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5	Monday, January 9th, 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:
14	COUNCIL HEHBERS.
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	ANDREW GENOVESE, Controller
24	MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor - absent
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: 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: 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	please? Seeing none.	
25	MR. WOLFF: Motion to approve the	

1	minutes.
2	MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
3	motion.
4	Mr. O'MALLEY: I'll second.
5	MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
6	second. Anyone on the question? Seeing none,
7	all those in favor.
8	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
9	MR. AMICO: Opposed?
10	(No response.)
11	MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.
12	MR. WOLFF: Motion to approve and
13	pay the open bills.
14	MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
15	to approve and pay the open bills, please.
16	MS. BRIER: I'll make a motion.
17	MR. DEMPSEY: Second.
18	MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
19	second. Anyone on the question?
20	MS. BRIER: I have a question,
21	Bataglia's, \$9,000?
22	MR. DEMPSEY: Those are the soccer
23	nets.
24	MR. BURTON: The soccer nets.
25	MS. BRIER: Oh, soccer nets, okay.

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1	Thanks. And we bought rock salt, 17 grand.
2	McCarthy Tire?
3	MR. BURTON: There were eight
4	invoices for McCarthy.
5	MS. BRIER: And Starr Uniform,
6	17,000.
7	MR. BURTON: They were the vests,
8	right?
9	CHIEF MARCHESE: They were the body
10	armor.
11	MS. BRIER: Okay, great. Thank you.
12	MS. ZANGARDI: Mark, what's the
13	Bucktown
14	MR. BURTON: There was 16 invoices
15	on that one.
16	MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. I just want to
17	clarify that. Thank you.
18	MR. AMICO: Anyone else on the
19	question on open bills? Seeing none, all those
20	in favor.
21	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
22	MR. AMICO: Opposed?
23	(No response.)
24	MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.
25	MR. WOLFF: Personnel matter,

1	appoint DPW member Sean Comstock as a truck
2	driver as classified in the collective
3	bargaining agreement.
4	MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
5	to appoint Sean Comstock as a truck driver as
6	classified in the contract.
7	MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that
8	motion.
9	MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I
10	have a second?
11	MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.
12	MR. AMICO: I have a motion and
13	second. Anyone on the question? Seeing none,
14	all those in favor.
15	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
16	MR. AMICO: Opposed?
17	(No response.)
18	MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.
19	MR. WOLFF: Personnel matters,
20	appoint Chris DeNaples as the Code Enforcement
21	Officer.
22	MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
23	to appoint Chief DeNaples as our Code
24	Enforcement Officer.
25	MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that

1 motion. MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I 2 3 have a second? MS. BRIER: I'll second. 4 5 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a second. Anyone on the question? Just quick 6 heads up, we did table this at last month's 7 8 meeting. And, you know, I had some discussion 9 with Chief DeNaples. And it's on our agenda 10 tonight and we're going to vote on it. 11 So I just wanted to clarify that 12 last month it was tabled. Anyone else on the 13 question? All those in favor. 14 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. 15 MR. AMICO: Opposed? 16 (No response.) 17 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. 18 MR. WOLFF: Personnel matter, 19 appoint Robert Grunza and David Redmond as 20 full-time police officers pending civil service test certification. 21 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion 22 23 to appoint Robert Grunza and David Redmond as 24 our next two full-time officers.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make it.

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MS. OVEN: I'll second.

MR. AMICO: On the question?

MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, a little bit on the question, these two guys have been part-time officers I don't know how long for at least the last couple of years, right, Chief? They work a ton of shifts and gotten us out of a ton of jams. They work hard when they're here.

I appreciate all that they do. I'm so happy, you know, I'm hoping we get through this and everybody votes in favor of hiring them. They do a fantastic job. And I'm glad we're able to reward their hard work with a full-time job.

They're two young guys. So they're going to be here for a long time. So I appreciate your hard work. It's fitting on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day so hopefully congratulations at the end but thank you for all you do for our town.

MS. BRIER: Just for the record,

Maria, the test -- the certification should be
tomorrow; is that right?

MR. AMICO: Tomorrow.

MR. WOLFF: That's correct. They do have a quorum. Everything should be online.

MS. BRIER: They do have a quorum.
Yeah, I'd just like to echo we're really
thrilled. I mean, we just see the work they
do. It's incredible. Thank you.

MR. O'MALLEY: I'd like to echo what Mr. Dempsey and Mrs. Brier both said. These guys are with us a few years. They work really hard. I see them everywhere and so welcome aboard and hopefully you're with us for a really long time.

MAYOR CONWAY: Just from my experience with these two guys since I've been on for the last year, I see these guys in the office pretty much every day. They are always working weekends, holidays. You know, they are out everywhere.

I've gotten tons of compliments on these two. I'm really excited that they will be part of the office full time. And again, I can't have a stronger endorsement for these two guys. I think they're great.

MR. AMICO: I'll just finish up by saying, you know, it's easy again for me to

echo what everyone else says. I've heard nothing but positive about you two gentlemen. I'm very proud to be part of the group that hopefully is going to approve your hire tonight. So again, thank you for all you have done and, you know, future thanks what you're going to be doing for our borough. With that said, anybody else?

MR. HALLINAN: I'd like to just add -- echo everybody else's words. But also to realize we have a few things in this borough that we have to do and one of them is public safety. And sometimes in my world, that's foremost number one to protect the public. That's what we're here for.

So thank you and I hope the vote goes your way and thanks for sticking around because I know it was touch and go for you guys with other offers you had. I'm glad on you're onboard. Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Anyone else? Seeing none, all those in favor.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. AMICO: Opposed?

(No response.)

1 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Congratulations, gentlemen. 2 3 MR. O'MALLEY: Congratulations. 4 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, approve the purchase of two modular battery powers radar 5 signs with 11 inch display. 6 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion 7 8 to purchase two modular battery powered radar 9 signs with 11 inch display. 10 MR. O'MALLEY: I will make that 11 motion. 12 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it. 13 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a 14 On the question? Mr. O'Malley? second. 15 MR. O'MALLEY: On the question, I 16 reached out to Troop Borough and they highly 17 suggest the radar sign. I looked at another 18 company as well. And so this particular model 19 is a battery powered model. Each battery will last give or take two weeks. 20 21 It comes with two batteries. And 22 one of the really nice things about it is that 23 it will provide weekly, daily, hourly, and half 24 hour data on the number of vehicles, number of 25 speeders, the average speed, peak speeds and

more.

So I'm hoping that -- and this model too is fully movable. So I'm hoping every so often we can move it throughout the borough.

The solar powered one isn't as moveable. They said it would take a few men. It would take over a half hour for a couple men to do it.

So this is a much easier situation for us. And hopefully we could get a little bit more of a handle on, you know, getting people to drive more safely in the borough. So a couple times a year I'm thinking we can probably move it and we can work with the police to figure out areas where they feel it might be best needed. That's all.

MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mr. O'Malley.

MS. BRIER: Thanks, Trip, for -- you put a lot of time and effort into this into finding out the best solution for us. It's not law enforcement but I think it will help law enforcement. And, you know, you can let us know what you think where it should go and hot spots.

CHIEF MARCHESE: It will be a good deterrent.

1 MR. AMICO: Anyone else? All those in favor. 2 3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. 4 MR. AMICO: Opposed? 5 (No response.) MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. 6 Number 10, approve a 7 MR. WOLFF: 8 \$500 donation to Griffin Pond Animal Shelter. 9 I'll look for a motion MR. AMICO: to approve a \$500 donation to Griffin Pond 10 Animal Shelter. 11 12 MS. OVEN: I'll make that motion. MR. O'MALLEY: 13 Second. 14 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a 15 On the question? second. 16 MS. OVEN: Just on the question, 17 Griffin Pond just looks for donations at the 18 beginning of the year for municipalities and 19 boroughs that they help out with the animal 20 So they've really been there for issues. 21 Dunmore when we had issues with our animals so 22 we would like to support them when we can. 23 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I mean, this 24 \$500 donation goes a long way when people bring 25 up animals, cats, spade, neuter, especially a

1 lot of Dunmore residents including our own animal control when we bring them there. So 2 3 we're happy to give this donation to help them 4 out. 5 MR. AMICO: Anybody else? All those in favor. 6 7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. 8 MR. AMICO: Opposed? 9 (No response.) 10 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. 11 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, Treasurer 12 Mark. report. 13 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council, 14 for the month of December we actually show a net loss for the month of 1.4 million dollars. 15 16 I'll give you details why when I give the 17 expense review which brings our year-to-date 18 loss to a little over a million dollars. 19 Incomewise for the month of 20 December, again, tax revenues remain stagnant 21 95 percent collection rate. State and capital 22 operating grants, we received 5,000 from 23 Lackawanna County for the Music Fest. 24 And miscellaneous revenue, 145,000, 25 our second installment of our PMHIC surplus

distribution. And on the expense side personnel and administrative benefits, we had to make a \$154,000 down payment to our 2023 workmen's comp. Highway construction and rebuild, \$901,000 paving project was paid in the month of December.

And our retirement and pension contribution 96,000, the final payment of the MMO for 2022 year. Again with the large paving project, we have a net loss of 1.4 million and net loss for the year of 1 million dollars.

MR. AMICO: Anyone have any questions for Mark?

MR. BURTON: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mark.

MS. BRIER: Thanks, Mark.

MR. WOLFF: Chris Kearney.

MR. KEARNEY: This past week at the DCC has seen a resumption of Biddy Basketball after the two previous weekends being off because of the holidays. They didn't play between Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

So we're back -- we're right in the heart of the Biddy season with practices and clinics going on nightly during the week, games

on the weekends.

We resumed our party rentals this
past weekend but we were closed the previous
two weekends because of Christmas and New
Year's. And this weekend there's no parties in
here because Biddy is using the room for two
days. They take the pictures.

And moving forward we have another seven to eight weeks of Biddy Basketball activities here. That's pretty much our busiest time of year. Any questions?

MR. AMICO: Thank you.

MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chris.

MR. KEARNEY: Thank you.

MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge is still off. Chief Marchese.

CHIEF MARCHESE: For the month of December our department responded to 684 calls for service. It's down by 179 calls for the month. For the year of 2022 our department responded to a total of 8964 calls. 2022 showed an increase of over 1,200 calls from the previous year.

For the month of November, our department made seven criminal arrests, eight

non traffic and seven traffic arrests. There were 19 shifts given out for overtime. Officer Richardson and Igoe completed the SRO training from December 12th to the 16, which means they will be a certified SRO in case something happens at the school and we need another guy. These two are both certified. They could go to the school at any timeframe which helps us.

Christmas with the Cops was a success. It resulted in over 50 children receiving gifts, toys, clothes. It went over very well. All the gifts this year were donated from Dunmore residents and businesses. We want to thank everybody for their support as usual.

Appel Technologies has begun the process of upgrading our computer. They are still waiting on one or two things to come in. Our body armor is in. And this week it was distributed. So every officer has their new body armor and will be wearing it.

And I would just like to thank

Council for putting these two on. They are -they went above and beyond the last two years
to help us when we were in a jam. They worked

1 a lot of shifts. They are both good men and I 2 think they will be a big asset to our 3 department. 4 Oh, and also, we had an incident on 5 Friday, 812 Butler Street. Thank God no one was hurt. We had a little incident with a man 6 threatening a lady with a knife. SWAT Team was 7 8 there. Neighborhood departments came. 9 Everybody works together. We got him out 10 without incident. He was arrested and 11 everything went well. 12 MS. BRIER: I saw that in the paper. 13 Chief, when you said you respond to 8,000 14 calls, what's the response? CHIEF MARCHESE: Calls for service. 15 16 It could be a barking dog, could be an assault, 17 it could be accidents. 18 MS. BRIER: Do you have to go out? 19 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes. They are all 20 calls we have to respond to. 21 MS. BRIER: When you say respond, 22 you're going out. 23 CHIEF MARCHESE: That doesn't 24 include phone calls or anything like that. 25 That's actual calls.

MS. BRIER: Okay, thanks.

MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chief.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,

Council. Let's start out with expenditures for the month of January. They were projected. We only have a couple steep ones. We have the annual preventative maintenance on the ladder struck, pretty extended maintenance schedule on it.

So that's set at \$3,650. That may possibly get pushed to February because they lost an employee that was supposed to come up and do that. The only other steep expenditure we have projected for this month is approximately \$5,000 for a new set of turnout gear for our newest full-time firefighter that was hired I believe in November of '22.

So we waited until the first of the year because he had some gear when was part time for the new budget to purchase that. So he will get fitted for tomorrow. As far as overtime scheduled for this month, we have 204 hours.

We still have -- still down to 12 full-timers working. We still have a few guys off. They've been off long-term. Besides for that, we ended out the year of 2022 with 1,349 calls we responded to during that time period.

For the month of January, 2023, we responded to 18 incidents so far. As far as part-time shifts for this month January, 2022, we have 48 scheduled. We're in the process of orienting two new part-timers. One is out on an injury. He didn't get hurt at work in Dunmore. He got hurt on his personal time.

So he's unable to do any orientation at this point until he gets medically cleared.

That is pretty much all I have at this point.

ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

MR. WOLFF: Public comment.

MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the public like to comment this evening? Ma'am?

MS. MANCUSO: Good evening, Helene
Mancuso of Bednar Street on behalf of the
residents on Bednar Street. There's a renter
that rented a property at 634 Bednar Street who
opened a business without I believe borough
consent.

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I don't believe she had a permit. I talked to Greg and she did not apply for a permit. We are very upset that she had a neon sign in the window. And if you know Bednar Street, we're like this big (indicating.)

There is nowhere for, you know, any side parking or whatever.

We're just very concerned. This is just a renter. I believe she's from New York. And she -- I have it on text and I shared that with the borough. Everyone else was busy tonight. So I just wanted to bring Council aware of it that none of the residents of Bednar Street are happy.

In addition, she decided to pepper our cars with fliers and business cards throughout the entire neighborhood, which we view it as littering and we don't take kindly to that in our neighborhood. And I just thank you for allowing me to speak.

MR. AMICO: Thank you, ma'am.

Anyone else from the public this evening?

Seeing none.

MR. WOLFF: Public officials.

MR. AMICO: You want to start?

MR. WOLFF: Just as I briefed you guys and just for the public, we're having that transition with the health licenses. Liquor licenses are tied into their health licenses. They need them. So what we did was, we reached out to LCB.

And they worked with us to make arrangements for our Dunmore businesses with liquor licenses. So they will be receiving a temporary authority letter from the borough. So all of our businesses with the liquor licenses will be receiving these along with the cover letter stating they are able to operate until we get caught up with the transition.

So I just wanted to make that public. I briefed Council on this. They're aware of it. So these letters should be going out this week. So they'll be good to go.

That's all I got.

MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mayor Conway.

MAYOR CONWAY: I'm good. Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Mrs. Zangardi.

MS. ZANGARDI: I have a couple things. I wanted to say thank you or good luck

to the officers. Welcome aboard. Dunmore is lucky to have you. Thank you.

One of them had a little fun time with my husband, pulled him over because he didn't have a license on his -- the bumper?

But anyway, it was just fun. So I appreciate you. No favoritism there at all. I wasn't in on it. But anyway, that's -- Miss Mancuso, do you know the neighbor, the 634 -- the owner of the property?

MS. MANCUSO: 634 Bednar Street is being rented by a couple, I believe. I believe the owner is Joy -- don't quote me, O'Malley maybe? I don't know. She moved out. And they moved in like two weeks ago maybe and she immediately opened a business.

MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. I was just wondering who was the owner. Chief DeNaples, good luck with the code enforcement. I have the utmost faith in you. You are very meticulous in your work and your details. That's why I voted for you.

Like I said to you before, if you need anything I will help you in any way I can.

I think you're going to be awesome at it. And

I want you to know I'm here to help in any way I can. And I voted for you because I thought you would be perfect.

I still think you will be great at it because of you're detail oriented. So I thank you for taking this on. Thank you. And the other thing I'd like to just mention is if we can try to stand together as a Council hiring part time high school students, part time college students, part time summer help, part time winter help, part time Christmas help, a plethora of -- if we can all agree to have a conversation before we hire anybody I would appreciate that. And that's all I have. Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mr. O'Malley.

MR. O'MALLEY: Good evening, everyone. First of all, I would like to thank our department heads for their always detailed reports. Chief DeNaples, I'm not sure if I should say congratulations or not on your added duty.

I just want to say that we know that you will do a great job with code enforcement.

You have the full faith and confidence of Council. And we truly appreciate how hard you work for our borough.

Officer Grunza and Redmond, congratulations on your full-time status. I hope you both experience happy and safe careers with the police department. And, Mrs. Mancuso, hopefully we can get the business situation resolved for you. I know that Mr. Wolff is working on that. And we'll see where it goes. Thank you. That's all I have.

MR. AMICO: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'm good.

Congratulations, guys. Glad to have you.

MR. AMICO: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: I'm sure they'll help you with the ordinances and see what we can do about that property. Last thing we need is an illegal business in a residential zone.

Gentlemen, welcome aboard. My wife's had nothing but good words to say about both of you. So I wish you the best. Thank you for coming on board here. Chief, you're right. Butler Street could have been a very dangerous situation.

The guys handled it well. The SWAT
Team was called in. Nobody got hurt. So
congratulations. Kudos on that. That's all I
have. Thank you very much.

MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mr. Hallinan.
Ms. Oven.

MS. OVEN: First of all, I would just like to say welcome to Chief DeNaples for helping us out with the code enforcement.

Obviously as Beth said, we're all here to help.

And I think it's an important position for the borough. And I think you'll be great at the it. So thank you.

To the officers who just got hired full time, congratulations. Everyone sings your praises. So I'm excited you're on board and helping us stay safe. Mrs. Mancuso, thank you for coming to the meeting. It's by you coming to the meeting that we realize these things are going on. So we'll certainly be looking into it. And that's all I have.

MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mrs. Brier.

MS. BRIER: Well, I just want to say how much we appreciate you taking this on,

Chief. And again, with your track record all

of these years working as the fire chief it really is going to help the borough out. And I think we lost our code enforcement officer.

And you're stepping up to take on this extra duty is really commendable. And we truly appreciate it.

And we talked about the situation on Bednar Street right before you came in. It's the tiniest, narrowest street in Dunmore. I don't know where people would park up there. I don't know what the situation is. The Borough Manager will take a look into it and see what we can do.

And, you know, we've been following Officer Grunza and Redmond for a year now when we get these reports from the Chief. You guys are always out there working really hard. And it's an exemplary work ethic. And we are so grateful that you are willing to take this on.

As you know, there's a nationwide police shortage. So, you know, we really need this for our town. So once again, we're super grateful that you're going to step up and do this for us.

MR. AMICO: Thank you. I'll just

finish up with again, gentlemen, thank you for joining up and looking forward to working with you for the next, you know, career. You guys 25 years, me not 25 years.

Chief, again, you know my thoughts. I appreciate you stepping up. It means a lot to me personally. And just one additional thing, we have a few openings in planning and zoning commissions. So if anyone is interested or you know anybody that is interested in stepping up and not just, you know, complaining but actually coming and helping out, that's what we need.

And planning and zoning are two of the most important roles in borough government. Actually I think sometimes -- and I mean this sincerely, more important than the decisions we make are decisions that are made on the planning and zoning commissions. So if anybody would like to take part we welcome it.

We'll make a decision next month and there will be an ad on our Facebook page and then our borough website will get that squared away this week. And that's really all I have tonight. Nobody else has anything? I'll look

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1	for a motion to adjourn.
2	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make it.
3	MR. AMICO: I have a motion. A
4	second?
5	MS. BRIER: I'll second.
6	MR. AMICO: All those in favor.
7	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
8	MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Thank you
9	very much.
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