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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, June 8, 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 - absent

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. MCHALE: We don't have Mr.
4 Cummings here tonight. So please indulge me.
5 I'll try to get through this as quick as I can.
6 We are going to take on the agendas that were
7 passed out tonight number nine is going to be
8 deleted.

9 We'll explain that a little bit
10 more. Well, I'll explain it. The noise
11 ordinance -- this was put on. PennDOT
12 requested this. We really just want to get
13 some more information before we waive our noise
14 ordinance, maybe put a couple curves in there
15 whether they can work at certain times and not
16 disrupt the neighborhood, try to minimize the
17 inconvenience for the neighbors that are going
18 to be affected by the work.

19 And in its place, we're going to
20 make a motion -- put another thing in, I
21 apologize -- make a motion to approve the
22 purchase of a vehicle for the Code Office. And
23 it's not to exceed \$27,000. So that will take
24 the place at number nine. So start with the
25 roll call. Mrs. Scrimalli.

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

2 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

3 MR. BURKE: Present.

4 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

5 MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

6 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

8 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

9 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

10 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Nardozzi.

11 MR. NARDOZZI: Here.

12 MR. MCHALE: Mr. McHale is here. Is
13 there any comment -- public comment on agenda
14 items tonight?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none. Motion to
17 approve the minutes of the prior meeting.

18 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that
19 motion.

20 MR. BURKE: Second.

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

23 (No response.)

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

1 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
5 moved. Motion to approve and pay the open
6 bills.

7 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that
8 motion.

9 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll second.

10 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
11 second. On the question.

12 (No response.)

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

15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
19 moved. Number six personnel matters, first
20 we'll go to the Summer Program. Every year we
21 have a Summer Program at the three parks in the
22 Borough. This one owned by the Borough and St.
23 Anthony's and Sherwood Park.

24 We're going to do it again this
25 year. We have a listing of employees that some

1 are returning, some are new that we're going to
2 approve tonight pending their clearance checks
3 by the police department. So I'll take a
4 motion to approve the Summer Program hires.

5 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that
6 motion.

7 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

8 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
9 second. On the question.

10 (No response.)

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

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
17 moved. Second personnel matter is a part-time
18 police officer Corey A. Lucas. This is just to
19 add him to the available part-time personnel
20 for the Chief to schedule. I'll look for a
21 motion.

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

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Second it.

25 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a

1 second. On the 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. Number seven, motion to approve the
10 purchase of six new police vehicles from
11 Kovatch Ford, Incorporated.

12 The terms that we propose to accept
13 is \$20,000 down payment, payment in arrears for
14 \$74,517.29 for three years at 3.06 percent
15 interest. I'll look for a motion.

16 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that
17 motion, Mr. Chairman.

18 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

19 MR. MCHALE: We have a motion and a
20 second. On the question. Quickly to explain,
21 we're required to buy new vehicles for our
22 police department when they hit a certain
23 amount per the union contract.

24 We're coming up on a few of them.
25 We -- last time we bought four or five

1 vehicles. The Chief is requested six which
2 includes a new Chief's vehicle as well. This
3 is a payment in arrears. It's a lease. It's a
4 lease purchase agreement.

5 So if there's a bargain purchase op
6 at the end of it. So it's in theory a three
7 year purchase of these vehicles similar to
8 what we did last year, same company is building
9 them, same finance company as well. And they
10 are all on COSTARS as well.

11 So they are competitively bid by the
12 State and we're allowed to use these guys like
13 this. Anything else? We do have a plethora of
14 old vehicles, some of which are no longer
15 running. And there will be a public auction
16 for those in the near future as well.

17 As soon as we get these which I
18 think Chief anticipated a month to two months.
19 So I have a motion. Anybody else on the
20 question?

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Can I say
22 something?

23 MR. MCHALE: Nope. Anybody else on
24 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. I apologize, sir, at this time we don't
8 take comments. We'll take another comment
9 right after the end of this.

10 Number eight, a motion to approve
11 and accept a professional service contract
12 between the Borough of Dunmore and Ufberg and
13 Associates, LLP, for labor Council matters.

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

15 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

16 MR. MCHALE: We have a motion and a
17 second. On the question. Michael, do you want
18 to address this or do you want me to talk about
19 it quick?

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah. Over the
21 years -- I haven't been here that long. But
22 over the years we haven't been that
23 enthusiastic about our representation in the
24 past. So we wanted to go a different way.

25 Bob Ufberg and his firm comes highly

1 recommended. Myself being in that position or
2 at least a colleague of his, I don't do a lot
3 of work with him but, you know, same area of
4 business I don't particularly do labor law.
5 But he comes extremely highly recommended.

6 He met with us. He came up here,
7 you know, he's gone over our contract. He's
8 given us some great ways to, you know, that he
9 could help us over the years. We understand
10 it's not going to be short term fix for all the
11 problems that had happened in the past with
12 arbitrations.

13 But we're hoping that he could help
14 us move forward in a different direction. So I
15 think he's the right way to go.

16 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mr. Dempsey.
17 Anybody else on the question? All those in
18 favor --

19 MR. DEMPSEY: One last thing I want
20 to say.

21 MR. MCHALE: Sure. Please.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Bob -- his law firm
23 does -- it's only labor law. He represents,
24 you know, dozens of different municipalities.
25 That's all his law firm is focused on. They

1 have no other practice other than labor
2 matters. So I just wanted to make sure I got
3 that out.

4 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely. Anybody
5 else on the question?

6 MR. VERRASTRO: We'll send a letter
7 of thanks to the old --

8 MR. MCHALE: Lars Anderson.

9 MR. VERRASTRO: Lars Anderson and
10 Mr. Goldberg for the time that they spent with
11 us.

12 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

13 MR. VERRASTRO: Thank you.

14 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

15 (No response.)

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

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
22 moved. Number nine restated, motion to approve
23 the purchase of a vehicle for the Code Office
24 not to exceed \$27,000.

25 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

4 MR. MCHALE: I have a second. On
5 the question. Just for the public's knowledge,
6 the Code Office had a vehicle for years. This
7 is coming out of the Code Office account which
8 is with all the stuff going on at Marywood, not
9 saying that there's a surplus; but we find it
10 budgetary feasible to bring out a vehicle for
11 these guys.

12 They have been using their own cars
13 and not looking for reimbursement. But it's --
14 you know, our Counsel has said that it could be
15 a liability to us. So we're going to try to
16 move forward with this. They looked through
17 two COSTARS companies.

18 And we're trying to negotiate down
19 the best price for one of these vehicles. So
20 this will give authority to Vito and Attorney
21 Cummings to finalize a purchase prior to next
22 meeting. So anybody else on the question?

23 MR. VERRASTRO: What was the number
24 we're going to -- the approximate number?

25 MR. MCHALE: Twenty-seven. Anybody

1 else on the 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. Mr. Hetman.

10 MR. HETMAN: Good evening as always,
11 ladies and gentlemen, Gerard Hetman from
12 Lackawanna County. Good to see you. To begin
13 this evening, the first item we'll talk about
14 is the one that comes up every year in the
15 summer months we get many questions as to when
16 it starts and when the schedule falls in place
17 for it and that is the distribution of the
18 Farmer's Market nutritional vouchers.

19 This is a program that's run through
20 the State Department of Agriculture in
21 Pennsylvania and administered at the county
22 level to the various Area Agency on Agings
23 across the Commonwealth.

24 So in Lackawanna County the Area
25 Agency on Aging will distribute the vouchers.

1 And these are for seniors to be able to go to
2 the local farmer's markets and redeem those
3 vouchers for fresh fruits and produce.

4 We have a schedule here the dates
5 that those will be distributed on. They begin
6 at 9 a.m. on at the dates specified here on the
7 sheet. And it ends whenever the supply of
8 vouchers runs out. It is a first come, first
9 serve operation.

10 The date is closest for you folks it
11 would be right here at the Dunmore Senior
12 Center. It would be Tuesday, July 14th. There
13 are a plethora of other dates. And folks can
14 go to any drop-off site in the county. It
15 doesn't have to be the one closest to them.

16 This one obviously will be
17 convenient for most of the folks here and for
18 your friends and relatives. People do have to
19 provide proof of age, driver's license or birth
20 certificate, any type of official document with
21 a person's age on it and also their address.

22 They could be a utility bill,
23 anything that was mailed to them that says
24 where they live just so that they could prove
25 that they live in Lackawanna County.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Do you have a flier
2 for this?

3 MR. HETMAN: Yep. We'll give it to
4 you.

5 MR. HALLINAN: Okay.

6 MR. HETMAN: With that, they also if
7 someone can't come themselves, they could fill
8 out what they call a proxy form which is
9 available from the Area Agency on Aging. And
10 there's a phone number on here.

11 The Area on Aging asks that someone
12 using a proxy call them to notify them what
13 person will be going to pick up the vouchers
14 for them and that person has to sign a sheet
15 that day saying that they picked up the
16 vouchers for the person who is a senior
17 citizen. It's a well-known program and we'll
18 be happy to leave it here for you.

19 After that, one of our initiatives
20 comes up later this month which is our third
21 annual Lackawanna County Job Fair. This is the
22 same drill we've done the last two years. It's
23 at PNC Field on the upper concourse level. So
24 rain or shine we'll have the event.

25 It's Thursday, June 18th from 1 p.m.

1 to 5 p.m., free and open to the public. We
2 have approximately 60 to 70 private sector
3 employers come in and speak about their jobs
4 that are available to the public.

5 There are, of course, full time
6 opportunities that are talked about but also
7 part time positions for anyone that may be a
8 student looking for summer work or maybe a
9 senior looking for something to supplement
10 retirement and then also internships and
11 seasonal opportunities.

12 We ask them to bring everything and
13 talk about everything that they may have in
14 their company. So we see a variety of the
15 different industries represented. We have
16 folks from near and far that come, Binghamton,
17 Williamsport, Stroudsburg. You name it.

18 And lots of close folks also. So
19 anyone that's looking for a job, again any
20 students or anyone looking summer work is more
21 than welcome. And lastly we'll leave you our
22 application for what we call the Commissioner's
23 Task Force on the big idea concept.

24 We talked about it a little bit last
25 month. Our three particular ideas that have

1 been pitched with Commissioners at conferences
2 and in letters to our offices, letters to the
3 editor. The forming of the Task Force reaching
4 these three ideas to discuss them and maybe get
5 some community experts together to see if they
6 are feasible to do here in Lackawanna County
7 and the surrounding area.

8 One deals with the recreation of the
9 Lackawanna County Fair or I should say the
10 creation since we never had one before. Also
11 one dealing with what we call a Steam School
12 science, technology, engineering, arts, and
13 math.

14 And lastly making Lackawanna County
15 some type of destination point, a development
16 of perhaps an amusement park or some other type
17 of activity for business that would lure people
18 here for overnight stays. So our deadline that
19 we're asking for is approximately by the 12th
20 of June.

21 So there's still a little bit of
22 time left. And it's open-ended. So there's
23 no firm deadline. We do want to start -- get
24 this committee meeting later this month. So if
25 anyone is interested in those, feel free to let

1 them know and then contact our office and we
2 welcome their input. That's all we have.

3 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

5 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Gerard, the vouchers
7 for the food vouchers, is there an age on that?
8 What's the --

9 MR. HETMAN: People have to be 60
10 years of age or older.

11 MR. HALLINAN: And no income level?

12 MR. HETMAN: There are income
13 levels. How it works is they -- when people
14 come to pick them up, they have to sign a form
15 attesting that they're --

16 MR. HALLINAN: Okay.

17 MR. HETMAN: The income that comes
18 in here and they're federal income criteria
19 guidelines.

20 MR. HALLINAN: Okay.

21 MR. HETMAN: Single people, 21,775
22 annual income per household. Married folks
23 would be 29,471, and a three person household
24 would be \$37,167. It's a self declaration
25 statement. It's asking that your gross income

1 is at or below the Federal income levels. I
2 don't think they actually ask for a tax return
3 or anything. They just ask that you do it on
4 your honor attesting to that.

5 MR. HALLINAN: Okay.

6 MR. HETMAN: Thank you.

7 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Duncan.

8 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton
9 Street. Before I start, Mr. McHale, I don't
10 know -- the hearing's going maybe -- the
11 vehicle for the car, did you say \$27,000?

12 MR. MCHALE: Yes, sir.

13 MR. DUNCAN: Okay. I just want to
14 go through some of the things from the
15 neighborhood walk and the neighborhood watch.
16 Did Vito forward to you folks all of the
17 responses?

18 I just have a couple of questions
19 and then a couple updates because I got some
20 additional communication today when I got home
21 from work about one of the concerns. I know
22 Vito is not here tonight. And I know Joe
23 Lorince is not here.

24 But I still want to still push this
25 out here, let everybody hear. 516 Fourth

1 Street, the neighbor that's got the concern
2 wants to remain anonymous. She doesn't want to
3 get into a war. But 516 Fourth Street is an
4 apartment house.

5 I sent photos to Vito and Joe
6 Lorince. She sent me a series of photos. The
7 photos sent by the neighbor states -- and this
8 is a quote. It's an apartment building. They,
9 the tenants of this apartment building are
10 using it as a business.

11 There are vehicles being repaired
12 Monday through Saturday. They are starting
13 8:30 a.m. The back alley -- these are all
14 quotes -- is where everything is taking place.
15 The odor of gas and noise all day is
16 unbearable.

17 She sent me photos today when I got
18 home. Now they have a boat rammed in the back
19 of this house and they are doing boat repair.
20 So I doubt that it's set up as a garage. But
21 there's a lot of stuff going on there. And
22 it's not just -- this is the neighbor who is
23 contacting me.

24 I have other neighbors come to me
25 and call at the house which is exactly what we

1 want that. I want the communication.

2 But the other folks are also calling
3 me concerned about the noise level and
4 everything going on in the back of this
5 property. So if we can at least pass it along
6 so that whoever can get up there, you know, I'm
7 sure they are not doing it on a day when it's
8 monsoon season.

9 But when dry seasons comes around
10 again probably in a few days maybe they'll be
11 back out. So whatever you have to do so we're
12 all on the same page. And then just a couple
13 other things and I'm glad Didge is here
14 tonight --

15 MR. VERRASTRO: Gary, was that 516
16 or 416?

17 MR. NARDOZZI: 516.

18 MR. MCHALE: Okay.

19 MR. VERRASTRO: I -- when you said
20 it, I want to make sure I had it right.

21 MR. DUNCAN: I have a tendency to
22 talk fast. Tell me to slow it down and
23 certainly for you. I'll get you a copy. I
24 will e-mail you everything so that you have it.
25 That may make it a lot easier.

1 Didge, 113 Smith Street, did you get
2 all of these? Did he send these to you? When
3 I say him -- Vito. 113 Smith Street exposed
4 utility cap. The response was DPW will assess
5 which utility company.

6 The same thing is at 612 East
7 Drinker and 618 East Drinker. Those addresses
8 have the caps, so whatever you can do just so
9 that you're aware of that, okay? Just bear
10 with me here I want to go through these.

11 Oh, 2033 Delaware Street it's an
12 abandoned home and needed a tidy up. The
13 response was on a summer when help is hired.
14 When does the help get hired? Anybody, sorry.
15 I'm looking at you. Anybody.

16 MR. MCHALE: We're trying to address
17 that. Everybody is really in school right now
18 so they're freeing up this week.

19 MR. DUNCAN: So at the end of week
20 hopefully?

21 MR. MCHALE: We're hoping. We're
22 trying to get them as soon as possible.

23 MR. DUNCAN: You think a week?

24 MR. MCHALE: By next Monday at least
25 two of them are starting.

1 MR. DUNCAN: I just want to know --

2 MR. MCHALE: Understood.

3 Understood.

4 MR. DUNCAN: Thanks.

5 MR. MCHALE: Five of them are being
6 hired for grass cutting and --

7 MR. DUNCAN: Great. The Adams
8 Avenue, they are not here tonight. But the
9 Adams and the Larch area and behind Nina's and
10 every --

11 MR. MCHALE: Joe will send a list
12 and we'll take care of all of them.

13 MR. DUNCAN: Thanks a lot. I
14 appreciate it not just for myself, I'm speaking
15 for everybody. The garbage collection fees, we
16 talked about them a while ago. Where do we
17 stand on that? I don't miss meetings. Maybe I
18 fell asleep or was comatose.

19 MR. HALLINAN: I spoke to Mr.
20 Cummings and we are moving forward with
21 collecting it. And we have been making some
22 collections. They're starting off slowly. We
23 had to purge the list because there was some,
24 like, homes that were bought and weren't, you
25 know, they shouldn't have been charged a fee or

1 whatever.

2 So he straightened all that out.
3 From what I understand when I asked him last
4 week that we are -- money is coming in from
5 that and that's good.

6 MR. DUNCAN: Do we have a time frame
7 to remediate the entire situation or --

8 MR. HALLINAN: We talked about that.
9 I don't know if we, you know, we want to see
10 how this is going before we take the next step.
11 But obviously there will be a next step because
12 it's not fair to the people that have been
13 paying all of these years. And that's what
14 we're trying to do.

15 And we're not here to embarrass
16 anybody by any means. But, you know, if you're
17 in arrears, we're going to try to get this
18 money whether we collect or lien, one way or
19 the other. And that was my plan from day one
20 along with the rest of Council.

21 MR. DUNCAN: I still have a couple
22 questions.

23 MR. MCHALE: Please.

24 MR. DUNCAN: The lights on the
25 polls, I got the response from -- who is the

1 new company? I saw Didge one day. I was
2 getting off Tighe Street coming back from one
3 of my patients and I saw Didge up on Tighe
4 Street at the convenient.

5 Drinker Street from the bank down,
6 those lights are out. Who is the company now
7 to replace the lights? I took -- I live there
8 so I walk the dog that way. They were still
9 out last night. Who is the new company that is
10 going to take care of the new lights and --

11 MR. HALLINAN: That's Joe Kries.

12 MR. DUNCAN: And do we have a
13 contact number for that?

14 MR. MCHALE: Gary, we'll contact
15 him.

16 MR. DUNCAN: I just want to know
17 what the policy is.

18 MR. HALLINAN: And, Gary, not to
19 sound like we're sidestepping you, what we also
20 had a problem is, you know, one person calling
21 this Council person so now what we want to do
22 is get everything to either Vito or Sally Judge
23 that would be.

24 And then that way, there's one point
25 for, you know, keeping it coordinated of what

1 polls were contacted and which ones were fixed
2 and then he would report in. And what we're
3 asking him to do is even knock on the
4 neighbor's door or the person that's
5 complaining and say, hey, I was here or even
6 have a door tag and that this light has been
7 repaired. So we think it's a two-way street.

8 MR. DUNCAN: If I get tips from the
9 general public about it I'll just do what I did
10 and I'll forward it because these numbers West
11 Drinker Street -- and I provided the N numbers
12 to you folks, 115 West Drinker. And on one of
13 the polls at 119 West Drinker there's no N
14 number on the poll but the light most assuredly
15 is out.

16 That's a long dark stretch when
17 you're walking through there at night. It's
18 from the bank right across from Fidelity going
19 down to the next block towards the high school.

20 MR. HALLINAN: I'm wondering if it's
21 the -- what do you call them? Sometimes
22 they're on and other times they're not.

23 MR. DUNCAN: These are totally dark.

24 MR. HALLINAN: I know sometimes when
25 you make your complaints I ride around and

1 look.

2 MR. VERRASTRO: Call the Borough
3 office and ask for Sally Judge. That's the
4 most direct route.

5 MR. DUNCAN: Sally Judge. I guess
6 Monday to Friday she's there from 8:30 to --

7 MR. VERRASTRO: Four.

8 MR. DUNCAN: We're almost done,
9 guys. The next community walk is going to be
10 held next Sunday, June the 14th, 2015. We're
11 going to park up at the Old Laurel Hill. For
12 those of you that were at the last neighborhood
13 watch meeting, we had a neighbor that came down
14 and was very vocal and had concerns in that
15 area.

16 So we're going to revisit the Mill
17 Street, Chestnut Street, Elm Street. We'll
18 take that entire corridor. We'll do what we
19 always do. We'll meet at noon. So any of you
20 folks that are free, we certainly -- Tim came
21 with us on the last walk and gave us a --
22 protection on his motorcycle.

23 We were glad to have him with us
24 because he paved the way for us so-to-speak.
25 We were really glad to have him with us. And I

1 know, Tom, you and Nibs came in the past. So
2 certainly the more the merrier. But we really
3 do welcome you guys.

4 I think when you come with us and
5 you know it yourself, you see so much more on
6 the walk than if you drive through it at 5 or
7 10 miles an hour. So if you could find the
8 time, I'd appreciate it.

9 And then obviously the walk will be
10 Sunday, June 14th at noon. The next Dunmore
11 Neighborhood Watch meeting will be next Monday
12 here at 7:00. Again, I know you usually make
13 the meetings, so those of you that can make it.
14 Sal, I know you've been at them. We certainly
15 appreciate the fact that you show up and I
16 think the citizens show up.

17 One of the folks that always comes
18 to Dunmore Neighborhood Watch and never misses,
19 I got a call from her last night. She's Jeanne
20 Van Wert that lives up in the Bunker Hill
21 section. She's at the Dunmore Nursing home
22 right now, Dunmore rehab.

23 She had to have a leg amputated.
24 She called me up and told me why she can't
25 come to a neighborhood watch meeting. And

1 she's so concerned about still what's going on.
2 We talked about the graffiti up by the bridge
3 at Carmella's and everything.

4 You know, even when folks can't be
5 at the meetings, I guess the analogy is it's
6 still important even to somebody who had a leg
7 amputated. So for those of you that pray,
8 keep Jeanne in your prayers because she's
9 really -- could benefit from the prayers right
10 now.

11 And we appreciate the involvement,
12 especially you folks that are always at our
13 neighborhood watch meetings and you folks that
14 come out to the neighborhood watch. A lot of
15 new faces here tonight and sorry if I don't
16 know you but there's a Dunmore Neighborhood
17 Watch Facebook page.

18 My name is Gary Duncan. Duncan, not
19 like the donut. It's on my Facebook page. So
20 you're all certainly more than welcome to join
21 us. I think the folks that come to our
22 meetings would say we give everybody an
23 opportunity to verbalize their concerns and we
24 actually do follow up on everything. Thanks a
25 lot guys.

1 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Gary.

2 MR. DUNCAN: I exceeded my five
3 minutes for the first time in three years and
4 change.

5 MR. MCHALE: That's okay. Anybody
6 from Mr. Valvano's office here tonight?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. MCHALE: Okay. Number 13 public
9 comment on non agenda items. Just if real
10 quick if we can -- not a lot of -- last time we
11 had a lot of feedback. And we have a
12 stenographer trying to take notes. Anybody who
13 would like to speak, please just come up and
14 state your name for the record so she could
15 keep an accurate record. Thank you. Sir, go
16 ahead.

17 MR. MCGRAW: I want to thank
18 Council. My name is Jim McGraw. I live at
19 2028 Delaware Street. And I have been there
20 for over 80 years. So I'm very familiar with
21 Dunmore. And maybe a little over a month ago,
22 Mr. Judge and DPW with the Council's approval
23 put a stop sign about four houses up from
24 Webster Street.

25 And there's probably a lot of

1 Dunmoreans that say why do we have to have a
2 stop sign say a hundred yards up from Webster?
3 Well, I'll tell you why.

4 I was driving up there about maybe
5 two weeks ago. And if that stop sign wasn't
6 there, there would be a boy on Barton Street
7 dead. We're concerned about other problems in
8 the town, but there's certain things that have
9 to be done immediately when it's safety. And
10 they responded and it saved the boy.

11 Now four houses up there's an
12 alleyway right across if you are familiar with
13 Tommy Golden's old funeral home, two boys come
14 down on bicycles. And the one boy leading was
15 racing. And I'm familiar there. And I was
16 going about 10 miles an hour. I hit the
17 brakes, blew the horn.

18 And it took that kid approximately
19 40 feet to stop. By the time he applied the
20 brakes, there was a car parked that I was
21 further down but if it was anybody else because
22 I live on that street and I see people in the
23 Sixth Ward coming up there 20, 30 miles an
24 hour.

25 They are racing to get kids to

1 school and now school is out. And it's time to
2 put the brakes on and pay attention to the
3 children. We want to save lives. And they may
4 be your children.

5 And there is a state law that kids
6 on a bicycle under 12 years old will have a
7 helmet. And there's a lot of parents in
8 Dunmore that didn't go out and buy the kids a
9 helmet and they are out on the street where
10 they could be seriously injured.

11 And if it wasn't for the Borough and
12 Mr. Judge getting that stop sign, maybe I would
13 be going 20 miles an hour and strike that
14 child. And how he stopped is he hit the curb
15 in front of Tommy's. And I said, oh my God to
16 my wife that if he goes off that bike he's
17 going to have a fractured skull. No helmet.
18 And Joe Finnerty lost a child maybe what, 15,
19 20 years ago -- fell off the bike, fractured
20 skull, died.

21 And that's how serious it is. And
22 people could come to this Council meeting and
23 claim, oh, we have stop signs every so many
24 blocks. They have them because people don't
25 obey the speed limit. You're out there and

1 you're in a hurry and you're the only one in
2 the town that has to go fast. Well, there's
3 kids living in this town that you have to obey
4 the speed limits and help the policemen out.

5 And I'll come up on two addresses
6 now that I'm finished with that. It's 2032
7 that house in the alley that Frankie died and I
8 think maybe the bank owns it that the property
9 needs to be kept up. And then across the drug
10 house that was on Delaware Street at 2031 and
11 33, it's overgrown now with brush and so on.

12 And when you get time, we'd
13 appreciate you taking care of it. And I know
14 you will. But for anybody in this town that
15 complains about the stop sign, when you save a
16 life, you did a hell of a good thing and you're
17 to be complimented.

18 MR. MCHALE: Thanks.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks.

20 MR. BURKE: Thanks, Mr. McGraw.

21 MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks.

22 MR. HALLINAN: Michael, was there
23 a -- did we used to have a free helmet giveaway
24 or something like that at the police station?

25 MR. VERRASTRO: Last year I believe

1 Sabia's garage gave them out.

2 MR. MCHALE: Captain Springer, do
3 you --

4 MR. HALLINAN: Would that be
5 happening again this year, do you know -- a
6 helmet giveaway for --

7 CAPT. SPRINGER: I couldn't hear the
8 question.

9 MR. HALLINAN: Bicycle helmets
10 giveaway. I think they used to have it every
11 year or something.

12 CAPT. SPRINGER: There's grants for
13 that. So I'll get together with the Chief and
14 I'll look and see if there's a grant. And I'll
15 have him get back to you.

16 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Or like you said,
18 Sabia sponsored it, whoever.

19 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

20 MR. HALLINAN: But thank you. Thank
21 you, Bill.

22 MR. VERRASTRO: Don't get her mad.
23 She didn't start.

24 MS. HALLINAN: I didn't start yet.
25 Don't get me mad. My name is Kelly Burke

1 Hallinan, homeowner in the 1700 block of
2 Madison Avenue. At the last meeting I informed
3 Council about illegal conversions of single
4 family homes into multiunit apartment buildings
5 being allowed by zoning in a restricted single
6 family zoned neighborhood as designated by
7 Dunmore's own zoning map.

8 The Zoning Code Enforcement Officer
9 has yet to provide me with requested proof of
10 legality and variances for these properties.
11 Logically if, in fact, required documentation
12 does exist, it would have been presented to me
13 by now.

14 I have been requesting this
15 information since July of 2013. Pennsylvania
16 open records laws and Pennsylvania Municipality
17 Codes have been broken by Dunmore's Code
18 Enforcement Officer. You'll find that
19 information in these highlighted areas within
20 our ordinances that are posted online for
21 public record.

22 Serious issues, detrimental to our
23 health and welfare have since began. In
24 addition to the current rat problem, these
25 three-unit rental buildings have been allowed

1 to be connected by the Borough to a small sewer
2 branch line originally designated to just a few
3 single family homes within my neighborhood.

4 Overwhelming of the sewer branch
5 line is a health hazard. By allowing all of
6 this to continue, the Borough can be held
7 responsible for placing our health and safety
8 in jeopardy, decrease our property values and
9 our right to quiet enjoyment of our homes.

10 Our once beautiful sought after
11 neighborhood now has abandon property and
12 dwellings in deplorable condition due to them
13 being nothing more than money making rental
14 businesses.

15 Absentee landlords and their tenants
16 lack the pride in your home and neighborhood
17 mentality that Madison Avenue homeowners have
18 always lived by. Dunmore is slowly losing its
19 sense of community by all of these factors. We
20 should not as taxpayers have to plead for your
21 service and correction of this matter.

22 The ordinances are clearly written,
23 recorded, and posted online with confirmation
24 with no amendments for our block. I checked
25 with Mr. Lorince and he told me there are no

1 amendments for the 1700 block of Madison
2 Avenue.

3 Years of nonenforcement of our
4 municipality's ordinances is visible within our
5 neighborhood and many others. Mr. Lorince has
6 refused to act or perform his duty as required
7 by law. The Borough's officials must correct
8 the situation caused by a salary employee that
9 Dunmore Council had hired for these duties.

10 And someone had asked me then where
11 my petition was last time if it was such a big
12 deal. So here's a petition signed by 30 other
13 homeowners in the 1700 block of Madison Avenue.
14 I have proof of the decrease of property values
15 in our block alone.

16 I have a list of properties in
17 Dunmore that are listed and online on
18 multi-list realty for over a year. And it
19 shows a decrease in values in those also. But
20 I contacted the Sewer Authority as far as the
21 sewer line goes in my statement. That came
22 from the Sewer Authority.

23 As far as rats in sewers, rats are
24 in all sewers. They only live and choose to go
25 to a neighborhood where they have access to

1 nesting and they have available food source.
2 So the last time -- and since 2013 I keep
3 telling everyone about garbage. There's
4 transient tenants or six months. Six to nine
5 months they are in and out.

6 They don't own garbage cans so the
7 garbage is left on their back porches, on the
8 sides of houses, and then out on the street all
9 night. So the rats definitely have food
10 source.

11 What I'd like to know is, you know,
12 I provided more than enough information. These
13 are ordinances that are for the public to read,
14 public record posted on Dunmore Borough dot
15 org. I'm showing you the violations. And I
16 got one line from Joe Lorince and one line from
17 anyone that spoke to Joe Lorince. And that is
18 they are all legal.

19 But I have yet to get any kind of
20 documentation that would stop me to continue
21 going on this. And through this and through
22 going to people's houses, there's a lot more
23 people. You're going to get North Webster
24 Avenue people here. You're going to get Monroe
25 Avenue people here.

1 MR. HALLINAN: And, Kelly -- she's
2 my relative just to make everybody -- we have
3 been down there. I have been there with
4 Michael Dempsey. Carol's been there. Timmy
5 Burke's been down there. We have been there
6 with the Sewer Authority.

7 We met in your kitchen. We've
8 walked through the neighborhood. You're
9 absolutely correct. We don't want to lose any
10 neighborhoods to this kind of activity. We do
11 have a meeting. So everybody knows, we do have
12 a meeting set up tomorrow at -- Wednesday at
13 10:00 with Mr. Lorince and Kelly.

14 And we're going to talk about it, go
15 through it and try to move forward and
16 straighten out this problem. It's not like
17 we're sitting on our hands and not doing
18 anything. You know that we're down there and
19 we're trying to move forward and, you know,
20 take this and straighten it out.

21 MS. HALLINAN: And I appreciate
22 anyone that came down, you know, and it was a
23 big deal and you saw for yourself what
24 condition the neighborhood and the homes were
25 in. But the next call I got was that

1 inspectors were going to come and inspect the
2 illegal three-unit apartment building that's
3 illegal and its distance from my home.

4 And then the inspection, the few
5 minor things went with flying colors. It's not
6 to be there. Two units can be there but not
7 three.

8 MR. HALLINAN: And I'm not going to
9 argue with you about this. I'm not schooled in
10 it. But I will tell you this, we're going to
11 sit down Wednesday. We're going to present
12 your side. We'll hear his side. And then
13 we're just going to move forward to the
14 attorneys or whoever we have to move with.

15 But it will be straightened out.
16 And you're absolutely correct. We don't want
17 to lose neighborhoods to this kind of activity.
18 This is how it starts. And this is what -- how
19 you lose neighborhoods and communities. And we
20 don't want to do that, not in Dunmore.

21 MS. HALLINAN: And that's what's
22 happening.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Absolutely. I
24 couldn't agree with you more. I don't think
25 anybody that's been down there with us when we

1 talked about this felt any other way besides
2 that. We have to straighten out the
3 neighborhood and that's what we're going to try
4 to do, okay?

5 MS. HALLINAN: Thank you.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you, Kelly.

7 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

8 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

9 MR. CLARK: Pat Clark, Jefferson
10 Avenue, Dunmore. First I'd like to thank Chris
11 Kearney and his staff. Friends of Lackawanna
12 had a meeting here a couple weeks ago and
13 Chris and his staff as usual had it in perfect
14 order for us.

15 It worked out great. So, Chris,
16 thank you very much. Everything worked out
17 wonderfully. Second, the DEP is having a
18 second open house meeting for the public. It's
19 next Monday, June 15th from 6 to 10 p.m. at the
20 Mid Valley High School. So if you guys are
21 available please attend. Obviously you know
22 where we stand on that issue.

23 Third question is, last meeting Tim
24 had mentioned that he's waiting on legal
25 opinion from I think it was Attorney Jones on

1 the ability or lack thereof to write a letter
2 to DEP opposing the landfill. Did we get a
3 return letter from -- opinion on that?

4 MR. MCHALE: Tim.

5 MR. BURKE: He hasn't contacted me
6 in over a month, Pat.

7 MR. CLARK: So the attorney we're
8 paying to represent us on negotiations with the
9 dump we ask their opinion and we didn't even
10 get a response.

11 MR. VERRASTRO: What was the
12 question? I'm sorry, I was reading something.

13 MR. CLARK: Last meeting there
14 was -- two meetings ago I guess Tim made a
15 motion for the Borough to send a letter to DEP.
16 And then it never got to a vote.

17 It was agreed that you're going to
18 send it to Attorney Jones for his legal opinion
19 on validity of sending a letter or not. We
20 sent a letter to Attorney Jones, right, seeking
21 his opinion on that?

22 MR. MCHALE: I don't believe a
23 letter was sent, Pat. I think a phone call was
24 made.

25 MR. CLARK: You communicated somehow

1 with him.

2 MR. BURKE: I telephoned him. And
3 he said he would get back to me on it, Pat.
4 And he never got back to me.

5 MR. CLARK: So we have no answer.
6 Okay. I mean, just the public comment period
7 ends June 15th. So that is Monday. So it
8 seems as though we're not going to be sending
9 anything at that point. There's no more
10 meetings schedule?

11 MR. MCHALE: Not before June 15th.

12 MR. CLARK: Okay. It seems like a
13 pretty big item to just get no response on
14 given the importance to the community. I
15 applaud you for getting Council on board that's
16 going to be proactive in other matters.

17 I would suggest that an issue that
18 big when a question is asked, an answer should
19 be given in a timely fashion, especially when
20 there's a deadline on it from a public
21 perception as well. Thanks.

22 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to
23 speak to Council tonight?

24 (Nobody response.)

25 MR. MCHALE: Nobody else? Okay.

1 We'll move to public officials. Mr. Judge, do
2 you have anything tonight?

3 MR. JUDGE: No, nothing.

4 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney.

5 MR. KEARNEY: Nothing.

6 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else here?

7 Mr. Dempsey, do you want to lead us off
8 tonight?

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, the only thing
10 I -- first I just want to thank Dick Goldberg
11 and Lars Anderson for their service to the
12 Borough for over the last how ever many years
13 they have been doing our employment work.

14 They did a great job. We thought it
15 was better to go in a new direction and, you
16 know, get some fresh eyes gone on what's going
17 on and see if we can get a better handle on it.

18 Second thing I want to bring up is
19 Perry's Learning Academy I've gotten a couple
20 calls from parents, teachers that -- Perry's
21 Learning Academy has about 200 students. She
22 gets students from Dunmore dropped off there.
23 She gets students from Head Start dropped off
24 there, Marywood.

25 And they're having a problem on the

1 the 100 block of Prospect. And I drop my kids
2 off there not every morning but, you know, a
3 couple mornings a week and I see people
4 speeding up and down that street.

5 So we're going to start
6 investigating as to how just to make that a
7 school zone. I don't know if it's, you know,
8 getting a couple signs with flashers on it.
9 But, Captain, any suggestion that you could
10 give, happy to take it.

11 But we're going to take the ball and
12 run with that and make that a school zone if
13 that is at all possible. So I just wanted to
14 bring that to everybody's attention because I
15 did get a couple phone calls. But other than
16 that, I don't have anything else.

17 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

18 MR. HALLINAN: I really don't have
19 anything Boroughwise. I mean, I'm happy we're
20 getting police vehicles. I'm looking forward
21 when we could put -- I know we're still waiting
22 on some results. It's what I ran on. I want
23 to put more police out on the streets. Kelly
24 and Jerry and the neighbors of the 1700 Madison
25 believe, we have to save our neighborhoods.

1 This can be an ongoing problem.
2 I've seen it across the street from my house
3 where, you know, somebody tries to make an
4 apartment and you have to actually stop it.
5 But -- and that's about it. And the only other
6 thing is we had a fundraiser.

7 I announced it at the last meeting
8 for Make A Wish and we reached our goal. We
9 raised \$10,000 and granted three children's
10 wishes which is phenomenal. So I would like to
11 thank everybody that helped with that endeavor.
12 Thank you.

13 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Nardozzi.

14 MR. NARDOZZI: I have nothing, Mr.
15 Chairman.

16 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

17 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes. Paul -- I
18 think maybe we should try exploring getting our
19 fire inspector involved with these code
20 enforcement things, especially if we get a
21 police call, maybe have our fire marshal going
22 out on these dwellings with our code
23 enforcement officer and see exactly which code
24 we're enforcing, whether it's a 2006 or 2009.

25 I'm sure they are already fairly

1 familiar with it. But I think this is what
2 Scranton kind of does. I think they have the
3 fire marshal going. They have their zoning
4 officer going and they have the building
5 inspector go in when there's a type of call
6 that a house becomes a problem.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Can we have it at our
8 meeting Wednesday morning?

9 MR. MCHALE: I don't mean to
10 interrupt you. And I don't want to go back and
11 forth. Did you not say that the third floor
12 does not have a fire escape? Last time, didn't
13 you say that? I don't want to go back and
14 forth because I don't want to get yelled at
15 again. Is that true?

16 MS. HALLINAN: On a few properties.

17 MR. MCHALE: Right there, you're
18 right.

19 MR. VERRASTRO: So I mean, with
20 certain codes older houses may be exempt from
21 it because it was grandfathered in before a
22 certain time. We need to get them in and get
23 them --

24 MR. MCHALE: That's a great idea.

25 MR. HALLINAN: I would like them at

1 the meeting Wednesday, okay?

2 MR. MCHALE: That's a great idea.

3 MR. HALLINAN: Can we get them at
4 the meeting Wednesday? Is he on shift?

5 MR. MCHALE: They're off today and
6 tomorrow.

7 MR. VERRASTRO: He should be back by
8 then.

9 MR. HALLINAN: Will you get to him,
10 Sal?

11 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes, I will call --
12 yeah, I'll --

13 MR. HALLINAN: Tell them meeting
14 Wednesday at the Borough Building at 10:00.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. VERRASTRO: Okay. Secondly, for
17 next year I think we need to do this this year
18 to get an accurate number for it. So maybe we
19 could have something by our next meeting or
20 even the August meeting.

21 I'd like to try to get some roads
22 paved for next year. And I think they're
23 putting it out to bid this year with next
24 year's numbers on it and give us an accurate
25 number for our budget.

1 So maybe if we talk about say for
2 instance Grove Street is deplorable. So if we
3 get a bid for Grove Street, we get a bid for
4 five or six others. If it comes out to 500,000
5 and we only want to spend 300,000, at least we
6 know which ones we're going to do. We get it
7 put out to bid and we have it in the budget
8 properly for next year because they're all
9 starting to go.

10 MR. HALLINAN: And again, I mean, we
11 can go on about this. Just from my PennDOT
12 experience, Sal, what PennDOT is starting to
13 do anymore instead of paving a whole street
14 just almost taking out the bad part anymore and
15 saving money that way instead of doing half a
16 lane or whatever.

17 MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, like up by
18 Parodi Cigar, we're trying to get people to go
19 into the Industrial Park. But if you drive
20 through the Industrial Park you need to almost
21 put your vehicle in four wheel drive in certain
22 parts.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Top of Potter Street
24 is a mess at Chestnut Street.

25 MR. VERRASTRO: So maybe even if

1 we're doing 50 foot sections or streets or
2 repairs. I think we should get a game plan
3 together, get an approximate price that we can
4 put into the budget so that for next year when
5 we approve the streets, we're at least close.

6 And it's not -- we put a certain
7 amount of money aside and it's only going to
8 take care of a road or two roads or we might
9 weigh it out and balance it differently. But I
10 think we should have an approximate number to
11 make it easier for next year's budget for
12 plugging it in.

13 So if you guys want to start to when
14 you're driving around pay attention, see what
15 you think. Let's get a game plan together and
16 put this out to bid. Other than that, thank
17 you everybody for coming. And have a good
18 night.

19 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

20 MR. BURKE: Kelly, you said that Joe
21 never gave you any documentation on --

22 MS. HALLINAN: The only thing I just
23 sent a registered letter and he sent me back an
24 inspection signed by a man that used to own the
25 house next door to me from 2005. He died

1 since. It's just an inspection. There's no
2 variances. There's no nonconforming use.
3 There's no declaration of anything. He's just
4 giving me inspections saying I inspected it
5 myself.

6 And he actually told me I allowed it
7 to be a three-unit. I said, Joe, you can't.
8 You want to put a kitchen in on the third
9 floor. Joe, kitchens can't be added after the
10 ordinance. There's an ordinance. I have it
11 highlighted in that packet. And he said, well,
12 I did in the past.

13 I said you weren't supposed to. So
14 that's the only thing he gave me from the house
15 next door was from 2005 and he gave me another
16 one from 2004 that I have here. But the only
17 reason I got those was I sent him a registered
18 letter because he will not respond to phone
19 calls.

20 When I go up to the building he
21 tells them to say he left. And I see his truck
22 there. And I sent countless e-mails. He just
23 won't respond. I sent a registered letter and
24 all he sent me was old inspections, which I
25 didn't ask for inspections. I asked for

1 variances, you know, anything with
2 nonconform -- any type of legality that is
3 existing. Just because it's inspected doesn't
4 mean it's put there legally.

5 You could inspect anything. But it
6 doesn't belong there just like sending John
7 Murray and an inspector down to the house next
8 door to me. It's not the idea whether they're
9 safe or not. That's great for the tenants --
10 (inaudible.)

11 The idea is there's not supposed to
12 be a third unit there. So the inspection
13 really don't mean much to me. Yeah, it's
14 great. You know, but as far as the fires,
15 yeah, I already have complaint forms filled out
16 to send to the UCC.

17 Dunmore is opted in with the UCC.
18 And there are codes not being followed with the
19 UCC. So I already started filling out
20 complaint forms for what Sal just said
21 properties that do not have means of egress
22 from second and third floors.

23 And I reported those in 2013. And
24 he said they don't have to. I also have -- I
25 mean, I'm trying to tell Joe I grew up there.

1 So I know every family that was there. I could
2 get them in here to tell you, no, before this
3 year this was not a three-unit.

4 Joan Demuro lived in two of the
5 houses, two families. They were never three.
6 So someone illegally put them in or someone
7 signed a paper saying okay now you're legal
8 without it being proper. There's a certain
9 way.

10 It's supposed to be posted a certain
11 way. I mean, it's all highlighted. They're
12 supposed to be posted. There's supposed to be
13 letters of variances, taxpayers surrounding the
14 properties that are converted they're supposed
15 to get letters but only in a R3 and less
16 district.

17 We are in a restricted district. So
18 it's not to happen at all in our zone. So they
19 are not legal no matter what he says or what
20 paperwork he has, they are not legal because
21 they don't belong there.

22 In the case where someone has land
23 and there is a variance if it's requested, it
24 has to be due to a hardship. Well, Attorney
25 Foley that has several other rental buildings

1 that can't rent two units instead of three next
2 door to me, that is certainly not hardship to
3 him. And Dawn Baldassari and her husband that
4 bought the house across the street and there's
5 a third apartment in there.

6 They don't have any problems because
7 they have several other buildings. If it was a
8 family, a guy with six kids that wanted to add
9 a kitchen somewhere or another bathroom,
10 different. Single family homes belong right
11 there in that zone. But, no, three units don't
12 belong in anything except for an R3. We're in
13 R1B.

14 They don't belong there. So they
15 could be inspected and everything that happened
16 it should not be there. And he can't pull any
17 kind of variance. I haven't seen one. He
18 can't correct it. It's his duty to correct it.

19 MR. VERRASTRO: Was any of this done
20 before the late 90s? We did a rezoning of the
21 Borough. I can't remember the date.

22 MR. NARDOZZI: '99.

23 MR. VERRASTRO: Were they there
24 before then?

25 MS. HALLINAN: They were all done

1 after that. Joan Guarnari she lived there.
2 She lived at two different properties that I
3 had given you the addresses of last time and
4 they were two. The house next door to me it
5 was always a two family. They only have two
6 addresses.

7 Kernan's house, I reported to Joe
8 they were changing. It's 1731. Well, now
9 there is two tenants in that they made into a
10 two unit and one is a single --

11 MR. VERRASTRO: I was just curious
12 of when it was.

13 MS. HALLINAN: The girl doesn't live
14 there. She moved to Connecticut. So there's
15 another absentee landlord. And the weeds are
16 growing up like this in the yard and the whole
17 bit. It continues because it's being allowed
18 to continue.

19 MR. MCHALE: Anything else, Tim?

20 MR. BURKE: Didge, the stop signs,
21 you have been talking to Mr. Valenta{sic}?

22 MR. JUDGE: Yeah. He's not there
23 all the time. I go by three times a day. I
24 used to see him. I'll get him.

25 MR. BURKE: I'll give him your

1 number, okay?

2 MR. JUDGE: We have stop signs.

3 MR. BURKE: Thank you. Pat, as far
4 as your question Mr. Jones never getting back
5 to me, I will write him a letter. I think he
6 would have called me back if he found any
7 legalities which he said he would call me back
8 if he found any legalities.

9 But I will send him a letter myself
10 for an update, which I already sent one but
11 I'll send another. That's all I have.

12 MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

13 MS. SCRIMALLI: I do believe that,
14 Joan, you did want to tell us something?

15 MR. MCHALE: Ma'am, can you -- at
16 least for the record could you state your name
17 and address?

18 MS. DEMURO: Joan Demuro, Foote
19 Street, Dunmore, PA 18512.

20 MR. MCHALE: I apologize.

21 MS. DEMURO: I grew up on Madison
22 Avenue. That neighborhood never looked so bad.
23 I do gown Kelly's and stuff. She took us for a
24 walk down street. It's like slum. Never
25 looked like that ever. Monroe Avenue doesn't

1 look -- it used look like Monroe used to look
2 up higher -- never looked -- it used to be the
3 Hollywood section in Dunmore. That is a
4 scum -- I wouldn't want my kids growing up down
5 there -- would not.

6 I see other parts of Dunmore turning
7 in that. They are letting too much trash into
8 Dunmore. They are. And it's the landlords.
9 That has to be fixed. You have got walls open,
10 houses with no windows in them. You've got a
11 house across the street with bilco doors right
12 in the front. And the houses, there was no
13 triple families living.

14 There were single houses. It's a
15 mess. It's a mess. Joe Lorince -- I know Joe.
16 I don't know what he's getting paid for because
17 he's not doing his job. He's broken every
18 single ordinance in the borough -- in the
19 Borough of Dunmore. So you need to do
20 something with Joe.

21 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you for
22 speaking up. Thank you for coming. And thank
23 you for your courage to speak out. It does
24 take a lot of courage so thank you. And I also
25 want to congratulate Vince Amico. Mr. Amico,

1 congratulations on your win.

2 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

3 MS. SCRIMALLI: And that's all I
4 have for tonight.

5 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mrs.
6 Scrimalli. I really don't have much to add
7 other than at the Sewer Authority meeting last
8 week just -- it's a timely subject because they
9 did a great dedication to the Vietnam War
10 memorial. It's beautiful up there -- Korean
11 war, I apologize.

12 And the Sewer Authority is going for
13 a grant to beautify that area even for more and
14 help the water runoff in the area. There's
15 renderings to do so. It actually it turned out
16 to be -- make beautiful area even more
17 beautiful if and when -- they are pretty
18 optimistic they'll get the grant.

19 And it's about a hundred thousand
20 dollar project that will beautify that area and
21 solve a lot of the runoff problems that are
22 habitually down there. So just to give you
23 guys an update and we'll let you know if and
24 when it passes.

25 I have nothing else for this

1 evening. Anybody like to make a motion to
2 adjourn?

3 MR. NARDOZZI: So moved.

4 MR. VERRASTRO: So moved.

5 MR. MCHALE: Second?

6 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

7 MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.

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