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1	COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE
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5	Monday, May 8th, 2023
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7	TIME:
8	6:00 P.M.
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10	LOCATION:
11	DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER 1414 Monroe Avenue
12	Dunmore, Pennsylvania
13	COUNCIL MEMBERS:
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15	VINCE AMICO - President
16	JANET BRIER - Vice President
17	MICHAEL DEMPSEY
18	THOMAS HALLINAN
19	ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
20	WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III
21	KATHERINE OVEN
22	GREG WOLFF, Borough Manager
23	MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor
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25	MARIA McCOOL, RPR OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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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. WOLF: 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: Public comment on agenda
21	items.
22	MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the
23	public like to comment on agenda items only?
24	Seeing none.
25	MR. WOLFF: Motion to approve the

1	minutes.
2	MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
3	to approve the minutes.
4	MR. O'MALLEY: Motion.
5	MR. DEMPSEY: Second.
6	MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
7	second. Anyone on the question? All those in
8	favor.
9	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
10	MR. AMICO: Opposed?
11	(No response.)
12	MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.
13	MR. WOLFF: Number five, motion to
14	approve and pay the open bills.
15	MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
16	to approve and pay the open bills.
17	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that
18	motion.
19	MR. AMICO: Do I have a second?
20	MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.
21	MR. AMICO: Anyone on the question?
22	MS. BRIER: I just have one
23	question. Bucktown Truck Sales and Service,
24	ten grand.
25	MR. BURTON: There's seven invoices

on there.

MS. BRIER: Seven, okay.

MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. AMICO: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

MR. WOLFF: Number six, Joe

Rovinsky, Lackawanna County CDBG presentation.

MR. ROVINSKI: Thank you, Council, for having me these evening. My name is Joe Rovinsky. I'm here on behalf of Lackawanna County to give a brief presentation on the Community Development Block Grant Program. I could take any questions you have or forward them to the proper people in our department.

The Lackawanna County Department of Planning and Economic Development is the administering agency for the CDBG Program in the County. CDBG funds are federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development which are administered by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. There are eleven entitlement communities of which Dunmore Borough is one of

twenty-seven Non-entitlement communities in Lackawanna County.

To be considered an Entitlement

Community, the Community, you need must have a population of 4,000 or more and meet the current minimum standards of physical and economic distress of the Federal Urban Development Action Grant Program.

The current allocation for 2023 is not available. We hope to have it by the end of the month. And the money currently available is being allocated toward the Dunmore Chestnut Street Project, which is -- I believe a copy of the documents have been sent to the contractor and the Council, the Borough Manager for approval. So that project should be awarded by the County Commissioners in June.

When we have the 2023 allocation I will forward that to the Borough Manager which hopefully we'll have by the end of the month. For a project to meet the objective it must assist communities in preparing Community Development Plans designed to address significant needs of the low and low to moderate income individuals; to assist

communities in administering community
development activities designed to address a
number of community development needs
identified in the Community Development Plan;
to encourage and assist communities to focus
upon and address housing and community facility
problems and to pursue economic development,
and commercial revitalization activities
through public/private investment initiatives
that will result in the development and
expansion of job opportunities within the
Commonwealth.

There are numerous eligible activities, some are water/storm improvements; storm water improvements, street improvements, parks and recreation facility improvements and senior center facilities.

There's also numerous ineligible activities including buildings or portions thereof used for the general conduct of government, government expenses, operating maintenance expenses, political activities, purchase of construction equipment, purchase of fire equipment, purchase or furnishings and personal property, and income payments.

In order for a project to be deemed eligible it has to meet one of three national objectives, a project must have low to moderate income persons, address prevention or elimination of slums or blight or address the immediate threat to the health and safety of the community.

And as mentioned, when we have the current allocation done, I'll provide it to Council and we anticipate passing Dunmore Chestnut Phase Two project at the first Commissioners meeting in the month of June. And that's all I have. Thank you.

MS. BRIER: I had a question. Do we have paving issues up there on Chestnut?

MR. AMICO: That's what this project is taking care of.

MR. ROVINSKI: That's the Phase two project, yes.

MR. HALLINAN: How many phases are there to this?

MR. ROVINSKY: There's Phase one and two. And phase two depends on how much money is available. But it has to be discussed with the engineer in the county and the state.

MR. HALLINAN: But eventually our
phases will carry us right down to Drinker
Street.
MR. ROVINSKY: I believe so, yes.
MR. O'MALLEY: Do you know where
this phase will take this from?
MR. ROVINSKY: I don't have that
right in front of me. There was Meade to Mill
was the last phase I believe. I could find
that information out for you or the engineer
might have that information.
MR. HALLINAN: Trip, if I'm not
mistaken, I think it's like just the stormwater
management right by Meade
MR. O'MALLEY: Somers Street
MR. HALLINAN: No, I don't think it
will go to up to Somers, not on this phase. I
think it's going to go from I want to say Smith
to Meade right by the Roosie. There's a lot of
underground issues there, if I'm not mistaken.
I'm almost positive.
MS. BRIER: So who awards the funds,
the state?
MR. ROVINSKI: The state through our
office.

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1	MS. BRIER: The state
2	MR. ROVINSKI: The state through the
3	county.
4	MS. BRIER: Oh, through the county.
5	It's federal funds though, right?
6	MR. ROVINSKI: Yes. We're a
7	passthrough to the Borough.
8	MS. BRIER: Okay, and then who
9	decides, is it the feds or the state or the
10	county for our allocation?
11	MR. ROVINSKI: The allocation comes
12	from the federal government.
13	MS. BRIER: Thanks. Thank you.
14	MR. AMICO: Thank you.
15	MS. ZANGARDI: What was phase one?
16	MR. ROVINSKI: I believe that was
17	Meade to Mill. I could double check to see
18	exactly what it was.
19	MS. BRIER: So it's not only paving
20	it's also water lines sewer lines.
21	MR. ROVINSKI: Yes. Yes.
22	MS. BRIER: Thank you.
23	MR. AMICO: Thanks.
24	MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.
25	MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to

approve Resolution 2023-3, Cooperation

Agreement by and between the County of

Lackawanna and Dunmore Borough pertaining to

the Dunmore Borough Chestnut Street Stormwater

and Sidewalk and Roadway Reconstruction Project

Phase 2.

The agreement reads as such, witnesseth that:

Whereas the Borough desires to make improvements to the Dunmore Borough Chestnut Street Stormwater, Sidewalk and Roadway Reconstruction Project Phase 2 herein after referred to as the project; and

Whereas the Community Development
Block Grant CDBG Program funds are available
for the Dunmore Borough Chestnut Street
Sidewalk and Roadway Reconstruction Project
Phase 2 providing that the project meets all
eligibility and fundability requirements of the
CDBG Program; and

Whereas the county administers the CDBG Program Funds;

And whereas the county desires to utilize approximately \$189,517.25 in Lackawanna County Federal Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 CDBG

1 Program Funds to finance in park construction for the project. 2 3 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion 4 for Resolution 2023-3. 5 MR. O'MALLEY: Motion. MR. DEMPSEY: Second. 6 7 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a 8 second. On the question, this is just 9 pertaining to part of what Mr. Rovinsky was 10 just speaking of. This year's project will be 11 from Smith Street to Meade Street and will take 12 care of what Mr. Wolf just read. That being 13 said, anyone else on the question? All those 14 in favor. 15 **ALL MEMBERS:** Aye. 16 MR. AMICO: Opposed? 17 (No response.) 18 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. 19 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to 20 approve the purchase of Asphalt Paving 21 Equipment under COSTARS program; 5 Star 22 equipment, 2023 Bomag Vibrating Roller for 23 \$21,611; John Deere Cold Planer, \$22,342.32. 24 Asphalt Care, which is the company Marathon TPS 25 Tack Buggy, \$17,800 and a Marathon 10 gallon

1 Walk Behind Melter, \$2,750. 2 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion 3 to approve the purchase of the Asphalt paving 4 equipment that Mr. Wolf just specified. 5 I'll make that motion. MS. OVEN: MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second. 6 7 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a 8 second. On the question, that is just material 9 that our -- equipment that the guys in our DPW 10 will be able to utilize to do some more 11 patching and paving in the Borough as opposed 12 to farming it out to a third party. 13 MS. BRIER: Is that ARPA money? 14 MR. AMICO: Yes, it is. 15 MR. DEMPSEY: Just quickly on the 16 question just so it's on the record, it's 17 COSTARS pricing. 18 MR. WOLFF: It is COSTARS pricing, 19 yes. 20 MR. AMICO: Anyone else on the 21 question? All those in favor. 22 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. 23 MR. AMICO: Opposed? 24 (No response.) 25 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

1	MR. WOLFF: Number nine, a motion to
2	accept the winning bidder for the Dunmore
3	Community Center HVAC replacement.
4	MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
5	to accept the winning bidder of the Dunmore
6	Community Center HVAC replacement.
7	MS. BRIER: I'll make it.
8	MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I
9	have a second?
10	MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.
11	MR. AMICO: I apologize, Robert
12	Harrington was the winning bidder lowest
13	bidder. Again so this is on the record, this
14	is we did have three sealed bids and
15	Mr. Harrington's company was the lowest.
16	Anyone else on the question?
17	MR. DEMPSEY: I'd make a motion to
18	accept the bid of \$48,750 from Robert P.
19	Harrington.
20	MR. AMICO: Thank you.
21	MS. BRIER: I'll second it.
22	MR. AMICO: All those in favor.
23	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
24	MR. AMICO: Opposed?
25	(No response.)

1 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. MR. WOLFF: Number ten, motion to 2 3 approve Millers Sports Construction to complete 4 resurface of the basketball courts at the 5 Dunmore Community Center. MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion. 6 7 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I 8 have a second? 9 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it. 10 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a 11 On the question? second. 12 MR. DEMPSEY: Yep, on the question, 13 we do this every year. Chris, thanks for going 14 out and getting the price and getting it 15 scheduled. The price is \$6,365. I think it's 16 up from previous years like everything else but 17 not that much. 18 It's a total strip of the floor, 19 repaint and surface to make the floor, you 20 know, as brand new as you see it when you are 21 down here. So that's what it's for. 22 MS. BRIER: That will be after the 23 election day crowd. 24 MR. KEARNEY: Oh, yeah, it's not 25 scheduled until September 18th.

1 MS. BRIER: Thanks. MR. AMICO: Anyone else on the 2 3 question? All those in favor. 4 **ALL MEMBERS:** Aye. 5 MR. AMICO: Opposed? (No response.) 6 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. 7 8 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, Treasurer 9 report. Mark. MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council, 10 11 my brief analysis for April, 2023. We had a 12 net income for the month of April a little over 13 a million dollars, which brings our year to date income of 1.9 million dollars. 14 15 As far as revenues are concerned, 16 real estate taxes, there is another 1 million 17 dollars collection month. Once again, they did 18 a wonderful job of processing the payments and 19 then giving us a quick turnover. 20 Business licenses and permits 21 inspection fees of over \$150,000 for Marywood's 22 expansion project. State and capital operating 23 grants, 48,000 STMP grant which is the PEL. 24 And special assessments, 697,000 in the first

quarter 2023 landfill fees.

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As far as the expense side, police capital purchase of 43,000. That was fourth of the five installments for the 2020 cruisers.

Debt principal, \$100,000 made to the TAN repayment. So the TAN is now repaid in full.

And retirement and pension, 60,000 partial MMO payment.

And insurance premiums, we had 64,000 of our quarterly installments for property and liability insurance. And that's it.

MS. BRIER: Mark, thank you. That was great. I had a question about -- I know that with Mike Ruddy being the new controller, you know, he instituted the online tax payment. Are we getting people --

MR. BURTON: I don't think it's quite set up for the online yet. I know it's been back and forth.

MR. WOLFF: Mark, I can help with that. There is a way to do it but it's not necessarily advertised yet because we were working on updating the website. So it's kind of out there. But it's kind of not. And they can do ACH now as well too.

1 MS. BRIER: That's really good. 2 People could pay that online. 3 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, so now that we 4 have the website up and running, we'll have 5 that. MS. BRIER: Okay. We're getting 6 7 there. 8 MR. BURTON: With the new software 9 there's some kinks. 10 MS. BRIER: Thanks. Thanks, Mark. 11 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mark. 12 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. MR. WOLFF: 13 Chris. 14 MR. KEARNEY: Here at the DCC we 15 have continued with our party rentals in this 16 room on the weekend. This coming week there's 17 a party Saturday and two the following weekend, 18 you know, communions and stuff like that we're 19 getting a lot of that. The senior center has a pasta dinner 20 21 fundraiser this coming Thursday the 11th from 22 4:00 until 7 p.m. So it's either eat here or 23 take it out. It's on the sign right there. 24 The past two weekends have been extremely busy 25 as we host an AAU tournament both Saturdays and

1 Sundays starting at 8 or 9 in the morning and 2 finishing at 9:00 on Saturdays and 5:00 on 3 Sundays. 4 Councilman Dempsey was instrumental 5 in securing this rental due to his relationship with Riverfront Sports. We also included our 6 7 eight once a week AAU rental agreement with Riverfront this past Thursday. 8 9 Moving forward, we have the election 10 next Tuesday. And I expect delivery of tables 11 and voting machines later this week. We will 12 be closing the gym Monday night at 6:00 in 13 order to set up. That's all I have. 14 MR. HALLINAN: Make sure the heat is 15 working. 16 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chris. 17 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. 18 MR. AMICO: Opposed? 19 (No response.) 20 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Thank 21 you. 22 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge. 23 MR. JUDGE: Judge, we started the 24 blacktop program. Curbs, anybody that has a 25 curb or anything like that they want done call

1 the office we'll get them on the list. 2 was a lot of damage from the curbs over the 3 winter. And we're getting the blacktop 4 equipment. So we've been using cold patch up 5 We put down a lot of cold -- the until now. streets are in rough shape. But that's about 6 7 it. MS. BRIER: Will this help then all 8 9 this equipment and you'll be doing regular 10 patching? 11 MR. JUDGE: Yeah. Right. We'll do 12 the hot stuff, not cold stuff. 13 MS. BRIER: We have guys that know 14 how to do it. 15 MR. JUDGE: Well, I did it for years 16 and there's a few guys. If not, they'll learn. 17 MR. O'MALLEY: There's training 18 involved. 19 MS. BRIER: Flagging and paving, I think Greg mentioned there is going 20 right? 21 to be some flagging training and paving of the 22 guys. 23 MR. JUDGE: Right. Greg, when is 24 the date on this? 25 MR. WOLFF: For what?

1 MR. JUDGE: The blacktop equipment. 2 MR. WOLFF: I think about three 3 weeks. 4 MR. JUDGE: All right. So we'11 5 just keep patching. I just got 22 ton today of the cold patch. We'll keep throwing that in 6 the holes. That holds it for a while. 7 8 MS. BRIER: Did you get that one 9 behind Ragnacci's? 10 MR. JUDGE: Yes, both sides. 11 So if you want to get on the list just right. call. 12 13 MR. O'MALLEY: Welcome back, Didge. 14 MR. JUDGE: Thank you. Chief Marchese. 15 MR. WOLFF: 16 CHIEF MARCHESE: For the month of 17 April our department responded to 921 calls. 18 This number is down by a hundred from the 19 previous month. Our arrest for this month, we 20 have 13 criminal arrests, eight nontraffic, and 21 77 traffic arrests. 22 Our traffic arrests are up slightly. 23 They are elevated this month because we have 24 aggressive driving money and we had extra guys

And some of the stats I sent you that

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out.

some got elevated that were a little high because that was grant money. They were out on their own doing traffic.

Scheduling, we had no overtime shifts for the whole month which was good.

Part timers worked a total of 400 hours.

Officer Richardson and Burgett took part of the their monthly SWAT training. Officer

Richardson took training for his Mopetc certification in Harrisburg. That was on April 18th.

Officer Grunza took part in a stop watch speed timing certification class April 3rd. Officer Sohns took part in a grant writing class April 10th and 11th. Officer Lydon and Hallinan got recertified in their lie detector so they are certified again.

The Dunmore DPW has begun the process of paving our white lines in road 100 feet a part in order for Grunza to be able to utilize stopwatch, the speed timing device which he's been certified for.

MR. HALLINAN: Is that the ENRADD?

CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah. No, it's a speed timing -- speed watch. He's the only one

that is certified to do it.

been doing this for years.

MR. HALLINAN: That's not what we --

CHIEF MARCHESE: That's not the

ENRADD. This is separate. Captain Barth,
Officer Reynolds, Officer Jordan and Officer
Richardson all took part in the road closure in
the Jog for Jude. I would like to commend
Officer Barth. He did a fabulous job. He's

And he puts a lot of work into this and a lot of time making sure that nobody gets hurt and everybody is safe. Again, we had no problems at all. Captain Barth will also be able to secure a grant -- we got a free program from the state.

So we're allowed to write traffic tickets from our cars now. It's called a track system. We will be able to integrate that when our server and everything is up very shortly. So that should be up in the next couple weeks. And that's it -- oh, we also have -- we have allocated in some more money for crosswalk. And you might see an officer undercover walking through the crosswalks and a cop standing there standing. So if you see somebody, that's

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what's going on. Thank you.

ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

the Fire Department report as far as expenditures for the month of May, we're doing our annual pump testing on the ladder truck, engine and rescue truck. That's slated at \$900. We're replacing a foam reductor that's about 40 years old that we learned during training a few weeks back.

It was leaking so we're purchasing that through the rescue billing account.

That's 787. The only other steep expenditure for the month of May in particular is probably going to be repairs that are needed to the rescue truck. It went out today. It went out of service on Saturday for a significant air leak. That went out today. So we're waiting on pricing to get back tomorrow and presuming that's going to probably be pretty steep.

As far as overtime for the month as of when this report was generated on the 5th it was 60 hours. 65 part time shifts currently went out for the month of May. And the Fire

Department participated in the annual children's fair on Sunday or I'm sorry,
Saturday, May 6th from 10 to 2 up at the YMCA.
We participate in that every year. That's pretty much the Fire Department report besides for call volume for this month from May 1st to May 8th, we did three rescue and EMS type calls, two hazardous material responses, three service calls, two good intent calls, one false call/false alarm and one special type incident which would have been the YMCA participation for a total of 12.

For the code enforcement side,
there's been 15 code enforcement inspections
scheduled from May 1st to today. Some of them,
about quarter of them are reinspections from
previous months. So that's all I have if there
is no questions.

ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

MR. WOLFF: Number 13, public comment.

MR. AMICO: Would anybody from the public -- we'll start with Mr. Duncan, please.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street. Just a few things because I know a lot

Election Day, May 16th, I just want to bring it up. I know Chris spoke about inside the building. But in the past it's difficult -- and I know and I'll be working 6-3 this year.

of folks want to address Council tonight.

But parking and the folks crossing Monroe, I know we have baseball games and lot of stuff going on.

And I don't know if we have games scheduled on Election Day back to back. I know in the past we talked to Vito about. And I know Sal is here tonight, but parking is an issue and especially, we don't have a lot of handicap places. People do park across the street. So I just want to bring that up.

I talked to Chief Marchese and everybody else. We have the electronic speed monitoring device on West Drinker Street. I walk my dog. I come up Blakely. I go down Drinker. I told Sal, there's nothing nicer than seeing brake lights come on speeding vehicles as they approach the devices.

I know we have another one in the works. So whoever on Council and Chief

Marchese arranged that, it's a blessing. It's

nice to see. I hope folks don't -- you know, after a while we see things, we become numb to them. But I think it's great. If we have a chance if we have a dummy vehicle if we could put something down there over the course of time we'll plant seed and we'll hope for that. So thanks for that. That's a great thing.

The other thing was -- just bear with me. I want to thank Greg Wolff. We talked about 988 and 9881. May is mental health awareness month. We have the 988 and 9881 emergency numbers. The 9981 is specific to the veterans. They are trained quality mental health professionals.

Dunmore, I can't thank you enough for what we did. I spoke at the Commissioner's meeting about it. I spoke to Secretary of Aging Kavulich today about it. What we're doing in Lackawanna County, we're trying to replicate across the other 66 counties of the Commonwealth.

I'm speaking to Mayfield Borough
Council about 988 and 9881 this Wednesday. So
we're still trying to get the messaging out.
Thanks, Greg, and thanks to Council for doing

that for us. And for all of you folks running for office, best of luck to you. And I hope everybody gets out and votes. Thank you.

ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Ma'am?

MS. MANCUSO: Good evening, Elaine
Mancuso, 629 Bednar Street. I'm here tonight
on behalf of the 600 block residents on Bednar
Street regarding 634 Bednar Street. You might
remember this is the house with the roosters.

The music that is literally across the street shakes my house. We're very upset. The police are called. They respond probably within 5, 10 minutes, very quick response time. Might I add that these residents are not the homeowners. They are the renters.

So the police respond. And they are belligerent to the police. The -- I'm not going to call him a gentleman. This man comes out screaming and cursing his head off at the police to the point where now when we call, they do respond but they drive by because I wouldn't want to engage in that, you know, if that is an unsafe situation.

So we're to the point where we don't

know what to do. Now, they have never been cited. There is an ordinance on the books that say if there's three noise complaints against a renter, they are immediately evicted in the Borough of Dunmore and the landlord is cited.

And I think it's \$5,000 or something -- immediately. So I'm -- and might I add that there's a child in the house. So the child does not leave the house. I can't imagine how loud it is for that child. It's not a safe situation with the roosters. It's not a safe situation with that child with the noise.

And we are completely at a loss. So when the police leave he turns the music up louder as if to say, you know, forget about you guys. This property is an absolute nuisance to our neighborhood. And I request Council's support in doing something about it.

MR. HALLINAN: They play the music all day and all night long?

MS. MANCUSO: It's usually about a two, two and a half hour span during the day. We have our own suspicions of why that is.

MR. HALLINAN: But I'm just saying

1 with the noise ordinance --2 MS. MANCUSO: Literally shaking our 3 house. 4 CHIEF MARCHESE: During the day is a 5 funny thing because --MS. BRIER: Can we cite them, Chief? 6 If it's loud, yeah. 7 CHIEF MARCHESE: 8 MR. HALLINAN: There's a lot things 9 that work into this. 10 The police come and MS. MANCUSO: 11 they do measure the decibels. 12 MR. HALLINAN: I don't know if it's 13 true, I'm not saying anything. But if the 14 police do respond, I really wish they would 15 approach the guy. I don't think any officer 16 would be intimidated by anybody like that. 17 I just want to make sure that, you know, they 18 put him on record for the complaints, okay. 19 MS. BRIER: And cite them because 20 you said three citations. 21 MR. HALLINAN: Check the ordinance. I'm trying to find the 22 MS. MANCUSO: 23 ordinance and I can't. 24 MR. BRIER: We'll check. 25 MS. ZANGARDI: What's the address of

the rental property?

MS. MANCUSO: 634 and we asked the landlord to help and she became belligerent to one of my neighbors and said, "If you text me one more time about my renters, I'm going to have the police charge you with harassment."

So she's been no help.

MR. HALLINAN: Greg, is there somehow we could send something to the lady officially through whoever handles that now?

MR. WOLFF: Yeah, that is the property we sent something for zoning. They took down a neon sign. From a zoning perspective it's hard to, you know, I understand your frustration. But it's hard to do that but we'll certainly look into the ordinance to see -- we were just discussing some ways that we could address it.

MS. MANCUSO: Thank you. Thank you all. I do have an audio clip if anybody is interested.

MS. SANTARSIERO: Rosemary

Santarsiero, 205 Sand Street. I'm just here to inquire about anything about the bridge, anything that was applied for, anything that

you could tell me.

MR. AMICO: We're still basically in a holding pattern with -- as we said the last meeting we're on the Tip list. So we're on the list. I'm sure it's -- not I'm sure. I know it's a very slow process to go from there getting on the list was the first step.

MS. SANTARSIERO: How long do you stay on the Tip list.

MR. AMICO: Multiple years.

MS. SANTARSIERO: You're saying multiple years. The bridge is falling apart day by day. Like, where the orange part is, I know you put it there because that was structural if I remember correctly. That part is falling apart. There's a mom who walks her child every day to school as I drive by her. So she's hugging that because there's cars going by.

And some people don't yield. Now, there's two cars and a mom -- he looks like kindergarten, first grade because he has to get the bus I think on the corner of Mill and Elm and someone is going to get hurt. And here is my point, obviously we're not going to do

anything to it. So it's just going to fall apart more so what do you do?

MR. AMICO: To be honest with you, I don't have an answer. These are the concerns that we brought up -- Greg and I brought up when we were on the meeting with the -- I want to say -- I'm going to mispronounce exactly what the organization was. I think it was Lackawanna-Luzerne County -- do you remember the --

MR. WOLFF: Yeah, it was --

MR. AMICO: Boroughs, municipalities that were again looking to get on this list.

And then everybody was pleading their case as to why their bridge or their road was the worst. We sang a very sad song and saying that the issues we had with Bunker Hill and saying the same thing about the bridge across from East Scranton Little League.

MR. WOLFF: Myrtle Street.

MR. AMICO: And again, saying that the issues that the folks at Bunker Hill are having are exacerbated by that bridge also being in duress and, you know, again, everybody is in the same --

1 MS. SANTARSIERO: So we don't know anything until like you said until we hear from 2 3 them. 4 MR. AMICO: I keep e-mailing and 5 asking questions but I haven't gotten -- I haven't received the answer that I'm looking 6 for just yet. 7 8 MS. SANTARSIERO: Will it come to a 9 point where the bridge will get so bad it's 10 just going to close? I don't know. 11 MR. AMICO: That I don't know. 12 MAYOR CONWAY: Is PennDOT going --13 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, we just received 14 an inspection report and there was no change. 15 Obviously, not good but it didn't decline. 16 MS. SANTARSIERO: I'm assuming that 17 is underneath the bridge didn't decline. Ι 18 don't know what didn't decline. 19 MR. HALLINAN: They inspect the whole bridge. 20 21 MS. BRIER: Will you send that to 22 her, that inspection? Can we put that on our 23 website so people could take a look at it? 24 MR. WOLFF: Give me a few days 25 because we just changed the website.

MS. SANTARSIERO: Here's a question that might sound stupid. I went to see what time the meeting was, like, just double check. What website because if you go on the Dunmore Borough, it has 2021 -- things from 2021. I had to Facebook message is there a meeting tonight and what time and they got back to me immediately that it was 6:00. What is the actual website for the --

MR. WOLFF: Dunmore PA dot gov.

MR. O'MALLEY: It just went up this weekend. It's a brand new website.

MS. BRIER: It had all that old stuff on it. That's why we needed to upgrade it. We got a new company doing it, right, Greg?

MR. WOLFF: Yes.

MS. BRIER: We're hoping it will be much easier to navigate because it was like a black hole.

MR. WOLFF: And that's not the only thing. Any time any door -- we think any door opens, we're bringing up the Mill Street Bridge.

MR. HALLINAN: Right, so every year

1 the Tip will be upgraded. 2 MS. SANTARSIERO: Is the bridge in 3 Lackawanna County or --4 MR. HALLINAN: It's probably the 5 district. There is six counties in the district. So every municipality from here to 6 7 Susquehanna County, Luzerne County is fighting for money. 8 9 So again, I mean, obviously you have 10 Council fighting for you. But I will tell you 11 to reach out to our representatives as Vince 12 probably does all the time. So if you could 13 reach out to Mullins or even representative 14 The more pressure the better off it is 15 because that's how it works. You have to just 16 keep bugging them. 17 MS. BRIER: What does Tip stand for? 18 MR. HALLINAN: Transportation 19 Improvement Project. MR. AMICO: 20 Ma'am. 21 MS. SMITH: Good evening, Council. 22 Just to followup with what Rosemary mentioned, 23 so I want to be able to understand. 24 apply for funding and we're on the Tip? 25 that what that means?

MS. ZANGARDI: Dorothy, you have to

give your name and address. 2 3 MS. SMITH: I'm sorry. Dorothy 4 Smith, 1631 Electric Street. 5 MR. AMICO: Yeah, in order to get anything from any state money or federal money 6 7 for this bridge, we had to, one, take ownership 8 of it. That was the main issue. So once we 9 took ownership of it, then we were able to get on this list to receive funding. 10 11 Now, we're in the, you know, lack of 12 a better term in line, in the queue. So we can 13 only work as fast as they are willing to work 14 But again, as Mr. Hallinan said, the with us. 15 more pressure you put on -- not us, you could 16 put all the pressure you want on us. But we 17 only have so much juice. 18 MS. SMITH: I understand that. 19 MS. BRIER: We don't make the decision. 20 21 MR. AMICO: But if you reach out to 22 your reps and whoever you know that's in state 23 government, federal government, so on and so 24 forth and say this is the concerns that we 25 We've addressed our Council. have.

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addressed the County Commissioners. You know, you're also elected officials, what can you do for us?

MS. SMITH: Correct. I have one other thing while I'm here -- oh, I'm sorry.

MR. HALLINAN: No, Dorothy, I was going to say and suggest to your neighbors. Why don't you get a petition through the neighborhood, bring it here. We'll sign it and then send it off to our representatives also and make the major concerns of the deterioration and we could also attach the bridge report --

MS. SMITH: Pictures.

MR. HALLINAN: There will be pictures on that bridge report. And that way we can try to do more. You got to keep on them.

MS. SMITH: There's one other thing that I want to touch on. So I live on the corner of Electric Street at the entrance to the Dunmore School. And as the weather is getting nice, I could see it starting already. The cars fly down Warren Street.

They have two speed bumps on Warren

Street. Our side has nothing. They come flying down. They do the S turn and they are about to land in my yard or hurt the kids. Now it's summertime. The kids are already out on skateboards. They are on their bikes.

Years ago there was a speed bump there. When you are entering into the school you will see that there's a sign there that says caution, speed bump. So there was a speed bump there. We used to have the gates that the maintenance would have to close every night so they never came through.

I was told that that because of emergency vehicles, that they can't lock the gates anymore. I think that is the answer --

MS. BRIER: Is this Quincy Avenue?

MS. SMITH: This is the entrance to the school.

MS. BRIER: So Quincy, we need a speed bump right next to your house.

MS. SMITH: So, you know, Chief
Marchese just mentioned tickets. If you have a
car, hide behind my garage, you could do very
well with tickets. But my bigger concern is
the kids, you know, and I believe if you go

1 back and you look, I believe we had someone 2 hurt there. 3 MS. BRIER: We did. We did. It was 4 two years ago. 5 MS. SMITH: They are speeding through there because what they are trying to 6 7 do is beat the light. They are coming through 8 to beat the light and they fly through. I know 9 bumps may not be allowed from what I understand of PennDOT. 10 11 The speed bumps MR. HALLINAN: 12 because we're getting from the back of your 13 home towards say Mr. Costanzo's home I 14 understand is all school district property. don't own that road from what I've checked into 15 16 from the back of your house to --17 MS. SMITH: The entrance. The 18 entrance. 19 MR. HALLINAN: We could possibly put 20 a raised crosswalk rather than a -- you can't 21 use the word speed bump. 22 MS. SMITH: No, I know it's not 23 allowed anymore. But they are still on Warren 24 Street all the way up the other end. 25 MR. HALLINAN: That's on school

1 district property. MS. SMITH: When you enter into 2 3 Quincy, as soon as you enter, that Dunmore's 4 property. The school doesn't start until the 5 end of my property. MR. HALLINAN: Right before the 6 7 driveway, correct. 8 MR. AMICO: Ma'am, we'll look into 9 it, ma'am. We'll talk to the school and try to 10 come up with a solution. 11 MS. SMITH: I need a raised speed 12 bump -- a raised pedestrian walkway. 13 MR. HALLINAN: You know, how the 14 lawyers are with the verbiage. 15 MS. SMITH: They are between 15 --16 MR. DEMPSEY: I spoke to your 17 husband about this a while ago and we did go with the school district -- there's portable 18 19 walking, like a pedestrian --MR. SMITH: Yep --20 21 MR. DEMPSEY: We'll get with them to 22 look at it and see --23 MS. SMITH: Who is him now? 24 MR. DEMPSEY: The school district, 25 the solicitor of the school district.

1 MS. SMITH: And that is? ATTY. PERRY: His father. 2 3 MR. HALLINAN: His father. 4 MS. SMITH: So tell me, if I come 5 back in a month, could I get some information on it? I did our research and --6 MS. BRIER: And they are portable 7 8 crosswalks. 9 MR. DEMPSEY: It's a heavy plastic 10 and it's raised. So it goes up and flat across 11 so the people could cross it and then down. 12 You can't go fast over it. 13 MS. SMITH: We need to do something. 14 I'm really worried about the kids. Just for the record 15 MR. HALLINAN: 16 so everybody understands here, with PennDOT 17 when we get liquid fuel tax off the road with 18 whatever formula they use, if we put in speed 19 bumps then that road would not be eligible for 20 liquid fuels tax. 21 MS. SMITH: That's the problem. 22 Michael, after I'm going to give you my e-mail and let me know what's going on. 23 24 MR. DEMPSEY: Absolutely. 25 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Thank you. Please.

MS. VALVANO: Good evening, Council.

I'm Sharon Valvano. I'm also a resident of the 600 block of Bednar Street. I live at 620, a little way down from Elaine. I too could hear the roosters. I could hear the music. It's horrible. It's not even -- and I hate to say it American music.

We don't, you know, it's obnoxious.

I just got out of the hospital trying to rest
at home. And I cannot with that music
blasting. My husband works from home. And he
has problems working from home with that. With
that music is just obnoxious.

The other thing I want to touch base on is the stop sign at Bednar and I believe it's Barton Street where Sherwood Park is.

It's nonexistent. I mean, people coming this -- people come this way, especially going to work in the morning coming home in the afternoon either are speeding down there and have to stop suddenly because there is children coming out of the park constantly.

Now that the warm weather has come about, there is children all over. There's an

autistic boy on our street. He's up and down the street all day long in the middle of the street. Our kids play on the street because our street is almost nonexistent, very few cars go down there.

But, I mean, when they get to the park and people playing at the park, it's a problem. Kids are coming in and out between cars and they don't stop. They don't stop.

And they are actually worried about it when you're sitting and you go to stop and they're yelling at you, you know, they're yelling at me because I'm trying to get out and they are going through the stop sign.

If we sat -- and I know our police department is limited; but if we sat there, okay, sat there for a while I believe it will almost diminish because unfortunately I got pulled over in Scranton, okay, I didn't stop. I didn't -- I kind of stopped and went through it.

I got pulled over by the Scranton

Police Department. I got a hefty ticket, okay,

but I admitted I didn't make a complete stop

because there was a car there. And I said to

the police officer, I saw you after I went through the stop sign. And I apologized. I never done it.

And I said I never gotten a ticket before. But honestly, I was late for an appointment and that was my mistake. And it's just nonexistent. I have to say kudos to the Dunmore Police Department for curbing the one -- for curbing the right side of the Dunmore Sherwood Park.

There is no parking there now. But when graduation parties come around, they think we have the right to park there. When election time comes around, we have the right to park there. And it's not right. There is children playing there.

And I have been told that the handicap, where do they park? I don't have an answer for that. Where do they park? Okay, but the Sherwood Association -- Youth Association has taken measures to tell people to park in the parking lot.

But they park on the other side of the road in front of and in my neighbor's driveway. Okay, my neighbor asked them to

move, they were belligerent about it and it doesn't fly with us. And it's just nonexistent. That stop sign -- and I've asked can we put blinking stop signs there, no, because it's not new. Can we put anything there that -- to help this so people stop at those stop signs.

We put new stop signs there. And there is, you know, it's nonexistent and I hope Council, our can do something about it because somebody is going to get hurt.

And as far as our street goes when they were parking -- I'm sorry to take up your time -- but when they were parking on both sides of the street, neither an ambulance or the Fire Department can get through there.

No cars can go two ways through there when they park on both sides of the street. Congratulations to the Dunmore Police Department and some of our Council people have put cones out and they are known not to park. They know not to park there. But I just want it safe for the kids.

MS. BRIER: Yeah, it's busy.

MS. VALVANO: It's very busy up

there.

MS. BRIER: There's soccer. There's softball and kids playing in park.

MS. VALVANO: It's people up there with their animals and it's not allowed in the park and I've been told -- I was there with my dog and I was told by Sherwood Youth if you pick up after him which we always do then it's fine. But Sherwood Park needs to be safer.

MR. O'MALLEY: And I know that we talked about not too long ago about putting more children at play signs up. So I'm assuming that they went up.

MS. VALVANO: I don't know about that. I haven't seen them. I don't -- I haven't seen them on our street. There's a lot of children on our street, a lot, you know, playing in the middle of the street, which, you know, which everybody doesn't have a backyard, a big backyard to play in.

It's such a small street. I feel if there is a fire there, something -- the Fire Department is there right away but, you know, somebody is going to get hurt. And God forbid, God forbid, okay.

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And also, I'd like to say, you know, to Dunmore Fire Department, I had my alarms go off once and the Fire Department took a little bit of time to get there. I didn't know what But it was a little while. You know it was. Because they had go around the block because they couldn't make the turn down going the right way.

I mean, you can't -- you can't make it -- you can't widen it. I mean, it's people's property. You cannot widen it. But it's a shame that they took a little bit of time to get to my house which didn't turn out to be a fire thank God.

And also, the Dunmore Police Department, I tripped my alarm the first week we had it. I tripped my alarm by accident. Two police officers showed up in minutes, They said to me -- I said I tripped my alarm in my pajamas, two different socks on.

I was embarrassed. But I said I They said are you sure? They made sure did. that I was telling them, yes. They said can we check your property?

I said, yes, sir, you may. And they

1 2 3 to the Dunmore Police. 4 MR. HALLINAN: 5 MR. AMICO: 6 7 Okay. 8 9 sorry. 10 MR. AMICO: 11 MR. WOLFF: 12 nothing. 13 MR. AMICO: 14 MAYOR CONWAY: 15 16 17 18 19 make it a great event. 20 21 correct? 22 23 24 25 be.

went in my backyard and side and on the side of my house checked my entire property. So kudos

Thanks, Sharon.

Thank you. Anyone else from the public like to speak this evening?

MR. WOLFF: Public officials, I'm

Mr. Wolff.

No, I'm good. I have

Mayor Conway.

I want to thank Rich Barth for all his work for the Jog for Judge. Unfortunately it was cancelled. But there was still well over a thousand people down here. Even though it didn't happen they managed to

We're also doing building checks now Tommy Richardson is doing that on the night shift with the police. So they are going around checking buildings making sure everything is locked up how it's supposed to

So that is a nice initiative that they started. And as far as the bridge goes as I've learned, nothing happens quick. But I think the progress we made in the last year taking ownership of it, getting it on the Tip list -- I don't -- I know it's not the answer you want but we're working on it. That's all.

MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mr.

Hallinan?

MR. HALLINAN: I have nothing this evening.

MR. AMICO: Miss Oven?

MS. OVEN: I would like to thank you guys for coming to the meeting. And it's important. By you guys coming we're made aware of these issues, so particularly the blight and the nuisance.

We've taken measures to really try to get rid of that in the borough. I'm sorry you're putting up with that. We'll try to rectify it if we can.

MR. AMICO: Mrs. Brier.

MS. BRIER: I just want to thank
Chief DeNaples and the Fire Department as well
for their work for the Jog for Jude. They are

always there. And Chief DeNaples does a lot of work in advance beforehand when they were talking about fireworks and that kind of thing. So thanks so much. It was a great event.

MR. AMICO: Thank you. Miss Zangardi.

MS. ZANGARDI: I wanted to talk about the Karen McCool Walk up at St. Anthony's Park park on May 27th in memory of Karen McCool. I worked with Karen. She passed away suddenly. So her family started a walk to raise funds to donate to charities in Karen's name.

I wanted to thank Chris Kearney for all of his work for Jog for Jude. I don't know what time you started but at 8:30 you were still here and back in the next morning on Sunday. So thank you really for your dedication.

Two things, the Electric Superette was taken over by the Borough and will be going up for auction. But another blighted building on Drinker Street across from Carlucci's Funeral Home was demolished by Tommy Hart and his family.

Spaghetti dinner -- if everybody could support this spaghetti dinner, it's for the Senior Center and it's nice. It's probably their only fundraiser if I'm not mistaken. And that's all I have. Thank you very much and welcome back, Didge.

MR. JUDGE: Thank you.

MS. ZANGARDI: Welcome home.

MR. JUDGE: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Mr. O'Malley.

MR. O'MALLEY: With the radar speed signs, I would love to get more but they are not cheap. The second one today they were setting it up and the battery exploded. So it's going to be a little bit. So I went down and noticed the one there and I'm thrilled with it.

Next Tuesday, May 16th is Election

Day. I encourage everyone to get out and vote.

And that's all I have.

MR. AMICO: I have two things real quick. Thing one is starting -- well, starting this month we're going to go on our summer schedule. So we'll just be having the first meeting of the month which is the second Monday

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of every month, so May, June, July, August September unless something comes up.

If something does come up, we'll put it on the website and on our Facebook page.

And the second thing just to piggyback on Election Day. I just want to dispel a few myths that are out there. Things that I'm not a big fan of, rumor mongering, so I just want to put this on the record.

This Council has not ever discussed disbanding our DPW. We have never discussed that nor would we do that. And we're also not -- I stress, we are not going to a per bag fee for our garbage. That was also another myth that's been floating around the Borough.

So I just want it on the record saying that we're not disbanding the DPW.

We're not farming out DPW. We're not doing a per bag fee for garbage. So again, these are myths and rumors that are floating around. I just wanted to make sure that they made it on the record. And that's all I have. With that, I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

 $MR.\ DEMPSEY:\ I'll\ make\ that\ motion.$

MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

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1	MR. AMICO: Motion and second. All
2	those in favor.
3	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
4	MR. AMICO: See you next month.
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