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1	COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE
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5	Monday, August 14th, 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 - absent
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. 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 is absent.
19	Number three, public 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 will look for a motion

1	to approve the minutes, please.
2	MS. BRIER: I'll make it.
3	MR. DEMPSEY: Second.
4	MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
5	second. Anyone on the question? Seeing none,
6	all those in favor.
7	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
8	MR. AMICO: Opposed?
9	(No response.)
10	MR. WOLFF: Number five, motion to
11	approve and pay the open bills.
12	MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
13	to approve and pay the open bills, please.
14	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.
15	MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I
16	have a second?
17	MS. BRIER: I'll second.
18	MR. AMICO: I have a motion and
19	second. Anyone on the question?
20	MS. BRIER: Yeah, I just have a
21	couple questions for Mark. Wilkes-Barre
22	materials, 2,600.
23	MR. BURTON: That's cold patch.
24	MS. BRIER: Oh, that's cold patch,
25	okay. Thanks, Apple Technology Solution, LLC.

1	MR. BURTON: That is the new police
2	technology for the patrol cars.
3	MS. BRIER: Oh, that's the police.
4	And Atlantic Tactical is police too, correct?
5	MR. BURTON: Right.
6	MS. BRIER: And then the Bucktown.
7	MR. BURTON: There was six bills for
8	Bucktown.
9	MS. BRIER: And IWDA, LLC.
10	MR. BURTON: That is the pave cuts.
11	MS. BRIER: Okay, thank you.
12	MS. ZANGARDI: Anybody have any
13	information on the Moss garages? Is that for
14	the truck, the police cars
15	MR. BURTON: Police cars, there was
16	three invoices
17	MS. ZANGARDI: So it wasn't just one
18	month or was it one month and many vehicles
19	down?
20	MR. BURTON: This was three repair
21	bills, three separate.
22	MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. Thank you.
23	MR. AMICO: Anyone else on the
24	question? All those in favor.
25	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. AMICO: Opposed? 2 (No response.) 3 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. 4 MR. WOLFF: Number six, personnel 5 matter and motion to approve Anthony Giacobbe and Daniel Evancho as part-time police 6 7 officers. 8 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion 9 to appoint Anthony Giacobbe and David Evancho 10 to be part-time police officers. 11 MS. BRIER: I'll make it. 12 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it. 13 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a 14 second. Anyone on the question? 15 MR. DEMPSEY: Just real quick, Max, 16 I don't mean to put you on the spot here. But do you know if the Chief approved these? 17 18 MAYOR CONWAY: He did, yeah. 19 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay, I was just going 20 to make the motion pending approval of the 21 Chief, but if he already did --22 MR. AMICO: Anyone else on the 23 question? All those in favor. 24 **ALL MEMBERS:** Aye. 25 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

1 (No response.) MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. 2 3 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, Treasurer 4 Financial Report. 5 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council, I will be very brief because it was a typical 6 midsummer slow month as far as finances were 7 8 concerned. Net income for the month was 9 \$59,000 which brings our year-to-date net income to 2.4 million. 10 As I stated, it was a typically 11 12 very slow summer month. There's not much to 13 Real estate continues its decline. 14 Collections, our special assessments we 15 received \$692,000 for the landfill fees for the 16 second quarter. 17 As far as expenses are concerned, 18 nothing out of the ordinary other than the 19 \$60,000 partial to our MMO. And like I said, I 20 will be brief. 21 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Mark. 22 MS. BRIER: Okay, question about the 23 Tax Anticipation Note. It's on here for 200 24 Is that paid back? grand. 25 MR. BURTON: That's paid in full.

We paid that back -- we made one payment in February and one in March.

MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you, but we still note it on here.

MR. BURTON: Yes.

MR. AMICO: Anyone? Thanks, Mark.

MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Mr. Kearney.

MR. KEARNEY: Good evening. These past several weeks we've seen a continuation of weekend party rentals, some grade school basketball practices; and we've had the Summer Program here during the day. This past Friday we wrapped up our fifth and final week of the Summer Program.

I felt we had a good season with no major injuries and good attendance throughout. That's a win. Special thanks to Councilman Hallinan for all of his work in getting sponsors for our pizza Fridays and also the ice cream truck for All Parks Day. Moving forward we'll be opening at 11 a.m. during the week until school reconvenes.

We are increasing our practice schedule with the various grade school teams.

1 And party rentals are picking up again. 2 we'll have two more this weekend. That's all I 3 have. 4 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chris. 5 MS. BRIER: Anybody playing pickle ball? 6 MR. KEARNEY: 7 No. 8 MS. BRIER: No. I don't know if 9 it's well known yet. 10 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, I don't know. Ι 11 think -- I think once the weather changes. 12 People asked me about in the fall, winter 13 during the day like when the seniors are here 14 during the day in the morning. I told them 15 it's not a problem because the Head Start only 16 uses one part of the gym. We could put them on 17 the other. I'll just move them around. It's 18 not a big deal. 19 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chris. 20 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chris. 21 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge. I don't have much to say 22 MR. JUDGE: 23 either. We're behind on recycling. We didn't 24 get any recycling out today. But by Wednesday,

we'll be straightened out with that, you know?

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We're short guys. I had a lot of guys off this morning. Other than that, we're patching and brush, usual summer stuff. Anything? Any complaints?

MS. BRIER: Thanks, Didge.

MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

MR. WOLFF: Chief Marchese is absent. Chief DeNaples.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,

Council, start out with the Fire Department report for the month of August. As far as expenditures, the only steep expenditure this particular month since the first occurred, there were repairs to the duty car. It went in for State inspection.

It needed struts and some wheel (inaudible) were found to be bad on it. So that was \$1,442.43 to get them couple items taken care.

The only other large expenditure -somewhat large expenditure was fire prevention
material for the upcoming fire prevention month
in October. So that was \$600. That came out
of the rescue billing account to cover that
cost. As far as part-time shifts to current --

actually from the 1st to the 30th -- 31st, there was 76 part-time shifts put out.

As far as overtime for shift coverage, 108 hours even up to current. As far as Fire Department participation in events, National Night Out we participated in on the 8th. Also, we were requested by the Commons. They are the dormitories up by Penn State Worthington.

Move in day, we were requested to go up there on the 12th and also on the 17th and that's to try to reduce fire alarms up there to go over some fire safety, etc., with the students.

We have quite a bit of alarms up there in the past. So we're working with the administration to try to reduce that. And this was something we come up with. I know Greg was the training officer. He used to go up there quite a bit to try to work with them as well.

MS. BRIER: Do we charge for false alarms, Chris?

CHIEF DENAPLES: We do have an ordinance to charge for false alarms. But if a detector is set off because of careless cooking

or, you know, it's set off because of steam from a shower, we can't bill for that. So the only way we can bill under that ordinance -- and we really don't exercise it is if there's a continuous with the alarm system, a malfunction. But most of these alarms that we respond to, it's generally not faulty alarm system.

MS. BRIER: It's not kids just pulling them.

CHIEF DENAPLES: No, it's generally careless cooking, smoking inside of the facility, stuff of that nature. So them are the events that we participated in. One other we got after the report was written, there was a PTA for the Dunmore Elementary Center. That will be on the 26th, Saturday, the 26th.

They want us down there from 10 to

2. They will be giving stuff out to families
and they have some other sponsorships going on
from what was explained to me. They want us to
go over some fire safety for those who are
interested.

MS. BRIER: That's nice. That's August 26th?

CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah, it's

Saturday, August 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

down at the Elementary Center.

MS. BRIER: Can we get that on the -- maybe on our website?

MR. WOLFF: Yeah. Chief, get with me on that.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Okay. I'll talk with you tomorrow.

MS. BRIER: Chief, how old is that car that you mentioned, the first --

CHIEF DENAPLES: So that vehicle is a 2012 Dodge 1500. So it was recently transitioned from the vehicle that I drive to the duty car. So that is a 2012.

MS. BRIER: And it's still going.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Still going. So that is pretty much it for the Fire Department report besides for the call volume from the 1st of August to the 14th at the close of business today; 15 calls total, one fire, nine emergency medical services rescue type calls, hazardous materials was three, firearm alarm/false alarm was one and special type incident was one.

For code enforcement, from the first

until the 31st, we had 25 inspections scheduled. There is going to be three more scheduled tomorrow on top of that 25.

MS. BRIER: That's great.

CHIEF DENAPLES: They were a little busy today with some computer issues so they will be scheduled tomorrow. And that's pretty much it if there's no questions.

MS. BRIER: And, Chief, how about the, you know, civil service stuff and getting a new fireman; where is that?

CHIEF DENAPLES: So there is a current list that expires in October. However, myself and Greg were working with the Civil Service Commission to update some of the guidelines. So one of the main things that was updated in the most recent revision was to people are able to apply at the entry level position that don't have firefighter training.

And, you know, we would send them to a fire academy to get the necessary training as well as EMT, so fire training and EMT. So as soon as that is all taken care of, the Civil Service Commission will be posting a test for entry level. But there is still a list

current. It doesn't expire until October and there is two people on that. That is for entry level.

MS. BRIER: Okay. Okay. Thanks.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Yep. No problem.

MR. AMICO: Thanks, Chief.

MR. WOLFF: Number nine, public comment.

MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the public like to speak to Council this evening?

MS. GUZY: I'm Fran Guzy at 122
Allen Street. We're still having issues with
the dogs. I know Councilman Vince Amico was
up. Greg was up. Two cops were up. And we're
still having issues. I know they are
attempting to put up a fence.

But I would like to know when the dogs are actually going to be only four because that is on the record and that is the legal limit is four dogs, not 14, not five adults, not puppies. The legal limit is four.

MS. BRIER: Fran, I asked them today when the 30 days -- we had to give them 30 days and that is not up until the 19th.

MS. GUZY: Right. In the meantime,

I'd like to know if we can get any type of record or evidence that they are spayed, neutered, fixed, so this does not happen again. We occurred -- already two years this is going on, two years. Another 30 days we got to wait, we got to wait.

I want to know that they are licensed, vaccinated, fixed. Also, are they being sold or just given away? I have a legal business -- established business in my house on Allen Street for 23 years. I have been doing it over 45 years.

I have been in Dunmore on Chestnut Street as well. My clients are starting to be concerned when they park in front of my house, park further down when the dogs are barking if they are going to get out of the fence.

So I would like to know when, where, and how you are going to do it. I'd like to know if there is any legal purposes for getting the dogs fixed, licenses, vaccinated or some type of registration of these dogs to know that they are the four dogs that will remain at that residence if even they do.

The other night the gentleman, the

young boy Benny was attacked by his own dog.

Talked to the Mayor -- text messaged the Mayor.

I didn't actually talk, but texted. My

neighbor called me. My other neighbor right

next door to Benny, she wasn't about to call

the cops and neither was I because they're not

doing anything.

So obviously I don't know if it's on record if they went to the hospital. But let them take care of it. If it's someone from my family or my clients, I will be calling the cops. I will be calling the Borough. I will be raising happy hell. I am the size of a child. I have clients that are smaller than me, older people that are smaller than me or just coming to my shop.

I do not want to be afraid in my house, on my property, or around my property. So I would just appreciate that something gets done ASAP. And I do appreciate you doing so because it is the ordinance for dogs. I thank you for your time.

MS. BRIER: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Thank you. Doctor.

DR. PUHALLA: I could -- let me give

you some information because I'm right next door, Dr. Puhalla at 120 Allen Street. Again, I'm concerned about the dangerousness of these animals because again, they are cooped up in that house for 22 out of 24 hours, 23 hours.

So when they come out, they're like wolves. They're like wolves. And that's when they attacked their owner and attacked the owner's son. I mean, I'm not -- I have seen that happen. He put up a fence but I'm not sure how sturdy the fence is, kind of leaned it against another fence.

I guess that fence has to be inspected. You're a shop guy, you could inspect the fence. The other thing is, my mother who used to live at this property for many, many years -- actually 97 years. You know, she used to say these neighbors had two speeds, they had slow and stop. You know, and right now I think they are in the stop mode.

So the fence they are putting up would work but they are going to have to extend it around the front because the dogs are still coming to the front and could easily go over the front fence which is only that high and

then the biggest dog is -- he's that big. He's a big, big dog.

It is a essential the female get fixed because every time I see the big male out there and the female, last count what I could count -- I have no idea how many dogs they may have hidden in the house. I was able to count six adults and one puppy. So maybe they are down to seven. I don't know. I don't know how many still might be in the house.

But the big dog continuously mounts the female. So if she's not fixed, you know, and those babies are already five months old, she's ready to get pregnant again. We're going to -- you know, the last time she had -- if she's the only female in the house she had eight. She had eight. So, you know, just want to warn you people about that. It's still dangerous.

MAYOR CONWAY: Doctor, I'm sorry to interrupt you. As far as you know, he's down to one puppy up there?

DR. PUHALLA: I don't know. That is how many I could count. He's been very good now of hiding behind the fence so I can't

really see.

MAYOR CONWAY: Right. I mentioned to you on July 19, Greg, myself, Officers

Aronica and Officer Igo and the Police Chief all met with the property owners. They came in, you know, swore up and down that they didn't want any issue with the Borough.

They told us they were going to put in a bigger fence, all the puppies would be gone and he was going to get the dogs neutered. I know Officer Aronica reached out to him last Friday for an update. And at that point, the dog was not neutered. They are registered. But that dog is not --

MS. GUZY: Are they vaccinated? Do they have their rabies shots?

MAYOR CONWAY: That I'm not -- I don't know if that's -- that I'm not sure of.

But I was encouraged in beginning because I saw he got a dumpster. I saw he was getting fence material. And it seems like everything kind of stalled. So we gave him 30 days. Those 30 days are up on the 19th of this month.

And we told him, we said, like, we're throwing the book at you at this point if

you don't clean it up. So that's where we're at. We're giving them until the 19th and then hopefully we'll see some progress after that.

MS. GUZY: And what happens after if there is only -- because there could only be four dogs at that residence, that household.

MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah, I mean, we're going to have to go to the magistrate and see what he has to say. When we had him in he said they're like his children. So there will have to be hard decisions made at that point.

MS. ZANGARDI: Ma'am, you have to stand up --

MR. AMICO: Ma'am --

MAYOR CONWAY: I understand, we've been up there. We were in your backyards. I know how bad it is. So he has until the 19th and then we're going to --

MR. WOLFF: I was up there today.

So I saw the fence that they put up. I actually was looking for you, Doctor. I didn't see you. But I do -- there's going to be some other violations coming their way. So again, it will run through its process.

And then like the Mayor said,

eventually the magistrate is going to rule on it. So I can't -- we couldn't possibly determine what that -- how that will -- I literally told them, I said, we're going to throw the book at you. So those are the zoning violations with the dogs as well as some health issues we're going to hit them right away.

That's the best I could -- but I do continually -- I stop by at least -- I drive by at least once a week, at least once a week to check on it.

MS. GUZY: You should walk by.

MR. WOLFF: I did. I did today. I got out of the car. I do -- I saw them with the cars, yep. I saw when -- actually when we were up there, we saw when the dogs come out. We're doing everything we can.

MR. CRUSER: Jerry Cruser, 630

Bednar Street. I'm here tonight because on Wednesday -- it was actually Wednesday, the 9th. It would be Thursday a.m., 12:43, an officer showed up at my house which I called the nonemergent 911 at 10:38 as an officer drove by the first time, did not stop.

Called back. He arrived around

12:55, around his cruiser, didn't stop him because he was going to drive by again. I got him. I said to him -- I stated to him that the music is loud. It's blasting out the back of my house. He has in the report that he arrived at 12:43.

He stated he heard the music. When he pulled up that the music was turned down. Another officer arrived on scene with his car running. The music was blasting again. The officer came in my house. He actually felt my house shaking. He heard the music in my house with my doors and windows closed.

He stated in his report there was nothing he could do because there is no ordinance on music. How am I supposed to get up and go to work in the morning when I get up at 5:00 and this music is playing? He didn't leave my house until 1:25 a.m., the officer. The music continued until 3:15.

Wednesday that day -- I record everything. My cameras record everything on the house. I'm also recording on my phone because this is all I do. This is day in, day out. I took the day off of work. I was on a

vacation day. I had stuff to do in the morning.

I went to the doctor. I came home around 12:00 with my truck and trailer. I parked it in the neighbor's driveway across the street to pull out my lawnmower. As soon as I pull my lawnmower out, the music starts blasting. He sees me. The music starts blasting.

I finish doing what I'm doing. I go to the back of my yard to get a bottle of water. As I'm walking out, he starts screaming and singing at the top of his lungs as loud as possible. Then as you hear the backup beeper on my truck backing out of the driveway and pull down the street, the music gets turned off. I know this isn't a Council problem on that. This is harassment.

He pulls up in front of my house. I have video of it. He pulls up in front of my house almost in my driveway, races the engine at me, kicks it into neutral, races the engine, backs into the driveway. This has been going on since the hearing at the magistrate's office.

It got worse. That night we came home there's a middle finger in the window which is freedom of speech. I get it. But it's directed towards us. It's still there but now he changed the fingers.

ATTY. PERRY: What did the magistrate do?

MR. CRUSER: He found him guilty.

ATTY. PERRY: And did he find him guilty?

MR. CRUSER: I guess there's fines and it was a suspended sentence, 30 days in Lackawanna County Prison upon his appeal which I believe he appealed. But now that I went back to the magistrate they did not -- they are saying that the appeal -- something's up with it. So we're waiting on that.

There's been numerous complaints from me, the other neighbors. And it's just -- now it's just the neighbors are witnessing it's just directed towards me because when we got home, I have video of the spotlight. He has -- his girlfriend has a spotlight that she does eyelashes with.

They put it in the front window

blaring out at my house and my back patio. So that you can't -- it's like daylight. I have video of it. It's -- cops said they can't do nothing about it, which is you can't point a light at somebody's house. You can't do that. I mean, it's not right.

He comes home today. This is going on as we speak. He comes home today from wherever he was. He sees me in the backyard. The music is blaring from his vehicle, sat in his car for five minutes and let it blast because he seen my wife cooking on the grill outside.

I was in the back working on the pool filter, lets it blast, gets out of his car, gets up on his deck, turns back, looks at us, goes in the house and starts blasting his TV because he's told no music. So now it's the TV.

And the TV goes as long as my back door is open or we're on our patio it's the TV. I mean, this is pure harassment. It's a nuisance. There's -- something has to get done here. I just don't know how to go about it. I don't know the legal way, what to do.

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I mean, now it's being directed at me. I mean, I call the cops. The cops -- I spoke to an officer a couple weeks ago. The officer said to me when I called the nonemergent 911 because I'm sick of the cops coming to my house because it's embarrassing for me and the other neighbors that we have to deal with this.

So the officer tells me if I can't hear the music from the front of the house there's nothing I could do. So you're telling me in my backyard I have to listen to whatever he's listening to and I can't open my windows or doors.

That's -- another officer shows up three days later pulls up in his cruiser, drives right past. He says to me which is on report on file, drives right past, had to call back. The officer shows up at my house. And he said Jerr, he's, like, if I can't hear the music from the front of the house he's like I'm not getting out of my cruiser.

I said, well, that's not right. I said come in my house or come in my backyard.

I said it's only when I'm home. He said, well,

here's the thing. Turn yours up louder.

That's what I'm being told. Turn yours up louder.

So I'm going to turn my music up louder so I could tick off my next neighbor. Where does -- how does this work? So now I'm the jerk. I turn my TV up or my music so I don't have to hear his. I don't want to hear any of it.

I get it you have a party, you have this, you have that, you know what, which is fine. I'm being told from an officer you have kids in your backyard. You had your nieces and nephews in your backyard. They were screaming and yelling and jumping in the pool.

Why does he have to deal with that? I said, well, then he shouldn't live by a park. You got kids screaming all day. I mean, come on. Enough is enough with this. I don't know. Do you guys put something in place? I mean, the cops they don't -- finally Officer Barth cited him. He cited him on Wednesday. And he said enough is enough.

I showed him the video and he witnessed it. And he's like, this is pure

harassment. He's targeting you. He's coming at you. And I showed him numerous videos. As soon as I pull in, it starts. The minute I pull out, it stops.

I was gone away this weekend. Every single neighbor and my kids were there, no music, nothing, not a peep. I got home yesterday. There it is blasting.

MS. BRIER: Even though he was cited on Wednesday he started it again?

MR. CRUSER: Yep. It's right here.

He was cited on Wednesday. This has been going since the hearing for -- now this is two months, day in and day out. It does not stop.

It's every single day. My wife just texted me as I was sitting here.

She said the minute you pulled out of the driveway with the car the TV went down. So what do I do here?

ATTY. PERRY: Well, it sounds like you're in the process with the magistrate.

MR. CRUSER: I get it. But this is -- that's the thing. I mean, they keep saying call the cops. I don't want to bother the cops.

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1 ATTY. PERRY: But the magistrate 2 found against him and fined him. You said 3 something about an appeal. 4 MR. CRUSER: He appealed his 5 I don't know. That's what it says sentence. in the docket. I don't know the law. 6 7 know what's going on. I really don't know 8 what's going on. There's --9 Mickey, can you find MS. BRIER: 10 out? 11 ATTY. PERRY: Sure. I could call 12 the magistrate's office. 13 MS. OVEN: Just to see where it's 14 at, what the status is. ATTY. PERRY: 15 Sure. 16 MR. CRUSER: Now, he's got another 17 one coming. And that's the thing. It wasn't described to him when the -- we were all there 18 19 with the magistrate. And the magistrate 20 explained to him, he said, if you want a good neighbor, you got to be a good neighbor. 21 22 That's what he said to the neighbor. 23 And the neighbor specifically said 24 to the magistrate Mr. Nunez and Mr. Cruser will 25 never get along. That was the end of it.

handed the magistrate all of our evidence, all of our videos and he said he'll have a judgement by Friday.

He got the judgment on Monday. He fined him. He fined her. And I think there is more to it on -- more than fines. And then I don't know what's going on right now.

ATTY. PERRY: Do you have the paperwork on it, Jerry?

MR. CRUSER: Not for his what he got charged with I do not. I did not print any of that stuff out.

ATTY. PERRY: Okay.

MR. DEMPSEY: Probably on the PAUJS.

MR. CRUSER: And you go to the magistrate. I went back to the magistrate to actually see him. He wasn't there. I spoke with his secretaries. The secretaries said to me call the cops. I don't care if you have to call the cops every five minutes. She's like you call them and get them there and it doesn't matter.

And I said, well, you know, they have other things to do than come to my house over music. I understand everybody is busy.

MS. BRIER: Yeah, it's not music. 1 2 It's harassment. 3 MR. CRUSER: It is harassment. Yes, 4 it is. And it's nonstop. Let me go back. So 5 when I spoke to Officer Barth on Friday, I went down for my police reports. I spoke to Officer 6 7 Barth. 8 MR. DEMPSEY: Can you pass that 9 report down for a second, any one, just for a 10 second? MR. CRUSER: These are the latest 11 12 two. 13 MS. ZANGARDI: Jerry, how often are 14 you calling the police and you are using 911 15 because that's going to show a record. 16 MR. CRUSER: Oh, quite a bit, quite 17 a bit. It's quite a bit. 18 MS. ZANGARDI: I think he should be 19 using 911 to keep a record of --MR. CRUSER: I do. 20 I --21 MR. WOLFF: It's the same. It's 22 just the nonemergent number. 23 MR. CRUSER: There is a record. 24 let me go back now. Officer Barth when I went 25 there on Friday to pull my reports, I needed to

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there?

MR. CRUSER: Twenty-three years.

MS. BRIER:

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What does he have in his

How long have you lived

talk to him. I talked to him and Officer
Reynolds. And when I talked to Officer Barth,
he's, like, Jerry, you're being targeted. You
are being harassed here. He's, like, terrible.

And I said to him is there any possible way I said that we could prove this with an officer? And I said, I'll tell you when I'm going home. I said, you meet me there. I'll let you in the side gate. Come in the back yard.

I said, I'll go through my front door and open the door. And as soon as I open the back door you will hear what he does to me. I mean, and now it's actually at the point where he comes out -- my wife said tonight that he stands there and then he points at her.

I have pictures of him standing on the deck and he'll actually cross his arms and just stare at her when she's alone. And it's, like, we don't like being home. We do not like being home. I mean, this is -- it's just.

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MR. CRUSER: A mannequin hand of a middle finger.

> MS. BRIER: In his window?

MR. CRUSER: Yes, pointing at our And then on the other side of the house there was a note to the other neighbor who wrote a letter that went to court and it said something on it and I couldn't get -- she could read it from her house. But she's not -- her father is sick. And she's from New York so she's been travelling back and forth.

And she's disgusted with it too. So I don't know. I don't know where to go here. That's why I'm asking you guys with an ordinance they're telling me if you read them, there's not an ordinance.

MR. DEMPSEY: But even if there is an ordinance and we fine them based on it, it's still going to go through the same process. There is really nothing we can do other than send the cops there, cite them and you got to do the magistrate stuff.

MR. CRUSER: And just keep doing what I'm doing. I get it. I don't know where

1 to turn. I really don't. It's day in and day It's two months since I've been here. 2 out. 3 MR. AMICO: I would say if you are being harassed, just keep calling the police. 4 5 It's a pain, but what else can you do? MR. CRUSER: Officer Barth did tell 6 7 me that he was telling his team --8 MS. BRIER: Yeah, because he's the 9 captain. 10 MR. CRUSER: He said from now on, he 11 said, any car that comes past the house he's 12 like that there's a noise complaint, he said, I 13 want the officer in the back yard. Supposedly 14 this is what he said he was going to tell them. 15 I'm hoping he did. 16 He said he wants all the officers 17 out of their vehicles into the back yard. Ιf 18 there is any sound coming out of the back of 19 the house directed at my house that he wants him cited. 20 21 MS. BRIER: Your back yards meet? 22 MR. CRUSER: Yes, I could show 23 Well, it's not that it meets. pictures. 24 There's a fence in between us. And his house 25 is probably 45, 50 feet. But it's the door --

when he opens the door it's facing us and I actually have pictures.

Now, it's another thing. Now he puts a bird, a real loud bird in the crate next to door when he's doing something that he can't play the music or the TV, he puts the bird there and the bird sits there and squawks for hours. It's just nonstop. It's something.

If it's out in the back yard and the music is not playing because he doesn't want to do that, he sees my wife come out, he's banging pool noodles off the pool and just screaming and then he taunts his kid for his kid to yell and scream as loud as he possibly could. He's very vindictive. It's crazy.

MR. O'MALLEY: I just can't believe this is still going on.

MR. CRUSER: It's non stop. It's every single day. As long as I'm home, it goes on. The minute I pull up to my house and go outside or open my back door, that TV will blast or there will be some kind of music or there will be some kind of screaming and yelling from him directed towards my house.

MS. BRIER: Max, when they went and

spoke to this guy, didn't the Chief go?

MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah, he came in and met with the Chief and few of the officers and it was -- they said they were going to turn it down. I think it stopped for a little while. And then the property owner was here at our last meeting and she was telling a -- I saw your videos. I know exactly what you're saying.

But she was singing a different tune about what was going on up there. We had you and all your neighbors here. And the advice was to go to the magistrate.

MR. CRUSER: That was so the house could get sold. That was so the house could get sold. And it was a different tune. And I believe from all the evidence and everything that was handed over to the magistrate, I mean, I know this is on record and stuff.

But it was -- I'm assuming that the magistrate found it -- that they were lying and they were guilty, which he proved it guilty because we handed over text messages from the homeowner from what she said and instead it was -- she said it, not what my wife said and

1 we had all the messages because my wife never deletes a text message. So she had them four 2 3 years of text messages and they found them 4 lying. 5 MAYOR CONWAY: Is it sold officially? 6 7 MR. CRUSER: Yes, they closed on it 8 two weeks ago on Wednesday. 9 MS. OVEN: So they own it? 10 MAYOR CONWAY: Isn't it like a rent to own situation? 11 12 MR. CRUSER: It was but now they got 13 the mortgage. The mortgage went through. And 14 that's the thing. Nobody works. They don't 15 leave. They don't leave the house. 16 MS. BRIER: That's what I was going 17 to ask you. 18 MR. CRUSER: Nobody leaves the 19 The house is -- they're there. 20 goes on until 3:00 every night, 3:00 in the 21 morning and then they sleep until 11, 11:30 22 and then the door opens and it just begins all 23 over again. 24 MS. OVEN: Was there an incident 25 that started this whole thing that you could

think of?

MR. CRUSER: No. No. I mean, they are claiming -- in court they claimed it was because my son was parking his car in the driveway. And they said in court that there was -- he never had permission to park the car there, so which I handed over the text message that said numerous times over numerous years please tell Zach to park the car in the driveway so it doesn't get hit.

And when that came out when Mr. Nunez said nobody ever gave him permission, this and that, the homeowner never gave him permission and then when it was my turn to speak I said to the magistrate, I said, Your Honor, here is proof. I said numerous times over the numerous years that she insisted my son park the car in the driveway.

Mr. Nunez turned to Miss O'Malley and she's, like, that was a long time ago. I was like, no, that was January. That was over the winter. I said you still owned the house. And I said, here it is, Your Honor, and I handed it to him.

So if you are looking at that, it's

over parking. My kid is not allowed to park there. Wouldn't it be me blasting the music at him? So that's what I don't understand. It would be me blasting music at him. Now, don't get me wrong. I know people call Children and Youth on him.

The guy called on the dogs that are tied to the fence all the time. And they call the ASPCA. He believes that it's all me calling. It's not me. It's all the other neighbors. And there is documents of it with 911 that it's not me if he would just look into and realize it's the neighbors around him.

So now I believe one of the neighbors in the back, they made peace with him. So now they are bringing cookies and everything which she was the one that was actually bashing him at the magistrate's office about the music and the dogs and this and that.

And I think she felt guilty. So now she's there, like I said, bringing cookies and stuff and they are all good and laughing and everything like that. And he did say something over the fence to us that we got back up now in court and I was -- just looked at him and

1 walked in the house and that was the end of So I don't know how -- it's every day. 2 3 It's every day. MR. O'MALLEY: Terrible situation. 4 5 MR. CRUSER: I know it's not your problems but that's the thing --6 7 MS. BRIER: Can we have another 8 conversation with him, do you think, like if 9 the Chief went up again? 10 MAYOR CONWAY: Did they give a 11 timetable at the magistrate? 12 ATTY. PERRY: I'll don't know what 13 the appeal -- I have to see the paperwork. 14 MR. CRUSER: From what I know, there was fines to Miss Pisano and Mr. Nunez. 15 16 And then it said suspended Lackawanna County 17 Prison, 30 days with no incidents. So I'm 18 assuming it meant if there is any more 19 incidents you are going to jail for 30 days. ATTY. PERRY: Well, you've had 20 21 incident since then? 22 MR. CRUSER: There's got to be 50 23 more that are on file. And that doesn't even 24 include all the incidents that I have that my 25 wife has a flash drive that she has to turn in.

1	ATTY. PERRY: I mean after the
2	magistrate ruled, you had another incident,
3	right?
4	MR. CRUSER: At least 50.
5	ATTY. PERRY: Okay, well, then
6	it's you got to go back to the magistrate
7	again. He's been cited by Captain Barth so
8	MR. CRUSER: Well, that's the thing.
9	I get it. This is the other thing I'm getting
10	at is what I'm really here for is I was told
11	that there is no noise ordinance in Dunmore at
12	all.
13	ATTY. PERRY: That's not true.
14	There is.
15	MR. CRUSER: That's what the officer
16	stated.
17	MS. BRIER: Who said that to you?
18	Who said that to you? Do you know which one?
19	MR. CRUSER: It's on the paperwork.
20	MS. BRIER: So we need to talk to
21	that particular officer. We'll talk to Sal.
22	Sal's not here tonight. But we can talk to
23	Sal.
24	MR. DEMPSEY: Maybe he cited him.
25	MR. CRUSER: He didn't cite him on
25	MR. CRUSER: He didn't cite him on

the other one. 1 2 MR. DEMPSEY: These two he did 3 though, right? 4 MR. CRUSER: No. The one he didn't. 5 He said he couldn't. I think Officer Barth was going to talk to that other officer and tell 6 him he wanted him cited. 7 8 MR. DEMPSEY: Got you. 9 MR. CRUSER: They are copies from the magistrate's office. They were turned back 10 11 in. 12 MS. BRIER: This is the middle of 13 the night. 14 MR. CRUSER: Yep. There is a state 15 law, correct? There is a state law in PA that 16 it's privacy, like, your house, my house that 17 you don't have to listen to another person's stuff. 18 19 ATTY. PERRY: You could sue him 20 There is a noise ordinance so -civilly. 21 MR. CRUSER: I get it. ATTY. PERRY: It sounds like it's in 22 23 the works with magistrate --24 MR. DEMPSEY: You're doing 25 everything right.

ATTY. PERRY: -- to have him fined and maybe incarcerated because of it. I think you're right on the doorstep of him being punished the way he should be. But I don't know. I'd have to see the paperwork to see what's going on.

MS. BRIER: Can you call him? Is it Ware?

MR. CRUSER: Yes. Yeah, as far as I know there was an appeal on one of them.

There's two charges. There's is actually three; one for her, two for him. So and they threw -- the magistrate threw our civil complaint out because of what the officers charged him with and that's what he went with.

He dismissed the two civils because Miss O'Malley filed one against us and we filed one against the neighbor. He threw them two out and then he went with Officer Jordan's statement and Officer Burgett's.

That's why I'm here. I was told to come to the meeting and find out about an ordinance. That's all I was told to do.

That's why I'm here. I mean, I get it. It's not your guys' problem with the harassment and

this and that. It's just --

MS. BRIER: Do they have that ordinance?

MR. WOLFF: There is an ordinance, yeah. What we'll have to do is -- Mickey and I were just talking. We'll have to speak with the police department and the Chief and go over that to answer your question.

MR. CRUSER: I get it. I get it.

It is what it is. I just -- I can't live like this every single day of my life. I can't open my back door. I can't open my windows in my house. I have to sleep with an air conditioner on every single night, every single night. I can't.

You can hear it. And when it's really quiet at night after 11:00, it just echos between the houses and just comes right in my house. So that's what I'm getting at. I mean, it's just nonstop. Thank you.

MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Thanks, Jerr. Anybody else like to address Council this evening?
Seeing none.

MR. WOLFF: Public officials.

1 MR. AMICO: Greg, anything? MR. WOLFF: I don't have anything. 2 3 MR. AMICO: Mick? 4 ATTY. PERRY: I do. I have some sad 5 I was just texted that Pillsbury Doughboy just died. He was 71. Apparently he 6 7 contracted a very bad yeast infection. 8 MR. AMICO: You've been waiting all 9 day for that. 10 MS. BRIER: Do you want that on the 11 record, Mick? 12 MS. OVEN: Maybe keep that off the 13 record. 14 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing more than that. 15 16 MR. AMICO: Do you want to top that? 17 MAYOR CONWAY: I might be able to 18 top that actually. We had a little boy who lit 19 the Christmas tree at our Christmas event back 20 in December obviously, Dave Rivera. He's 21 starting kindergarten the next week. 22 Last year he was diagnosed with 23 brain cancer. He had two brain surgeries, tons 24 of chemo therapy. And last week he was cancer 25 That's really great for him. free.

starting kindergarten I'm hoping maybe next
month we could do -- make like a David Rivera
Day or something. That was really -- there's a
lot of bad news out there. That was something
that I thought was awesome. That's all.

MR. AMICO: Beth.

MS. ZANGARDI: Just a couple of really quick things. I have neighbor who wanted me to suggest to the -- actually the parade, Dunmore Music Festival and anything else if we could start getting South Korean music into our music festival.

He loves South Korean Indie band signed to DooRoooDooRoo Artist Company. And it's a Korean band. And I don't really know how to speak the language, but I am going to talk to Tom Hallinan about that and anybody else on the St. Patrick's Day Committee. He would appreciate that. He's a great kid.

So I wanted to ask -- bring that up.

National Night Out, awesome success. Music

Festival was another good one. And this is all

last week in Dunmore if anybody could get to go

down and see the girls' basketball mural, that

was awesome. Greg, are we paving curb to curb?

actually -- it's only a one block street in Dunmore. The other half is in Scranton. Scranton paved their side, if we can get the Dunmore side. But it's pretty small, if we could get hopefully our DPW workers to do that.

Also, 218 Reilly Street has a huge crater right in front of their house, not on the sidewalk. It's on the street side obviously. But it's a pretty big significant hole. Actually I'll send you the pictures. And that's 218 Reilly Street.

I'll send you the pictures. If we can get that on the list to be repaired for the homeowners, I would appreciate it. And that's all I have. Thank you. Thank you everybody for coming. Jerry, I'll talk to you after the meeting, if you don't mind. Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Mr. O'Malley.

MR. O'MALLEY: Mr. Cruser, my heart goes out to you. I just couldn't imagine having to live with that. And the same thing with Mrs. Guzy and Dr. Puhalla with the Allen Street situation. It seems as though again, hopefully it's moving in right direction to get it taken care of tonight. And I pray that it

does.

I want to thank Mr. Kearney and the staff of our Summer Recreation Program. Μv kids were here just about every day and they came home happy and exhausted, so job well done to all involved.

And I'd also like to commend our fire and police departments, especially Officer Tom Richardson for conducting and planning and outstanding National Night Out last week. was a great community event. So I wanted to thank everyone who was in charge of organizing And that's all I have. it.

Thank you. Mr. Dempsey. MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I'll repeat exactly what Trip said actually. Chris, great job on the Summer Program, always happy when

happy too or at least my kid.

MR. AMICO:

Yeah, and Chief Marchese and Tommy Richardson, they did a phenomenal job on National Night Out. It seems like every time they have it I'm on vacation. But from the pictures I saw and everything I got, they did a great job.

there is no broken bones. My kids came home

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Chief DeNaples also, thanks for your work on that too and having your guys down there. You guys do a great job. Also, Chief, will you -- we had an issue yesterday at the Junior Bucks game, can you talk to me afterwards with regards to that?

CHIEF DENAPLES: Sure. No problem.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. AMICO: Mrs. Oven.

MS. OVEN: I just want to thank everyone for coming. And I hope you guys realize we're trying to work as hard as we can to get these issues resolved. So I'm sorry for what you are going through and hopefully we can get some resolution.

MS. BRIER: Yeah, I'd like to just mention Melanie Naro, she and her sister did a beautiful job on the murals, the Lady Bucks.

There is really about 17 murals around town that they've completed. And that event was lovely. She organized it pretty much.

She's a remarkable woman and the kids had a blast. And we also had fun at National Night Out, thanks to Chief DeNaples

and Officer Richardson and Captain Barth was there directing things, the Mayor, the Mayor's baby with a Bucks t-shirt on, so cute.

So it's a great community event and then the kids had a ball down here. I mean, the organization was spot on. I'd like to talk about another little guy in the community. His name is Sonny Crotti. He's going to be a sophomore at Dunmore.

And he has the same situation. He's had a malignant brain tumor that they, you know, did operate on. And I guess there are other smaller tumors apparently. So if we're going to do something, I would love to include that little guy too. He's been in the Dunmore school system since kindergarten. He's a really great kid, really great kid. That's all I have.

MR. AMICO: Thank you. I know I say kind of the same thing every month. Sometimes I think I have the easiest job being able to speak last because I don't need to chime in any more about the Community Center. Chris, again, fantastic job this year.

It makes our life easier when no one

is coming in complaining. So if your life is easier, our life is easier, so thank you.

Again, same thing with Officer Richardson and Chief DeNaples, and both of your departments.

I was here last week with my daughter, and it was great event. I wish I did know about the foam machine. Next year I'll come dressed to take part in that. And the kids that took part with the foam machine, you know, if don't know what I'm talking about, it's just a machine that spits out soapsuds. It looked pretty cool. I think I should check it out. It looked like fun.

And, you know, Mr. Cruser and you folks again, we're doing our best to try to make the situation right. And again, it's slow. And it's easy for us up here to say be patient.

MS. GUZY: Because you don't live there.

MR. AMICO: Because we don't live there. And I know exactly what you're talking about, Jerry. We talked a lot and I get it. It's super easy for all of us say be patient and let the process work its way out. But

please be patient.

The only thing again I said this not last month, the month previous. I know you very well. Just please don't be the person that loses his or her cool and does the wrong thing because no matter what, you're always wrong. So please don't do that. But again, we are doing our best.

And hopefully I know I said this to you last month when I was at your house. Don't take this the wrong way. I hope to not see you next month because hopefully the problem --

MS. GUZY: I don't know if I have time to come to these meetings.

MR. AMICO: I mean, I hope the process fixes itself and it makes it better so that you don't --

MS. GUZY: But I'm not going way.

MR. AMICO: I don't want you to go away. I'm hoping that the problem goes away, not you. Same thing with you, Jerry, I hope your issue gets resolved the right way. And on that note, I have no bad jokes and really no good news to chime in, so I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

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1	MR. DEMPSEY: So moved.	
2	MR. O'MALLEY: Second.	
3	MR. AMICO: All those in favor.	
4	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.	
5	MR. AMICO: Opposed?	
6	(No response.)	
7	MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. Thank	
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