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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, December 11th, 2023

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

VINCE AMICO - President

JANET BRIER - Vice President

MICHAEL DEMPSEY

THOMAS HALLINAN

ELIZABETH ZANGARDI

WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III

KATHERINE OVEN.

GREG WOLFF, Borough Manager

MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. WOLFF: Roll call, Mayor

4 Conway.

5 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

6 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

8 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

9 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

10 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

12 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Amico.

13 MR. AMICO: Here.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

15 MS. BRIER: Here.

16 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

17 MS. OVEN: Here.

18 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

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

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

24 MR. ROGATO: About the unpaid bills?

25 MR. AMICO: Sure.

1 MR. ROGATO: Last time I was here I  
2 took a copy of the different bills and stuff.  
3 There seems to be a little pattern. I'm  
4 looking at places like in town Andy's Auto  
5 Service, \$600. Brian's Auto Service, \$140.  
6 And then you have Maus's Garage LLC, \$7,500.

7 MR. WOLFF: Maus.

8 MR. ROGATO: Where's that at?

9 MR. WOLFF: He's down off of Green  
10 Ridge Street. He handles our police cars.

11 MR. ROGATO: Seven thousand dollars  
12 versus \$500 and \$140, Brian's and the garages  
13 in town that are inspection garages can't  
14 handle our police cars? There's a big  
15 difference between --

16 MR. WOLFF: That's where we send  
17 them, yeah, because they are also Ford  
18 authorized. I don't know if I'm using the  
19 right term. But he's affiliated with Wayne  
20 County Ford. So he could handle a lot of that  
21 work because they're all Fords.

22 MR. ROGATO: Oh, he's my neighbor.

23 MR. WOLFF: Some of them have  
24 warranties.

25 MS. BRIER: They are under warranty,

1 right, Chief?

2 MR. ROGATO: They're all under  
3 warranty?

4 CHIEF MARCHESE: (Inaudible).

5 MR. AMICO: Folks, again, we have a  
6 stenographer here so we have to --

7 MR. ROGATO: Okay. There's one  
8 other one on the bills. Once again it was Kost  
9 Auto Service is our bailiwick which is \$830.  
10 And then we have McCarthy Tire which is 2,500,  
11 which is a \$2,000 difference. Shouldn't we be  
12 giving this money to the businesses that  
13 actually have -- in the borough that are paying  
14 taxes?

15 MR. HALLINAN: Well, McCarthy, if  
16 you don't mind me interrupting, is in the  
17 Industrial park. So it is Dunmore. And these  
18 are garbage truck tires usually. They're very  
19 expensive.

20 MR. ROGATO: Okay. I just think it  
21 should be round robin to put it out to all of  
22 the garages so they get an equal share of the  
23 money. Okay, thank you.

24 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Anyone else  
25 from the public like to comment on agenda

1 items? Seeing none.

2 MR. WOLFF: Number four motion to  
3 approve the minutes.

4 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
5 to prove the minutes.

6 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that  
7 motion.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second.

9 MR. AMICO: Motion and a second. On  
10 the question? Seeing none, all those in favor.

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

15 MR. WOLFF: Number five, motion to  
16 approve and pay the open bills.

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

19 MS. BRIER: I'll make that motion.

20 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

21 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
22 second. Anyone on the question? Seeing none,  
23 all those in favor.

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

3 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to  
4 adopt final 2024 budget as published.

5 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
6 to adopt final 2024 budget as published.

7 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
8 motion.

9 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
10 second. Anyone on the question? Seeing none,  
11 all those in favor.

12 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

16 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to  
17 adopt Resolution No. 9, 2023 for the 2024 tax  
18 ordinance, general obligation 30 mills; debt  
19 service, 19 mills; pension services, a half a  
20 mill; public streetlight, one mill; fire  
21 equipment training, two mills; firefighter  
22 services, one mill; rescue services a half a  
23 mill for a total of 54 mills.

24 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
25 to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2023 for the 2024

1 tax ordinance.

2 MS. BRIER: I'll make that motion.

3 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I  
4 have a second?

5 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

6 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
7 second. And on the question, this is all on  
8 our website if anybody wants to see it. And we  
9 discussed it at our last public meeting last  
10 month. And it's also available for the public  
11 to see at the Borough Building. That being  
12 said all those in favor.

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

17 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to  
18 authorize borrowing in an amount of up to one  
19 million dollars at the best available market  
20 rate for the 2024 Tax Anticipation Note.  
21 Approval will authorize President of Council,  
22 the Financial Chair and Solicitor to take all  
23 actions necessary to bring the matter to  
24 fruition.

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

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

3 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I  
4 have a second?

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

6 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
7 second. On the question?

8 MS. BRIER: I just wanted to talk  
9 about it a little bit. The Tax Anticipation  
10 Note is something that we take out every year.  
11 We may or may not use it. It needs to be paid  
12 back within the same year. So if we take it  
13 out in early 2024, we'll have to pay it back by  
14 December, 2024.

15 And Mark has a really good handle on  
16 that in terms of paying it back, which we have  
17 done in the past. Typically it's because our  
18 taxes are a little bit delayed and we typically  
19 need it for payroll. But we pay it back as the  
20 taxes come in. Does anybody have any questions  
21 on that?

22 MR. AMICO: Anyone else on the  
23 question? Seeing none, all those in favor.

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. AMICO: Opposed?



1 (No response.)

2 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

3 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to  
4 waive the garbage fee for 2024.

5 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
6 to waive the garbage fee for 2024.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that  
8 motion.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

10 MR. AMICO: Motion and a second. On  
11 the question? Just as a reminder, we haven't  
12 increased our -- or had a garbage fee since the  
13 year 2015. So once again, this year we're  
14 waiving the garbage fee. With that being said,  
15 all those in favor.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

20 MR. WOLFF: Number 10, motion to  
21 adopt Resolution No. 10 of 2023 to pursue grant  
22 funding from the Appalachian Regional  
23 Commission local Access Road grant application  
24 for Keystone Industrial Park road improvements  
25 in the amount of \$1,604,325.

1 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
2 to adopt Resolution No. 10 of 2023 to pursue  
3 grant funding from the Appalachian Regional  
4 Commission local access road grant.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that  
6 motion.

7 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I  
8 have a second?

9 MS. BRIER: I'll second.

10 MR. AMICO: On the question, I'll  
11 speak to this. We're seeking grant money in  
12 the excess of 1.7 million dollars -- 1.6  
13 million dollars, excuse me, to improve the  
14 Keystone Industrial Park Road. It should be  
15 enough to get the road squared away from the  
16 State Police Barracks to the Dunmore-Throop  
17 border.

18 We've already received LSA money  
19 \$200,000 for that road and this would be in  
20 addition. So Janet and I have been working on  
21 this -- mostly Janet's been working on this for  
22 the last six months and it's a lot. And again,  
23 if we -- if all goes well and we get this  
24 grant, then one of the most highly travelled  
25 roads in the area will be paved and, you know,

1           it's a great access road not only for getting  
2           in and out of town but for the Industrial Park  
3           getting up to the Moosic Lake area. It's an  
4           important road for us to get squared away.

5                       MS. BRIER: We were hoping too, you  
6           know, the appearance of it right now is very,  
7           very bad especially along the edges. It's all  
8           broken up. We see people walking particularly  
9           from the Maid-Rite factory, and it's hazardous  
10          situation. It's dark. There's no lines on the  
11          road in places.

12                       We want to put in a bike and walking  
13          path along with this proposal and some bus  
14          kiosks because folks up there sometimes walk to  
15          work, sometimes they want to walk on their  
16          lunch hours. And again, we're hoping that if  
17          it's more attractive looking it will attract  
18          businesses.

19                       Right now it's not a very attractive  
20          place to consider putting your business. So  
21          that's why we're doing it. We went out to the  
22          state for a million dollars like a year and a  
23          half ago. We got 200 grand. But that's good  
24          because they need -- we can use that as a  
25          match.

1                   They would like us to have some skin  
2                   in the game. And we could use that \$200,000  
3                   for that. So we're hoping to get this  
4                   completed and possibly start working late 2024.

5                   MR. HALLINAN: I'd like to add if I  
6                   may, this road -- we've been trying for years  
7                   trying to improve this road. There's drainage  
8                   problems, the shoulders are shot, you know,  
9                   pedestrian traffic, foot traffic now with  
10                  everybody trying to work up there which is good  
11                  for the Borough and all.

12                 But we've been trying and trying and  
13                 trying and so I just want to thank Vince and  
14                 Janet for going this grant route because I  
15                 don't think the Borough would ever be able to  
16                 afford it on our own. And it's just good for  
17                 everybody involved. It's good for, you know,  
18                 the Industrial Park businesses.

19                 It's good for the people  
20                 transversing that road. It will be a win for  
21                 the Borough and I just hope everything works  
22                 out and we're able to get that. And I want  
23                 thank Janet and Vince for working on the grant.  
24                 Like I said, we've been trying to do this as  
25                 long as I've been on Council just about bugging

1 the reps and they just kept trying to tell us  
2 get money and hopefully this will work out and  
3 it will be done. So thank you.

4 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Anyone else  
5 on the question? Seeing none, all those in  
6 favor.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

11 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, motion to  
12 adopt Resolution No. 11 of 2023 to pursue grant  
13 funding from Statewide Local Share Assessment,  
14 LSA, Commonwealth Financing Authority for  
15 pickleball courts in the amount of \$170,366.

16 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
17 to adopt Resolution No. 11 of 2023 to pursue  
18 grant funding from Statewide Local Share  
19 Assessment, Commonwealth Financing Authority  
20 for pickleball courts in the amount of  
21 \$170,366.

22 MS. OVEN: I'll make that motion.

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

25 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

1 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
2 second. Anyone on the question?

3 MS. OVEN: I just want to mention so  
4 we're looking to get grant money for the  
5 pickleball courts to build them in the back of  
6 Monroe. We had a lot of interest in  
7 pickleball. There's a lot of young people,  
8 seniors are playing it.

9 We started having some open play in  
10 the mornings for seniors and getting a lot more  
11 interest. So hopefully this way we could have  
12 tournaments. We could give lessons. We can  
13 run camps. It will allow when we do the DCC  
14 camps for the kids, it will be something for  
15 the kids to do. So another option to get  
16 people out moving.

17 MR. AMICO: Anyone else on the  
18 question?

19 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, I'd like to see  
20 if they could put ice skating there in the  
21 winter when it's not being used as pickleball  
22 courts, something they could look at when  
23 they're doing their study. I appreciate that.  
24 It's another one I've been working on for  
25 years. I figured throw it in there.

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

3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

7 MR. WOLFF: Number 12, motion to  
8 approve the 2024 Schautz Memorial Stadium fee  
9 structure.

10 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
11 to approve the 2024 Schautz Memorial Stadium  
12 fee structure.

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

14 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I  
15 have a second?

16 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

17 MR. AMICO: Motion and second.

18 Anyone on the question?

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, on the question,  
20 I don't think we've updated it in a couple  
21 years. But it's just a fee structure of what  
22 we charge to use the field and it's what we  
23 charge outside agencies.

24 Obviously anybody from Dunmore is  
25 allowed to use it for free whenever they want.

1 I don't think we have a copy available tonight.  
2 But if anybody is interested in looking at it,  
3 it will be on our web page and copy available  
4 at the Borough Building.

5 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Anyone else  
6 on the question? Seeing none, all those in  
7 favor.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

12 MR. WOLFF: Number 13, personnel  
13 matter, motion to promote within the Fire  
14 Department firefighter Kyle Stanton to the rank  
15 of lieutenant.

16 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
17 to promote firefighter Kyle Stanton to the rank  
18 of lieutenant.

19 MS. BRIER: I'll make that motion.

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

22 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

23 MR. AMICO: I have a second. On the  
24 question, I'll speak briefly about this.  
25 Kyle's has been a member of the fire department



1           for over nine years now. He started off as a  
2           part-timer. He's been full time for a number  
3           of years. We offered a promotional test a few  
4           months ago.

5                        He was the top scorer and now he's  
6           been promoted to lieutenant. And he's moving  
7           up the ranks. And Kyle's a very good  
8           firefighter. He's a good guy to deal with and  
9           very well deserving. And I'm very proud to be  
10          able to be of the group that is promoting Kyle.  
11          He did this through the Civil Service process.  
12          So everything is, you know, squared away.

13                       With that being said -- I don't  
14          think Kyle is here. But I would like to  
15          congratulate him. Anyone else on the question?

16                       MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I'm pretty sure  
17          I was here -- he was one of our first hires in  
18          2014. He does an outstanding job. So I just  
19          wanted to congratulate Kyle. And, Chief, I  
20          know he's not here but if you could pass that  
21          along I would appreciate it.

22                       CHIEF DENAPLES: Sure.

23                       MR. AMICO: Thank you. Anyone else?  
24          Seeing none, 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 14, personnel  
5 matter, motion to appoint William McDonough to  
6 full-time status on DPW.

7 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
8 to appoint Mr. McDonough to full-time status on  
9 DPW.

10 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
11 motion.

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

13 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
14 second. On the question? Mr. Wolff, can you  
15 speak to that, please, if you don't mind?

16 MR. WOLFF: Yes, Mr. McDonough was  
17 put on as a temporary worker. We had some  
18 openings due to retirement. He was put on I  
19 believe in September.

20 And from Mr. Judge and other members  
21 of DPW, he's been doing a great job for us,  
22 showing up, doing good work. So I recommend to  
23 move him to full-time status. And like I said,  
24 we do have the opening and we need the spot.

25 MR. AMICO: Thank you. Anyone else

1 on the question? All those in favor.

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

6 MR. WOLFF: Number 15, personnel  
7 matters, motion to appoint Brian Williams as a  
8 part-time police officer.

9 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion  
10 to appoint Brian William as a part-time police  
11 officer.

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

13 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I  
14 have a second?

15 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

16 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a  
17 second. On the question, this gentleman came  
18 highly recommended from Chief Marchese. I  
19 spoke to Chief last week about it and again  
20 tonight. He said the gentleman will be a  
21 fantastic addition to our department.

22 And as always, we say this whenever  
23 we hire part-timers whether it be in the Fire  
24 Department or the Police Department, we could  
25 always use, you know, more people. We have a

1           limited number of full-timers. Adding  
2           part-timers to our ranks helps out  
3           tremendously, especially this time of year --  
4           this time of year and the summer.

5                        So this is another fantastic  
6           addition to our department. Again, I would  
7           like to congratulate Mr. Williams and look  
8           forward to working with him. Anyone else on  
9           the question? Seeing none, all those in favor.

10                       ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11                       MR. AMICO: Opposed?

12                       (No response.)

13                       MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

14                       MR. WOLFF: Number 16, Treasurer  
15           Financial Report. Mark.

16                       MR. AMICO: Mr. Burton.

17                       MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.  
18           I have a brief analysis for financial position  
19           for the month of November. We had a net loss  
20           for the month of \$266,000. I'll give you the  
21           reason why when I get to the expenses, which  
22           brings year to date we're a net loss for the  
23           year of \$29,000.

24                       Revenue side, real estate tax  
25           collections remain stagnant in the winter

1 months. Our business license and permits we  
2 received \$55,000 for the Comcast Cable  
3 franchise fee for third quarter of 2023.

4 \$105,000 from the Dunmore School  
5 District for the 23-24 SRO reimbursement. And  
6 we received \$38,000 in prescription rebates for  
7 the second and third quarter. As far as the  
8 expense and the big reason for the loss for the  
9 month, highway construction and rebuild we had  
10 a \$288,000 paving project which is completed;  
11 \$20,000 financial administration for 2022 audit  
12 fee and solid waste at \$32,000 in repairs.  
13 That would be it.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

15 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mark.

16 MS. BRIER: Thank you. The paving  
17 came from money that we received from the  
18 Federal Government.

19 MR. BURTON: From the ARPA funds.

20 MS. BRIER: Thanks.

21 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney, I know he  
22 wasn't feeling too well. I don't see him  
23 tonight so he is not present. Mr. Judge.

24 MR. JUDGE: We're in December so  
25 mainly what we're doing is the roads and we're

1 still patching, not with the hot stuff. The  
2 roads are in pretty rough shape in a lot of  
3 places, try to get them cold patched there  
4 until the spring. That's all I have.

5 MS. BRIER: Didge, thanks for all  
6 the work that you did at the Dunmore Corners  
7 with putting the wreaths up and the --

8 MR. JUDGE: Thank you.

9 MR. AMICO: Thanks for everything  
10 over the weekend. It was fantastic.

11 MR. WOLFF: Chief Marchese.

12 CHIEF MARCHESE: For the month of  
13 November we responded to 739 calls for service.  
14 The number is down 207 calls from the previous  
15 month. I have of a breakdown of major calls  
16 for Council and the Mayor.

17 Arrests, we had five criminal  
18 arrests for the month, three non-traffic, 22  
19 traffic arrests, and six written warnings. We  
20 still have one officer out on long term out on  
21 Heart and Lung. Officer Richardson and  
22 Burgette took part in their monthly SWAT  
23 training. November 14th, November 7th and 8th  
24 Officer Richardson took part in monthly of  
25 MOPETC certification classes.

1                   During the month of November we  
2                   completed our tactical requirements for MOPETC.  
3                   All the officers are certified now for the  
4                   year. We conducted that at YMCA. Officer  
5                   Giacobbe completed his field training. He's  
6                   now cleared for active duty. He's actually  
7                   here right now. Congratulations.

8                   We also started our Christmas with  
9                   the Cops Program and we've been receiving a lot  
10                  of donations. I just want to thank the public.  
11                  Everything is coming in well so far. That's  
12                  it.

13                  MS. OVEN: If people want to donate  
14                  for the toys, do they just drop it off at  
15                  the --

16                  CHIEF MARCHESE: They could drop it  
17                  off at our police station. There's a box at  
18                  Ruddy's Real Estate in the corners, Kost Tire  
19                  has one and YMCA has one.

20                  MS. BRIER: Thanks for the police  
21                  presence for the tree lighting.

22                  MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

23                  CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,  
24                  Council, a brief report for the month of  
25                  December. The only significant expenditure we

1           have scheduled for December is a pump generator  
2           and chassis service on the rescue truck. It's  
3           approximately \$1,450 provided nothing is found  
4           on the truck outside of the norm.

5                       As far as overtime shifts being put  
6           out for December, there is 466 hours. We still  
7           have one full time firefighter out on Heart and  
8           Lung injury. There is 67 part time shifts put  
9           out for the month. As far as for call volume  
10          from December 1st until current at the close of  
11          business today, there's a total of 26 calls,  
12          one fire type call, nine emergency medical  
13          services slash rescue; hazardous material calls  
14          were four; service calls were two; good intent  
15          calls were two; false alarms, false type calls  
16          were seven; and special type incidents was one.

17                      As far as from the code enforcement  
18          end, there's been three code enforcement  
19          inspections done from the first. One of them  
20          was reinspection of the property today. It was  
21          successful and that is all I have for tonight  
22          if there is no questions.

23                      MS. BRIER: Thanks for bringing  
24          Santa over and the fire truck. The kids loved  
25          it.



1 CHIEF DENAPLES: I would just like  
2 to congratulate Lieutenant Stanton. I think he  
3 will be great in his new role as lieutenant.

4 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

5 MR. WOLFF: Number 18, public  
6 comment.

7 MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the  
8 public like to comment this evening? Okay.  
9 Nobody?

10 MR. ROGATO: Regarding the paving  
11 project that you're working on, you might want  
12 to get in touch with Lackawanna Heritage Trails  
13 if you are putting a bike path in and stuff  
14 like that, April Rogato, my ex-wife, she's the  
15 administrator down there. She might be able to  
16 help you with that grant.

17 MR. AMICO: Will do. Thank you.

18 MR. ROGATO: Regarding the water  
19 issues, I know they're not too big of issues;  
20 but -- oh, Mr. Wolff, thank you for fixing that  
21 stop sign by my house.

22 MR. WOLFF: You're welcome, sir.

23 MR. ROGATO: And I left you a  
24 message with four other ones up at Chestnut  
25 Street. Water issues, behind the Borough

1 Building where they put the new addition on  
2 where the wall comes across, there is still no  
3 handicap parking. You have to park in the  
4 back.

5 MR. WOLFF: I did address that with  
6 our office staff. I don't know if they spoke  
7 today. That was late last week we talked about  
8 it. We are going to get proper signage to say  
9 around back and -- around back where it says  
10 authorized -- I'm sorry, authorized access  
11 only.

12 We're going to make it so it's  
13 visible to handicap accessible. So that I know  
14 you bought that up a few months ago and we  
15 didn't get to it yet. But we will be ordering  
16 it this week. We're going to go with the  
17 police department. I don't know what kind of  
18 language they want on there for the signage,  
19 but we are addressing it.

20 MR. ROGATO: The other thing behind  
21 the Borough Building is when you talked about  
22 water was, there's a drainage pipe that comes  
23 out of the dirt in between the parking lot and  
24 the new fire -- back of the fire company. It's  
25 discharging water on the sidewalk which is

1 freezing.

2 So whoever is walking up that  
3 sidewalk has to walk across ice. And the same  
4 thing is happening on the intersection of Smith  
5 and Butler. Water is running down Butler  
6 Street. It's cutting around the corner. And  
7 it's going right down my sidewalk.

8 So I just want to let the police  
9 department know I'm going to put cones on both  
10 ends of my sidewalks because it's impossible to  
11 keep it clear. The water is just going down  
12 and it's freezing solid. So I'm going to clear  
13 a path out right out to the road so the mailman  
14 and whoever has access to that door.

15 I had some other issues, but we're  
16 going to put that on hold because I think the  
17 water issue is more important. I took several  
18 of these complaints because I have several of  
19 residents in my neighborhood that are coming  
20 directly to me with questions, especially the  
21 elderly ones.

22 And I'm going sit down with them and  
23 help them fill this out regarding the water  
24 hike and anyone else that needs any help  
25 filling it out, I would be more than happy to

1 help. Thank you very much.

2 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mr. Rogato.  
3 Would anyone else from the public like to  
4 comment to Council this evening? Seeing none.

5 MR. WOLFF: Number 19, public  
6 officials.

7 MR. AMICO: Mr. Wolff.

8 MR. WOLFF: I would just like to say  
9 this looks like it will probably be Vince's  
10 last regular scheduled meeting -- Council  
11 meeting. So as they say, thank you for your  
12 service. It's been great working with you  
13 though all of these years as a firefighter and  
14 in my position here. So thank you, Vince. You  
15 did great work for Dunmore.

16 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

17 ATTY. PERRY: I would just echo  
18 that, Vince, you've been a pleasure to work  
19 with and the Borough is losing a good guy on  
20 Council, I could tell you that.

21 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

22 MAYOR CONWAY: Same, Vince. You've  
23 been unbelievable. You've done so much good  
24 that I don't think everybody in the Borough  
25 completely understands how much good you've

1 done here. So you'll definitely be missed.

2 I do want to thank Chief Marchese.  
3 Your guys were awesome on Saturday at the tree  
4 lighting. I don't know how many people we had  
5 there, maybe 1,500 maybe 2,000. I don't know  
6 how many people it was. But I know we had 500  
7 registration tickets to give out to kids and we  
8 were sold out by 6:00.

9 So, Didge, same for you. Your DPW  
10 guys were awesome. Chief DeNaples, the Fire  
11 Department was great to work with. Everybody  
12 on Council who came, did the registration table  
13 Janet and Katherine, thank you very much.  
14 Mike, I know you donated. Trip, you were --  
15 everybody's been -- everybody was so great with  
16 the event.

17 It was great to see so many kids  
18 having that much fun up in the corners and it  
19 just being so lively, couldn't have done it  
20 without the businesses, everybody who  
21 contributed and volunteered. And on top of  
22 all that, I know the Dunmore Police Department  
23 had their Cram the Cruiser event up there. A  
24 bunch of people dropped off toys for that.

25 The VFW had their Toys for Tots

1 fundraiser, which I know did great. And  
2 personally, we did a fundraiser for my mother.  
3 It was called Molly's Mittens. And I had so  
4 many mittens that people donated. So all in  
5 all, just a great event, couldn't have asked  
6 for more. My wife did a great job with the  
7 weather. And that's really all I have. So  
8 thank you everybody.

9 MR. AMICO: Thank you, Mayor.  
10 Chief? Didge? Chief Marchese?

11 CHIEF MARCHESE: I'm good.

12 MR. AMICO: Miss Zangardi.

13 MS. ZANGARDI: I'm good. Thank you.  
14 Good luck to everybody. Happy holidays days  
15 and good luck, Vince. That's good. Thank you.

16 MR. AMICO: Mr. O'Malley.

17 MR. O'MALLEY: Good evening. I just  
18 want to say thank you to the Dunmore Business  
19 Association, Mayor Max Conway, Cara and Chris  
20 Lowe and all the volunteers for an outstanding  
21 Christmas in the Corners event this past  
22 Saturday.

23 It was an incredible community  
24 event. My kids had a blast and it was just  
25 bigger and better than last year. And I can't

1 wait to see the future of the event moving  
2 forward.

3 I'd also to like to publically  
4 thank Councilman Vince Amico for your hard work  
5 for our community. Most people don't know how  
6 much work you put in on their behalf over the  
7 years and you will be missed.

8 MR. AMICO: Thanks, Trip.

9 MR. O'MALLEY: That's all I have.  
10 Thank you.

11 MR. AMICO: Mr. Dempsey.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I'll echo the  
13 same thing that everybody said with regard to  
14 Christmas at the Corners, fantastic job by the  
15 Mayor and Dunmore Business Association. Also,  
16 I would like to congratulate Mike Lydon. Mike  
17 got the Lackawanna County Drug Task Force, 2023  
18 Narcotic's Officer of the Year.

19 That's Lackawanna County, so a bunch  
20 of different departments involved in that.  
21 Mike does great work. He works tirelessly to  
22 keep our streets safe. So I definitely want to  
23 thank him for his hard work.

24 And thank Mr. Amico here who's  
25 become one of my good friends over the last,

1           what 10 years, 9 years, something like that.  
2           Good for you. It's certainly a blessing in  
3           disguise I bet. We're definitely going to miss  
4           you and Dunmore is going to miss all the hard  
5           work you put in. So thank you, appreciate it.

6                       MR. AMICO: Thank you. Mr.  
7           Hallinan.

8                       MR. HALLINAN: I just want to echo  
9           everyone. I want to say Merry Christmas to  
10          everybody. And, Max, the corners and your  
11          committee, it was outstanding. A gentleman  
12          said to me it's probably the best thing he's  
13          seen in his lifetime up there for children. It  
14          was really something. It was great.

15                      Congratulations on the promotions  
16          that we -- the hiring and the promotion of  
17          Mr. Stanton, very nice. And this one is a  
18          tough one. I think me and Michael know Vince  
19          the most on this Council. And I just want to  
20          say a few words about Vince.

21                      He'll probably get mad at me but I  
22          didn't know Vince personally until he joined  
23          Dunmore Council. As I got to know Vince I  
24          learned that he's a hard worker, dedicated  
25          person and a person that is very passionate



1 about the things he believes in.

2 As passionate as he is, he's always  
3 open minded regarding every issue, not just one  
4 but everybody's. Vince took this position on  
5 Council very seriously and his loss is a tough  
6 loss for all of us. An outstanding negotiator  
7 and problem solver, Vince has always been an  
8 integral part of running our Borough.

9 He gave his heart and soul to the  
10 citizens of this town. And he just didn't  
11 talk. He made promises and he delivered, which  
12 is something to say about people that come and  
13 go out of this position. Vince's shoes are  
14 going to be very big shoes to fill.

15 I'm sorry to see you leaving  
16 Council, Vince. And I wish you all the best.  
17 And in 10 years I want to say I feel like we  
18 made a very good friendship and I'm going miss  
19 you dearly.

20 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

21 MR. HALLINAN: I'm sure I'll be  
22 calling you and bugging you because I talk too  
23 much here.

24 MR. AMICO: I'll sure you will.

25 MR. HALLINAN: I'll maybe make you

1 the ice skating consultant. Thank you.

2 MR. AMICO: Katherine.

3 MS. OVEN: Thanks for that. I just  
4 wanted to first thank Mayor Conway, Cara and  
5 Chris Lowe and the Dunmore Business Association  
6 for putting on an amazing event on Saturday.  
7 We really lucked out the with weather and the  
8 attendance was amazing and seeing all the  
9 little kids. It was a lot of fun.

10 Thank you to the Fire Department,  
11 the police Department, and DPW for all of their  
12 hard work organizing it and keeping everybody  
13 in line. We appreciated it. And I just want  
14 to congratulate Lieutenant Stanton for his  
15 promotion; Mr. Williams and Mr. McDonough for  
16 their hires. And --

17 MR. AMICO: Mrs. Brier.

18 MS. BRIER: Well, I feel the same  
19 way. I'm literally heartbroken to lose Vince  
20 on this Council. He's never ever missed a  
21 meeting in all the years he's here. He's  
22 completely and utterly dedicated to the people  
23 of Dunmore any time of the day or night or  
24 weekends, so easy to work with for us, very,  
25 very accepting, very open, wants to hear

1 everyone's opinion.

2 He's a remarkable man who will be a  
3 huge loss to the Borough. And I just wish him  
4 all the best. And there's no amount of  
5 appreciation for all he's done for us that, you  
6 know, I could express.

7 I just also want to say that  
8 Saturday night was so heartwarming for the  
9 people of Dunmore. I mean, it was just  
10 incredible the good feelings and just how much  
11 the Dunmore Business Association and Max and  
12 all the folks involved, you know, they had like  
13 10 foot robots walking around that were all lit  
14 up and the balloons and the tree was gorgeous  
15 and the fireworks.

16 And at the end, you know, Santa  
17 came up on top of the building. I thought a  
18 couple kids behind me were going to have a  
19 heart attack when they saw the Santa on the  
20 building. So, I mean, it was just an  
21 incredible community event for us.

22 And it just goes to show you what a  
23 great community we are. So as Vince leaves us,  
24 it's going to be a big huge, huge hole. And I  
25 appreciate everything you've done and

1 everything you taught me over the last four  
2 years. Thank you.

3 MR. AMICO: Thank you. I don't know  
4 where to start to be honest with you. This is  
5 usually as I say at every meeting a pretty easy  
6 thing for me to do because six people --  
7 actually nine people talk before me and I could  
8 just, you know, chime in.

9 But I will say a few comments about  
10 everything that everybody said. First of all,  
11 Mayor Conway and Cara Lowe and Chris Lowe and  
12 there are a huge group of people that helped on  
13 Saturday for Saturday's event. It was  
14 spectacular. I thought last year was something  
15 special. This year was incredible.

16 As Mr. O'Malley said, I could just  
17 imagine what next year will be. We had more  
18 people than I had anticipated. It was quite a  
19 spectacular event. So I'm super proud to have  
20 been part of that.

21 And again, you guys did an awesome  
22 job. As far as tonight for me, again, I don't  
23 know what to say. It's weird being, you know,  
24 I feel like I'm a dude lying in a casket  
25 listening to people talk about you. It's

1 completely strange to be in this position.

2 But I sincerely appreciate  
3 everything that everybody's said. It's been my  
4 honor and privilege to be a member of Council  
5 for eight years and to be President for the  
6 last two years. Like Mr. Hallinan said, I've  
7 been with Mike Dempsey and Mr. Hallinan for  
8 eight years, Beth and Janet for four years and  
9 Trip and Katherine for two years.

10 I have been working with Greg for a  
11 long time because when I got on Council I  
12 became Fire Department liaison my second year I  
13 think, Chief? And Chief and Greg helped me out  
14 with a ton over the years with that position.

15 And I've learned more than I care to  
16 know about the Fire Department. And I think  
17 I'm hoping that we're -- I believe --  
18 personally, I believe that we as the Borough  
19 are moving in the right direction. We're  
20 marking tremendous strides.

21 And I think we have a fantastic  
22 group here. And we're going to have a  
23 fantastic group next year. And I think the  
24 Borough is in a great position. So again, I'd  
25 like to thank everybody for dealing with me for

1 the last eight years.

2 I'm not always the easiest person to  
3 deal with. So I sincerely appreciate it. And  
4 again, it's been my honor and privilege to work  
5 with you guys. And I'm not dead so I'll be  
6 around. That being said I'll look for a motion  
7 to adjourn. Oh, and, Maria, thank you very  
8 much too. With that being said, I'll look for  
9 a motion to adjourn.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that  
11 motion.

12 MR. AMICO: Second?

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

14 MR. AMICO: All those in favor.

15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. And for  
19 everybody else, we're going to have the town  
20 hall meeting in five minutes.

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