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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, December 14, 2015

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 MCHALE, President

PAUL NARDOZZI, Vice President

SAL VERRASTRO

TIMOTHY BURKE

CAROL SCRIMALLI

THOMAS HALLINAN

MICHAEL DEMPSEY

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

ANDREW GENOVESE, Controller

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

4 MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

6 MR. BURKE: Present.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

8 MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

13 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

14 MR. NARDOZZI: Here.

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

16 MR. MCHALE: Here.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public comment on
18 agenda items.

19 MR. MCHALE: Anybody have any
20 comment on agenda items only tonight?

21 (No response.)

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve
23 the minutes.

24 MR. MCHALE: Tom, can we hold on one
25 minute?

1 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sure.

2 MR. MCHALE: Do you want to speak on
3 agenda items?

4 MR. ROGATO: Yes.

5 MR. MCHALE: Can you state your full
6 name and address for the record?

7 MR. ROGATO: Ralph Rogato, 703 Smith
8 Street, Dunmore, PA 18512. This is regarding
9 motion to approve the minutes. Is that the
10 minutes of the last meeting?

11 MR. MCHALE: Yes.

12 MR. ROGATO: I'm a little confused.
13 I went to the Borough Building. They say it
14 takes two or three weeks for those minutes to
15 be processed. How could they be approved if it
16 takes that long for them to be processed?

17 MR. MCHALE: We take minutes at the
18 first meeting of the month. We get them
19 approximately two weeks later.

20 ATTY. CUMMINGS: They do not become
21 a public document until approved by Council.

22 MR. ROGATO: Thank you,
23 Mr. Cummings.

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: You're welcome.

25 MR. MCHALE: Tom, just two things.

1 Number ten -- for the record, number ten is
2 going to be deleted from the agenda tonight.
3 It's getting moved to the next meeting. And
4 just for everybody who is here, there is going
5 to be a Sewer Authority meeting -- a public --
6 it's not a meeting. I take that back -- an
7 informational session starting on this Thursday
8 that we set up.

9 The national consultant who did the
10 presentation down at Marywood, most of the
11 board will be here, our attorneys will be here,
12 our executive director will be here trying to
13 get information out to the public like we
14 promised.

15 And this Council was not pleased
16 that the meeting was at 1:00 on Tuesday when a
17 lot of people couldn't get to work. We're
18 going to try to get everybody back together,
19 try to learn some lessons from the last meeting
20 when specific questions were asked and not
21 answered.

22 And we're going to do our best to
23 get the information out to everybody. So
24 Thursday at 6:00 in this room. Everybody
25 hopefully could attend. Tom.

1 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve
2 the minutes.

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

4 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

5 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
6 second. On the question.

7 (No response.)

8 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
9 signify by saying aye.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number five,
16 motion to approve and pay the open bills.

17 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make the
18 motion.

19 MR. BURKE: Second.

20 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
21 second. On the question.

22 (No response.)

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

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

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

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is
6 personnel matters. There's a motion to
7 transfer Kyle Stanton from active reserve to
8 regular duty firefighter.

9 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that
10 motion.

11 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

12 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
13 second. On the question.

14 MR. VERRASTRO: On the question. So
15 everybody -- this is part of contractually we
16 need to have a 15 person -- 15 union people on
17 the floor contractually. And as an active
18 reserve they are allowed to fill a position for
19 so long. The 15 person to be made whole is a
20 regular full-time firefighter.

21 So that's what we're doing tonight.
22 We're not adding anybody. He's already there
23 on the floor. It just kind of changes his
24 status and some benefits a little bit for him.

25 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the

1 question?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
4 signify by saying aye.

5 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

10 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I believe the other
11 personnel matter will be handled by Attorney
12 Ufberg.

13 MR. MCHALE: Please.

14 ATTY. UFBERG: Where would you like
15 me?

16 MR. MCHALE: You can go up to the
17 podium. This is Bob Ufberg our labor attorney
18 along with Mary Dempsey from the Ufberg Law
19 Firm.

20 ATTY. UFBERG: Very briefly, there
21 is a gentleman by the name John Luciano. You
22 may know that Mr. Luciano had applied for a
23 position with the Borough in the Police
24 Department.

25 And the -- our discussions it's my

1 understanding that Council was about to make an
2 appointment anyway to the department. My
3 recommendation is Mr. Luciano is qualified. My
4 recommendation is that he be engaged effective
5 as of the same hire date as the other gentlemen
6 who were hired. There were I believe five.
7 Date of hire would be August 10.

8 There's a question as to what the
9 effective start date would be. My
10 understanding again is that he was at the time
11 and I believe still is gainfully employed. So
12 that would probably dovetail with whatever his
13 notice requirement would be assuming that he
14 would be accepting the position.

15 But the date of hire would be August
16 10. Rate of pay would be same as for all
17 others hired \$18.36 per hour, 40 hour work
18 week. All other terms and conditions again the
19 same as other hires and we would, of course,
20 have effective if assuming he takes the
21 position based upon my discussions with this
22 Council.

23 I think there would be very little
24 difference in pay. Whatever it would be we
25 would be responsible for that difference.

1 Again, it's very small. And I think it's well
2 worth it rather than engaging in a protracted
3 lawsuit. Everyone knows that no one likes to
4 pay legal fees. It's a good way to save some
5 fees and kill two birds with one stone.

6 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion
7 to take Attorney Ufberg -- Attorney Ufberg and
8 Attorney Dempsey's recommendation.

9 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that
10 motion, Mr. Chairman.

11 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second.

12 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
13 second. On the question.

14 (No response.)

15 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
16 signify by saying aye.

17 MR. NARDOZZI: Aye.

18 MS. SCRIMALLI: Aye.

19 MR. BURKE: Aye.

20 MR. MCHALE: Aye.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye.

23 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so

1 moved.

2 MR. VERRASTRO: I abstain.

3 MR. MCHALE: I'm sorry, six yes and
4 one abstention. Sorry.

5 ATTY. UFBERG: Thank you.

6 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

7 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Attorney
8 Ufberg. Thank you, Attorney Dempsey.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven,
10 is a motion to approve the final budget for the
11 2016 operating year.

12 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

13 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that
14 motion.

15 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

16 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
17 second. On the question. We kind of went over
18 this last week -- or I'm sorry, last meeting.
19 And this was wholly the same as was there minus
20 the large surplus that we were showing.

21 And that's really been absorbed to
22 make an even more reasonable budget than it was
23 before. We kept taxes this year at the same
24 trying to use some of that extra money that
25 inevitably will be there to maybe to pave a

1 road or pay down debts or put into a rainy day
2 fund. We really haven't set those perimeters
3 yet.

4 There are a couple things still
5 outstanding, the binder insurance policy, our
6 worker's comp insurance policy hasn't been
7 finalized. So they are projected at the high
8 end right now. At least that's what the
9 estimates were. But there's buffers in there
10 just in case, of course.

11 And on the purchase side you'll see
12 in two motions from now we're going to put some
13 new Pak Masters on. Pak Masters are the
14 garbage trucks that are there. We have been
15 running other ones for five, six years I
16 believe, Sal?

17 MR. VERRASTRO: 2009, I believe.

18 MR. MCHALE: And they weren't brand
19 new when we got them. They are only single
20 axle in the back. So we can only put so much
21 on it. Not to bore you but that's been
22 budgeted as well as a new addition to fleet.

23 I think you all know -- I don't
24 think they are on the road yet, Sal, forgive me
25 but the five new police cars that have been

1 delivered.

2 CHIEF MARCHESE: We're waiting for
3 the radios.

4 MR. MCHALE: Radios put in. They're
5 beautiful. You'll see them out on the road
6 soon. They're all SUVs, state of the art, top
7 of the line. It's in the budget as well.
8 Obviously you know about the fire house if you
9 have driven by the facility as well, that's in
10 here as well.

11 Mostly that was paid with a grant
12 but there is a portion that we have to pay for
13 and is in the budget. So those are the
14 highlights. But taxes remain the same from
15 last year. We're running a lean budget. There
16 is not a lot of fluff in here. We're able to
17 put a lot of these additions that we just spoke
18 of through watching our budget over the last
19 seven years -- I'm sorry, five years since we
20 turned it around, got our refinancing into a
21 lot better rates advantageous.

22 We had people coming after us
23 instead of begging people. To give you an idea
24 our TAN rate will be a 1.3 percent this year.
25 If my memory serves me right, with the closing

1 costs, Scranton's was near about 18 percent.
2 It shows once you get your financial house in
3 order that things start working. So we're
4 proud of where we are right now.

5 We got a lot of work to do. We're
6 not sitting on our accomplishments. And we're
7 going to run a lean budget, stay on Sal like we
8 do and Didge and all the department heads and
9 keep this lean and tight and hopefully come
10 back to you next year with another tax drop.
11 So that's the budget. Anybody else on the
12 question?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
15 second, correct?

16 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
19 signify by saying aye.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

25 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight

1 is a motion to approve the 2016 tax ordinance
2 setting the General Obligation Tax at 20 mils;
3 Debt Service 19 mils; Pension Service one half
4 of 1 mil; Public Street Lighting 1 mil; Fire
5 Equipment Training 2 mils; Firefighter Services
6 1 mil; Rescue Services one half of one mil
7 totaling 44 mils.

8 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that
9 motion, Mr. Chairman.

10 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion.

11 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

12 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
13 second. On the question.

14 (No response.)

15 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
16 signify by saying aye.

17 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
21 moved.

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is
23 a motion to approve the purchase of three Pak
24 Masters through the COSTARS Program.

25 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 MR. BURKE: Second.

3 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
4 second. On the question. Just for those who
5 don't know, COSTARS Program is a state run
6 program that they negotiate on a group basis to
7 get the best rates on any type of equipment
8 that we can get.

9 It helps us not having to put it out
10 to bid. We're in compliance by going through
11 the COSTARS Program. But we get the buying
12 power of the state. So we jump on this when we
13 have to. But we're still looking at two
14 different companies to supply these as well.

15 So we see the need. The -- to give
16 you an idea to not -- I don't want to say hide
17 anything, but the one quote that we got is
18 \$187,000 for one. So it's a significant
19 investment that we have to put forward to
20 obviously pick up the garbage.

21 And, you know, our fleet is old and
22 tired, working well. The guys work well with
23 it but they are constantly breaking down. So
24 this is an investment we think we have to make.

25 MR. VERRASTRO: These are the bigger

1 ones, correct?

2 MR. MCHALE: These are bigger. I
3 mentioned it before and not to bore you I
4 promise. The single axle they are only allowed
5 to put so much garbage on that truck. It may
6 take a lot more, but the landfill -- and
7 Mr. Judge in the back could probably explain it
8 better.

9 The landfill will disallow it. If
10 the cops catch it, we get fined if we have too
11 much on that single axle. This double axle on
12 the back will let us almost literally double
13 what they can do so we can stay out longer.
14 They could be more efficient. Maybe we can
15 have less guys and use the smaller ones for
16 leave pickup, especially those of us in the
17 sixth ward who are always a day behind. We
18 think the efficiency will come in that regard
19 too. So that's about it. Anybody else?

20 MS. SCRIMALLI: And hopefully less
21 trips to the landfill.

22 MR. MCHALE: Less trips to the
23 landfill as well. I have a motion and a
24 second. Anybody else on the question?

25 (No response.)

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

3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

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

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 10 has
9 been continued to the next meeting. Item
10 number 11 is a motion authorizing the
11 Solicitor, the Treasurer, and President of
12 Council to finalize the Tax Anticipation Note
13 for 2016 at the best available market rates.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make the motion.

15 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

16 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
17 second. On the question.

18 MR. VERRASTRO: On the question, are
19 we going for the same style and type as we have
20 now?

21 MR. MCHALE: We're going for a
22 million dollar Tax Anticipation Note. The way
23 we set it up in the past couple of years and
24 you'll see it reflected in the budget. It's a
25 million dollars if we need it. We never really

1 needed it. She's -- she being Denise our
2 Treasurer has borrowed \$200,000 the last couple
3 years and we immediately pay it back.

4 It's like a line of credit on your
5 house. It's open for the entire year. We've
6 only used 200, cut down on the interest cost
7 and really paid it off by April the last three
8 years anyway. So I reflect it in the budget as
9 200 in revenue, 200 in expense. But it's a
10 million dollar line of credit if we need it,
11 which I'm positive we won't.

12 But it's out there. And again on
13 the interest rate, it will be around 1 to 1.5
14 percent interest rate. We have to finalize it.
15 But one of the things they needed is a final
16 budget. That's why it's still negotiating up
17 until the end of the year. Anybody else?

18 MR. VERRASTRO: Just for the --
19 that's 1.1 percent of what we use, not 1.1
20 percent of a million.

21 MR. MCHALE: Exactly. No. It's
22 what's borrowed. All those in favor signify by
23 saying aye.

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
3 moved.

4 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 12 is
5 public comment on nonagenda items starting with
6 the Lackawanna County report.

7 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.
8 Gerard Hetman with Lackawanna County's
9 Community Relation's Department. To begin this
10 evening to follow up to last month's meeting I
11 was asked for a status update on the Laurel
12 Street project which is a CDBG funded project.

13 I checked with Sandra Opshinsky who
14 works in the Planning and Economic Development.
15 She manages all of our CDBG funding projects.
16 Her words to me were that the bids will be --
17 the project will be bid in either March or
18 April of 2016. That was the simple explanation
19 that she gave me. She didn't elaborate further
20 than that. If Council or anyone here would
21 like a more detailed explanation or a followup
22 to that, I'd be happy to do so.

23 But that's the information that I
24 was given regarding the Laurel Street Project.
25 Just a few other items, the Santa on the

1 trolley run at the Electric City Trolley Museum
2 run through this weekend. There is a schedule
3 on Saturday and Sunday. And particularly on
4 Saturday, December 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
5 the museum will host what they call the holiday
6 celebration at the Electric City Trolley
7 Museum.

8 It combines a ride on the trolley.
9 There's different prizes for children and
10 adults. It combines it with a holiday party at
11 the Trolley Museum. It includes arts and
12 crafts, refreshments, live music, tree
13 decorating, a couple of other fun activities.

14 It's just a good way -- people
15 sometimes ask when there is a trolley ride if
16 during the holiday season there is more to do
17 than just get on and off the trolley. So this
18 is just a main -- fulfilling that with kind of
19 a Christmas themed fun events to go with that
20 particular trolley ride.

21 There's another thing, Penn State
22 Extension is going to start ramping up with the
23 start of the year with all of the seminars,
24 programs, lectures, hands-on activities,
25 gardening and/or physical health. First one is

1 a webinar series called Tree Fruit 101. It's
2 an introduction to growing tree fruit
3 commercially. Sounds kind of crazy, but they
4 do a lot of these things. Anyone with a green
5 thumb, they are really useful. It doesn't
6 start until March but it is open for
7 registration now.

8 And we're going to have a lot more
9 of those to come through January, February,
10 March, April timeframe. Those come out of the
11 Penn State Extension Office and everybody can
12 benefit from those. That's all I have for this
13 year.

14 MR. NARDOZZI: I have one question.

15 MR. HETMAN: Sure.

16 MR. NARDOZZI: Is the county going
17 to have the Winter Golf Program again this
18 year?

19 MR. HETMAN: I would imagine that we
20 will. I haven't heard otherwise. It's always
21 planned by our Parks and Recreation Department.
22 I will ask Bill Davis our Director. I will
23 probably see him tomorrow. I'll follow up with
24 him on that.

25 MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you.

1 MR. HETMAN: I'd just like to thank
2 all members of Council and everyone here, your
3 administration staff and all the residents for
4 a very good year of working together. I
5 appreciate all the cooperation that I get and
6 hopefully see you next year.

7 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard.

9 MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Gerard.

11 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Gerard.

12 MR. ROGATO: Ralph Rogato, 703
13 Smith Street, Dunmore, PA. I want to thank
14 Mr. Cummings for getting me the copy of the
15 Civil Service for -- it is fire and police
16 correct, sir?

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: It's general Civil
18 Service for everything that is covered in the
19 Borough.

20 MR. ROGATO: Okay. So it applies to
21 both departments. And I did receive your
22 letter that there was items missing from that
23 that we do not have.

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I believe that came
25 from the office, yes.

1 MR. ROGATO: Are we planning on
2 updating that or maybe just adopting the State
3 Civil Service Code instead of reinventing the
4 wheel, we can just put a rubber band around it.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Not my call.

6 MR. ROGATO: Mr. McLane?

7 MR. MCHALE: I'm Mr. McHale. Yes,
8 absolutely. We talked about that before and
9 it's definitely on a long agenda I could tell
10 you that.

11 MR. ROGATO: Don't you just have to
12 change the name at the top and you could also
13 adopt the applications in there and everything
14 will be the same in the state. In the current
15 one though, it says about when you hire an
16 officer, you hire a fireman. Is there a
17 probationary period?

18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I would advise
19 specific questions on the act if you put them
20 in writing I would be glad to respond to them
21 rather than off the cuff at a meeting. It
22 might be misconstrued or cause the Borough a
23 further problem.

24 MR. ROGATO: Well, it just mentions
25 something in there that within 180 days of the

1 hire that that person must work -- live within
2 the Borough. I did read it, Mr. Cummings. So
3 anyone hired within 180 days whether it's the
4 fire company or the police would have to move
5 into the Borough.

6 Over the last few weeks I got a
7 chance to meet a lot of the police officers --
8 police officers, not cops. And we do have one
9 of the safest areas in the area. But I know
10 there is a lot of things going on. And I'm
11 going to help that gentleman in the back with
12 the citizens' patrol.

13 And I did -- was told today by
14 Mr. McLane -- or Mr. McHale that he did receive
15 my application regarding the Borough Manager's
16 job. And I look forward to the interview.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Duncan, please.

19 MR. DUNCAN: Thanks. I'll be quick
20 tonight. I know I asked everybody on Council
21 got a copy of the minutes from the last meeting
22 in your e-mails and everything. We're going to
23 have a meeting obviously next week. I know
24 it's Christmas season and everything. But
25 we're still going to have a meeting a week

1 tonight at 7:00. So everybody is certainly
2 welcome to attend.

3 I want to thank the folks Didge and
4 everybody who got out. A lot of the things
5 that were on the last Neighborhood Watch
6 meeting were already corrected. So, you know,
7 thanks to everybody who took care of that. And
8 I know, Tom, you're still working on some other
9 things on that. So thanks a lot in advance for
10 everything. And hopefully you could make it
11 next week but I know it's a rough week for
12 everybody.

13 I just want to ask again if there is
14 a way we can get the minutes for the
15 meeting -- the agenda items posted on the
16 website. I know I've asked that in the past if
17 we can still get that on before the meetings.
18 Sometimes there's not enough copies for the
19 people who come.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: It was on the website
21 Friday.

22 MR. DUNCAN: Okay. I couldn't find
23 it. Okay. But it's posted.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: It's under Council and
25 it says meeting minutes and agendas.

1 MR. DUNCAN: Okay. So tonight's
2 agenda was on Friday. And that's it. So I
3 hope everybody has a very Merry Christmas and
4 happy New Year. And I hope to see you all next
5 week at the next neighborhood watch meeting.

6 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Gary.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Gary.

8 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to
9 address Council tonight?

10 MR. LOWE: How you doing? Jack
11 Lowe, 1104 Taylor Avenue. I just want to find
12 out about the new street lights that you put
13 up. First of all, before I get into this, I
14 want to thank everybody for doing a great job
15 here. The new street lights you put up are not
16 as efficient as -- well, I know they're
17 efficient.

18 But they don't shine out the light
19 like the other ones did. We had a lot of
20 trouble. I live on the Scranton/Dunmore line.
21 We had a lot of trouble with drugs in our
22 alley. I was finding needles and everything.
23 We fought for a street light. Put a street
24 light up and everything was fine.

25 I could tell you right now where the

1 street lights -- they shine directly straight
2 down in front of the lights. There's no light
3 in between the two street lights now. It's
4 dark like it was before. I feel that there
5 will be a lot of trouble in the future with
6 people breaking into houses.

7 There's a lot more dark areas now
8 with these new street lights. I don't know. I
9 know you're not going to change anything. But
10 I just don't think they are the greatest things
11 right now. And I just -- I'm not happy with
12 them. Have a nice Christmas. Take care.

13 MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks, Jack.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Maybe we can also
15 take a look into see what your area looks like
16 and get maybe an additional street light in
17 there. I feel the street lights myself are
18 brighter. But again, they shine in a more
19 condensed area.

20 MR. LOWE: In front of my house --
21 the front of my house used to be lit up and now
22 it's not. I have a tenant up there that says
23 they might move.

24 MR. HALLINAN: A lot of people say
25 they shine in their windows, shine on my front

1 porch where now it's not doing that anymore
2 and it is brighter. But I think, you know,
3 I'll take a ride through your area and take a
4 look at it.

5 MR. MCHALE: Please let us know.
6 We've had overwhelming positive response on it.
7 I'm not discounting what you're saying. Please
8 don't take it that way. If there is individual
9 areas that we have to recheck. Maybe there
10 are. Joe and I met with them -- Joe Lorince
11 and I met with them. Maybe there is a bigger
12 wattage we can put down there.

13 We'll double-check areas that anyone
14 that -- I think, Joe, do you know where he's
15 talking about?

16 MR. LORINCE: There's bigger
17 wattages.

18 MR. MCHALE: Maybe we can do that.
19 We'll check them. We promise.

20 MR. NARDOZZI: Joe, are there --

21 MR. VERRASTRO: They go in I believe
22 78 watts and there's 150-some watts. And there
23 is different ways you can -- some styles you
24 could actually put a reflector in to disperse
25 it differently. So after we get them all in

1 we'll look at areas that we need to treat on an
2 individual basis.

3 MR. NARDOZZI: Sal, are those lights
4 can you readjust them?

5 MR. VERRASTRO: They are fixed. But
6 it's the way that you put the shell on it, the
7 type of lens you may be able to change to
8 deflect it different ways or something.

9 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to
10 address Council tonight?

11 MR. URBAN: Good evening. Jen Urban
12 with the Dunmore Pride Committee. We just
13 wanted to extend our thank you to the Council
14 and the residents of Dunmore for a successful
15 Home For The Holidays. We appreciate all of
16 your support. And we want to let you know that
17 we would like to get together in the new year
18 and see what we can work out for next year.

19 We plan to move forward and become a
20 nonprofit. And we're in the works now meeting
21 with some different groups to see how to go
22 about and do that. But we would like to work
23 together and we have some ideas. So we'll do
24 that in the new year. Thank you again.

25 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'd like to applaud

1 you guys.

2 MR. NARDOZZI: Yeah, you guys did
3 all the work.

4 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

5 MS. GOLDEN: Yeah, just to
6 reiterate -- Katie Golden. You know, Didge, he
7 helped us so much, Council, the support, Sal,
8 thank you so much. We know we kind of winged
9 this and brought it on short notice. You know,
10 we planned this in two months.

11 But we're hoping, you know, in the
12 future that like Jen had said a few more, you
13 know, events to be held. And this Saturday we
14 are teaming up with good St. Nick here we'll be
15 giving 700 brand new coats to give away to
16 underprivileged kids in the Borough. So we
17 will be doing that here this Saturday from 9 to
18 12:30. We'll have Santa, cocoa, and donuts.
19 So again, thank you so much for your support.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Is Hal making the hot
21 chocolate?

22 MS. GOLDEN: You know we really
23 couldn't do it without the support. So, you
24 know, we're grateful. Thank you.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you guys.

1 MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you.

2 MR. VERRASTRO: Thank you.

3 MR. MCHALE: Thank you guys.

4 Anybody else tonight?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

8 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney.

9 MR. KEARNEY: No.

10 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Marchese -- Chief?

11 CHIEF MARCHESE: No.

12 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge?

13 MR. JUDGE: No.

14 MR. MCHALE: Did I miss anybody?

15 Andy?

16 MR. GENOVESE: I'd just like to wish
17 everyone and their families a happy holiday
18 season and a safe and prosperous new year.

19 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir. Mr.
20 Cummings.

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.

22 MR. MCHALE: Sal, would you like to
23 start us out?

24 MR. VERRASTRO: Sure. Didge, the
25 roads are perfect this year. This is the best

1 job you have done with snow removal. I would
2 like to thank everyone for coming. I hope that
3 you're happy with what we've done this year
4 financially with our budget and the direction
5 we're moving in.

6 And I would like to thank everybody
7 up here for what they have done with it on
8 Council and the support that we had and the
9 people and the public --

10 MS. ROGATO: I would like to explain
11 to you people why I'm here. I'm just as good
12 as anybody else is here. I'm Ralph's mother.
13 And I have a problem. And I don't like people
14 presenting the stuff that they are doing to our
15 home and to our property.

16 We have had the police come up and
17 nothing has been done. First, it was our car.
18 Now it's a window -- my big window. Now it's a
19 truck. Now something has to be done with
20 Dunmore. I raised a boy in Dunmore. He lives
21 in here. He lived and born here. Why should
22 he be treated like this?

23 I raised a half-decent boy. And I
24 thought for the life of me that I could see
25 there was people -- the kind of people doing

1 these things to us.

2 Now, I've been under pressure. I've
3 been under doctor's care. And this has got to
4 be stopped. I've been in and out of hospitals
5 for quite a while and nursing homes. This has
6 to stop.

7 I feel bad for you and your people.
8 You get old and this is what you do to them?
9 Ignore them, don't give them the results of any
10 kind, put them in nursing homes. Is that what
11 you people do? Why, because we're not humans?
12 We're animals? No, the animals are outside,
13 not inside. I've said what I had to say.

14 Now I have to sit down. And I need
15 help for everything I have to do. So you
16 people should be happy and thankful for the
17 Lord to give you the things that you could do.
18 Get up on your feet in the morning and do what
19 you could see with your eyes.

20 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you, Mrs.
21 Rogato.

22 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

23 MR. VERRASTRO: Thank you,
24 everybody. Have a happy Christmas and a safe
25 one and we'll see you next year. Thank you.

1 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

2 MR. BURKE: Just Merry Christmas to
3 everyone. And good job, ladies, excellent job.
4 Family had a great time at the festival. And
5 Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to everybody.

6 MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

7 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you. Just
8 want to address the ladies of the Pride
9 Committee. I've gotten so much wonderful
10 feedback on all of your hard work. And we're
11 looking forward to next year and whatever else
12 we can help with, you come to us and you let us
13 know. So thank you so much for all of your
14 hard work.

15 I also want to thank Mike McHale for
16 his hard work on the budget. He's fantastic.
17 So thank you so much. Of course, Didge, thank
18 you for your work --

19 MR. ROGATO: Keep rolling your eyes.

20 MR. NARDOZZI: What's the matter
21 with you?

22 MS. SCRIMALLI: -- and just to thank
23 everybody for coming and have a wonderful
24 Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you.

25 MR. MCHALE: Do you want to go?

1 MR. NARDOZZI: If you don't mind.
2 Pride Committee, you guys did a great job.
3 Sorry I wasn't there. I was in New York City
4 that day. From what I understand, you did a
5 great job. And I think maybe you should expand
6 upon it next year. I think you will be a lot
7 more successful. Wish you well. Anything I
8 could do to help, I'd be more than happy.

9 Say thanks to all our employees.
10 Without our employees, they're our backbone,
11 the police, the fire, the DPW, the office staff
12 and everybody here on Council, everybody does a
13 great job. Mike McHale here is second to none
14 when it comes to the finances. And I just wish
15 everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
16 Year this year. Thank you.

17 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan?

18 MR. HALLINAN: I remember about two
19 months talking to Katie about the holiday
20 committee's plans. And we gave her the full --
21 me and the Mayor sat down and said full steam
22 ahead. Good luck. It was truly amazing.

23 If anybody wasn't there, you missed
24 probably one of the greatest winter events ever
25 in Dunmore. I'm so proud that you even

1 included us in the little bit -- just a little
2 of the hot chocolate that we sold which was
3 actually 70 gallons and we ran out. The guys
4 all helped up here. And I thanked them. And I
5 thank you guys because at least you're bringing
6 something positive back to the community. We
7 hear a lot of negatives out there where people
8 are easy to criticize.

9 I'm so glad what you girls are
10 doing. It just makes me -- I would love to see
11 a lot more things happen on the corners, more
12 events. I would love to see an ice skating
13 rink out here. I don't know if you guys would
14 like to run with that. I'm sure maybe Chris
15 Kearney is our Director of Recreation could
16 kind of pitch in a little bit.

17 MR. MCHALE: He's rolling his eyes
18 already.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Whatever we can do
20 because whatever keeps the kids moving and
21 happy. And I said the biggest thing that you
22 guys provided up there was smiles on children's
23 faces. And that makes it all worth while.
24 Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart
25 and all of Council whatever we can ever do for

1 you and have a Merry Christmas everybody.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. MCHALE: Attorney Dempsey.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Michael, great job on
5 the budget and as always we're lucky to have
6 you. Also the Sewer Authority, you're doing a
7 great job representing us on the Sewer
8 Authority. I don't know where you find the
9 time.

10 But you keep us informed. You went
11 the extra mile to get Dunmore a meeting. I'm
12 sure everybody appreciates that and I know I
13 certainly do and we all do. Girls, the corners
14 Katie said you winged it. It did not look like
15 you guys winged it.

16 It was great. My kids loved it. I
17 loved it. I loved Hal carrying the big five
18 gallon thing of hot chocolate. So I look
19 forward to that again next year. Terrific job
20 and happy holidays to everybody and thank you
21 for coming.

22 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Michael.
23 Just to reiterate always speaking last, you
24 guys -- it was -- he said it was great. Two
25 months and it didn't even seem -- it seemed

1 like two years you planned it. It reminded me
2 of the old Dunmore festivals. It was downtown.
3 It was so crowded like that. I don't know how
4 you could do better. I'm sure you will. And I
5 know now you're being pulled into different
6 things because you were so successful. So
7 that's a testament to you and thank you again.
8 Anything we can do, you know, please let us
9 know.

10 It really was fun watching Hal carry
11 around hot chocolate the whole time and eating
12 most of the donuts. I really don't have much.
13 I spoke on many of the things tonight. I do
14 appreciate everybody coming here. This is our
15 last meeting. We do cancel our second meeting
16 in December every year. So this is our last
17 meeting of the year. We'll reorganize come
18 January.

19 And this gentleman to my left is
20 leaving us come January. But he's, you know,
21 worked his butt off for this town as long as I
22 have been on Council. And I'm sure that we'll
23 hear your name again. It's been a pleasure
24 serving with you. I know we'll talk quite
25 often anyway and you'll be around, I'm sure.

1 MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you, Mike.

2 MR. MCHALE: With that, I wish
3 everybody a Merry Christmas and happy holidays
4 and look forward to seeing you next year. I'll
5 look for a motion to adjourn.

6 MR. NARDOZZI: So moved.

7 MR. VERRASTRO: Second.

8 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor.

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.

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