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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, February 14th, 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 - absent
- 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: I'm 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: Number three, public
19 comment on agenda items.

20 MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the
21 public like to comment on agenda items only,
22 seeing none.

23 MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to
24 approve the minutes.

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

1 to approve the minutes.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: So moved.

3 MS. BRIER: I'll second.

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

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

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

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

15 MS. BRIER: I'll make it.

16 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I
17 have a second?

18 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll second.

19 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

20 MR. AMICO: Motion and a second. On
21 the question? Anyone? Mark, can I just ask
22 you one thing real quick?

23 MR. BURTON: Sure.

24 MR. AMICO: What is the DeLage
25 Landen Financial Services?

1 MR. BURTON: That's the copier.

2 MS. BRIER: That's a monthly bill.

3 MR. AMICO: The was the one question
4 I had. That's it. Anyone else on the
5 question?

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah, me. Penn
7 Supply -- Pennsy Supply?

8 MR. AMICO: That's who paved the
9 roads.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: Got it. I should
11 have realized that amount. Thank you.

12 MR. AMICO: Okay. All those in
13 favor.

14 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

18 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to
19 approve DPW contract subject to union
20 ratification.

21 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
22 to approve the DPW contract subject to their
23 unions ratifying.

24 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that
25 motion.

1 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

2 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
3 second. Anyone on the question? Seeing none,
4 all those in favor.

5 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

9 MR. WOLFF: Motion to approve
10 Bucktown Music Fest resolution. And I did talk
11 to -- I'll just read a quick part here and you
12 guys can go from there.

13 Whereas Dunmore Borough desires to
14 approve Dunmore Borough Bucktown Music Fest and
15 whereas the applicant desires to apply to the
16 County of Lackawanna for Community reinvest
17 grant for the purpose of carrying out this
18 project. So obviously the Music Fest at the
19 corners. It's for a grant Councilman Hallinan
20 has been handling.

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

22 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I
23 have a second?

24 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

25 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a

1 second. On the question? Greg just kind of
2 said what I was going to say as far as on the
3 question is concerned. We need this resolution
4 so again, Councilman Hallinan can continue to
5 seek grant money. So this is the first step in
6 that process. That being said, anybody else on
7 the question? Seeing none, all those in favor.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Have it.

12 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to
13 approve the Stormwater Location Kit for DPW.

14 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
15 to approve the Stormwater Location Kit for the
16 DPW.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
18 motion.

19 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I
20 have a second?

21 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll second.

22 MR. AMICO: Again, as we mentioned
23 earlier, this is just another tool for our DPW
24 to have. Right now the borough does -- we do
25 have some stormwater lines that are our

1 responsibility.

2 And this allows for our DPW to mark
3 the lines and -- to locate the lines and mark
4 the lines when any digging is going to be
5 taking place. It's just, you know, another
6 tool that they're going to have in their
7 arsenal.

8 MS. BRIER: Do you know how much it
9 is?

10 MR. AMICO: Eight thousand.

11 MS. BRIER: Oh, we talked about
12 that.

13 MS. OVEN: And that includes
14 training for it.

15 MR. AMICO: That in which includes
16 the training, correct.

17 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

18 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
19 second. We talked about on the question. All
20 those in favor.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

25 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, Treasurer

1 financial report. Mark.

2 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
3 It's a relatively quiet month of January as
4 expected. Tax bills went out in the beginning
5 of February. So we have light collections as
6 far as revenues are concerned. Net income for
7 the month was \$404,000.

8 Obviously year-to-date net income is
9 \$404,000. Miscellaneous revenue we had
10 received \$100,000 from Dunmore School District
11 for 2022-23 SR0 fee. They paid it all in one
12 lump sum. Special assessments was 771,000 for
13 the fourth quarter of 2022 landfill fees.

14 And we did have to access the TAN
15 \$200,000 for the first payroll of the year. On
16 the expense side, \$17,000 in rock salt and
17 other 11,000 DPW repairs and \$30,000 insurance
18 premium quarterly for auto and liability
19 coverage for the first -- that is the first of
20 four installments.

21 MS. BRIER: So, Mark, we didn't have
22 to take money from the Sewer Authority money
23 for the first payroll because we used the TAN.

24 MR. BURTON: We used the TAN.

25 MS. BRIER: Is that correct?

1 MR. BURTON: Correct. And we'll be
2 able to pay that back hopefully the end of this
3 month, if not in the beginning of March.

4 MS. BRIER: Oh, good.

5 MR. BURTON: It was just that first
6 payroll came before we received the landfill
7 fees. So we needed that to fund the first
8 payroll.

9 MS. BRIER: That's why it's
10 temporary.

11 MR. BURTON: Correct.

12 MS. BRIER: I just want to say
13 thanks for coming in. I know it's your day
14 off.

15 MR. BURTON: No problem. Thank you.

16 MS. OVEN: Thanks.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Mark.

18 MR. O'MALLEY: Thanks, Mark.

19 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Mark.

20 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney.

21 MR. KEARNEY: Hi. The last several
22 weeks have seen a continuation of our weekend
23 party rentals as well as the basketball. This
24 past week we hosted an all star tournament for
25 various area teams and as well as Dunmore teams

1 with the conclusion scheduled this Friday
2 night. They had to cancel some games
3 yesterday.

4 Moving forward we're into the last
5 several weeks of the Bidy season. There will
6 be a concluding all star tournament the first
7 weekend of March. The following weekend,
8 Saturday, March 11th, we are hosting a spring
9 celebration by the Indian community which
10 amazingly is the same day as the parade day so
11 a lot of people will be doing stuff that day.

12 Looking ahead, we have rented the
13 courts to Riverfront for eight consecutive
14 Thursdays starting in March. Their AAU is so
15 big that they get an overflow. We've been
16 doing it for the past several years. And we've
17 also had our first meetings with the Jog for
18 Jude people, which will be held here Saturday,
19 April 22nd.

20 That's going to be the same thing
21 that they did last year where it was a Saturday
22 evening. Apparently, there's going to be a
23 band this year. I don't know if the fireworks
24 are going to go off because there was a little
25 bit of an incident last year. But I'm not

1 because regulation pickleball courts are the
2 same as volleyball. The only thing is there's
3 one part in pickleball --

4 MS. BRIER: The kitchen they call
5 it.

6 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, you're not
7 supposed to go too close to the net. But I
8 think that line is there for volleyball also.

9 MAYOR CONWAY: You said March 5th
10 they're done with Biddy?

11 MR. KEARNEY: March 5th is the last
12 Biddy day. And then that week, the Thursday
13 night we have Riverfront. And then Saturday we
14 have the Indian people here. And then after
15 that it's -- we're clear except for Thursday
16 nights.

17 MS. BRIER: Chris, can you please
18 look into how much it would cost to buy the net
19 or even two nets?

20 MR. KEARNEY: It depends on what
21 kind of net you want. You could get like I
22 would think you would want something sturdy.
23 So it looked like it was a couple hundred
24 dollars.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: We could run down to

1 Battaglia's and talk to Sharon. She usually
2 gives us good deals on everything.

3 MR. KEARNEY: You could get like --
4 have you ever seen the badminton things you put
5 up in your back yard and you hit it once and it
6 falls down, that's how that thing -- you could
7 get a cheap one like that or if you're going to
8 get people that are playing there a lot you're
9 better off getting something sturdy.

10 MS. BRIER: Okay.

11 MS. OVEN: If you were to measure
12 the other one out, would it be two pickleball
13 courts?

14 MR. KEARNEY: We can only -- we only
15 have markings on one court. That last court is
16 basically a multipurpose thing. We have a
17 batting cage up there. We have the volleyball
18 area set up. So if we're going to do anything
19 besides basketball, that's where we would do
20 it.

21 MS. OVEN: But if you were going to
22 make lines on the other one, would it be a
23 second full one or no?

24 MR. KEARNEY: You would have to --
25 yeah, it's the same size court but there's no

1 lines on it. So if you wanted two courts going
2 at the same time, we'd have to mark the other
3 one. And, I mean, I'm sure there's a way to do
4 it but I don't know.

5 MS. OVEN: I just wasn't sure if
6 that would be two, a total of two if we
7 utilized all the floor.

8 MS. BRIER: Then it would be three.

9 MR. KEARNEY: You could do three.

10 MS. BRIER: There's three basketball
11 courts.

12 MS. OVEN: Okay, thank you.

13 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chris.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge obviously not
15 here. He's still recovering. Chief Marchese,
16 Mayor, you said he got pulled away to
17 something. Chief DeNaples.

18 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,
19 Council. Just have a few things on the Fire
20 Department report. As far as expenditures for
21 this month we only had a couple steep ones. We
22 had one set of backup gear for one of our
23 firefighters that we needed to get.

24 That was taken out of rescue
25 billing. That was approximately \$4,500.

1 Again, that came out of the rescue billing
2 account. The only other big expenditure for
3 this month was the original service that was
4 supposed to be done in January that I mentioned
5 last month for ladder truck.

6 That's about 3,650. It was pushed
7 off to February. Just got a call on it today
8 it's pushed off until March 6th as a tentative
9 date. They're having some staffing issues.
10 There was some repairs done to the ladder truck
11 in the meantime that were needed. That will be
12 approximately \$1,200.

13 There's one that needs to be
14 finished. It will probably be finished
15 tomorrow or Wednesday at the latest, just some
16 minor repairs that added up over some time.
17 That's as far as expenditures. When this
18 report was originally written and sent to Vince
19 and Greg, it was on the first of February.

20 Originally there was going to be 16
21 hours of overtime scheduled in. One of our
22 other firefighters went off after this was
23 submitted. So we're scheduled for 84 hours of
24 overtime for February at this point barring
25 nothing else unexpected happens.

1 Fifty-six part-time shifts were put
2 out. No other scheduled events for the Fire
3 Department at this point. As far as call
4 volume from February 1st to current was 25
5 total calls. That was as of when I left today
6 at 5:00.

7 One fire type call, emergency
8 medical services and rescue combined were
9 eight, hazardous materials were three, service
10 calls were seven. That's including smoke alarm
11 installations. We've done six of them so far.
12 We have another one scheduled for the end of
13 the week tentatively -- two good intent calls
14 and four false alarms. That's 25 total.
15 That's pretty much all I have for the Fire
16 Department side.

17 On the code enforcement side from
18 February 1st to current, a few of them items
19 were lingering over from January. There was
20 three reinspections done, one passed, two did
21 not. We have to go back for further
22 reinspections.

23 One was a cat complaint. The
24 individual said he was going to take care of it
25 and stop feeding them in that area. He agreed

1 to do that. That was on Grove Street. One
2 other item, the person didn't show up. So
3 we're sending another letter out to try to
4 reschedule that particular inspection.

5 And the other initial inspection we
6 have to go back and do reinspections. There
7 are some permits that need to be pulled in
8 order for them repairs to be done before we go
9 back. So that's pretty much sums that up. If
10 there's no questions that's all I have for
11 tonight.

12 MS. OVEN: Just for the gentlemen on
13 Grove Street with the cat, did someone complain
14 that you had to send a fire --

15 CHIEF DENAPLES: I actually went
16 over. This was on the code side.

17 MS. OVEN: This was that really cold
18 night?

19 CHIEF DENAPLES: What actually
20 happened is there was a crime stoppers
21 complaint that went in on the crime stopper
22 network. And that e-mail was forwarded to me
23 from the police department. So I went up there
24 and I spoke to the resident. He told me he's
25 feeding these cats for approximately a year.

1 He had plates all over his porch and
2 his yard. He didn't lie about it. He told me
3 what he was doing. So I asked him to stop. He
4 said he would immediately stop. He cleaned up
5 all the plates while I was there, threw them in
6 the bag and took them in the house.

7 He did -- I did try to call Griffin
8 Pond, got a voicemail up there that the animal
9 control officer that works with them is on
10 vacation and will return calls as in order of
11 the way they received them. I followed back up
12 and I have no return call.

13 MS. OVEN: They are inundated up
14 there.

15 MS. BRIER: How about our annual
16 control guy?

17 CHIEF DENAPLES: He will not deal
18 with cats I found out. I had another animal
19 control issue that I needed him to set traps.
20 He will not deal with any cats. I guess there
21 was an incident. He didn't get into it.

22 MS. BRIER: And then there is some
23 group -- another group that does this catch and
24 release thing. They spay them and clip their
25 ear or something. So you guys know that.

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: If you have any
2 information you could forward it to me.

3 MS. OVEN: We're trying to get a
4 program started. It's hard to get someone
5 to -- they're so inundated --

6 MS. BRIER: Yeah --

7 MS. OVEN: -- and May Aug to see if
8 we can get someone to help with --

9 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah, if you have
10 any -- now, I did call Comm Center too and see
11 if they had any other contact information for
12 Griffin Pond. The same number that I looked up
13 is the only number they have as well.

14 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

15 MS. BRIER: Chief, I just had a
16 quick question. What is good intent -- a good
17 intent call?

18 CHIEF DENAPLES: So a good intent
19 call is let's say we were dispatched for a
20 water leak or a car accident and we got there
21 and it wasn't really an incident so that would,
22 you know, it's not an unfounded call but it's a
23 call that we went out on and it wasn't what it
24 was dispatched as. And there's no live
25 threats.

1 MS. BRIER: Okay, I see. Okay.

2 Thanks.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Chief.

4 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chief.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Chief.

6 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you, Chief.

7 MR. WOLFF: Public comment.

8 MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the
9 public like to comment this evening? You're
10 our public tonight.

11 MR. ZANGARDI: No, thank you.

12 MR. AMICO: Good to go? Fantastic.

13 MR. WOLFF: Number 12, public
14 officials.

15 MR. AMICO: Public officials,
16 Attorney Perry?

17 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing.

18 MR. AMICO: Mayor Conway?

19 MAYOR CONWAY: I have nothing.

20 MR. AMICO: Let's start off, Miss
21 Oven?

22 MS. OVEN: I just want to say Happy
23 Valentine's Day to everybody and thank you for
24 coming to the meeting.

25 MR. AMICO: Mrs. Brier?

1 MS. BRIER: Just Happy Valentine's
2 Day and again, thanks, Mark.

3 MR. AMICO: Miss Zangardi?

4 MS. ZANGARDI: I'm good. Thank you.
5 Happy Valentine's Day everyone.

6 MR. AMICO: And Mr. O'Malley.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: I failed to mention
8 this earlier, but, Mr. Wolff, I want to say
9 thank you so much for your hard work
10 negotiating the DPW contract. That's all I
11 have.

12 MR. AMICO: Mr. Wolff, I forgot to
13 ask if you have anything tonight. I apologize.

14 MR. WOLFF: The only thing I did
15 mention this -- you guys, texting or calling or
16 whatever, DPW is out cold patching whatever
17 they possibly can. We are going to hit that
18 Tiffany Drive. That's next on our priority
19 list. So they are coming in. We have a list
20 that we're knocking them off the best we can.

21 MS. BRIER: How about First Street
22 behind Ragnacci's? I know a woman told me that
23 she spoke to you about it awhile ago and you
24 said they're -- you couldn't cold patch then.

25 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, I think there was

1 still snow on the ground. You know what, I'll
2 follow up with that one. There was snow on the
3 ground that day.

4 MS. BRIER: Yeah, she said that.
5 It's right behind Ragnacci's.

6 MR. WOLFF: That was before. We had
7 a different list then. I'll follow up with
8 that.

9 MR. AMICO: Mr. Dempsey?

10 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm good, thanks.

11 MR. AMICO: And I'm good to go. I
12 have nothing this evening. I'll look for a
13 motion to adjourn.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Motion to adjourn.

15 MR. AMICO: Do I have a second?

16 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

17 MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

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