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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, June 12th, 2023

TIME:

6:00 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 :

- VINCE AMICO - President
- JANET BRIER - Vice President
- MICHAEL DEMPSEY
- THOMAS HALLINAN
- ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
- WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III
- KATHERINE OVEN
- GREG WOLFF, Borough Manager
- MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. WOLFF: Roll call, Mayor

4 Conway.

5 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

6 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

8 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

9 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

10 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

12 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Amico.

13 MR. AMICO: Here.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

15 MS. BRIER: Here.

16 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

17 MS. OVEN: Here.

18 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

20 MR. WOLFF: Number three, public
21 comment on agenda items.

22 MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the
23 public like to comment on agenda items only?

24 Seeing none.

25 MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to

1 approve the minutes.

2 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion.

3 MS. BRIER: I'll make it.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

5 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
6 second. Anyone on the question? All those in
7 favor.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

12 MR. WOLFF: Number five, motion to
13 approve and pay the open bills.

14 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
15 to approve and pay the open bills.

16 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that
17 motion.

18 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

19 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
20 second. Anyone on the question?

21 MS. BRIER: I just have one
22 question, Bucktown Trucks.

23 MR. BURTON: There were nine
24 invoices on that one.

25 MS. BRIER: And then NEIC, that's

1 just a reimbursement the 77 grand?

2 MR. BURTON: That's the payment for
3 the Marywood expansion that we received prior.

4 MS. BRIER: We already received that
5 money.

6 MR. BURTON: Correct.

7 MS. BRIER: Thank you. That's all I
8 have.

9 MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

14 MR. WOLFF: Number six, George White
15 from the Lackawanna Regional Stormwater
16 Initiative HRG presentation for us.

17 MR. WHITE: Good evening, my name is
18 George White, I'm with the engineering firm of
19 HRG. With me tonight is Lee Stinnett from the
20 law firm of Salzman Hughes.

21 We appreciate the opportunity to
22 address the Council this evening. We are here
23 on behalf of the City of Scranton to talk about
24 the Lackawanna Regional Stormwater Authority.
25 In early May we met with municipal engineer

1 Dave Lopatka and Solicitor Mike Cosgrove to
2 discuss this opportunity.

3 This is a process that began back in
4 2020 to talk about a countywide stormwater
5 collaboration which would have the ability to
6 service the 22 municipalities in the county
7 that are currently regulated with the MS4
8 regulations.

9 However, the dialogue was cut short
10 due to COVID. Fortunately, we're able to come
11 back and pick up where we left off. So since
12 the time we last met with the municipalities,
13 we had an open dialogue with the county. We
14 originally envisioned this a countywide
15 authority.

16 However, in talking with the county
17 conservation district, their time schedule and
18 goals are quite a bit different than what we
19 had anticipated. So we've paired the potential
20 authority down to a group of eight
21 municipalities that we'll identify in a moment.

22 Why do you need an authority? It's
23 really just a question of the challenges of the
24 stormwater regulations now. First of all,
25 polluted streams between as of acid mine

1 drainage and sediment throughout the valley.
2 We have impaired streams throughout the valley
3 that need to be addressed. The tightening
4 regulations, the municipal separate storm sewer
5 system, permits, MS4 continue to pile on more
6 and more regulations.

7 This is an underfunded mandate which
8 has really burdened all the municipalities
9 through the state. Ageing infrastructure,
10 throughout your community like all other
11 communities, stormwater management system has
12 got kind of hidden for the past 50 years.

13 The old corrugated metal pipes that
14 were put in back in the 70s which seemed like
15 the 45 to 50 year life expectancy was -- that's
16 no problem. It's been 50 years since those
17 went in. So we're seeing municipalities having
18 to replace a lot of their existing
19 infrastructure.

20 Increased development, means more
21 flood water. It just continues to pile up on
22 all municipalities. And the big thing is
23 trying to fund all of the improvements that
24 need to be made whether it's maintenance or due
25 to regulations.

1 The whole valley has seen
2 significant flooding over the past decade as
3 the storms become more frequent and more
4 severe. These are just a few examples but as
5 we all know, this is happening all throughout
6 the valley.

7 So the future of stormwater
8 permitting and initiatives where we are now,
9 the MS4 program which requires best management
10 practices to reduce sediment and all of the
11 municipalities that have impacted streams are
12 bound by the MS4 rates. Those are currently in
13 place, rural areas with agricultural
14 conservation -- and management plans are
15 required. Countywide action plans are being
16 required as of 2021.

17 And the DEP recently announced two
18 year extension on current permits. So all of
19 the MS4 permits are continuing in place. Where
20 are we headed, in 2025 once the current MS4
21 permits expire, it's more likely that there
22 will be more municipalities in the region that
23 are required to abide by MS4 regs.

24 The DEP is really pushing for
25 regional cooperative programs so that we can

1 manage watersheds instead of municipal issues.
2 As we all know, the stormwater doesn't
3 recognize municipal boundaries. We're
4 looking -- watersheds that cross through the
5 areas.

6 Additional municipalities are going
7 to be added each year. And it's just going to
8 continue to roll along. And these regs
9 continue to get more stringent and the
10 competition for funding just becomes more and
11 more competitive. So why a regional approach,
12 first of all, it saves money. That's what we
13 all love to do.

14 And it has an opportunity to lessen
15 the MS4 permit obligations under the programs
16 that DEP has been talking about. If there is a
17 cooperative program, there will be a reduction
18 in some of the requirements. As I said, it
19 gives the ability for a more holistic approach
20 for solving drainage programs which supports
21 watershed planning and management.

22 It gives you the opportunity to
23 implement all the best management practices
24 that are required. And you could go ahead and
25 through the cost savings that you're going to

1 see with the regional plan, you could take some
2 of those savings and go above and beyond what's
3 being required with the MS4. So you could fix
4 some of the flooding problems.

5 Administrative burden,
6 municipalities throughout the state are having
7 a hard time keeping up with the MS4 permits. A
8 majority of municipalities are in noncompliance
9 with their current permits and just trying to
10 keep up with the paperwork is mind-boggling for
11 most municipalities.

12 And once again, the economics of
13 scale, if we have eight municipalities
14 cooperating together we could reduce
15 duplication of services, share equipment and
16 expanded cost share options and also more
17 opportunities for larger grant opportunities.

18 So back in 2020 we completed a
19 survey of municipalities throughout Lackawanna
20 County to see if this is something that they
21 were interested in. The City of Scranton is
22 very interested in forming an authority to help
23 to centralize the stormwater issues in the
24 valley.

25 They received a grant to fund the

1 organization of the authority. So all of the
2 current fees are being paid by this county
3 grant. In the 2020 municipal survey talking to
4 the municipalities at that time, they were
5 willing to give up municipal control over the
6 water quality and flood control over the
7 region.

8 You could see increased funding,
9 decreased cost. They are also interested in
10 receiving some money back from the authority to
11 help pay for some of their inhouse improvements
12 to the stormwater facilities.

13 The areas that the municipality
14 identify is where they need the most support,
15 this funding to improve the stormwater
16 facilities, design and implementation BMPs,
17 Best Management Practices to improve the water
18 quality, MS4 administration and watershed based
19 flood reduction prevention.

20 So after finding out that the county
21 wasn't really interested in spearheading a
22 regional authority, we went back to the drawing
23 board. We've looked in the area around
24 Scranton and identified the municipalities that
25 were showing interest at the time back in 2020

1 when we last left off.

2 So those municipalities include
3 Dunmore, Scranton, Moosic, Old Forge, Taylor,
4 Dickson City, South Abington and Clarks Summit.
5 That would be the initial authority. As the
6 regs change and if more municipalities want to
7 join into the authority, there would be an
8 option to add additional municipalities as we
9 go through.

10 This would be a brand new authority.
11 So as far as the day-to-day operations and a
12 lot of the questions that you'll have I'm sure
13 are really going to be up to the authority once
14 it's formed. Each municipality will have a say
15 in the authority. They'll come up with the
16 day-to-day operations, make the key decisions.
17 We made some suggestions on what we see as the
18 a good to start.

19 Survey, also look at some of the
20 other needs that the municipalities have
21 identified. Top five needs funding of existing
22 infrastructure, compliance programs, regional
23 projects to address flooding including levy
24 maintenance, existing infrastructure of
25 maintenance which would include street

1 sweeping, repairs, rehab, regulatory
2 compliance. So once again, back to trying to
3 meet all the requirements of the MS4 permit and
4 regulatory compliance with the BMP.

5 So all of the stormwater
6 management -- best management practices be put
7 in have to be monitored on an annual basis and
8 have to be functioning properly. So the way we
9 envisioned the authority to come together would
10 be a two-phased approach.

11 The first phase would start pretty
12 much immediately, funding of the municipality
13 local infrastructure improvements would come
14 through a stormwater utility fee. Initially
15 those fees would be funding regulatory
16 compliance, existing maintenance of
17 infrastructure and levy maintenance.

18 Municipalities within the authority
19 that have flood levies will be paying an
20 additional fee. So that could be wrapped into
21 their part of the authority. Municipalities
22 would remain responsible for operation of and
23 management of their assets and capital
24 improvement plans related to existing assets.

25 Then beginning in 2027, I believe,

1 the regional authority would grow a little bit
2 more. We would start to administer all of the
3 permits for the municipalities so we would take
4 over the MS4 permits and do all of the
5 administration of the permits inhouse, complete
6 all the MCMs which are the educational
7 components of the MS4, conditional assessment
8 and planning of stormwater facilities, capital
9 improvement planing levy maintenance and
10 improvements, regional flood projects,
11 operation and maintenance of stormwater
12 infrastructure, repair of the existing
13 infrastructure and any new regulatory
14 requirements.

15 So that next step, we would be
16 stepping up the amount of services the
17 authority was providing for the municipalities.
18 The municipality would be responsible for the
19 support of the authority through the adoption
20 of ordinance and similar actions to pursue the
21 stormwater management.

22 So at the time that we talked with
23 the municipalities last -- we were -- we asked
24 them what they would feel a minimum cost
25 savings should be for them to want to

1 participate in the authority. Fifty percent of
2 the municipalities responded said anything from
3 12 to 15 percent would be adequate, another 30
4 percent said between 25 and 30.

5 And I must say that that graph
6 doesn't make much sense. So we'll have to talk
7 to the graphics people that put that together.
8 But anywhere up to 30 percent would be
9 considered adequate amount of savings to get
10 the municipalities interested.

11 So our preliminary evaluation of the
12 existing stormwater programs in the valley, we
13 looked at the amount that the city is currently
14 spending, what an average borough is spending
15 and what an average township is spending, came
16 up with those numbers under the current
17 separate funding as you guys are doing now and
18 what the savings would be if we had a regional
19 authority.

20 For the city, we're estimating it
21 would be about a 25 percent savings. For a
22 borough, which right now the term borough is
23 generic. But we feel that all the boroughs
24 within our regional plan fall within the same
25 basic guidelines.

1 You could expect a 49 percent
2 savings over what you are spending now for
3 stormwater and in the future. And the township
4 would be saving about 40 percent -- 39.

5 All of the responding municipalities
6 in the survey said they would like to hear more
7 about the feasibility of a stormwater utility
8 fee. So that's what really got us moving ahead
9 with the project.

10 What it would like look like and how
11 we're showing some -- showing the savings. The
12 stormwater utility fees the way they work,
13 people are paying based on the amount of
14 impervious surface on their property. So it
15 doesn't matter the size of the property, the
16 value of the property, it's how many square
17 feet of impervious surface you have.

18 So if you have small house with a
19 driveway and a sidewalk, that's all you're
20 going to be paying for is that impervious
21 surface where a larger commercial property --
22 it being a fee, non-profits are also required
23 to pay into the fee. It's very similar to your
24 sanitary sewer fee. So everybody pays in, the
25 churches, the school, the businesses all pay in

1 based on the amount of impervious surface they
2 have.

3 If you look at the middle column,
4 shows our numbers -- are assumed numbers for an
5 average borough within our authority area. The
6 annual stormwater revenue needed is
7 approximately \$341,000, comes out to a current
8 millage of approximately .0275. The needed
9 millage to pay for all of the improvements that
10 are needed over the years is .0344.

11 Medium value of a property we're
12 assuming to be about approximately \$195,000,
13 which means the median annual residential tax
14 payment is approximately \$1,351. That's just
15 to pay for stormwater improvements. So
16 breaking that down bimonthly tax payment,
17 approximately \$113 a month -- are currently
18 required to meet the stormwater expenses that
19 the borough is going to have over the next 20
20 years.

21 Our estimated stormwater utility fee
22 would be \$8 a month. So you would be saving --
23 the average homeowner would be saving 93
24 percent, whether that goes directly back to the
25 homeowner as a savings or if those funds were

1 to be reallocated for other needs in the
2 borough, say parks and recreation. That's
3 freeing up money that you would be putting
4 towards other very good uses.

5 So as we said, we're looking at a
6 two-tier approach. The first phase in 2024
7 we're estimating that the monthly base fee for
8 the average homeowner would be between 4 and \$6
9 a month. There would be an additional fee for
10 municipalities that have levies. So that would
11 be between 5 and \$7.

12 And for each of those fees, a dollar
13 would be going back to the municipality to help
14 pay for their current projects. In 2027 when
15 the authority would be taking more
16 responsibility on, the average utility fee
17 would be increased to somewhere between \$6.60
18 and \$11 dollars.

19 Once again, the municipalities with
20 levies would have a higher rate somewhere
21 between \$7.60 and \$16. Once again, a dollar
22 somewhere between a dollar and \$5 would be
23 going back to the municipalities to pay for
24 their other stormwater related expenses.

25 So based on the previous surveys, 96

1 percent of municipalities said they would like
2 to hear more about it. That's why we're here.
3 Basically we're just looking to open a
4 dialogue. Over the next two months will be --
5 we'll be presenting to each of the
6 municipalities during the proposed surface area
7 we're going to be providing a memo of
8 understanding to the municipalities just so you
9 could tell us if you are interested or not.

10 It's really a nonbinding agreement.
11 We just want to take make sure that we're not
12 wasting one another's time. If you guys want
13 to say no, great, just let us know and we'll
14 move on.

15 But if it's something that you would
16 like to learn more about, be involved in the
17 planning -- like I said, we've already spoken
18 to your attorneys and your engineers to answer
19 some of their questions. A lot of the
20 questions are procedures that are going to be
21 established by the authority once it's formed.

22 So there is still a lot of wiggle
23 room as far as all that goes. This summer in
24 July and August once we receive the memos of
25 understanding, we put out a request for

1 proposal for mapping of impervious areas and
2 will continue our discussions with DEP on
3 existing permit compliance. The DEP wants to
4 make sure that all municipalities involved in
5 the authority are in compliance with their MS4
6 permits before we start things up.

7 So we would work with the
8 municipality to make sure everything is all
9 tied up. In the fall of 2023, impervious area
10 mapping will be taking place. So all new
11 photos will be done over the area and
12 impervious surfaces digitized off of those.

13 We would start work group meetings
14 with the authority representatives from each of
15 the municipalities. And we would be drafting
16 up an intergovernmental cooperation agreement
17 for each of the municipalities. In the winter
18 of 2024 we'd be looking to execute the ICA.

19 So that would be actually the time
20 that the borough would say yes we're in 100
21 percent or, no, we've seen where this is going
22 and we don't want to participate. So that is
23 your cutoff date. And then municipalities will
24 be asked to vote on articles of incorporation
25 and bylaws for the stormwater authority.

1 So in a nutshell that's our
2 proposal. It's a big step to put the faith of
3 cooperative body in charge of your stormwater.
4 But we've organized several of these throughout
5 Central PA and found to be very successful in
6 organizing stormwater programs, funding and
7 just keeping things moving along.

8 So I'd be happy to answer any
9 questions I can. And Lee is here to answer the
10 legal questions that I'm not allowed to touch.
11 Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. BRIER: So the municipality
13 would empower the authority to levy these fees?

14 MR. WHITE: Yes.

15 MS. BRIER: What does BMP stand for?

16 MR. WHITE: Best management
17 practice.

18 MS. BRIER: And how about ICA?

19 ATTY. STINNETT: That's the
20 intergovernmental cooperation agreement. And
21 the importance of that is if we have a joint
22 plan going into DEP, DEP requires that there
23 would be an agreement by which you can
24 implement the joint plan that is submitted and
25 approved by the department.

1 So that's the other reason that we
2 have to go through this process. We'll start
3 with you. You either allow us to move forward,
4 have discussions, keep everyone up to speed and
5 then when it comes time to executing the
6 regulatory required agreement, you all have
7 been involved in the entire process.

8 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

9 MR. WOLFF: Just for the sake of
10 time, Council and anyone, you could get
11 questions to me and I could get them to you.
12 As you could see, we have a full house. Yeah,
13 I do -- I definitely have some questions for
14 you. But thank you for your presentation this
15 evening.

16 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

17 MR. WOLFF: We'll let them cleaned
18 up a little bit.

19 MR. AMICO: Thank you for your time.

20 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to
21 approve the Bucktown Center Associates, LP, 222
22 East Drinker Street.

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

24 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

25 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a

1 second. Anyone on the question? Just real
2 quick for the audience if you don't know what
3 Bucktown Center Associates are, it's the
4 project that will be coming to the Dunmore
5 Corners, the big empty lot above Cara Mia's.

6 MR. WOLFF: Apple and Drinker.

7 MR. AMICO: Apple and Drinker,
8 correct. That's what that project is going to
9 be. It already went to planning and zoning.
10 It's our turn to approve to it now. Anyone
11 else on the question? All those in favor.

12 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

16 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to
17 approve Hoofty Holdings Land Development, 105
18 Corner Street.

19 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
20 motion.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

22 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
23 second. Anyone on the question? And again
24 just for the audience, the Hoofty Holdings Land
25 Development is on Chestnut Street, Chestnut and

1 Corner where the old carpet factory was on
2 Chestnut Street. So that's again, going to be
3 a residential slash commercial development
4 project. So it will take care of that building
5 and make it -- put it back on the rolls and
6 clean it up. Anyone else on the question? All
7 those in favor.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

12 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, personnel
13 matter, appoint Chris Davis to equipment
14 operator for the DPW.

15 MR. AMICO: Look for a motion to
16 approve Chris Davis to equipment operator for
17 DPW.

18 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make the motion.

19 MR. AMICO: I have a motion.

20 Second?

21 MS. BRIER: Second.

22 MR. AMICO: Anyone on the question?

23 And Mr. Davis has already been working for us
24 for a number of years. He's going to be moving
25 from being CDL driver to being the equipment

1 operator. All those in favor.

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

6 MR. WOLFF: Number 10, personnel
7 matter, motion to hire applicants for the 2023
8 Dunmore Recreation Program summer help pending
9 child abuse clearance.

10 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
11 to approve the following applicants for the
12 2023 Dunmore Summer Recreational Program:

13 Dana Cordaro, Christopher Gallagher,
14 Caroline Gentile, Kaitlin Kordish, Janet Lucas,
15 Allison Mendola, Josette Novorosky, Scott
16 Pagnotti, Marissa Sluko, Ashley Sunseri.

17 Hannah Albano, Julianna Argust,
18 Colleen Blockberger, Michael Bonavoglia,
19 McKenna Brazil, Tristen Canavan, Emily
20 Comparetta, Gianna Cordaro, Jack Costanzi,
21 Christine Fagioli, Serenity Fox, Abigail
22 Kopacz, Mariana Leo, Oliva Leo, Jaclyn
23 Marichak, Danny Pigga, Riley Robinson, Anthony
24 Sabia, Sophia Summa, Max Hunt, Cullen Smith,
25 Nico Ruggiero.

1 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
2 motion.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

4 MR. AMICO: This is just a list for
5 the summer program for the teachers and
6 counsellors and grass cutters that will be
7 working for the Borough this summer.

8 MR. O'MALLEY: On the question,
9 we're hiring all the qualified applicants. I
10 will abstain because my niece applied for a
11 counseling job. So I'm going to abstain.

12 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mr. O'Malley.
13 Anyone else on the question? All those in
14 favor.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Aye.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

18 MS. OVEN: Aye.

19 MS. BRIER: Aye.

20 MR. AMICO: Aye. Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

23 MR. O'MALLEY: Abstention.

24 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

25 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, Treasurer

1 report. Mark.

2 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
3 I have my brief analysis for the month of May.
4 It was another solid month financially. Net
5 income for the month was \$840,000 which brings
6 our year-to-date net income to 2.7 million
7 dollars.

8 As far as revenues are concerned,
9 we had another one million dollar collection in
10 real estate taxes. Licenses and permits are
11 \$58,000 Comcast franchise fee for the first
12 quarter of 2023. State capital grants, we
13 received \$13,000 for recycling performance
14 grant and miscellaneous revenue \$24,000 in
15 reimbursement for the Dunmore School District
16 for the first quarter of 2023.

17 Expenses were pretty run of the
18 mill, a couple things, the highway construction
19 we paid \$22,000 for paving and patching
20 equipment. And retirement and pension we made
21 our \$60,000 MMO payment. That would be it.

22 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Mark.

23 MR. WOLFF: Chris Kearney.

24 MR. KEARNEY: Good evening. This
25 past month at the DCC we've continued hosting

1 parties on the weekends along with we had the
2 Lion's Club dinner last night. There is also a
3 party scheduled for this weekend.

4 In the past several weeks, we've
5 hosted the Lady Bucks summer basketball
6 practices and will continue for the rest of
7 this month. Also this weekend and ending
8 tomorrow, the DHS girls volleyball team is
9 having a team clinic here.

10 We've also become hosting basketball
11 practices for the elementary school teams.
12 With school being out, we're opening at 11
13 every day so the kids could come in and use the
14 place. The new HVAC unit was installed last
15 week and is working fine.

16 Thanks to Council for approving the
17 purchase and Borough Manager Wolff for all of
18 his work with the bidding process.

19 MS. BRIER: How about the pickle
20 ball?

21 MR. KEARNEY: I spoke to a woman. I
22 have the lines up and everything. The woman
23 who had been in contact with me said they were
24 looking for a place during the day in the fall
25 and the winter. So I spoke with Head Start and

1 they only use one part of the gym. So I told
2 this lady to get ahold of me and we'll set up
3 whatever they want to do.

4 MS. BRIER: Is there a net?

5 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, we have
6 everything, except I don't have paddles and
7 balls.

8 MS. BRIER: I think besides that
9 woman, there might be other people who might
10 want to use it during the summer.

11 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, as long as
12 someone lets me know. It's already lined. I
13 have to put the lines down again because people
14 are using the court and the lines come off. So
15 we just have to keep retaping it.

16 MR. HALLINAN: Can we get it on the
17 website the courts are available for pickle
18 ball?

19 MR. KEARNEY: Sure.

20 MS. OVEN: Chris, do we have any
21 designated times too so people just aren't
22 showing up?

23 MR. KEARNEY: I was waiting for any
24 kind of guidance on that. I thought if you
25 knew people who were good on Tuesday or

1 whatever -- the only thing I have rental here
2 on Tuesday nights. And I have -- right now I
3 have an elementary school practice that is
4 scheduled every Wednesday from now until the
5 rest of the summer. But like I would say
6 Mondays and Thursdays would be good or
7 something like that.

8 MS. OVEN: If we can get a schedule
9 and put it out just so people aren't showing up
10 random.

11 MR. KEARNEY: Right.

12 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chris.

13 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge.

14 MR. JUDGE: We're still patching,
15 doing holes. We're cutting a lot of brush now.
16 Any stop signs you need, call them in. And the
17 brown paper bags for the brush, if it's in
18 plastic it goes to the landfill. If they are
19 not in brown paper bags they won't take them.

20 MS. BRIER: How about Tiffany Drive,
21 were you able to get up there?

22 MR. JUDGE: That's got to be
23 patched. I'm going to temporarily patch it
24 until they pave it. We didn't have the guys.
25 We had six guys out.

1 MS. BRIER: Right. So it will be
2 next week.

3 MR. JUDGE: Probably tomorrow.

4 MS. BRIER: Oh, thanks.

5 MR. JUDGE: But the brown paper
6 bags, everybody is putting them in the plastic
7 bags and it goes to the landfill. It doesn't
8 go to the Recycling Center if you do that.

9 MS. OVEN: The stop sign on College
10 and Adams, was that replaced? It's all faded.
11 You can't see it.

12 MR. JUDGE: I'll check tomorrow.

13 MS. OVEN: And then the storm
14 drains, do we have any program for cleaning the
15 leaves?

16 MR. JUDGE: I had them all checked
17 today. There's a lot of them in rough shape.
18 Every one of them in Swinick's is bad.

19 MS. OVEN: Right. Is there a
20 program where we do that we kind of go
21 through --

22 MR. JUDGE: We used to have a crew
23 that did them. That was a long time.

24 MS. OVEN: Okay.

25 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven, with

1 the street sweeper that Chris will be taking
2 over, that's part of cleaning the storm drains.
3 Obviously it's not getting inside but that's
4 part of keeping them clear.

5 MS. OVEN: What about if it's
6 filled?

7 MR. WOLFF: If it's filled, it
8 depends on what it is. If it's a stormwater,
9 it's part of what this gentleman was just
10 presenting. If it's stormwater then we are
11 responsible. If it's combined then we call the
12 water company, the sewer department.

13 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Would you do me a
15 favor too and reach out to the county? I tried
16 but I didn't get a response and if you could
17 call about the brush hog.

18 MR. JUDGE: I called today. We're
19 going to set it up. We'll give him the sweeper
20 and we'll take it for a week. That's it.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Didge.

22 MR. WOLFF: Chief Marchese.

23 CHIEF MARCHESE: For the month of
24 May our department received 1,152 calls for
25 service. This number is up by 231 from the

1 previous month. For the month we have five
2 criminal arrest, 13 non traffic and 83 traffic
3 citations. Two overtime shifts were sent for
4 the month.

5 Officer Richardson and Burgett took
6 part in their monthly SWAT training. Officer
7 Richardson also had a Mopetc certification
8 training May 5 and 16th. On Wednesday, May,
9 24th, several officers took over the Tracs
10 training administered by the PA Highway Safety
11 Commission.

12 This training certifies officers to
13 issue both traffic citations and warnings from
14 the mobile CAD computer in the police cars.
15 May 22nd, our department received Tracs mobile
16 ticketing software that we ordered back in
17 April.

18 This software allows officers to
19 issue traffic citations and warnings to a
20 driver electronically and cuts down the time
21 handwriting paper citations.

22 MS. BRIER: Is that a first for us?

23 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes. All officers
24 who participated in the May 24th training are
25 now able to issue traffic tickets and warnings

1 from inside the patrol cars. Captain Barth is
2 in the process of training and certifying all
3 additional officers who weren't able to make
4 the training.

5 In early May several officers
6 participated in a statewide pedestrian safety
7 program which focused on enforcement of
8 crosswalk offenders. During the state funded
9 program, the officers made multiple traffic
10 arrests along with written warnings for
11 crosswalk violators. This program is state
12 funded and was at no cost to the Borough.

13 In the middle of late May, officers
14 took part in the PA Buckle Up State Enforcement
15 Program. This wave of traffic enforcement
16 focuses on drivers who do not wear seatbelts.
17 This detail was also fully funded by the state.
18 And during the operation multiple offenders
19 were cited for both seatbelt violations along
20 with other violations. This program will run
21 into early June as well.

22 MS. BRIER: Chief, did you send us
23 the stats this month?

24 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah, I e-mailed
25 them. I know we have a lot of residents here

1 from Bednar Street. We're having a lot of
2 issues on Bednar. I actually have -- I brought
3 with me -- I have 10, 15 reports. I instructed
4 my officers every time they go up to do a
5 report.

6 We've had multiple calls for loud
7 noise. Every time we go up -- they are told to
8 park a block away. They walk up. Every time
9 we go there, we don't hear anything or it's
10 really, really low. Today I talked to Mr.
11 Cruser. He came in. He talked to me. We had
12 audio and video from the surveillance camera.

13 The music was blasting today. So
14 Officer Burgette is actually here. He's cited
15 the resident today. From this point forward,
16 hopefully we have -- at least -- we didn't have
17 anything to go after. Now we have something.

18 And he has my personal cell phone
19 and my e-mail. He will forward -- any time we
20 have anything in the future he'll forward to me
21 and we'll just keep citing him until we get
22 them in front of the magistrate. That's it.

23 MS. OVEN: Chief, is the next step
24 to go in front -- you cite them and then they
25 go in front of the magistrate?

1 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah. So it takes
2 a little bit. By the time he gets the
3 citations and pleads guilty or not guilty and
4 we have a hearing, but we're hopefully in the
5 right direction now.

6 It's -- because we want to solve it
7 as much as they want to solve it. We can't
8 cite them for no reason. We hopefully turned
9 the corner here today.

10 MS. BRIER: Attorney Perry was
11 saying that citizens can also go before the
12 magistrate without any of this.

13 ATTY. PERRY: You could bring a
14 private complaint before the magistrate for
15 someone creating a nuisance.

16 CHIEF MARCHESE: I talked to
17 Magistrate Ware about it today. He's aware
18 about it. So he knows what's going to be
19 coming. Hopefully this will be taken care of
20 very shortly.

21 MAYOR CONWAY: How many times were
22 you up there in the last month?

23 CHIEF MARCHESE: A lot. We've been
24 there 10, 15 times at a minimum.

25 MAYOR CONWAY: Every time we get the

1 complaint I know you guys were going up.

2 CHIEF MARCHESE: I know it's
3 frustrating. But we never had proof. Today we
4 had the actual -- we listened to it. The
5 gentleman's door was open and the music was
6 blasting.

7 MS. VALVANO: I live six houses away
8 and I could hear it.

9 CHIEF MARCHESE: We're heading in
10 the right directions. We're on it. And
11 hopefully we'll get it solved as quick as
12 possible.

13 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

14 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,
15 Council. I'll start out with the Fire
16 Department report. Projected expenditures for
17 June, 2023. We have our annual hose testing
18 scheduled for the 19th tentatively. That is
19 3,380.60. That's done every year. We have an
20 annual service coming up, preventative
21 maintenance service for the Engine 6, which is
22 1999. That's 1,450 providing there is no other
23 issues found with it during that regular
24 service.

25 We had a breakdown in the beginning

1 of the month on Rescue 6. The alternator
2 shorted out, caused some other issues with the
3 serpentine valve. That was 2,964.60. That was
4 not expected obviously. That was a breakdown.

5 As far as overtime when this report
6 was generated for June, there was 108.0 hours.
7 That could change during the course of the
8 month. We just had an another firefighter go
9 out injured. I'm not sure how long he's going
10 to be out. He was just seen today.

11 We'll see the way that turns out as
12 far as any increase in the overtime. As far as
13 part time shifts that were put out for the
14 month of June, 52. As far as calls from June
15 1st to current today at the close of business
16 was 17 calls, one fire type incident, five
17 emergency medical services and rescue type
18 calls combined, one hazardous materials, three
19 service calls, three good intent calls, three
20 false slash fire alarm calls and one special
21 event. So that's our total calls for the month
22 so far.

23 As far as for code enforcement,
24 there was 11 scheduled inspections from the 1st
25 until the end of the month. That number could

1 change as we receive complaints and inquires,
2 etc., but that's what was scheduled. About
3 half of them were reinspections, the other half
4 were new inspections. That's all I have.

5 MS. BRIER: What is good intent?

6 CHIEF DENAPLES: So good intent call
7 would be if somebody called and said as an
8 example, a car fire on the interstate and
9 either we went out and it was an overheated
10 vehicle or there was nothing found. So
11 basically it's, you know, it's called in as one
12 thing and turned out to really not to be an
13 emergency. So our intent to go out to respond
14 to the call was a good intent. Thank you.

15 MS. OVEN: Chief, for the 11
16 inspections, are those blight?

17 CHIEF DENAPLES: So I would say most
18 of them out of the 11 there was only one right
19 off the top of my head that isn't blight. To
20 be quite honest with you, a lot of these now as
21 we're getting into this warm -- they're long
22 processes.

23 So we're seeing that some of these
24 letters are being sent out and a lot of these
25 people aren't really doing stuff. And it's a

1 lengthy process. So, you know, I know as we're
2 getting into this -- like I said, some people
3 are cutting their grass quick, taking care of
4 overgrown shrubbery, etc.

5 But, you know, this isn't going be a
6 quick process. And I'm learning this more and
7 more as we're getting into it, especially now
8 when you have go on the magistrate path, taking
9 them to the magistrate. So, you know, bear
10 with us because it's really a grueling long
11 process as I'm learning as we're getting into
12 this more and more.

13 Like I said, there is a handful that
14 take care of it. A lot of these people are
15 absentee landlords. They're out of town. Some
16 of them, they're vacant properties. We're
17 sending notices and stuff is getting kicked
18 back. Mail is getting kicked back or they're
19 not accepting it. We're having one issue on
20 Dudley Street with that.

21 MR. HALLINAN: For the out-of-town
22 landlords, there is supposed to be a local
23 manager for that property, correct?

24 CHIEF DENAPLES: There is, but a lot
25 of them, the address is out of town. They

1 don't follow it is basically what I'm saying,
2 yeah.

3 MS. BRIER: Thanks for doing it.
4 Thank you.

5 MR. O'MALLEY: Thanks, Chief.

6 MR. WOLFF: Number 13, public
7 comment.

8 MR. AMICO: Ma'am?

9 MS. MANCUSO: Good evening, Council,
10 first I'd like to really thank Chief Marchese
11 and his team of officers --

12 MR. AMICO: Ma'am, can you state
13 your name for the record, please?

14 MS. MANCUSO: Helene Mancuso, 629
15 Bednar Street. As I was saying, they are
16 really great about responding every single time
17 we called even though they couldn't do
18 anything. So I really want to thank your team
19 of officers for doing that and also for slowing
20 down the stop sign on Bednar Street.

21 I think you got a couple of people
22 that were running that stop sign. So that has
23 really resolved itself. Everybody seems to be
24 stopping there. So thank you again for that.
25 So since the tenants moved in about three

1 months ago and we've been coming to Council,
2 they play the music to a level that shakes our
3 houses.

4 We actually have a multimedia
5 presentation. I hope this does it justice.
6 This is inside my house with the windows
7 closed. It's infringing on my enjoyment of my
8 own taxpayer property. We are unable to live
9 in our living rooms with the windows closed and
10 enjoy our TVs.

11 We're unable to have a conversation
12 in our patios without yelling. We cannot
13 engage in conversations at all. We have
14 evidence of music obviously on video and we
15 addressed this numerous times. We call the
16 Dunmore Police. They respond to the Dunmore
17 Police by yelling.

18 I personally went over the day after
19 I lost my dad on May 13th. I asked him to turn
20 his music down because I had been in hospice
21 until 4 a.m., and I was tired. He responded to
22 me by screaming and cursing and telling me he
23 could do whatever the -- he wants in his own
24 property.

25 Might I remind you this is a tenant.

1 He stated he doesn't care if the music is too
2 loud and he could do whatever he wants. Police
3 are called -- numerous neighbors both on Bednar
4 and on Sherwood Street. And I believe it's
5 more than 20 times to no avail. He
6 deliberately increases the volume when we pull
7 up into our driveways.

8 He did that to me tonight when I was
9 driving back from Williamsport. He turns it
10 down because he bought a scanner. So it goes
11 to dispatch. He finds out we call, they turn
12 the music down, very convenient. It's quite
13 disturbing as you could imagine.

14 We are unable to enjoy ourselves.
15 They still have roosters and they have a dog
16 that I came to Council with three months ago.
17 They tie them both in the backyard with no food
18 or water. Humane Society has been called. The
19 landlord has been advised I believe by Chief
20 Marchese's team and she doesn't care what
21 happens.

22 We implore to pass a sound ordinance
23 not to exceed 70 decibels because OSHA
24 standards, that is the level of which it
25 becomes harmful. We ask the purchase of a

1 decibel meter for the police. Let me say by
2 stressing we are in a multicultural community.

3 And one of the houses that lives
4 next door to the resident is Hispanic. And she
5 has signed off on our private harassment
6 charge. So if he claims this is a racist card,
7 it is not. We enjoy and we are proud to be a
8 multicultural community. Thank you.

9 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

10 MS. VALVANO: For those of you who
11 don't know, I'm Sharon Valvano and I reside at
12 620 Bednar Street. I got a call from a
13 neighbor today who resides on Sherwood Avenue.
14 She said she didn't want to be acknowledged
15 because she was afraid they would retaliate.
16 That's the point we're at right now.

17 Somebody was in her yard 2 a.m. this
18 morning with a mask on, their hood up and
19 attempting to get into their door. She lives
20 alone. She didn't want to be acknowledged.
21 Then again, she told the rooster in the
22 backyard -- in her backyard which is adjacent
23 to theirs, has been tied up by one foot.

24 They tied the feet of the dogs to
25 the concrete -- or to the pole and give them no

1 water at all. The dog if you go down there,
2 he's squandering. And we can't go onto their
3 property. We've been told that -- you know,
4 we'll be harassing them and we're absolutely
5 not.

6 But like Helene said, she has
7 called, you know, she has called the Humane
8 Society about it. As far as if they respond, I
9 don't know.

10 MS. OVEN: Has there been a
11 response?

12 MS. VALVANO: I don't know. This is
13 outside he's being tied up --

14 CHIEF MARCHESE: For the dog, you
15 could call the state warden.

16 MS. BRIER: Is this all day and all
17 night?

18 MS. VALVANO: Not all night. It
19 goes to a certain time at night. I heard it's
20 so bad the other night that I went over to the
21 my neighbor's yard and I was fuming. My dog
22 won't go outside to go to the bathroom because
23 he's afraid of the music. I mean, he's not all
24 there to begin with. But he is afraid to go
25 out and that's a shame because these -- because

1 of these people.

2 So we're afraid of them. I'm afraid
3 of them. But I have no hesitation in going to
4 them and telling them how I feel. So I hope
5 Council will take into consideration what we're
6 going through and rectify this.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

8 MR. CRUSER: Jerry Cruser, 630
9 Bednar Street. I got the blunt of it. I'm
10 right next door. I have video -- thank you,
11 Sal, today for actually letting me in and
12 showing it to him live. I pulled a live video.
13 Today I punched out at work at 2:00. I arrived
14 at my house the 2:08.

15 As soon as I backed into the
16 driveway, he opens up his door and he turns the
17 speaker at my backyard and blasts it, full
18 board. I did not call the cops. I went down
19 to the police station today and I asked Sal, I
20 said, Sal, this is going on right now live as
21 we speak. I handed him my phone. Was the
22 music loud?

23 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes.

24 MR. CRUSER: Last night -- every
25 time we call the police he retaliates by

1 turning the music back up louder and louder so
2 we're not allowed to sit on our patio. I
3 dumped thousand of dollars into my backyard. I
4 have a beautiful patio with a pool and I can't
5 even go out there.

6 I can't open my back door. My wife
7 has video on her phone. I have video on my
8 phone. I can't even lay in my bed with my air
9 conditioner on and watch my TV in my bedroom
10 with that music playing. That's how loud it
11 is. I've called Council. I've called the
12 cops. It nonstop over and over.

13 I left. She walked in the door at
14 4:10. The music, she calls me emphasizing in
15 the text messages, the music is louder than
16 ever. It's louder than ever. I sent another
17 one to Sal at 4:31. And I said to Sal, I
18 didn't hear nothing back because I assumed he
19 was busy.

20 I called the Comm Center, the
21 nonemergency number and I said I need to file a
22 complaint, can you send an officer. An officer
23 called me on the phone. And he said he was
24 going to take care of it and he said he would
25 cite him again. So that was then. And I

1 could tell you now if you send an officer with
2 me right now and leave him around the corner,
3 as soon as we all pull into our driveways, he's
4 going to open the door and he's going to start
5 blasting that music.

6 And if you want to hear how loud it
7 is, I have it on my phone. How do you sit in
8 your backyard and have to listen to -- like I
9 told the magistrate when I went down there, I
10 don't care if it's my favorite song.

11 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: They're from
12 out of state. We don't know who they are.

13 MR. CRUSER: It's not just the
14 music.

15 (Cross talking.)

16 MR. AMICO: Guys, we can't be having
17 back and forth.

18 MR. CRUSER: We had to file a
19 private criminal complaint, I believe?

20 ATTY. PERRY: It's a civil
21 complaint.

22 MR. CRUSER: The paper he gave me,
23 Magistrate Ware, it said on the top of it it
24 was a private criminal complaint that we filed.
25 That's what it said as far as I know.

1 ATTY. PERRY: That might not be the
2 right form. It a civil complaint for a private
3 nuisance.

4 MR. CRUSER: It's not just the
5 music. I mean, it's the property maintenance.
6 The grass is up to your knees. I mean, there's
7 just the one car in the driveway is dead which
8 is fine. But it's just a mess. The house is a
9 mess. The dog is on the other side. The lady
10 that is not here that she works 7 to 7, she
11 doesn't know who to complain to.

12 And she said she was out in the
13 backyard with her two young grandchildren and
14 the dog went through the fence and almost
15 grabbed the kids. And I said to her, well,
16 we're all filing this. We're going to try to
17 see what we could do. We're going to the
18 Council meeting.

19 She said she couldn't make it
20 tonight. And it's, yes, they are not lying.
21 There is chickens and roosters in the basement.

22 MS. BRIER: Does he live alone? Is
23 he the only one there?

24 MR. CRUSER: No, he's there with --
25 I don't know if it's his wife or whatever and a

1 six-year-old child. And that's the thing. And
2 then last night we came home. We left our
3 house. We did not want to be there because the
4 music was so loud.

5 And finally at 8:00 at night we
6 decided to come back home. We got outside and
7 we sat down and we were actually watching a
8 little bit of TV. And as soon as he seen the
9 TV come on, he opened up the door, put a
10 spotlight straight on us and started blasting
11 the music.

12 And he turns the speaker and I have
13 video of it. He turns the speaker and puts it
14 right out the door so I could not sit out
15 there. I could not sit in my living room and
16 watch TV from 8:00 in the morning until 10 at
17 night. As long as I'm home he knows I'm there
18 and he will blast that music.

19 And if I'm not home and she pulls
20 into her house and the minute he sees her
21 garage door open up, he goes on the front porch
22 and he puts the speaker on the front porch and
23 he blasts the music at her on the front porch.
24 This is spitefulness. This isn't just I want
25 to listen to music.

1 MS. BRIER: It's weaponized.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Chief, can you send a
3 car? Don't go over the air. Talk to somebody
4 on their cell phone. Let them follow them home
5 when they leave from here. If that's what he's
6 doing -- I'm going to say this on the record
7 maybe I -- drop the hammer on this guy.

8 This is ridiculous these neighbors
9 have to live like this. So whatever we have to
10 do to achieve, you know, with the lawns, the
11 chickens whatever, this is craziness. This is
12 beyond nuts. Would you do that, Chief? Talk
13 to somebody. If they are doing this when you
14 get home, then again, throw -- the more you
15 throw at him the better off you are, I hate to
16 say it, at the magistrate.

17 You know, that's the way they want
18 it, that's the way we're going to have to do
19 it.

20 MR. CRUSER: Can I ask a question?
21 Can the landlord be cited? This is her --
22 she's the one doing this. How do we go about
23 that? She's the one that told us that she
24 doesn't care. Give it to them.

25 MR. HALLINAN: Isn't there an

1 ordinance like three same calls because a
2 nuisance -- it becomes a nuisance?

3 ATTY. PERRY: Yes.

4 MR. HALLINAN: So why don't we --
5 can we go down this path?

6 ATTY. PERRY: Yes.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

8 MS. BRIER: What does that entail,
9 Mic?

10 ATTY. PERRY: Well, the police have
11 to cite the person for disruptive conduct three
12 times. It has to go through code enforcement.
13 And then the building can be shut down.

14 MR. CRUSER: It's a rent to own.
15 The lady did not want to live on the premises
16 anymore so she rented an apartment down on
17 Jefferson Avenue. And she's renting this out
18 because she wants to sell -- she wants nothing
19 to do with it.

20 ATTY. PERRY: You could go through
21 that process and shut it down for six months or
22 until the problem is corrected.

23 MR. CRUSER: Is there legal ways
24 that we could actually do inspections of the
25 house? I know the roof is caving in. There's

1 mold in the basement. I've been there. I did
2 work -- I know it's bad.

3 ATTY. PERRY: That is code
4 enforcement. We do have a code. We have a
5 code which would prevent that type of thing
6 from happening. Our code enforcement people
7 would have to go out and inspect it.

8 MS. BRIER: What can trigger that,
9 like, we just ask the code enforcement?

10 MR. HALLINAN: Right now.

11 MS. BRIER: It's triggered.

12 MR. CRUSER: I mean, if you drive by
13 and you look at the roof, the roof is caving
14 in. I know the contractor that when the
15 homeowner was there she actually came to me and
16 asked me if I knew somebody that could fix it
17 and I -- and I referred her to Joe -- Do It
18 Right Construction.

19 He came in and he had said to me,
20 Jerry, he's like, that need a whole new
21 everything upstairs. The eaves are bad. He's
22 like everything is warped. You could see the
23 whole thing. And it's just like -- I'm just
24 trying to find a way to get them out. This
25 is -- it shouldn't be there. And it's like,

1 because I can't live like this.

2 MR. WOLFF: We'll send code
3 enforcement up tomorrow, okay?

4 MR. CRUSER: Thank you very much.

5 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you, Jerry.

6 MR. AMICO: Thanks. Anyone else
7 from the public -- sir?

8 MR. CASHMERE: Good evening, I'm
9 Kevin Cashmere and I'm up on 339 Chestnut
10 Street. And I'm here to complain about Brian
11 Mills and his business. He keeps parking his
12 cars over the sidewalk. I took some pictures.
13 He blocks the whole driveway. You can't get
14 out in an emergency situation.

15 There's oil spills all over the
16 sidewalks. And I had to call the cops multiple
17 times and they had to come up and they had to
18 get Brian to call tenants and move all the
19 vehicles out so I could get out. I work down
20 at the hospital. I can't get out in an
21 emergency situation. Like, I'm on call and I
22 can't get out to go to the hospital and do what
23 I have to do.

24 MS. BRIER: Chief, do they cite?
25 When they go up, do they cite?

1 CHIEF MARCHESE: This is the first
2 I'm hearing about it. The only thing I heard
3 about was he had somebody who dropped a car
4 overnight and he blocked driveway. And he
5 didn't have the keys until the next day to move
6 it.

7 MR. WOLFF: We did receive -- we did
8 send code up there and so they were looking
9 into it as well.

10 MR. AMICO: That was last week,
11 right, Greg?

12 MR. WOLFF: Yeah.

13 MR. CASHMERE: He has that lot in
14 the back and he has cars back there with no
15 engines in it and trees are growing out of it.
16 I mean, if he cleans that up, he could have
17 parking spots back there for tenants and
18 everything like that.

19 MR. WOLFF: They are aware like the
20 Chief said. Unfortunately, it is -- we have
21 started that process.

22 MR. CASHMERE: All right, cool.

23 MR. WOLFF: I wish I could tell you
24 it will be fixed tomorrow.

25 MR. CASHMERE: I understand. The

1 last officer that came to the house he's the
2 one that recommended to come down here and just
3 voice everything I had to say.

4 MS. BRIER: I appreciate that. So
5 is code enforcement up there too?

6 MR. WOLFF: They have been up there.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Just call.

8 MR. CASHMERE: All right. Thank
9 you.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

11 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

12 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

13 MR. AMICO: Sir, would you like to
14 address?

15 MR. MCDONALD: My name is John
16 McDonald. I live on 617 Sherwood Avenue. And
17 my backyard, Sharon Valvano is behind my
18 backyard. And I just wanted to ask, is there a
19 noise ordinance of any kind?

20 ATTY. PERRY: Yes.

21 MR. MCDONALD: There is.

22 ATTY. PERRY: Yes. It would take
23 too long for me to read it to you.

24 MR. MCDONALD: Okay. That's all
25 right. So there is a noise ordinance and

1 decibel meters I think are pretty cheap.
2 They're only like 30 bucks. You could get them
3 on Amazon or whatever. I think a lot of the
4 problem anymore is -- the vinyl fencing and
5 vinyl on everybody's house, it doesn't absorb
6 any sound.

7 It just echos everywhere. So I'm
8 probably three or four doors down from this
9 guy. I could see him from my deck. And it's
10 like, you know, if the guy would just turn it
11 down and act like, you know, a civil person,
12 you know, like everybody else. If I want to
13 play Irish ballads all day -- I don't know if
14 any of you would get mad but --

15 MR. HALLINAN: I'd get mad at you.

16 MR. MCDONALD: If I put a speaker up
17 and I start doing that, you know, I don't know
18 if everybody is going to do an Irish jig. But,
19 you know, it's not so much what he plays. It's
20 the level of noise. I'm glad there's an
21 ordinance though so.

22 And you guys seem to be all over it
23 and doing a great job with it so I appreciate
24 that too.

25 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

1 DR. PUHALLA: I didn't know there
2 was a problem with the sound. I'm only a block
3 and a half away from Bednar Street. The
4 problem I'm having might help your problem or
5 make it worse. I'm at 120 Allen around the
6 corner.

7 MR. AMICO: Can you state your name?

8 DR. PUHALLA: I'm Dr. Cyril Puhalla.
9 I'm at 120 Allen Street, Dunmore. I have -- I
10 discussed this problem with the city manager.
11 I discussed this problem with the Mayor. We
12 discussed it with the police. We've had the
13 police there. You've heard of mass shootings.

14 This is a problem with mass dogs.
15 The neighbors living next to me over the last
16 couple years have expanded their dogs from 2 to
17 6 to 11. Last year we got the five babies out
18 and brought it down. The mother just had more
19 babies and bought it back up to nine.

20 The problem with these dogs is
21 they're German Shepards. They're big dogs. So
22 we're talking about at the minimum nine dogs in
23 a house with four adults and a property that is
24 20 feet by 40 feet. You know how big the
25 properties are up there. The fences are that

1 high (indicating) so the dogs jump over the
2 fences.

3 I mean, they've jumped over the
4 fences to the point where the neighbor across
5 the street has had to get a golf club, attack
6 the dog to keep it from hurting a child because
7 no one walks in front of the house. You can't
8 walk in front of the house because with these
9 dogs, they poop on the lawn but there's no more
10 lawn.

11 It's just all dirt. So the poop
12 just stands there and drains into the sidewalk.
13 This is a health problem and flies, flies. I
14 can't go on my front porch because flies are
15 there. I open my garage door, all the flies
16 come in, hundreds of them. Can't go in my
17 backyard, flies.

18 Can't go in my backyard because I
19 never know when the dogs are going to jump over
20 the fence. And then the police tell me, well,
21 until they actually attack me or actually hurt
22 some child, nothing could be done. Now, these
23 dogs are inbred.

24 And that means they are not getting
25 smarter. They are getting more aggressive.

1 They are becoming as one neighbor told me, they
2 are becoming more wolflike. So we've got six
3 to seven adult German Shepards becoming
4 wolflike. Two baby German Shepards just born
5 that we just saw for the first time today.

6 And they are getting violent towards
7 their owners. I've seen them through the
8 window attack the owner's leg. Oh, there was
9 an extra dog but about three weeks ago early in
10 the morning I heard rustling out there. And I
11 saw them taking one of the adult dogs upside
12 down by its legs because it was dead.

13 So they, you know, the wife had the
14 leg in front and the husband had the legs in
15 the front. And at about 6:00 in the morning,
16 they carefully throw it in the back of the
17 Jeep. This I think was the male dog that was
18 inseminating the female dog. I think. I don't
19 know.

20 But perhaps the other male dog, the
21 one with the choker collar -- this one dog, the
22 one that attack its owners, they put a choke
23 collar on it so they could control it better.
24 And I have fantasies that perhaps that dog
25 actually killed the other dog. We called

1 animal control. Animal control says, well, we
2 can't do much because, you know, you're allowed
3 to have up to 26 dogs, 26 dogs.

4 And unless there is an ordinance
5 that says, no, you can't have 26 dogs. But
6 then someone says, well, you could have four
7 dogs. Well, if there is four dogs, they have
8 at least ten, perhaps more in the home. I
9 don't know.

10 Now, you could imagine what this
11 home must be like to have 8 to 9, 11, 12
12 German Shepard dogs with four adults with all
13 of these flies all over the place. And so
14 it's -- this is I think is a danger to the
15 whole city because when these dogs escape and
16 they will escape, I mean, there must be an
17 ordinance where at least they could have a
18 fence high enough so the dogs don't jump over
19 the fence.

20 Now, but that won't stop the problem
21 with the smell of the poop and the flies and
22 things like that.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Doctor, can I
24 interrupt you for a second? Can you look into
25 that ordinance, like, what is to stop

1 somebody -- what number of dogs before you
2 become a kennel?

3 MR. WOLFF: I looked it up.

4 CHIEF MARCHESE: We had the state
5 dog warden there. She did an inspection last
6 year. Mayor Conway had to go up. They went in
7 the house. And she said there was no problem.

8 DR. PUHALLA: The inspection -- I
9 observed the inspection. The inspection
10 consisted of bringing out the five baby dogs
11 and looking at them. If any of you went to the
12 front of this house -- the Mayor went to the
13 front of the house.

14 MAYOR CONWAY: It was as bad as he's
15 described.

16 DR. PUHALLA: If you go to the front
17 of the house or the back and ask the neighbors
18 to just allow these pets out, you won't last
19 long. I carry pepper spray. My neighbors who
20 are here have to carry pepper spray. When the
21 neighbors found out last year that I called --
22 we called the inspector who inspected the five
23 baby dogs. Now, are these dogs licensed?

24 MAYOR CONWAY: Doctor, when were we
25 up there?

1 DR. PUHALLA: It was last year. But
2 since then they've had more dogs.

3 MAYOR CONWAY: Everything you are
4 saying is completely accurate. The yard is
5 disgusting. There's a bunch of dogs there. I
6 walked past the front of the fence. I wouldn't
7 if I was the mailman.

8 DR. PUHALLA: The mailman stopped
9 delivering the mail.

10 MAYOR CONWAY: I remember the
11 Chief -- I think it was Rich Barth or Anthony
12 Cali was up there. We did have the state dog
13 warden there. And I remember that number being
14 thrown out there. There was 26 -- I remember
15 that being said.

16 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: I run a
17 business on Allen Street. I pay taxes and --

18 MR. HALLINAN: Fran, one at a time.

19 MAYOR CONWAY: When this all
20 happened, the dog warden went out. And then it
21 did kind of dropped and that's my fault. I
22 apologize. We have a revamped code enforcement
23 team here. I would love to get them back up
24 there, take a look at this yard again and go
25 forward with, you know, the magistrate process

1 or anything else we could do because it really
2 is unacceptable.

3 And I drive by all the time because
4 I'll never forget walking past there and there
5 was like seven adult German Shepards
6 approaching the fence at full speed from 40
7 yards in the back, like, from the back of the
8 property to the front. It does need to be
9 addressed. I promise tomorrow --

10 DR. PUHALLA: But the inspection was
11 for the five baby dogs. No one saw these dogs
12 in action in the yard.

13 MAYOR CONWAY: The dog warden did
14 say all the dogs were -- again, maybe I'm just
15 remembering -- the dog warden did say that all
16 the dogs were shipped -- or inspected -- like,
17 the dog warden gave it a thumbs-up approval,
18 which I don't know how that was possible. But
19 that's how I recall.

20 MR. AMICO: Sir, at the end of the
21 day we can't control what the dog warden says
22 or doesn't say, but we could do what we can do
23 with code enforcement. To your point, if your
24 neighbor's house has dog poop all over the
25 front yard and you can't use your front porch,

1 back porch, garage, that's us. So we can send
2 someone up to get that squared away and then we
3 could go from there.

4 DR. PUHALLA: What about safety for
5 the community if these dogs jump over the
6 fence?

7 MR. AMICO: I think that is an easy
8 first step for us to do.

9 MS. BRIER: That's on us.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Doctor, let us start
11 the process. Something has to be done. I
12 believe they were there and let's start doing
13 almost like we have -- we have to start getting
14 complaints through our enforcement team and
15 then we'll let things start going.

16 And that way we start one, two,
17 three, let's start moving it along. If you
18 don't have any results, come to the next
19 meeting and let's see what's going on. You
20 know, we have to start moving somewhere here.

21 MS. BRIER: Is there an ordinance
22 that says only four dogs?

23 MR. WOLFF: I found it in zoning and
24 I wish I could remember exactly what it was.
25 But I did look into it after he stopped by and

1 fortunately or unfortunately, the yard is dirt.
2 But there was no dog feces or anything like
3 when I drove by.

4 And I followed up with the Chief and
5 he filled me in on the dog ordinance. So we'll
6 continue to -- when it gets bad, that's when
7 you need to call us.

8 DR. PUHALLA: It's bad right now.

9 MR. WOLFF: Unfortunately, we did
10 drive by but if they happened to clean up that
11 day, then there's not much we can do about it.

12 MS. BRIER: We'll send the code
13 enforcement people though.

14 MR. WOLFF: Yeah.

15 MS. GUZY: My name is Fran Guzy. I
16 live at 122 Allen Street. I run a small
17 business in my home. It's a beauty shop. I
18 have clients that are elderly that do not park
19 in my driveway but park in front of my street
20 next to 118 Allen Street where the dogs are.

21 We've called numerous times,
22 numerous times, had the Mayor at my house a few
23 times, also at Cyril's house, had Chief, many
24 cops over. It was documented. Every time I
25 called I want it documented. I say who I am,

1 where I live, the time, the date. Yes, there
2 is more -- many dogs.

3 I'm the size of a child. I walk
4 outside of my house. I have a can of mace on
5 me. I feel like I'm battling something. These
6 dogs are bigger than me. There's more puppies
7 there. You are not allowed to have more than
8 four to five dogs from what Jennifer Cali had
9 said, the game warden that came there.

10 She's been there numerous times. I
11 didn't see anybody go into the house when they
12 checked these dogs out -- puppies. Now,
13 there's more puppies. It's a puppy mill. I
14 pay taxes, a business tax for my business at
15 122 Allen Street. Does he pay a business tax
16 if that's a puppy mill?

17 That's an illegal business if he's
18 selling the puppies, selling the dogs. I'm the
19 size of a child, 85 pounds. That dog is going
20 to attack me. What if it attacks one of my
21 clients? What if it attacks one of my nieces
22 and nephews?

23 I'm trying to protect my livelihood,
24 my property, my family, my friends. I can't go
25 out on my deck, worry about my clients coming

1 into my shop. This has been going on since
2 last year. Max was at the house. Cops were at
3 my house. The game warden was at my house.

4 Do I have to wait another year or do
5 we have to go to the magistrate and file a
6 legal civil suit like the lawyer said here,
7 Mr. Perry?

8 ATTY. PERRY: Thank you.

9 MS. GUZY: What do we have to do?
10 How much more time do we have to wait or is it
11 going to take somebody to get hurt for somebody
12 to do something? Do we wait? I'm a taxpayer.
13 I appreciate your time. Something needs to be
14 done. Thank you.

15 MS. BRIER: It does.

16 MR. AMICO: Anyone else from the
17 public like to address -- sir.

18 MR. METZGER: I'm here at 111 Frank
19 Street, Jason Metzger. I'm here to address
20 some parking issues that we have been having
21 ever since more businesses started accumulating
22 on Drinker Street, namely Auto Tunes.

23 They have decided to park multiple
24 cars, ones that they've been working on, ones
25 that they have maybe days later they might work

1 on. They are parking up our street leaving us
2 no room to park.

3 So recently -- I just moved in last
4 week. But there was a truck in front of my
5 neighbor Joe's house for about two and a half
6 to three months just parked there having Joe
7 now park way up the street having to walk to
8 his home.

9 Now, from what I've read in the
10 ordinances, they are supposed to have
11 off-street parking per their square footage
12 which they do not. So I'm curious of solutions
13 and action we can take to get this done and,
14 you know, have the resident's parking spaces.

15 Is there a possibility of getting
16 this street permit parking for residential so
17 that it can be, you know, monitored and
18 actively monitored by the police if there is an
19 issue?

20 MR. HALLINAN: Why don't you get a
21 petition from your neighbors and come to the
22 next meeting and ask for permit parking because
23 you asking is just one.

24 MR. METZGER: I have my neighbor Joe
25 back here. How many people do we need to --

1 MR. HALLINAN: I would say it would
2 have to be the majority of the block.

3 MS. ZANGARDI: There's a lot of
4 apartments. That's my neighborhood. There's a
5 lot of apartments. One house was just sold
6 that has four apartments. They do not have
7 enough parking for those apartments because it
8 was privately owned by a family. Now it's
9 commercial. It's a rental property.

10 So prior to it was -- Dave Lopatka
11 just sold it to Summa -- so they have a couple
12 extra apartments they have to provide parking
13 for. But I'm up there. That's my
14 neighborhood. I will knock on your door
15 tomorrow and we'll go through it.

16 MR. METZGER: Okay. Thank you. I
17 appreciate that.

18 MS. ZANGARDI: No problem. I didn't
19 realize that. I knew it was by our end.

20 MR. METZGER: Yeah, so it started
21 with Calabria once they moved across the street
22 and started hosting parties there. A lot of
23 times they would come and park up the street.
24 But, you know, it would be a couple hours and
25 now it's not only Calabria's but this new guy

1 Auto Tunes. He's parking wrecked cars up and
2 down the street. It really needs to be
3 addressed.

4 MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah, I've been
5 trying to get Calabria's to get the dumpster
6 out of the middle of their parking lot.

7 MR. METZGER: Yeah, they ripped that
8 nice building down and extended their parking
9 lot and they still are parking up our street.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: They have no parking
11 because they took it with the dumpster. I
12 know. Okay. I'll be down tomorrow.

13 MS. BRIER: So Auto Tunes doesn't
14 have any parking.

15 MR. METZGER: They do not have any
16 off-street parking at all. And I know they
17 consistently pull a wrecker in and will block
18 the road for good periods of time where you
19 can't get to the main streets.

20 MR. HALLINAN: And he has an inside
21 garage in that place too.

22 MR. METZGER: He does, yes.

23 MR. AMICO: Would anyone else like
24 to address Council this evening? Seeing none.

25 MR. WOLFF: Public officials.

1 MR. AMICO: Mr. Wolff.

2 MR. WOLFF: I have nothing.

3 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

4 MR. AMICO: Mayor Conway.

5 MAYOR CONWAY: Chief Marchese, I
6 just want to say thanks for the increased
7 patrols at the intersections. I heard a lot of
8 positive reviews from people, starting to stop
9 at stop signs which is good and also the
10 building checks the police are doing at night
11 for the commercial buildings. That's a really
12 nice thing that you are guys are doing. That's
13 all I have.

14 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mrs.
15 Zangardi, do you want to start this evening?

16 MS. ZANGARDI: The only thing I have
17 is Father Doris is retiring from St. Mary's
18 after 28 years. I was there yesterday. It was
19 awesome. I wish him all the best. That's it
20 for me, I think. Thank you. Thank you
21 everybody for coming out. A lot of this I was
22 aware a little bit. So I was aware of Bednar
23 but had no idea about Chestnut Street and
24 Frank. Thank you.

25 MR. AMICO: Mr. O'Malley.

1 MR. O'MALLEY: I want to thank
2 everyone for coming this evening. Bednar
3 Street residents, hopefully -- well, I'm sorry
4 that you have to endure this. But hopefully
5 we'll get the situation rectified really soon
6 so you could live your lives in peace. It's a
7 nice neighborhood.

8 Also the Allen Street dog situation
9 I was unaware of that. So hopefully that could
10 get taken care of and Frank Street parking.
11 The Bucktown Music Fest I know, Mr. Hallinan,
12 this is your thing but Sunday at 5:00 -- and I
13 just want to say thank you to Mr. Hallinan for
14 all of your hard work in that endeavor.

15 It's a really great community event
16 that I really look forward to. And I want to
17 finish with congratulating all of our 2023
18 graduates. That's all I have.

19 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mr. O'Malley.
20 Mr. Dempsey.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: No, I'm good. Thank
22 you.

23 MR. AMICO: Mr. Hallinan.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, my heart goes
25 out to you people up there. And like I said

1 before, I hope we could solve this. If not,
2 come to the next meeting, keep coming, keep
3 filing stuff. You can't be nice with this guy
4 it seems, you know. And the dogs, keep
5 calling. And like you said, document, go to
6 the magistrate, do what you got to do.

7 Thank you for letting us hear this.
8 On a lighter note, Bucktown Music Fest starts
9 this Sunday. Everybody put out your rosary
10 beads that it doesn't rain. And we count on
11 everybody coming down. It's an event that's
12 sponsored by all of our businesses. It doesn't
13 cost the taxpayers anything.

14 Well, the county gives us money and
15 the support of Dunmore Council, our police, our
16 DPW, and Didge and everybody. It's a wonderful
17 event. It's a family thing. It's great. So I
18 hope you could come out, great lineup this year
19 and thank everybody for supporting -- you know
20 what, shop local because these are the guys
21 that make it happen, okay? Shop our Dunmore
22 stores. Thank you.

23 MS. BRIER: And, Tom, aren't there
24 two locations this year?

25 MR. HALLINAN: We got three

1 locations this year. We got seven shows at
2 Dunmore corners. We're going to close down the
3 500 block of Chestnut and have a show there
4 outside the Roosey. And we're going to have a
5 show down at the Patch. That's going to be
6 September 2nd and a lot of local talent.

7 There's a lot of Dunmore talent,
8 unbelievable. So, you know, when you go there
9 it's like old home week. You're going to know
10 the people. You're going to know the players
11 in the band. And then we end up with the
12 Dunmore Got Talent and shindig by Mr. Brian
13 McGurl that puts together a fantastic show.

14 So I hope everybody could make it,
15 spread the word. It's free. How could you
16 beat that? Thank you. Thank everybody on
17 Council and the Mayor, everybody for helping.
18 Thank you.

19 MR. AMICO: Katherine.

20 MS. OVEN: I'd like to thank
21 everybody for coming tonight. I'm really upset
22 about what's going on. So I appreciate you
23 coming and letting us know. I had no idea what
24 was going on on Allen Street or Front Street.

25 So that's something I have to look

1 into. We're really trying to drill down on our
2 ordinances. So there's a lot of things I'm
3 going to follow up. I don't know what
4 ordinances are as far as roosters and the
5 amount of dogs. And obviously the whole fact
6 that there's a child living in this home and
7 there's animals involved is really upsetting.

8 So please continue to follow up and
9 we have some work to do as far as getting it
10 straightened it out. But I appreciate you
11 coming.

12 MS. BRIER: As Mayor Conway said,
13 you know, we have a new process for enforcing
14 the ordinances. And we're certainly -- we have
15 started that process. And I think what you're
16 putting up with is intolerable. I mean, it's
17 horrible. I never even heard of anything of
18 this nature especially because of the
19 vindictiveness of this man. It's sort of hard
20 to believe.

21 And I do think it must be a puppy
22 mill up there. They must be selling the dogs.
23 So that is an illegal business. They are not
24 licensed and the tax that you're paying --

25 MS. GUZY: I'm paying business tax.

1 MS. BRIER: Right, right, so all of
2 these things again. I'm glad you came. We
3 need to hear about it. We need to hear from
4 the public and certainly the car situation up
5 there as well. And we'll do our best to be on
6 it.

7 Greg Wolff had started a process of
8 talking to someone about our ordinances which
9 as you probably guessed are a little bit
10 scattered. So we're going to try to put
11 something together so that we could index our
12 ordinances. They are easily accessible to the
13 public and easily accessible to us and Greg is
14 in the process of starting that right now.
15 Thanks.

16 MR. AMICO: Beth, you wanted to add
17 something else?

18 MS. ZANGARDI: I did. I'm sorry. I
19 forgot. I wanted to thank Chris Kearny.
20 Yesterday we had the Lion's Club awards dinner
21 here. It was perfect. Everybody was really
22 pleased. Everything went well. Chris, of
23 course, showed up and made sure everything was
24 well guided. I just wanted to say thank you to
25 Chris about that.

1 And another thing is, I live on
2 Homestead Street which is a block above Frank.
3 I see what goes on on my area. And I've been
4 trying to work on the garbage and the parking
5 in that area. But unless people come, I had no
6 idea about Allen Street. I had no idea. And
7 we had no idea about the dogs. So it's
8 important to call us.

9 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: You'll see me
10 more.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay, no problem.
12 But it's just important because we don't know,
13 you know. I had no idea. So thank you
14 everybody again for coming. And we'll get on
15 it. Thank you.

16 MR. AMICO: I just wanted to add
17 real quick about, you know, everybody's issue
18 whether it's Chestnut Street or the Allen
19 Street or Bednar. It's easy for us to say, you
20 know, be patient and let the process work it's
21 way out.

22 And my advice -- and please, please,
23 please take it is just don't take things in
24 your own hand. I'm speaking from experience.
25 I had a neighbor. And I'm not going to say who

1 she was but it was a nightmare. And it was a
2 nightmare when my girls were little.

3 And, you know, I was not the most
4 patient person and I flew off the handle once
5 at this neighbor. And I just said the wrong
6 thing to the wrong person. And, you know,
7 first time in my life I was served papers
8 because, again, I just had my fill.

9 And I know, Jerry, you're a good
10 friend of mine and I know you're up to here and
11 Carrie, you're here and deservedly so. You're
12 all just trying to live your life in your
13 beautiful neighborhood. And you're just trying
14 to go to work and come home and enjoy your
15 neighborhood and you have a neighbor that's not
16 doing the right thing.

17 It's easy again for to us say please
18 be patient, but please patient. Chief Marchese
19 and the department are doing their best. You
20 could deal with the magistrate. There is a
21 process. And the process is slow.

22 But at the end of the day when one
23 of you do the wrong thing, now you're the bad
24 guy. And everything that we're trying to get
25 squared away on our end and you're trying to do

1 the right way will be wrong if you, you know,
2 again, just lose your cool. So I'm just asking
3 please be patient.

4 MS. VALVANO: Can I just say
5 something? I'm very impatient and I have no
6 problem going up to him and just --

7 MR. AMICO: Let the police deal with
8 it.

9 MS. VALVANO: Honest to goodness --
10 the policeman came up the other day and he was
11 a little bit rude. I can't do anything.

12 MR. AMICO: Well, then that's
13 the --

14 MS. VALVANO: I understand.

15 MR. AMICO: But then your job then
16 is -- you have our phone numbers. You could
17 call us. Let us know that and we'll --

18 MS. VALVANO: That's unacceptable
19 the way he --

20 MR. AMICO: That's not for you to
21 square away. We'll take care of it.

22 MS. VALVANO: It's like music fest
23 up there. That's what it's like.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Hey, hey, hey. We
25 have a start and stop time.

1 MS. VALVANO: Music fest at Sherwood
2 Park. That's what it's like. And I would like
3 to commend that -- Didge and the Council what
4 they have done with Sherwood Park.

5 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

6 MS. VALVANO: The cones there are
7 effective.

8 MR. AMICO: Thank you. And the last
9 two things I'll just say again and end on a
10 positive note. Again, just please -- the mural
11 project is making -- it's beautifying our town.
12 If you go to DePietro's there's a giant mural
13 of the state championship girls basketball team
14 that's in the works.

15 And if you drive past King Joe's
16 there was a ceremony on Friday night, a
17 dedication to a mural -- not a mural, an actual
18 wood carving of King Joe that -- I'm going to
19 throw out a plug so I'm getting a little bit of
20 press, my best friend's son Nico Pugliese
21 carved during COVID. It's spectacular.

22 Again, if you have time, check those
23 two things out. And that's all I have. On
24 that note, I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

25 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that

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motion.

MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. AMICO: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

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