering why
21 it's --

22 MR. RUGGIERO: It's out of there.
23 That's what it's called. So this would be no
24 money on the Borough's end. This would just be
25 approval of the project that was presented to

1 you regarding the property from the corner of
2 Apple down to where Weinman's building used to
3 be for that Bucktown project.

4 MS. BRIER: Was that approved by
5 zoning?

6 MR. RUGGIERO: That hasn't gone
7 anywhere. As Michael said, it's in the
8 infancy stages. They're just trying to apply
9 for funding to get it and then it will go to
10 Planning and Zoning and so on.

11 MS. BRIER: Okay.

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

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

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

16 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

19 (No response.)

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

22 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and

1 so moved.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Number seven is
3 Resolution 2020-7, in accordance with the
4 Pennsylvania Act 179, the County of Lackawanna
5 has elected to submit an application for fiscal
6 year 2020 Community Development Block Grant
7 Program funds in the amount of \$198,113 on
8 behalf of the Borough of Dunmore.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: I will look for a
10 motion.

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

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

13 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

16 MR. RUGGIERO: On the question, Mr.
17 Chairman, this is just in addition to the
18 Chestnut Street property that's already been
19 approved. They're breaking it down into year
20 increments. And we have to approve for the
21 county via resolution each year.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Anyone
23 else on the question?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor

1 signify by saying aye.

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

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

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Number eight is the
8 Treasurer and Financial report. Mr. Burton.

9 MR. BURTON: I'll be pretty brief
10 with this. I've been focusing on preparing the
11 budget for next year. But basically the month
12 of October was pretty cut and dry. There was
13 nothing extraordinary incomewise or
14 expensewise.

15 There was three payrolls in the
16 month of October. So that was offset mostly by
17 the landfill fee for the third quarter which we
18 received in the middle of October. But as far
19 as being on track as far as the budget, if you
20 look at the final numbers, we're 33,000 ahead.

21 And the budget has us at just about
22 breaking even. And through the month of
23 October, we're still 33,000 on the positive
24 side. This upcoming couple months we're going
25 to have some larger expenses, the pension

1 obligation will be due the --

2 MS. BRIER: Mark, I don't mean to
3 interrupt you. But we took \$350,000. We took
4 a loan for 350,000 to make this 33, correct?

5 MR. BURTON: Right, because --

6 MS. BRIER: Yeah, I mean, I think
7 everybody needs to know that. We took a
8 \$350,000 from a TAN to make this come out like
9 this. So we weren't really in good shape. We
10 have to borrow to pay, you know?

11 MR. BURTON: But I mean as far as
12 the budget, the TAN was actually in last
13 years' -- or this years' budget so that was
14 calculated into --

15 MS. BRIER: How much was the
16 landfill fee; do you know?

17 MR. BURTON: At this point it looks
18 like it was \$833,000. It was calculated into
19 the budget. So as far as the budget is
20 concerned, we're still --

21 MS. BRIER: And we got that money,
22 the landfill money.

23 MR BURTON: We did get the third
24 quarter landfill fee, yes.

25 MS. BRIER: And what was it again?

1 MR. BURTON: I believe \$612,000.

2 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks.

3 MR. BURTON: But we may have to look
4 into making some additional borrowing from the
5 TAN in the next two months to satisfy our
6 obligations.

7 MS. BRIER: What's our pension
8 obligation today -- like, how much do we have
9 to pay the pension by the end of the year?

10 MR. BURTON: Approximately
11 700,000.

12 MS. BRIER: 700 grand. Aren't we
13 going to get some of that money from the state?

14 MR. BURTON: We did.

15 MS. BRIER: Oh, We already got it.
16 Okay, sorry. So we have four more payrolls.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: It's 400 and some
18 thousand because we received a half million
19 dollars in state aid.

20 MS. BRIER: That's what I thought.

21 MR. RUGGIERO: It was 875 or
22 something. So you're talking another \$400,000,
23 not 700,000.

24 MS. BRIER: Okay. So pension we're
25 going to owe another 400 by December 31st?

1 MR. BURTON: Yes.

2 MS. BRIER: And then four more
3 payrolls, yeah, four more payrolls, two in
4 November, two in December. Okay. All right.
5 I was just wondering. What other outstanding,
6 like, individual big payments do we have?

7 MR. BURTON: Couple larger loans.

8 MS. BRIER: Oh, you had said a loan
9 that -- is it twice a year loan?

10 MR. BURTON: Biannual.

11 MS. BRIER: How much is that, like,
12 300, right?

13 MR. BURTON: 300,000 and another
14 100,000 to Fidelity for another loan.

15 MS. BRIER: For all the other loans.

16 MS. BURTON: It's a once a year
17 payment. It's an annual payment in addition to
18 the normal loans we have.

19 MS. BRIER: So we haven't had to
20 borrow from the Sewer Authority. We had to
21 borrow from the TAN. That we have to pay back.

22 MR. BURTON: Correct.

23 MS. BRIER: And do you anticipate
24 borrowing from the Sewer Authority money?

25 MR. BURTON: Possibly.

1 MS. BRIER: Okay. I was just
2 wondering.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: The other that we are
4 hopefully expecting -- knock on wood is that --
5 I can't hear you. I don't know if you said the
6 healthcare reimbursement.

7 MS. BRIER: That's next March.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: I just didn't know if
9 you said that.

10 MS. BRIER: Yeah, no, no, no.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: I didn't hear you.

12 MS. BRIER: We're anticipating, in
13 effect, a refund for our health insurance.

14 MR. BURTON: It will be surplus of
15 about \$600,000 that we'll receive.

16 MS. BRIER: But not until next
17 March. I'm just trying to think how we're
18 going to get to the end of the year.

19 MR. BURTON: We probably won't see
20 that until sometime next year.

21 MS. BRIER: That's what the Cummings
22 said -- Mike Cummings said next March he hoped.
23 But the good news is, the increase in the
24 health insurance for next year wasn't what he
25 had anticipated.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: And actually we
2 received word today on the workers'
3 compensation that our premium on our workers'
4 compensation is decreasing by \$115,000.

5 MS. BRIER: Awesome. And our health
6 insurance is only going up 1 percent.

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Right.

8 MR. BURTON: Plus we'll have the
9 \$600,000 surplus, which will be a one-time
10 check that we receive probably early next year
11 which we budgeted into next years' numbers.

12 MS. BRIER: Thanks.

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Number nine, public
14 comment.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else on the
16 financial report? Public comment, would anyone
17 like to address Council tonight? Mr. Duncan.

18 MR. DUNCAN: 117 Barton Street, just
19 that we will not have a neighborhood watch
20 meeting next week. As you all know, our
21 numbers are going back up again exponentially
22 just based on people that I deal with -- in
23 good conscience, I can't have a meeting next
24 week. So we're going to cancel that.

25 And folks will still get in touch

1 with me and I'm just going to pass it along.
2 That said, I had a few things from different
3 folks. I talked to Didge earlier. I gave
4 Didge the addresses. I don't know if the signs
5 have to be ordered or anything. But just for
6 the record I'll give them to everybody. I'll
7 go slow, Mrs. McCool.

8 At the corner of Exchange Court and
9 Delaware, it's Coleman's house. It's the house
10 with all the masonry as you come down the
11 alley. You're probably familiar with it if you
12 come through that. We have that area, you
13 know, no parking here to corner. But if snow
14 comes, nobody could see that. We're hoping we
15 could get a sign up in there.

16 I know we talked about it in the
17 past. And I did mention it to Didge tonight.
18 Like I said, I don't know if the signs have to
19 be ordered or if we have to get approval from
20 the police department or whomever.

21 Also, the stop sign at the corner of
22 Tripp Street and Delaware, that was the one
23 that got hit by a truck. That sign is still
24 bent. I don't know if we could straighten it
25 out or if we need a new post and everything.

1 And then, if you're coming down
2 Tripp Street and you take a right onto Delaware
3 Street, we also had a sign with a post up
4 there, no parking here to corner. And another
5 truck -- the post is there. The sign is gone.
6 They took that off.

7 So again, if we could get those
8 things replaced before any bad weather gets
9 here because somebody will get hurt over there.
10 That's a tough intersection on ice and snow.
11 So with that -- hold on. I just have a few
12 other things if you bear with me.

13 Mrs. Zangardi, on the Sewer
14 Authority, I did -- I got a little bit lucky
15 today. I couldn't get through to everybody but
16 they do have a final fairness hearing on
17 November 19th. And that's with Judge Mazzoni.

18 So maybe we'll have some updates
19 then because we have no Sewer Authority meeting
20 in October. And here we are in November. So I
21 called down. We are having a final fairness
22 hearing November the 19th with Judge Mazzoni.

23 They did work on the class action
24 lawsuit that was going on with the settlements
25 that we've talked about here ad nauseam for the

1 last several years just so you know that,
2 Mrs. Zangardi, okay? So we'll pass that along.
3 And then I had a question.

4 It was in the financial section of
5 the Scranton Times. The properties we got --
6 we spent -- it was with the Schautz Family
7 Foundation, it was \$250,000. What property did
8 we get over there?

9 MR. DEMPSEY: The land behind the
10 field.

11 MR. DUNCAN: At the back of the
12 stadium?

13 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm sorry?

14 MR. DUNCAN: At the rear of the
15 stadium?

16 MR. DEMPSEY: The rear of the
17 stadium, yeah.

18 MS. BRIER: Blakely Street.

19 MR. DUNCAN: On the Blakely Street
20 side.

21 MR. RUGGIERO: Where the playground
22 used to be at Schautz Stadium and the
23 basketball courts, that wooded area that goes
24 all the way down to Blakely Street, that 5 and
25 a half acres.

1 MR. DUNCAN: That's what we got.

2 Okay.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: That's it.

4 MR. DUNCAN: Okay. So thank you for
5 that. And just let me take a quick peek here.
6 All right. Thanks, everybody.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Please state your name
8 and address for the record.

9 MS. NOLE: My name is Kim Nole. I
10 live at 319 Oak Street. I have concerns for
11 two properties -- definitely two properties on
12 our street. So I'm here on my behalf, my
13 parents and some of our neighbors. 321 Oak
14 Street which is right next to me is a breeding
15 ground for cats, skunks, possums.

16 The lady that owns the house is
17 constantly feeding all the stray animals. She
18 stands on her porch, opens the can and flicks
19 the food from the lid. It goes on her
20 property, kerplunks it on the porch. But twice
21 she's already flicked it into my driveway.

22 I asked her not to do that and, of
23 course, comments went back and forth. But
24 she's -- it's like a never ending thing. She's
25 feeding them daily. I know Joe Lorince had

1 been at the house and was totally appalled with
2 the porch.

3 Our mailman has filed a report with
4 the post office last year that he refused to go
5 on the property on the porch because of how
6 disgusting it is. I've spent close to \$200
7 this summer trying to reenforce our backyard so
8 that the cats stop going in it cutting through
9 to go to her property.

10 My neighbors, some of them are here,
11 they had to buy boxes to put their porch
12 furniture in, the cushions, things like that
13 that the cats get on and rip them apart.
14 There's cat crap everywhere. My other neighbor
15 has a puppy. They let their dog out. The dog
16 came outside, slid in cat crap just as soon as
17 the dog hit their own grass.

18 MS. BRIER: They are all feral cats.

19 MS. NOLE: They're all feral cats.
20 Inside her house she has seven cats. So, I
21 mean, last night my mother went to take my dog
22 out and couldn't get outside because there was
23 a skunk, you know, eating the cat food over
24 there.

25 It's a constant, constant problem.

1 We've tried to reenforce our flower beds,
2 things like. They are using them as, you know,
3 their own litter box. It's just -- it's not a
4 pleasant environment in any way, shape or form.

5 In her backyard I call it a cat
6 condo contraption. Behind her house at the
7 back door to exit the basement, she has a
8 contraption of boxes, cinder blocks, tarps that
9 she's keeping back there so that the cats can
10 have a place to go or whatever.

11 But if we're on our deck, that's all
12 we see. It's a constant annoyance. The
13 neighbors behind her are fed up with it. All
14 of us in our area keep the yards nice,
15 presentable. So that's what we're dealing
16 with. Then she obviously is fed up with us.

17 So she's also put private property
18 signs right -- everywhere, you know, directed
19 towards us. The -- sorry -- I told you about
20 the post office and all of that. Along with
21 her at 305 Oak Street and 230 Oak Street, those
22 are two other cat feeders. I mean, you come
23 down our neighborhood at any point and you see
24 cats everywhere.

25 The woman at 305 actually had the

1 nerve to put cat food on plates to go across to
2 the neighbor's house across the street at 308
3 and put the plates under her bushes to feed the
4 cats. I mean, we're basically all fed up with
5 this. So that's 321 Oak Street.

6 MAYOR BURKE: That one you said is
7 321.

8 MS. NOLE: Yes.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: 321, 305, did you
10 name another one?

11 MS. NOLE: 230, 305, and 321 are the
12 cat feeders.

13 MS. BRIER: Would Dunda go --

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I mean, on
15 your -- obviously we have a -- I don't know
16 what you call it, I guess pest control, animal
17 control, Karl Dunda. He'll come to your
18 property. He has traps and traps the cats and
19 either takes them either to the Humane Society
20 and find places that will take them.

21 You have every right to do that on
22 your property. I'm not saying you could go on
23 someone else's property.

24 MS. NOLE: Right. I'm hoping that
25 we kind of kept them out. But, I mean, you

1 know, you can drive down our street when it's
2 close to dinner time and you'll see cats coming
3 from all over the place. Literally at one
4 count there was six cats, two kittens and four
5 skunks that were basically around that all
6 night long. They come and go and come again.

7 MS. BRIER: You can't put traps on
8 someone's property.

9 ATTY. PERRY: Not on someone else's
10 property.

11 MS. BRIER: Unless they give you
12 permission.

13 ATTY. PERRY: And you're only
14 allowed four animals.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: I believe the
16 ordinance says four. The problem with trapping
17 feral cats, there's no place for us to bring
18 them either. Nobody will accept them. I know
19 as she said, Joe Lorince did speak to this
20 woman.

21 MS. NOLE: She wasn't home. He left
22 a letter in her mailbox.

23 MR. RUGGIERO: She received it
24 because she called the Borough Building. There
25 was a few choice words that she does have the

1 ordinance. And there is a fine incorporated
2 within our ordinance that states if you are
3 caught feeding feral cats --

4 MS. NOLE: I have her on video.

5 MR. RUGGIERO: So I think our next
6 step then I will speak to Joe tomorrow stating
7 that you were here and it hasn't gotten any
8 better. We'll have a conference call with
9 Attorney Perry and probably our next step is to
10 probably going to go to the magistrate.

11 MS. BRIER: But say, like, Karl
12 traps out and you got skunks. What the heck do
13 they do with skunks, Vito?

14 MR. RUGGIERO: They release the
15 skunks back into the woods.

16 MS. BRIER: Okay. And they can't do
17 that with the cats?

18 MR. RUGGIERO: The feral cats,
19 there's no place to technically release the
20 feral cats. You can't put them in the woods.
21 You have to bring them to the Humane Society.
22 They're not taking them because there's too
23 many.

24 There was a place I believe at Nay
25 Aug was taking them as well. But I believe

1 that has expanded so largely they are not
2 taking them either.

3 MS. BRIER: Can we find out?

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Yeah, we can. That's
5 what Karl told me he can't take them because
6 there's nowhere to put them.

7 MS. BRIER: Karl told you that?

8 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

9 MS. BRIER: You can release the
10 skunks. So at least put the traps out for
11 skunks.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah, but if she
13 continues to feed they will come back because
14 they know --

15 MR. RUGGIERO: That's what the root
16 cause here if she's feeding them, they're going
17 to come back.

18 MS. BRIER: If she sees traps, you
19 know --

20 MR. RUGGIERO: Well, he could try --
21 he could definitely try to get the skunks.

22 MS. BRIER: Yeah, get the skunks.
23 Skunks cause a lot of damage.

24 MS. NOLE: Yeah, they like to dig
25 and like to -- yeah. Like I said, we're trying

1 to take the dog out at night and you have to go
2 out with your flashlight.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: Miss Nole, did you
4 speak with Mr. Lorince?

5 MS. NOLE: I personally have not
6 spoken to him directly. He knows about this.
7 I know Officer Bonivolgia{sic} had mentioned it
8 to him.

9 MR. RUGGIERO: Because he lives
10 there too.

11 MS. NOLE: He's the one with the dog
12 that slid in the --

13 MR. RUGGIERO: Right. If I could
14 get your phone number before you leave and then
15 we can follow up with you as well once we
16 address this tomorrow.

17 MS. NOLE: That's fine. The other
18 address is 324 Oak Street. This is owned by
19 Roswitha Nogan. And this house was bought
20 recently last year, I believe. And it has been
21 a never-ending issue. It somehow is a business
22 in a residential area.

23 She rents rooms on the top floor,
24 the second floor of the house. And there is
25 usually three to four women who live up there.

1 At the end of every month there's,
2 like, new cars coming from New Jersey, New
3 York. Apparently this is some type of a drug
4 rehab house that none of us ever found out
5 about. The neighborhood was never informed. I
6 mean, I had to come before Council when I built
7 a garage on the street.

8 And she's conducting a business and
9 we never knew about it. So apparently after
10 people get out of treatment or something like
11 that, they move into the upstairs apartments.
12 And --

13 MS. BRIER: Are they apartments or
14 rooms?

15 MS. NOLE: They're rooms. Our
16 friend used to live upstairs on the second
17 floor. And he lived up there by himself. So
18 now it seems like there are rooms because I
19 don't see how you could possibly have four
20 people living up there comfortably.

21 Let's just say within a year of her
22 owning the house, there have been five overdose
23 calls to that house, two times, two of them in
24 one day. A couple weeks ago, I went home from
25 work to have lunch and there was an overdose

1 where, you know, the street gets blocked up.

2 Luckily I texted my neighbor to tell
3 her because her son who's working on driving
4 was coming down and they would have been stuck
5 in the middle of the alley because we're a
6 small two-block street. So, I mean, five
7 overdoses. We know nothing about the property.
8 We've never been informed.

9 And it's just the parking also on
10 the street if you have four people upstairs who
11 drive, she drives, and now she moved her sister
12 into the basement which when they were
13 remodelling it was supposed to be a family
14 room. And now there's the sister and two kids
15 living in the basement.

16 So you're looking at sometimes five
17 to six cars that just do not fit. They park
18 partially in the alleyway on this little bit of
19 rock that's there. So, I mean, they should
20 consider themselves lucky they have not been
21 hit by a car coming up and down the street.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: With regard to this
23 property, Joe Lorince was up there to look into
24 the basement -- or the ground floor apartment,
25 correct?

1 MR. RUGGIERO: He was.

2 MS. ZANGARDI: And he did address
3 the second floor apartment, correct, Vito?

4 MR. RUGGIERO: To my knowledge, yes.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah, so --

6 MR. RUGGIERO: What the results were
7 I can't speak to because I know that he -- I
8 just know that he did go and address it. I
9 don't know what the results were.

10 MS. NOLE: I know my mother had
11 called. She spoke to him on the phone, voiced
12 her other concerns over, you know, what's going
13 on over there. But my question is, what type
14 of house is this? Where are the checks and
15 balances?

16 Who checks in on these people if
17 they are a legitimate drug rehab type of thing
18 because obviously, they're not doing their job
19 if you have five overdoses. You know, I mean,
20 we've got traffic that comes, people pick them
21 up. They go.

22 I mean, there's one person who
23 doesn't seem like she is any problem. She goes
24 to work. We see her where she works. She
25 comes back. She's very quiet and reserved.

1 But the rest that have been there have not been
2 top-notch.

3 MR. RUGGIERO: You said, Mrs. Nole,
4 324 Oak?

5 MS. NOLE: 324, yes.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: What I will do is I
7 will have our police department pull the call
8 log from that address and give it to Joe and
9 have him re-followup again with it.

10 MS. NOLE: Okay.

11 MR. HALLINAN: It would have to be
12 registered somewhere or somehow.

13 MS. NOLE: I do believe there is a
14 possible recent arrest dealing with someone who
15 lived there too. I'm not sure if it was
16 Dunmore Police, State Police. But there may
17 have been a recent drug arrest from someone in
18 that house also.

19 MS. BRIER: Mickey, how many people
20 can live there? How many unrelated?

21 MR. HALLINAN: If it's somebody --
22 the rehab, that has to be registered somewhere,
23 correct, Vito?

24 MR. RUGGIERO: Well, from what I
25 understand because I had this conversation --

1 and again, I'm only paraphrasing what I
2 gathered from it. Apparently there is a -- in
3 a residential neighborhood, you could put a
4 common room and divide it with walls and have
5 people live there as long as you have one
6 bathroom and one kitchen and get somehow tied
7 in with the court system that when somebody
8 gets out of prison, they can go to stay there,
9 pay rent and then move on after they have to do
10 something.

11 Now, that's about -- it was
12 intriguing on one end but confusing to another
13 end on me because of the checks and balances.

14 MS. NOLE: We've never seen anybody
15 truly go in there to, you know --

16 MR. RUGGIERO: No, and I will
17 followup -- it's a prison form maybe Section
18 Eight that they're guaranteed income from this
19 way. So I don't know what it is. But I will
20 followup with Mr. Lorince tomorrow. I know
21 there is -- I believe Councilwoman Brier just
22 said something how many related.

23 MS. BRIER: Unrelated.

24 MR. RUGGIERO: I think it's four or
25 is it six?

1 MR. HALLINAN: I think it's four.

2 MR. RUGGIERO: Is it four unrelated?

3 Four or --

4 MR. HALLINAN: Above four.

5 MR. RUGGIERO: Unrelated. But there
6 is nothing to obviously related I don't
7 believe.

8 MS. BRIER: No, not a sister and
9 kids. But whoever is upstairs --

10 MR. NOLE: But there is so many
11 times that so many people are coming and going,
12 like, you honestly have no idea who it is
13 that's there, how many are there. You see
14 cars. You see people all the time.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: I will get with
16 Mr. Lorince tomorrow and address these concerns
17 for you including the cats.

18 MS. NOLE: Thank you.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: You're welcome.

20 MR. HALLINAN: Would it be wrong for
21 the Fire Chief to also to go in there and
22 could you somehow gain access to that building
23 and see if it's safe?

24 CHIEF DENAPLES: There's two ways
25 that we can gain access. If we have an

1 incident there, you know, obviously we can go
2 through the building. And the other way is to
3 schedule an inspection if it's being used
4 commercially.

5 MS. BRIER: So let's do that.

6 CHIEF DENAPLES: If it's not being
7 used commercially, the only time we could
8 really get into a residential structure is if
9 we have an incident there.

10 MS. BRIER: Like an overdose?

11 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah, if we
12 responded to it.

13 MS. NOLE: Do you want me to smell
14 gas?

15 MR. HALLINAN: You're on the record.

16 MS. NOLE: Sorry.

17 MS. BRIER: But an overdose --

18 MS. ZANGARDI: If memory is serving
19 me right, Vito, didn't Joe do an inspection at
20 that -- he did definitely do an inspection on
21 the ground --

22 MR. RUGGIERO: Again, I can't speak
23 to what he did. But I know he did address it
24 and was there. But I could get you answers
25 tomorrow. When I talk to him tomorrow, I can

1 definitely get you answers.

2 MS. NOLE: Thank you. Appreciate
3 it.

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Thank you.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else like to
7 address Council tonight?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none. I'll
10 open it up to public officials, Mayor Burke, do
11 you want to start?

12 MAYOR BURKE: Yes, we started
13 meeting with American Water, myself, Tom
14 Hallinan, Vito and Joe Lorince attended. So
15 we're going to keep that going now again on a
16 monthly basis. We were getting a lot of
17 complaints about dirty water.

18 And I explained that to American
19 Water. And actually I even got a call again
20 this week from Adams Avenue or last rather.
21 But I don't know. The one person asked me to
22 call Representative Mullins' office and I did
23 and I talked to Mr. Davis and explained that
24 we're having a lot of water problems with
25 American Water.

1 And I asked American Water with the
2 meeting if they could at least call Vito to
3 give us a heads-up and what area if they're
4 working and if they break a line just so we're
5 aware of it. And, you know, especially for the
6 elderly living in a neighborhood if they have
7 broken lines we can warn them.

8 The lady on Adams Avenue told me she
9 washed clothes and there was all mud on it.
10 But anyway, we've started up the meetings
11 again. And we're going to have them like we
12 were before having every other month -- I mean,
13 every month.

14 And also what I talked about last
15 meeting like Mickey did some research and found
16 out we do have access to our stormwater pipe.
17 We have easements, right, Mick?

18 ATTY. PERRY: Yep.

19 MAYOR BURKE: So that's new and
20 that's good because we're going to have to have
21 our own borough workers -- unless we hire
22 somebody to go and check those lines because
23 that is now our property. We'll make sure they
24 are checked every rain storm.

25 And any other thing too, like, I

1 asked American Water if they do continue or do
2 any work -- if Scranton does any work on any
3 storm lines to advise us ahead of time,
4 American Water, because maybe we could
5 piggyback together and do work together.

6 For instance, if they -- the storm
7 line on Green Ridge Street if they ever wanted
8 to work on that, I mean, it would behoove us to
9 join in on it going down Green Ridge Street
10 because we don't really have any access to
11 water other than Lackawanna going down Green
12 Ridge Street and then our line on Smith Street
13 goes into the Roaring Brook.

14 So, you know, I just said, you know,
15 give us a heads up if they are ever working on
16 any lines connected with us that could help us
17 out and maybe we could piggyback with Scranton.
18 That's all I have. Thank you.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mayor
20 Burke. Vito, do you have anything?

21 MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Didge, do you have
23 anything?

24 MR. JUDGE: No.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Chief DeNaples?

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: Nothing. Thank
2 you.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Is Chris in here? No.
4 Mick?

5 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: All right.
7 Mrs. Zangardi?

8 MS. ZANGARDI: Nothing. Thank you.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Ehnnot?

10 MR. EHNOT: Chief, did you meet with
11 PennDOT on the 900 hundred block of Drinker
12 Street where the fire truck can't get down to
13 those two homes --

14 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah, so myself and
15 Attorney Perry were up there with the engineers
16 from PennDOT. So we actually brought the fire
17 apparatus that's the issue up there that day.
18 And what came out of that was they said they
19 were going -- we didn't get much further than
20 we did in the e-mail that led me to send all of
21 Council that e-mail.

22 So what they said was they were
23 going to relocate that stop sign, pave up to
24 the mound to the curb and then they were going
25 to contact Attorney Perry when we're going to

1 reconvene up there and Councilman Hallinan was
2 up there as well and try to get the truck in
3 there.

4 I'm not hopeful that that's going to
5 work because I think it's still going to bottom
6 out. So I think there's going to -- need to be
7 more done than that to get the truck in there.
8 As everybody says --

9 MR. EHNOT: The width of the road,
10 will the truck fit down the with of the road?
11 It's very narrow.

12 CHIEF DENAPLES: So the truck once
13 you get it on the road it's tight. But it will
14 get down there. The only problem is if that's
15 really not treated, Tom, during the winter and
16 plowed good, if we have a couple big snowfalls
17 and that's not cleaned right to the curb,
18 that's where it's going to be problematic from
19 what I'm seeing.

20 The big thing is actually getting it
21 in there. The one engineer talked about doing
22 a K-turn. And we've showed them that that
23 can't be done. Like I said, we brought the
24 truck up there that day. So that really --
25 part of that curb needs to be cut out from what

1 I'm seeing. We'll go with their recommendation
2 and try to get in there.

3 They just keep reiterating it's
4 about the curb and the (inaudible.) That's not
5 the issue. We're worried about damaging the
6 truck.

7 MR. EHNOT: I would make them take
8 the whole thing out.

9 CHIEF DENAPLES: They really should.
10 They really should.

11 MR. EHNOT: That's it. Because when
12 the houses burn, God forbid, and you can't get
13 a fire truck down there, is PennDOT going to
14 say, well, we wanted to save money so we didn't
15 want to rip the whole thing up?

16 CHIEF DENAPLES: One thing about it,
17 the first house 909, they said, oh, you could
18 drive into the back. And the issue with that
19 is, the grade going upward, the truck will
20 bottom out. You can't even get into that house
21 from the Field Street side.

22 MR. EHNOT: That's all I have.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Thank you,
24 Chief. Mr. Hallinan?

25 MR. HALLINAN: The only thing is I

1 just want to say the town really supported the
2 Dunmore's Farmer Market this year, which is
3 done for the season which was a great success
4 at the Fidelity Bank parking lot and thank
5 everybody that went. That's all I have. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mr. Hallinan.
8 Mr. Amico?

9 MR. AMICO: Yeah, I just wanted to
10 reach out and thank Chris Kearney for running a
11 really smooth show on Election Day. For as
12 many people that were here, he and his group
13 ran a really smooth operation.

14 And tomorrow is November 10th. It's
15 the 245th birthday of the Marine Corp. So if
16 there are any Marines in the audience, Semper
17 Fi and Happy Birthday. That's all I have.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr. Amico.
19 Mrs. Brier?

20 MS. BRIER: And Wednesday is
21 Veterans Day. I just had a couple questions
22 about the Williams Street thing. Did we do
23 anything about that in terms of looking into
24 speed bumps? You know how we talked at our
25 last meeting about Williams Street?

1 I'm trying find out how much the
2 temporary speed bumps -- would that be feasible
3 if we could take them out like in the --

4 MAYOR BURKE: You mean like --

5 MS. BRIER: Like, we have at, like,
6 Moosic Lake, they have speed bumps that they
7 could take out. Like, they're not permanent.
8 Can we do anything?

9 ATTY. PERRY: I don't know if you
10 could take them out. Didge, you would know
11 better than I.

12 MR. JUDGE: They're illegal. You
13 can only put them in front of schools and
14 playgrounds. They can only go in front of
15 schools and playgrounds like Sherwood Park,
16 Monroe Park.

17 MS. BRIER: How about Schautz? What
18 about Williams Street on the way up to Schautz?

19 MR. JUDGE: We might get away with
20 that.

21 MS. BRIER: There you go. That's a
22 big playground up there.

23 MR. HALLINAN: The only thing I did
24 look into -- and I still think if it does, it
25 might jeopardize our liquid fuels tax money.

1 There could be something there that, you know,
2 I was talking to a PennDOT guy. And he said
3 you better be careful what you do calling them
4 speed bumps, you know, so --

5 MS. BRIER: What kind of money would
6 it jeopardize?

7 MR. HALLINAN: Our liquid fuels tax
8 money.

9 MS. BRIER: Okay. So how can we
10 find out if that's the case if it, you know --

11 MR. HALLINAN: I don't think a
12 temporary like pick them up and put them out
13 speed bumps would work. I think if you did
14 anything, I mean, I think we should look at
15 maybe a one way from maybe Irving up to
16 Prescott or maybe we could look at not even a
17 speed bump, but we could put in rumble strips,
18 like, coming up the hill because you can't -- I
19 don't want to put a -- from what I was looking
20 at, I don't want to put a stop sign coming up
21 the hill because then in the winter there's
22 going to be a big problem.

23 MS. BRIER: It's very steep.

24 MR. HALLINAN: So maybe some kind
25 of -- I think that would be a last -- I think a

1 rumble strip like you would --

2 MS. BRIER: That's a good idea.

3 MR. HALLINAN: You feel them when
4 you come down some ramps sometimes or you feel
5 them on the side of the road. You would want a
6 rumble strip maybe as a last resort. I'm
7 thinking maybe we should have our traffic
8 engineer look at it, maybe some kind of one way
9 from Prescott to the first block. Would that
10 be Irving or --

11 ATTY. PERRY: Irving is the first
12 one.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Irving is the first
14 one. Maybe from Irving up or down, whatever
15 they see feasible with that, you know, I'm not
16 an engineer.

17 MS. BRIER: She said the issue is
18 from Blakely up.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, because it's
20 almost from Blakely Street you're getting a
21 free run right up. There used to be a stop
22 sign I think at Taylor would be the first one.

23 ATTY. PERRY: Taylor is the first
24 cross street.

25 MR. HALLINAN: Right. And there

1 used to be a stop sign if I'm not mistaken
2 coming up there. I don't think it's there
3 anymore from what I've seen. So you get a
4 straight run up that hill. The problem is now
5 when you come up to the --

6 MS. BRIER: Right.

7 MR. HALLINAN: -- there's the hill.
8 You can't see -- nobody could see each other.
9 And when it's too late, you could have a
10 head-on crash. So that's the issue. So then
11 everybody is just scrambling then. When you
12 see another car they're going up on your
13 sidewalks. They're damaging private
14 properties, you know.

15 MS. BRIER: Maybe we could make it a
16 one way.

17 MR. HALLINAN: I think we have to
18 ask our engineer would have to make that
19 decision.

20 MS. BRIER: Who is that?

21 MR. HALLINAN: Reuther Bowen.

22 MS. BRIER: Reuther Bowen. Okay, do
23 we need, like, a motion for that?

24 MR. HALLINAN: No, we can just ask
25 him to look into it. Right, Michael?

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

2 MS. BRIER: Okay. Vito, would you
3 ask him?

4 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

5 MS. BRIER: How about the couple
6 that was here, Mayor, about the water that was
7 going right into their --

8 MAYOR BURKE: I didn't hear from
9 them since -- I went up to check during the
10 storm. It seemed like it was holding, our last
11 storm. Like, we haven't had any really big
12 storms this summer or spring.

13 MS. ZANGARDI: Can I interrupt?

14 MR. JUDGE: I don't think they are
15 getting anything now.

16 MS. BRIER: That's good.

17 MAYOR BURKE: I know it had to be
18 raised on that side.

19 ATTY. PERRY: I talked to them,
20 Janet, when I was walking my granddaughter in
21 the stroller down by their house. And they
22 seemed to be okay with it.

23 MS. BRIER: That's great.

24 ATTY. PERRY: They didn't know
25 whether or not it would overflow with the new

1 catch basin because we haven't had a huge rain
2 yet. But they seem to be fairly happy with
3 what was done.

4 MS. ZANGARDI: They were going to
5 come tonight but she got sick. So she may be
6 here in two weeks. They may. They were pretty
7 happy about it -- satisfied.

8 MS. BRIER: Oh, that's wonderful.
9 That's wonderful. I didn't hear.

10 ATTY. PERRY: The problem is their
11 house is so far below the grade of the street.

12 MS. BRIER: Right. It's really
13 steep there.

14 ATTY. PERRY: It's made for water to
15 come down into.

16 MS. BRIER: I just have one more
17 thing. Parking meters, did we see anything
18 about that, Vito?

19 MR. RUGGIERO: Captain Barth and I
20 met with the company from Scranton. They came
21 up here. They're out of New Jersey. They did
22 correspond and they asked some additional
23 questions. And Captain Barth got them the
24 answers. So we're waiting on a full proposal
25 from them.

1 MS. BRIER: Thanks. That's all I
2 have.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: The last thing I have
4 is the budget. Mrs. Brier and Mr. Burton have
5 been diligently working on that budget. And I
6 just wanted to say I appreciate that. The
7 first reading of the budget will be two weeks
8 from tonight. So we will meet the second
9 Monday of November.

10 And that would be our first reading
11 of the proposed budget for 2021. And then we
12 would have our second reading and possible
13 adoption of that budget the first meeting in
14 December which is I believe December 14th. So
15 just so everybody is aware that we will meet
16 the second Monday of this month.

17 And that's when the first reading of
18 the budget will be held. With that, I don't
19 have anything else. So I'll look for a motion
20 to adjourn.

21 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make the motion.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion. A
23 second?

24 MR. AMICO: I'll second.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?

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ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
so moved. And we are adjourned.

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