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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, November 11th, 2019

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
- MICHAEL MCHALE
- CAROL SCRIMALLI
- VINCE AMICO
- THOMAS EHNOT
- MICHAEL HAYES
- THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor
- TIMOTHY BURKE, Mayor
- ANDREW GENOVESE, Controller

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

4 MR. AMICO: Here.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Ehnnot.

8 MR. EHNOT: Here.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hayes.

12 MR. HAYES: Present.

13 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

14 MR. MCHALE: Here.

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

16 MS. SCRIMALLI: Here.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Controller

18 Genovese.

19 MR. GENOVESE: Here.

20 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mayor Burke.

21 MAYOR BURKE: Here.

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey would

23 like to address the matter of Veterans Day

24 prior to Public Comment.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: In honor of Veterans

1 Day, it is with great respect and gratitude  
2 that we would like to recognize our Borough  
3 Officials and staff who served our country for  
4 our freedom: Vincent Amico, Borough Council;  
5 Joseph Bianchi, Fire Department; Marissa Finn,  
6 Police Department; James Foley, Police  
7 Department; Daniel Kapacs, Police Department;  
8 John Luciano, Police Department; Brandon Muta,  
9 Police Department; John Murray, Code, Zoning  
10 and Health Office; Josh Ruddy, Police  
11 Department; James Seaman, Police Department and  
12 Gregory Wolff, Fire Department. Just like to  
13 thank all of those individuals on behalf of  
14 Council for their service for our country.

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number three  
16 is Public Comment on agenda items.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Would anyone like to  
18 address Council tonight on agenda items only?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number four is  
22 a motion to approve the open minutes.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion?

24 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
25 motion.

1 MR. HAYES: I'll second that.

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

4 (No response.)

5 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor  
6 signify by saying aye.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number five is  
13 a motion to approve and pay the open bills.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion?

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

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

19 MR. HAYES: I'll second that.

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

22 (No response.)

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

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

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

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is  
6 a motion to authorize Resolution 2019-4 that  
7 would utilize \$343,297.00 of Community  
8 Development Block Grant money assigned to the  
9 Borough of Dunmore to finance in part  
10 construction costs for the Mill Street Sidewalk  
11 and Pavement Project.

12 MR. HAYES: I'll make that motion.

13 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a  
15 second. On the question, Vito?

16 MR. RUGGIERO: This is the CBG grant  
17 program that we participate with the county  
18 over the last four years, 14, 15, 16, 17.  
19 There was money left over from projects that we  
20 did. They're just consolidating all of that to  
21 put forward to the Mill Street Project,  
22 sidewalk and paving.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. Anyone else on  
24 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 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven  
9 is a motion to appoint Murphy Dougherty and  
10 Company, Certified Public Accountants to  
11 continue the audit services for the Borough of  
12 Dunmore through December, 2023.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion?

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

15 MR. HAYES: I'll second that.

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

18 MR. EHNOT: On the question, Murphy  
19 Dougherty has been doing the Borough audits for  
20 several years. They did it this year, 2019  
21 without a contract. We're just asking for an  
22 extension to 2023. Their price is reasonable.

23 (No response.)

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Anyone  
25 else on the question?

1 (No response.)

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

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight  
10 is personnel matters to appoint Adam Valkos to  
11 part-time firefighter position.

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

13 MR. EHNOT: Second.

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

16 MR. AMICO: Yeah, on the question,  
17 Mr. Valkos has been approved -- I shouldn't say  
18 that. Mr. Valkos has gone through our  
19 background and everything is squared away as  
20 per Chief DeNaples. And we can obviously use  
21 the help with part-timers. So this would be a  
22 good addition to the department. Thank you.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr. Amico.  
24 Anyone else 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 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is  
9 public comment on other matters starting with  
10 Gary Duncan.

11 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton  
12 Street, Dunmore. Just everybody we'll assume  
13 everybody got the minutes from the last  
14 neighborhood watch meeting. That said, we have  
15 a meeting a week tonight on the 18th at 7:00 in  
16 this room.

17 And just for the record again, I  
18 want to once again thank the members from the  
19 Dunmore Fire Department who came to our last  
20 neighborhood watch meeting, did an excellent  
21 job with the inservice and then went out and  
22 provided the smoke detectors to, you know, the  
23 folks that come to the neighborhood watch  
24 meeting. So tell your guys thanks a lot. See  
25 you all next week. Thanks, everybody.



1 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Anyone  
2 else like to address Council tonight?

3 MR. CLARK: Pat Clark, Jefferson  
4 Avenue. At the last meeting although there  
5 wasn't a quorum, Keystone Landfill had some  
6 attorneys here indicating they were ready to  
7 challenge the validity of Mayor Burke's recent  
8 veto.

9 I was wondering if they did formally  
10 do so, submit anything to the Borough on that  
11 note or do we have any notice of anything along  
12 those lines?

13 MR. DEMPSEY: No.

14 MR. CLARK: Attorney Cummings, we  
15 have nothing in writing?

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: No.

17 MR. CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else like to  
19 address Council tonight?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Mayor Burke, do you  
24 want to lead us off?

25 MAYOR BURKE: Okay. Recyclables

1 November 16th, parking lot up at Dick's, all  
2 tvs, computers, monitors, printers, copiers, so  
3 the 16th, that's a Saturday 9 to 1. I checked  
4 out the storm basin that was blocked up. Joe  
5 thought it was maybe a separate system up on  
6 Sunset and Philomena.

7 It's actually a combined system so  
8 the Sewer Authority has to take care of it.  
9 That's about it. I don't have anything else.  
10 Thank you.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mayor  
12 Burke. Mr. Genovese?

13 MR. GENOVESE: Nothing at this time.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir. Vito,  
15 do you have anything?

16 MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Cummings?

18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. Mr. Hayes?

20 MR. HAYES: I just wanted to, you  
21 know, thank all the veterans, men and women  
22 that served our country to give us the freedoms  
23 and liberties that we sometimes take for  
24 granted today. So thank you to those veterans  
25 and Happy Veterans Day. That's all I have, Mr.

1 Chairman.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr. Amico?

3 MR. AMICO: I was pretty much going  
4 to say the same thing. Thank all of our  
5 veterans for their service. And if you haven't  
6 had the opportunity -- I think everybody should  
7 do, take a ride up to Marywood University.  
8 They have a field in front of the school on I  
9 think North Washington.

10 Anyway, it's filled with 45 -- as of  
11 now 4,600 flags are planted. And those flags  
12 represent a service member that was killed in  
13 Iraq or Afghanistan. And it's pretty  
14 awe-inspiring. So if you haven't had the  
15 opportunity to check it out, I strongly suggest  
16 it. Thank you.

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

19 MR. HALLINAN: I echo the same,  
20 thank all the veterans for everything. Mr.  
21 Amico who also served, thank you, Vince. And  
22 that's all I have.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr.  
24 Mchale?

25 MR. MCHALE: Just echo again for

1 Veterans Day, Mr. Amico, especially. That's  
2 all I have, Mr. Chairman.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir. Mr.  
4 Ehnot.

5 MR. EHNOT: Happy Veterans Day.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Mrs. Scrimalli.

7 MS. SCRIMALLI: Also I would like to  
8 say Happy Veterans Day to our Veterans. And  
9 that's all I have for tonight. Thank you.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: And again, lastly for  
11 me, thank you to all of our veterans,  
12 especially Mr. Amico here and all of our  
13 employees.

14 Just quickly, on our November 25th  
15 meeting which is the second Monday, we're going  
16 to introduce the 2020 tentative budget, the  
17 2020 tax ordinance at that meeting. So that  
18 will be put out I think in tomorrow's paper,  
19 right, Vito?

20 MR. RUGGIERO: It will be in  
21 tomorrow's paper, Scranton Times.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. I don't have  
23 anything else. So with that I'll look for a  
24 motion to adjourn.

25 MR. HAYES: I'll make a motion.

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MR. DEMPSEY: Second?

MR. EHNOT: Second.

MR. DEMPSEY: Motion and a second.

Anyone on the question?

(No response.)

MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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