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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

TIME:

6:30 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 - absent
- THOMAS HALLINAN
- ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
- WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III
- KATHERINE OVEN
- GREG WOLFF, Borough Manager
- MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

MICHELLE SMOLSKIS
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 MR. WOLFF: It's 6:30. Our special
2 meeting will begin. We'll do roll call for the
3 meeting. Mayor Conway.

4 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

5 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

7 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

8 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

9 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey's absent.
10 Mr. Amico.

11 MR. AMICO: Here.

12 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

13 MS. BRIER: Here.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

15 MS. OVEN: Here.

16 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

18 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, public
19 agenda items.

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

22 (No response.)

23 MR. AMICO: I'm seeing none.

24 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to
25 adopt Resolution 2023-12 an amendment to the

1 Scranton-Abington Planning Association (SAPA),
2 Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation
3 Agreement. Yep. I just want to make sure
4 that's the --

5 MR. AMICO: I look for a motion to
6 adopt resolution 2023-12, an amendment to the
7 Scranton-Abington Planning Association
8 Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation
9 Agreement.

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

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

14 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

15 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
16 second. Anyone on the question?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. AMICO: All those in favor?

19 MS. BRIER: You don't want to talk
20 about it?

21 MR. AMICO: The next one we'll talk
22 about.

23 MS. BRIER: Okay.

24 MR. AMICO: Anyone on the question?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. AMICO: 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 nine, motion to
7 adopt Scranton-Abingtons Planning Association
8 (SAPA) Ordinance of all nine participating SAPA
9 municipalities.

10 Just real quick, I'll read the
11 ordinance. This ordinance duly ordained and
12 enacted by the Council of the Borough of
13 Dunmore this 20th day of December 2023, in
14 accordance with the 2021 Scranton-Abingtons
15 Planning Association (SAPA) Agreement, the
16 effective implementation date of this ordinance
17 shall be upon the latest date of zoning
18 ordinance adoption as conducted by all nine
19 participating SAPA municipalities.

20 MR. AMICO: I'll look for a motion
21 to adopt the Scranton-Abingtons Planning
22 Association ordinance of all nine participating
23 SAPA municipalities.

24 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
25 motion.

1 MR. AMICO: I have a motion. Do I
2 have a second?

3 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll second it.

4 MR. AMICO: I have a motion and a
5 second. Greg, do you mind reading the nine
6 municipalities? Do you have them, the nine
7 municipalities?

8 MR. WOLFF: I actually, let me see
9 if I have that readily available to --

10 MR. AMICO: I don't want to miss
11 any.

12 MR. WOLFF: Clarks Green, Clarks
13 Summit, Dalton, us, the City of Scranton,
14 Townships of Glenburn, Newton, South Abington,
15 Waverly and West Abington.

16 MR. AMICO: Thank you. So, on the
17 question, I'll just go over this relatively
18 quickly. This has been something that's been
19 in the works since before I've been on Council,
20 at least the last eight or nine years, and
21 essentially it's a way for the municipalities,
22 basically the municipalities in the Clarks
23 Summit area, Dunmore and the City of Scranton
24 to share land uses.

25 Right now everybody is on their own,

1 so whatever land use is out there, every
2 municipality, the City and the Borough have to
3 take care of on their own. You know, with SAPA
4 we get to share our land uses. So, everybody
5 gets something.

6 And, again, it's something that we
7 as Council have spent a ton of time going over
8 and went through it, and I'm not going to lie,
9 it's not a perfect piece of paper, but it's
10 very, very good and it's amendable. So, it's
11 things that we can fix as, you know, as things
12 change.

13 And, again, it's something that
14 everybody on this Council has worked very hard
15 on for the last, you know, at least four years
16 this group and eight years since I've been
17 around, and I'm proud to have been part of it.
18 And I think I could speak for the other six
19 members of Council saying it's something that
20 we think is great for our borough and great for
21 the area as a whole.

22 With that being said, I look for --
23 we already did the motion. All those in favor?

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. AMICO: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it. I should
3 have said anybody else on the question. I'm
4 sorry. Does anybody else have any comments?
5 I'm so sorry.

6 MS. BRIER: I think it's a great
7 thing to share and be able to negotiate with
8 all the little municipalities. I think we need
9 more of that in terms of, you know, say our
10 sewage issues, those types of things that we're
11 going to be doing with Scranton.

12 I think we're all in the same boat
13 here in Lackawanna County and it would be great
14 if we did more of this type of collaborative
15 endeavors.

16 MR. AMICO: Anybody else?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. AMICO: And, again, I'm so sorry
19 that I jumped to vote. I apologize for that.
20 It's my error. I'm just excited.

21 MR. WOLFF: All good?

22 MR. AMICO: That's it, yes.

23 MR. WOLFF: Number ten, public
24 comment.

25 MR. AMICO: Would anyone from the

1 public like to comment this evening?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. AMICO: Seeing none.

4 MR. WOLFF: Public officials.

5 MR. AMICO: Greg.

6 MR. WOLFF: Merry Christmas.

7 MR. AMICO: Mickey.

8 ATTY. PERRY: Merry Christmas.

9 MR. AMICO: Max.

10 MAYOR CONWAY: Merry Christmas.

11 MR. AMICO: Ms. Zangardi.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: Merry Christmas to
13 everybody. I'd like to acknowledge Reese Auto
14 (phonetic) who is doing a merit badge as a
15 scout at Troop 66 in Dunmore. Good luck. My
16 husband was an Eagle scout. It's a great
17 commitment. Good luck. Thank you for coming,
18 Reese. Merry Christmas everybody. Happy
19 Holidays.

20 MR. AMICO: Mr. O'Malley.

21 MR. O'MALLEY: Congratulations,
22 Reese. I'd like to wish everyone a Merry
23 Christmas and a Happy New Year.

24 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

25 Mr. Hallinan.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Good luck with that
2 Eagle badge, and Merry Christmas and Happy New
3 Year to everybody. That's all.

4 MR. AMICO: Ms. Oven.

5 MS. OVEN: Congratulations to Reese,
6 and Merry Christmas to everybody. Happy New
7 Year.

8 MS. BRIER: Yeah, Reese, thanks for
9 coming. Thanks for coming to the Council
10 meeting and, you know, everyone's always
11 welcome to come, and we love when the people in
12 the public come and participate in this civic
13 process that we all have a stake in. So,
14 thanks so much.

15 MR. AMICO: Again, Reese, thank you
16 for coming, and if you show up too much,
17 they're going to put you to work, so watch what
18 you ask for.

19 I'd like to wish everybody a Merry
20 Christmas, Happy Holidays. And that's it. I
21 hope we have a great holiday season. Thank
22 you. I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

23 MR. WOLFF: Yep. Motion to adjourn.

24 MR. O'MALLEY: Motion.

25 MR. AMICO: Second?

1 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

2 MR. AMICO: All those in favor?

3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. AMICO: Ayes have it.

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6 (Meeting adjourned.)

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