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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, February 12, 2024

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:

- JANET BRIER - President
- KATHERINE OVEN - Vice President
- MICHAEL DEMPSEY
- THOMAS HALLINAN - absent
- ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
- WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III
- PATRICK LOUGHNEY
- GREG WOLFF, Borough Manager
- MATTHEW PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

MICHELLE SMOLSKIS  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MS. BRIER: Mr. Wolff.

4 MR. WOLFF: Roll call. Mayor

5 Conway.

6 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

7 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney.

8 MR. LOUGHNEY: Here.

9 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

11 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

12 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

13 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

14 MS. BRIER: Here.

15 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

16 MS. OVEN: Here.

17 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. McDonald.

18 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

19 MR. WOLFF: Zangardi. Sorry.

20 Mr. Hallinan is absent tonight. Public comment  
21 on agenda items.

22 MS. BRIER: Would anyone in the  
23 public like to comment on agenda items only?  
24 On agenda items?

25 (No response.)

1 MS. BRIER: Okay. Seeing none.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. WOLFF: Okay. Number four,  
4 motion to approve the minutes.

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

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: Second.

7 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a  
8 second. Anyone on the question?

9 (No response.)

10 MS. BRIER: Seeing none. All those  
11 in favor?

12 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

17 MS. BRIER: Motion to approve and  
18 pay open bills.

19 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that  
20 motion.

21 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

22 MS. BRIER: Thank you. We have a  
23 motion and a second. Anyone on the question?

24 (No response.)

25 MS. BRIER: Seeing none. All those

1 in favor?

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to  
6 approve Proclamation for Melanie Naro Day,  
7 February 24, 2024, UNICAN of the year. Mayor  
8 Conway will read it.

9 MAYOR CONWAY: Whereas, the Scranton  
10 Chapter of UNICO National, the largest chapter  
11 and the largest Italian American service  
12 organization in the United States; and

13 Whereas, said Chapter annually  
14 recognizes a member who has performed  
15 outstanding service to UNICO, to the Chapter  
16 and to the community; and

17 Whereas, the Chapter will honor  
18 Melanie Naro as the UNICAN of the year; and

19 Whereas, Melanie Naro, a Dunmore  
20 native of The Hill is the daughter of the late  
21 Elizabeth Betty Dutko and Angelo Naro; and

22 Whereas, Melanie Naro is the current  
23 executive director of UNICO National and has  
24 served as District Governor, Chairman of the  
25 Board and Chairman of the UNICO National

1           Scholarship Committee; and

2                       Whereas, Melanie Naro attended the  
3           University of Pittsburgh becoming a die-hard  
4           Steelers fan while obtaining her law degree,  
5           and having served on Dunmore Borough Council  
6           and as the first female president; and

7                       Whereas, Melanie Naro served on the  
8           Board of Trustees at Lackawanna College Board  
9           of Trustees for twelve years during which time  
10          she held the offices of secretary, vice chair,  
11          chairperson of the development committee and  
12          co-chair of one of its capital campaigns and  
13          was honored with the Seeley Award for her  
14          service to the college; and

15                      Whereas, Melanie Naro assisted with  
16          establishing two non-profits, the Mosaic  
17          Project, the organization responsible for the  
18          Ross Cordaro documentary, Don't Quit, and for  
19          the numerous murals found throughout Dunmore  
20          Borough; and Tommy's Voice, which serves the  
21          disabled community and is named for her  
22          artistic nonverbal autistic nephew; and

23                      Whereas, Melanie Naro has chaired  
24          the Scranton Chapter of UNICO's annual soccer  
25          cup spearheading this event to allow hundreds

1 of male and female senior athletes throughout  
2 Northeastern Pennsylvania to participate and to  
3 be honored.

4 Be it further resolved that  
5 Saturday, February 24, 2024 be designated as  
6 Melanie Naro Day. I encourage all citizens of  
7 the Borough of Dunmore to give special honor  
8 and recognition for Melanie Naro as UNICAN of  
9 the year.

10 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion,  
11 please?

12 MR. LOUGHNEY: I'll make that  
13 motion.

14 MS. BRIER: Okay. A second?

15 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

16 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
17 and a second. Anyone on the question?

18 (No response.)

19 MS. BRIER: I would just like to  
20 congratulate Melanie because she's a true  
21 Dunmorean and has always, always, always been  
22 willing to pitch in and help whoever is in  
23 need.

24 And that Mosaic Project that's, you  
25 know, that's responsible for the pictures on

1 the wall of DePietro's and around the city as  
2 well as Scranton. I mean, she's a remarkable  
3 woman and she's done so much for all of us, so  
4 I just wanted to congratulate her. I think  
5 that is a well deserved recognition.

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: I'd also like to  
7 congratulate Melanie and her father, Angelo. I  
8 think you're here to receive that in her honor.

9 I know Melanie is having some tough  
10 times now, and if we could all keep her in our  
11 prayers, I'm sure she would greatly appreciate  
12 it. And I'm glad she became the UNICAN of the  
13 year.

14 MS. BRIER: Anyone else on the  
15 question?

16 (No response.)

17 MS. BRIER: All those in favor?

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MS. BRIER: Okay.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to  
24 adopt ordinance number one, feeding of feral  
25 and/or stray cats.

1 MS. BRIER: We have a motion on the  
2 floor to adopt ordinance number one, feeding of  
3 feral and/or stray cats?

4 MS. OVEN: I'll make the motion.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: And I'll second.

7 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a  
8 second. Anyone on the question?

9 MS. MILLAN: I have a -- I'm here  
10 about that.

11 MS. BRIER: We need you to go to the  
12 podium, please, and just say your name and  
13 address for the stenographer.

14 MS. MILLAN: My name is Ann Millan.  
15 I'm a retired humane officer and I was the  
16 chief of the SPCA humane officers.

17 MS. BRIER: Yeah. What's your  
18 address, ma'am?

19 MS. MILLAN: It's 808 Butler Street  
20 in Dunmore.

21 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

22 MS. MILLAN: Okay. Actually, I'm so  
23 proud of Dunmore for caring about these animals  
24 because it's a big problem. I've trapped for  
25 30 years, all at my own expense.



1                   However, I don't think stopping  
2                   feeding them is a good thing. It's gonna have  
3                   a big impact, a negative impact.

4                   Also, for the spay/neutering, there  
5                   are programs that you can get grants. There  
6                   are also avenues where you can -- I get a  
7                   network of people who volunteer to trap.

8                   There's trapping methods and there's  
9                   caution, and I think that people who are  
10                  trapping and taking them to be spayed and  
11                  neutered under the guise of the Borough, or  
12                  getting money from the Borough, should be  
13                  registered in some way.

14                  You're going to have people trapping  
15                  cats and using them for pit bull bait, and I  
16                  don't want to see that. And I don't want to  
17                  see people trapping cats because some little  
18                  old lady -- I shouldn't say that, I'm 70 -- is  
19                  paralyzed and terrorized that she's going to  
20                  get fined because she loves these cats.  
21                  Obviously, she can't trap them herself on  
22                  limited funds.

23                  And there, again, that's when I --  
24                  there's so many things that you can do to help  
25                  subsidize that expense. I'd be willing to

1 spend any time with anyone to discuss it at  
2 length.

3 MS. ZANGARDI: So, Ms. Millan,  
4 before you go, we did meet with quite a few  
5 people and we would like to -- Katherine and I  
6 really worked on this, what we would like to do  
7 is, please, we'll take your name and phone  
8 number, I'll definitely use your expertise. We  
9 both will. Wouldn't you agree?

10 MS. OVEN: Yeah.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: There's a lot we have  
12 to learn and we know we're in our infancy, but  
13 there's, you know, obviously, I'd love to rely  
14 on you and get your expertise, and we're  
15 willing to take the advise of --

16 MS. MILLAN: I was just in  
17 preparation trying to find lineup people to  
18 trap and neuter and do a fell swoop just in my  
19 neighborhood alone, because I haven't been able  
20 to do it and it makes such a wonderful impact.  
21 And these animals are victims.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: Agreed.

23 MS. MILLAN: Okay. They're victims  
24 and they didn't just appear. We need landlords  
25 to be responsible for their tenants' animals.

1 We need people to turn in the people who  
2 abandon their animals and you know.

3 I just got a text today, there's  
4 cats in a trailer where the owner died two  
5 weeks ago and no one has gotten those cats out  
6 of that trailer. So, we'll handle that  
7 tonight.

8 MS. BRIER: No, our concern is also  
9 for the animals very much so.

10 MS. OVEN: So, Beth and I have met  
11 with people from Nay Aug, we've been in touch  
12 with --

13 MS. MILLAN: Joanne.

14 MS. OVEN: Joanne Sherry, animal  
15 control for the City of Scranton. We consulted  
16 with Griffin Pond.

17 MS. MILLAN: Lisa.

18 MS. OVEN: Yeah. So --

19 MS. MILLAN: Lisa's on one of my  
20 board of directors. I'm on numerous board of  
21 directors of animal work.

22 MS. OVEN: Right. So, we really --  
23 this has been going on for about a year we've  
24 been trying to put an ordinance together.

25 MS. MILLAN: And I think it's

1           excellent. Jessup did this about four years  
2           ago and they were lucky enough to get these  
3           volunteers that said, Hey, just help me, I'll  
4           do the work. And I thought it was wonderful.  
5           And I think it's great that you're doing it,  
6           because they do, they just toss them out.

7                       MS. OVEN: Well, we also are working  
8           with the new zoning officer, Mike Brazil,  
9           because he's finding a lot of these hoarding  
10          situations, and, you know, dilapidated  
11          buildings, absentee landlords, where there are  
12          either feral cats being fed or hoarding  
13          situations with the cats.

14                      MS. ZANGARDI: Left and abandoned.

15                      MS. OVEN: Or any animal, or dogs.  
16          So, all of your concerns that you're saying,  
17          we're not fining people who are feeding cats.  
18          This ordinance states that we fine if you're  
19          not going to participate in the T&R, because  
20          that's the only way that we can fix this.

21                      MS. MILLAN: You'll find a lot of  
22          elderly and they get panicky. We want to --

23                      MS. OVEN: And I understand that.  
24          So, what we're trying to do, and, again, there  
25          was really no ordinance out there, so we're

1 kind of learning as we go along by consulting  
2 with people who know what to do.

3 So, for the people that are elderly,  
4 the language in the ordinance says we can come  
5 on the property and trap. So, if there's a  
6 situation where someone is feeding, is unable  
7 to get the cat trapped, because it's a process,  
8 you know, you have to trap them and hold them,  
9 we would be there to help them. We've met with  
10 several people in the Borough that are willing  
11 to help us.

12 So, we're not looking to have people  
13 trap them and use them as bait. We want to do  
14 this in a humane way. We also understand that  
15 it's an issue and it's been ignored, so we're  
16 trying to rectify the situation, but it's not  
17 going to be something that's fixed overnight.

18 MS. MILLAN: I was in Riccardo's, a  
19 man stopped me, he said, Look, my mother's  
20 feeding cats, there has to be 20 there and  
21 they're all pregnant. Well, what do you want  
22 me to do? You're in Riccardo's, you have a  
23 strong back, I'll give you the trap every  
24 Tuesday.

25 MS. OVEN: Well, the other problem

1 is there's not a lot of locations you can get  
2 them spayed and neutered, so it's a slow  
3 process.

4 MS. ZANGARDI: Right.

5 MS. MILLAN: Yeah.

6 MS. OVEN: Yeah. And I've talked to  
7 the local vets and they don't have the funding  
8 to do it, so we have to rely on some of the  
9 other locations.

10 MS. MILLAN: I was a surgical nurse,  
11 it takes 15 minutes and they can do a lot, and  
12 they should be ashamed. And as I said, I paid  
13 for myself and at one point one vet charged me  
14 \$900 for one cat, and the going rate now is  
15 four to \$500 for a spay.

16 MS. OVEN: Right. But if you take  
17 them over to Nay Aug --

18 MS. BRIER: You know what,  
19 Ms. Millan, I'm sorry, we're over the five  
20 minutes.

21 MS. OVEN: Yeah. So, we could talk  
22 after the meeting.

23 MS. MILLAN: We could keep that  
24 going 24 hours a day.

25 MS. BRIER: Yeah. We're sure.

1 Thank you.

2 MS. MILLAN: But I'm going to drop  
3 this off. This is just something I printed out  
4 from online, Spay USA you can get grants from.

5 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

6 MS. BRIER: Wonderful.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll copy it.

8 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll copy it.

10 MS. MILLAN: Keep it. I have it.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay.

12 MS. BRIER: Thank you very, very  
13 much. We appreciate it.

14 MS. MILLAN: Thank you so much. And  
15 there's fundraisers and I'm on, like I said,  
16 I'm on the boards, we do fundraising, I can  
17 give you some ideas.

18 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

19 MS. BRIER: Okay.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

21 MS. BRIER: Is there anyone else on  
22 the question?

23 MR. O'MALLEY: I want to thank  
24 Councilwomen Mackrell Oven and Zangardi for  
25 their hard work on this ordinance. You've been

1 hard at work at this for a long, long time now  
2 and finally it's coming to fruition.

3 The feral cats are a huge problem in  
4 our neighborhoods, I see them in my  
5 neighborhood, so hopefully this will help  
6 alleviate that problem.

7 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Trip.

8 MS. OVEN: Thanks, Trip.

9 MS. BRIER: So, we have a motion and  
10 a second. All those in favor?

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to  
15 approve five-year contract with TOPP Copy for  
16 borough printer services. It is COSTARS  
17 pricing.

18 MS. BRIER: Do I have a motion?

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

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

21 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a  
22 second. Is there anyone on the question?  
23 Greg, would you like to explain?

24 MR. WOLFF: Yeah. So, TOPP Copy  
25 provides all our printer services. They



1           actually gave us -- they did some looking at  
2           how many prints we actually do, so this price  
3           covers, not paper, but ink, any service that we  
4           need, all the technical support, and it's  
5           actually a \$340 reduction because they looked  
6           at the actual how many prints we're doing and  
7           that type of stuff. So, it'll be \$1,228 a  
8           month.

9                           MS. BRIER: Okay.

10                          MR. WOLFF: Down from about 1,500,  
11           almost 1,600.

12                          MS. BRIER: Okay. Great.

13                          MR. WOLFF: So, it's all the printer  
14           services less paper.

15                          MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

16           Anyone else on the question?

17                           (No response.)

18                          MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
19           and a second. All those in the favor?

20                          ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21                          MS. BRIER: Opposed?

22                           (No response.)

23                          MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to  
24           adopt Resolution number two of 2024, CDBG  
25           Funding.

1 MS. BRIER: Do we have a motion to  
2 adopt Resolution number two of 2024, CDBG  
3 Funding?

4 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that  
5 motion.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

7 MS. BRIER: Okay. Motion and a  
8 second. We have a motion and a second. Anyone  
9 on the question?

10 (No response.)

11 MS. BRIER: Just an explanation of  
12 this is that it's an ongoing issue that we have  
13 on Chestnut Street and we needed to -- it's  
14 been going on for so long that we needed to  
15 renew it, and that's what we're doing this  
16 evening.

17 So, we have a motion and a second.  
18 All those in favor?

19 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MS. BRIER: All right.

23 MR. WOLFF: Number ten, treasurer  
24 financial report. Mark was off today, so he is  
25 not present.

1                   Number eleven, Christopher Kearney.  
2                   He's off. He had some surgery done.  
3                   Mr. Judge.

4                   MR. JUDGE: Good evening. We're  
5                   just getting ready for the storm tonight. We  
6                   got six trucks out, a whole barn full of salt,  
7                   so we'll be in good shape.

8                   MR. O'MALLEY: Thanks, Didge.

9                   MS. BRIER: Wait. And we're hearing  
10                  that it's not going to be as bad as first  
11                  predicted.

12                 MR. JUDGE: I think they knocked it  
13                 down.

14                 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

15                 MR. JUDGE: So, I don't know how  
16                 much, but --

17                 MR. LOUGHNEY: Ally did.

18                 MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah.

19                 MR. JUDGE: So, any of you get a  
20                 call or you need anything, call me.

21                 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

22                 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

23                 MR. DENAPLES: Good evening,  
24                 Council. I'll start out with the Fire  
25                 Department report and then move into the code

1 enforcement.

2 So, the only steep expenditure we  
3 have projected for the month of February was  
4 the annual service on the ladder truck, and  
5 then there was some other issues found with a  
6 leak in one of the pump valves, some issues  
7 with air cleaner. So, that was approximately  
8 \$6,000 combined between the service and that.

9 As far as overtime scheduled for the  
10 month of February, it's 132 hours and that's  
11 when this report was completed. Sixty-three  
12 part-time shifts were put out for part-time  
13 firefighters.

14 We received the state grant that  
15 Lieutenant Shigo applied for. It's a  
16 non-matching grant for 16,368.42. We put in  
17 for 20,000, so we got a little less.

18 That's going to be used for electric  
19 vehicle fire equipment, lithium ion battery  
20 fire equipment, which we held a class here last  
21 year. We had somebody come in and train us  
22 about that because it's an evolving danger  
23 that's happening throughout the country, the  
24 lithium ion batteries --

25 MS. BRIER: Chief, did we ever have

1           that situation yet?

2                   MR. DENAPLES: We had one, actually.

3                   MS. BRIER: Oh, we did?

4                   MR. DENAPLES: When we first got the  
5 signs, the traffic signs that tell your speed,  
6 we had one battery, actually, catch fire and we  
7 had to deal with that, and that was right  
8 before we had the training part.

9                   MS. BRIER: The first day.

10                  MR. DENAPLES: Yeah. The first day  
11 it was in service. So, I'd like to thank  
12 Lieutenant Shigo for applying for that grant.

13                  MS. BRIER: Yeah, that's wonderful.

14                  MR. DENAPLES: We were successful  
15 with that. As far as the code enforcement, we  
16 had six scheduled code enforcement inspections  
17 for the month of February, three of them are  
18 reinspections.

19                   It seems like we're doing a lot of  
20 reinspections, and I think we need to retool  
21 this a little bit possibly with NEIC, because  
22 we're going back sometimes six, seven, eight  
23 times for reinspections.

24                   We had one establishment we were  
25 back there, from the end of December until last

1 week, I think we were back there six times.  
2 So, I think we need to retool that a little bit  
3 because every time we go back there, the  
4 Borough's getting billed for another  
5 reinspection. So, I don't know if that's  
6 working the way it's supposed to be working.

7 MS. BRIER: Maybe Greg and Mike  
8 can --

9 MR. WOLFF: Yeah. And I think we  
10 get that rental registration, that, I think it  
11 addresses some of those things involved, yeah.

12 MS. BRIER: Some of those things,  
13 yeah.

14 MR. DENAPLES: Okay. That's all I  
15 have if there's no questions.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

17 MR. WOLFF: Number twelve, public  
18 comment.

19 MS. BRIER: Public comment. Anyone  
20 have any comments today? Sir, can you just  
21 come up and just give your name and address?  
22 It's for the stenographer. Thank you.

23 ATTY. MURPHY: Attorney Bob Murphy,  
24 208 Chestnut Street in Dunmore. I was seeking  
25 an update on the work by Gigapower who is

1 taking apart part of Swinick Development.

2 I did some of my own digging, I know  
3 I talked to Councilman Loughney and I asked if  
4 he can provide, if he could try to obtain a  
5 copy of the certificate of public convenience,  
6 it was represented to us that they were  
7 operating under one, and the problem that I had  
8 was I called the PUC, and I don't know if --  
9 does Council receive any, a copy of a  
10 certificate of public convenience yet?

11 MR. WOLFF: Not to my knowledge, no.

12 ATTY. MURPHY: Okay. I called the  
13 PUC. The PUC said they do not have one. All  
14 right? If they don't have one, that means they  
15 have absolutely no authority to dig anywhere in  
16 Dunmore. And that's a serious problem if this  
17 guy shows up and represents to you that he's  
18 operating under one.

19 Now, I asked the PUC to look and see  
20 if it could be under another name or anything,  
21 and they have not gotten back to me with  
22 anything.

23 MS. BRIER: Corning?

24 ATTY. MURPHY: What's that?

25 MS. BRIER: That name Corning keeps

1 coming up. Corning.

2 ATTY. MURPHY: No. That's also not  
3 true.

4 MS. BRIER: Okay.

5 ATTY. MURPHY: It was represented to  
6 the board that this was a partnership between  
7 AT&T and Corning, and that's not accurate.  
8 Corning is providing the fiber optic cables  
9 that they're ripping up your lawns to put in;  
10 however, they're not a partner in this. This  
11 was a partner between Black Rock.

12 Black Rock, LLC is a global  
13 investment company. Now, from what I've been  
14 able to gather is they deal a lot in AT&T  
15 stock. AT&T stock has gone stagnant because of  
16 all the competition like T-Mobile and these  
17 other companies, but what if we can get 1.5  
18 billion people to sign up for their broadband?  
19 The price of AT&T stock is going to go through  
20 the roof. Black Rock's going to make a  
21 fortune. Everyone's going to do better except  
22 the people of Swinick.

23 So, this is a combination of AT&T  
24 and Black Rock. Black Rock does have at least  
25 an office in this state. It's in Philadelphia.



1 I have the address. So, at least there's  
2 someone that we could reach out if we're trying  
3 to serve someone with any papers.

4 And one of the problems that I have  
5 is when they came in, and I did ask Rich, who's  
6 all about community, where exactly can we serve  
7 him if the community has a problem, and he  
8 didn't answer me.

9 And they don't have any registered  
10 address. They're a Delaware corporation that  
11 has a principal address in Dallas, Texas, and  
12 so they have no place in Pennsylvania that we  
13 can serve them. And that's a problem.

14 You know, I mean, again, when you go  
15 and file a lawsuit, you have to get service  
16 within 20 days. If there's no physical  
17 address, you can go through the court and try  
18 to obtain some proof of doing it by  
19 publication, but according to what they said,  
20 they're filing as a foreign company operating  
21 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which they  
22 need in order to practice and to deal with a  
23 municipality.

24 It says that it expires in April.  
25 So, in April this is no longer going to be

1 effective. They're going to be, in April, in  
2 Las Vegas. That's their next. They went to  
3 Mesa, Arizona and they did work, they came to  
4 Pennsylvania, and then they're going to Vegas.

5 So, it's going to be almost  
6 impossible to get anyone to answer for any  
7 damage that they cause unless we have the money  
8 in advance.

9 MS. BRIER: Well, Bob, you know  
10 Mr. Perry, our solicitor, has been in contact  
11 with them and has received paperwork for a bond  
12 issue.

13 ATTY. MURPHY: But who's -- again,  
14 the issue with the bond, and I don't have a  
15 problem, I understand what you're doing, and I  
16 do, it's one level of security for these  
17 people, okay? The problem that I have is what  
18 does the bond say in terms of control?

19 And I talked to Mr. Loughney about  
20 getting a copy of this, because if this  
21 provides that they get a say, and Michael  
22 Doherty puts in -- I already know Michael  
23 Doherty's estimate is over \$14,000 to repair  
24 his sidewalks, and I even heard, and they were  
25 here last month, and they said, We don't have

1 any problem paying for it.

2 And, again, in Swinick we don't want  
3 cheap sidewalks put in. We want Tony Montaro  
4 to do it. Mr. Pinto who put in most of them in  
5 Swinick before passed away. We trust Tony.

6 So, he's going to come in and that's  
7 what he's going to cost to do this. So, we  
8 want to know that Michael's going to get paid  
9 that amount for his sidewalk. We don't want  
10 them coming in with anyone who's going to do a  
11 crappy job. That's not sufficient.

12 MS. BRIER: No, you're right.

13 ATTY. MURPHY: Not in Swinick.

14 MS. BRIER: No.

15 ATTY. MURPHY: And so this is one of  
16 the problems that we have is who has control,  
17 right? Beth submits a claim, but the control  
18 goes to me. I say, You know what, she's a  
19 liar. She's just trying to make a home  
20 improvement. We're going to deny it.

21 She now has to go and hire a lawyer,  
22 sue them and go to mediation just to get her  
23 \$10,000 to fix her front yard. That's what I'm  
24 worried about with the bond issue.

25 MS. BRIER: Well, with the bond

1           there is you go to arbitration.

2                   ATTY. MURPHY: I know, but you're  
3 going to have an attorney to go to arbitration.

4                   MS. BRIER: Yeah, but we're not  
5 having the folks of Swinick pay for the  
6 arbitration. That's going to be in the  
7 agreement.

8                   ATTY. MURPHY: Well, and that's why  
9 I asked if I can see it.

10                  MS. BRIER: Sure.

11                  ATTY. MURPHY: Because I'd really  
12 like to see what they're trying to ask us to do  
13 in this case.

14                  MS. BRIER: Sure.

15                  ATTY. MURPHY: All right?

16                  MR. WOLFF: Mr. Murphy, that is our  
17 five minutes, but Mickey's out of town right  
18 now, but we could certainly, I could talk to  
19 him about, you know -- I mean, it's a work in  
20 progress, so I don't know --

21                  MS. BRIER: We still have the stop  
22 order.

23                  MR. WOLFF: Yeah.

24                  MS. BRIER: He's still under a stop  
25 order.

1                   ATTY. MURPHY: I understand, and I  
2                   just want to know, do you know are they going  
3                   to be here next time to talk or -- because most  
4                   of these people are from Swinick, we're all  
5                   concerned about it.

6                   MS. BRIER: Yeah. Of course. I  
7                   don't blame you. We can ask him to come again.

8                   ATTY. MURPHY: And just so you --  
9                   and I understand the time's up, but just so you  
10                  know, in response to Rich saying that he was  
11                  operating under a PennDOT easement, and I  
12                  called Bob Kopacz, as chief counsel for  
13                  Department of Transportation, and I asked him  
14                  if that's even possible. He said no. There's  
15                  no PennDOT roads in Swinick. If it's not a  
16                  PennDOT road, there is no PennDOT easement to  
17                  operate it on.

18                  MS. BRIER: That makes sense.

19                  ATTY. MURPHY: So, again, we come  
20                  down to they're doing work on front lawns  
21                  without any authorization.

22                  A standard utility easement is ten  
23                  years -- or ten feet unless it says otherwise  
24                  in your deed, which means the tree line, and  
25                  for their convenience, they're going outside of

1           that and putting stuff in people's front yards.  
2           You heard last time with the damage for Frank  
3           Summa. But, you know, this is a serious issue  
4           that has to be addressed.

5                   MS. BRIER: It is. It is very  
6           serious. Thank you.

7                   ATTY. MURPHY: Thank you.

8                   MS. BRIER: Is there anyone else?  
9           Barbara. Sure. Come on up, Barbara.

10                   MS. WEBER: My name is Barbara  
11           Weber. I live in 1743 Adams Avenue. And I'd  
12           like to know the progress you've made on the  
13           shooting New Year's Eve at 1755.

14                   MS. BRIER: In what sense, Barbara?  
15           In what sense?

16                   MS. WEBER: Well, I think the  
17           question was asked about the code. I spoke  
18           with the mayor, he was going to get back to me.  
19           The zoning of that building, how many people  
20           are living there?

21                   MS. BRIER: They did, they did  
22           inspect. Did they inspect?

23                   MR. WOLFF: Yeah. They did do an  
24           inspection on January 23rd. The upstairs  
25           apartment was not occupied. They did find some

1 minor violations, and they have a follow up --

2 MAYOR CONWAY: Thirty days, right?

3 MR. WOLFF: Thirty days. Yes, I'm  
4 sorry, there is 30 days, yeah.

5 MS. WEBER: And what upstairs  
6 apartment?

7 MAYOR CONWAY: The third floor.  
8 There was a third floor apartment there, but  
9 there was only one point of ingress/egress, so  
10 I believe NEIC shut that down. But, again, it  
11 wasn't occupied. There was nobody living up  
12 there. But that has since been shut down as a  
13 three unit. So, now it is a two unit. It's a  
14 two family.

15 MR. WOLFF: Correct.

16 MAYOR CONWAY: And I know our police  
17 have been there pretty much every night doing  
18 patrols and spotlights, walking patrols,  
19 pulling people over at the intersection there  
20 right around the bend. So, we've been  
21 monitoring it pretty heavily since that  
22 incident happened.

23 MS. BRIER: And, Barbara, Max and I  
24 met with the company that -- we went down at  
25 the Scranton City Hall with Scranton folks and

1           this, where they talked about a company called  
2           Hallamade (phonetic) that is doing their rental  
3           registration, and Max and I then went on a Zoom  
4           call with this company.

5                        So, we're getting some pricing on  
6           how to kind of get a better handle, like update  
7           our rental registration ordinance. It's quite  
8           old and, frankly, isn't being enforced. So,  
9           we're moving along on that front, as well, for  
10          the whole Borough, not just that one particular  
11          house.

12                       MS. WEBER: Okay. And I have  
13          another question. Is there access to the third  
14          floor from inside?

15                       MR. WOLFF: There is. So, they can  
16          use it as, like, another -- they can't rent it  
17          out to a third tenant.

18                       MS. WEBER: So, you could have  
19          anybody going up there and sleeping there?

20                       MR. WOLFF: Yes. To my knowledge,  
21          yes.

22                       MS. WEBER: Even though there's no  
23          egress?

24                       MR. WOLFF: You know what, let me  
25          take that back. I'm not sure on that. They



1           were told they can't use that as an apartment.

2                   MAYOR CONWAY: I want to say they  
3           were told they have to lock it up and close it  
4           down, and I think that would probably be  
5           followed up on on that 30-day notice.

6                   MR. WOLFF: Yeah.

7                   MAYOR CONWAY: But, again, we'll get  
8           back to you on that one.

9                   MS. WEBER: Okay.

10                  MAYOR CONWAY: But I know that it's  
11           not zoned for three.

12                  MR. WOLFF: Correct.

13                  MS. WEBER: Thank you.

14                  MS. BRIER: Anyone else? Sure.

15                  MR. LUCIANO: Good evening. Joe  
16           Luciano, 133 West Swinick Drive, Dunmore,  
17           Pennsylvania.

18                         Just a follow up on Mr. Murphy,  
19           Attorney Murphy. I'm kind of bewildered that  
20           Council is kind of dumbfounded about what's  
21           going on in Swinick. I can't understand a  
22           major project like this is swept under the  
23           carpet.

24                         Who signed the agreement with --  
25           somebody has to sign the agreement. They just

1           didn't come in and start digging up Swinick.  
2           Who signed the agreement with this company from  
3           this mess to authorize this? Nobody knows?

4                       MR. WOLFF: There was no agreement  
5           signed.

6                       MR. LUCIANO: I beg your pardon.

7                       MR. WOLFF: There was no agreement  
8           signed. So, some of the information that --  
9           they presented right away information that was  
10          reviewed. I know Mr. Murphy is saying  
11          something different, but our solicitor is  
12          looking at it and had looked at it and --

13                      MR. LUCIANO: Well, wouldn't --

14                      MR. WOLFF: So, that's what I'm  
15          saying --

16                      MR. LUCIANO: I didn't mean to  
17          interrupt you, but wouldn't you need Council  
18          approval for a project this large? You know,  
19          we just got hit with a 23 percent tax increase,  
20          as you all know because you did it, but the  
21          bottom line is we're probably the highest --  
22          second highest tax base in Dunmore, okay?  
23          Mount Margaret's first. I believe we're  
24          probably about second. And for us not to be  
25          notified and have our yards -- have these

1 people show up one day, you know? I mean, we  
2 were dumbfounded.

3 MS. ZANGARDI: Mister --

4 MR. LUCIANO: Yes?

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Excuse me, please.

6 We were told more than once that they were up  
7 there knocking on doors, hanging door hangers,  
8 knocking on doors, speaking to the residents of  
9 Swinick. That's what we were told by that  
10 company, and, you know, we went by their word.

11 MR. LUCIANO: I agree with you. I  
12 mean, I believe you, but the bottom line is the  
13 first time I heard about it was I got a hanger  
14 on the door, and a day later they're digging  
15 the yard up.

16 MS. ZANGARDI: Right.

17 MR. LUCIANO: Okay? With the guy's  
18 card, with the gentleman's card. And I spoke  
19 to him. Actually, he was here in the last  
20 meeting, and everything he told me is contrary  
21 to what you people said. I mean, about the  
22 damages.

23 Basically, he said, you know,  
24 anybody could say anything, you know, he said  
25 that the Borough, you know, he threw you under

1 the bus. He threw you under the bus because he  
2 said that the Borough's responsible, they're  
3 not responsible, and all this nonsense. And I  
4 just, you know, I just shook it off, you know?

5 But the bottom line is I just can't  
6 wrap my head around this, I mean, a project  
7 this large.

8 I mean, like I said, I couldn't even  
9 look at my tax bill. I just gave it to my  
10 wife, she said, You want to see it? I said,  
11 I'm sick enough, you know? I said, I'm sick  
12 enough at 23 percent. In the history of  
13 Dunmore, we never had 23 percent.

14 MS. BRIER: It was only ten.

15 MR. LUCIANO: When you add them all  
16 together. I'm sorry?

17 MS. BRIER: It was only ten.

18 MR. LUCIANO: I'm sorry?

19 MS. BRIER: It was ten percent.

20 MR. LUCIANO: It was in the paper at  
21 23.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: We were paying that  
23 ten years ago. We actually lowered taxes in --

24 MR. LUCIANO: Ten years ago I was  
25 young.

1 MS. BRIER: No. This was one was  
2 ten percent, yeah.

3 MR. LUCIANO: I was making a lot  
4 more money ten years ago. I'm retired now.  
5 I'm on a fixed income. I'm going to apply for  
6 food stamps like everybody else.

7 But the bottom line is, you know,  
8 I'm not venting, I'm just wondering how could  
9 we miss this? How could we miss this?

10 MS. ZANGARDI: Well, I spoke to a  
11 couple of the people and I know a few other  
12 Council members have up in Swinick, Tom  
13 Hallinan has, too, and they assured me that --  
14 I talked to them, I specifically asked them,  
15 and it was to Frank's house, Are you going to  
16 fix this? Are you going to fix this? They  
17 said, yes, yes, yes.

18 Personally, I think maybe if we  
19 brought them back in and you guys all come back  
20 again, specific questions and, you know, that's  
21 the best thing we can do, because I don't have  
22 an answer for you right now.

23 MR. LUCIANO: No. I could  
24 understand that.

25 MS. ZANGARDI: But I specifically

1           asked for Mr. Senofonte, I was at his house, at  
2           his property, and I specifically asked, Are you  
3           fixing this, this and this? And you can --  
4           they said yes.

5                         And I asked Frank, Are you satisfied  
6           with the answer? You know? And Frank was  
7           satisfied. However, if you're saying he's not  
8           saying that behind our back, then, you know, we  
9           have to fix it.

10                        MR. LUCIANO: Well, no matter what  
11           he says or doesn't say, it really doesn't  
12           matter at this point. The bottom line is I'm  
13           more concerned now with what Attorney Murphy  
14           had said about how legitimate this company is.

15                        MR. LOUGHNEY: Joe, if I may  
16           interrupt you for a minute?

17                        MR. LUCIANO: Yes, sir.

18                        MR. LOUGHNEY: Everyone's here, and  
19           you guys, listen, the work order is still in  
20           effect.

21                        MS. BRIER: The stop work order.

22                        MR. LOUGHNEY: The stop work order  
23           is still in effect, and I don't think there's  
24           anyone up here, before anyone came in, we all  
25           talked, and I don't think the work order's

1 going to be lifted until you and we on this  
2 panel are happy with what this company is going  
3 to do.

4 We have the final say, and everyone  
5 here was in agreement, they got to live up to  
6 what is put on the table. We're not going to  
7 let some company come in and be gone in a week  
8 after they're done and never see them again.

9 We have to answer to you people here  
10 how we're going to help you with your situation  
11 up there. If we lived there, I'm sure we'd be  
12 in the same position as you and want to do what  
13 you people are doing.

14 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Mr. Luciano.

15 MR. LUCIANO: Thank you.

16 MR. LOUGHNEY: So, just know that  
17 everyone up here, there's nothing being hidden.  
18 There's nothing. How this got to where it is,  
19 it's here. It's done.

20 MR. LUCIANO: Thank you.

21 MR. LOUGHNEY: What we have to do is  
22 fix it and make sure that you, the residents up  
23 there, don't get hurt in the end by it. And I  
24 know, I can't speak for everybody, but I'll  
25 speak for me, if we're not happy, then I'm not

1 happy, and I'll make the motion for the stop  
2 work order again.

3 And, again, before anybody came in,  
4 we were all talking about this, and that  
5 company isn't going to have the say as to what  
6 they're telling us to do.

7 MS. BRIER: I would like to ask  
8 Mr. Murphy about the eminent domain that you  
9 said doesn't exist. So, maybe after the  
10 meeting you and I can talk?

11 ATTY. MURPHY: Yeah. That's fine.

12 MS. BRIER: If that's okay.

13 ATTY. MURPHY: Yeah.

14 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you. Sal,  
15 did you want to say something? Or this  
16 gentleman, Frank.

17 MS. JUDGE: Hi. My name is Sally  
18 Judge. I live on Winton Street in Dunmore. I  
19 do work for the Borough. I just had a few  
20 questions.

21 I know Beth and I had worked on  
22 blighted properties in the past, and I know  
23 Mr. Brazil had said we're going to start  
24 working more on them. There's a property right  
25 across the street from my house that I believe



1           you've all seen the pictures. There is animals  
2           in and out of that house.

3                       Now, they just took the man who  
4           lived in the actual house on the other side of  
5           the property out because his house is also --

6                       MS. BRIER: Uninhabitable.

7                       MS. JUDGE: Yeah.

8                       MS. BRIER: What's the address?

9                       MS. JUDGE: Corner of Winton and  
10          Flynn. I believe it's 262.

11                      MS. BRIER: Winton and Flynn?

12                      MS. JUDGE: Yeah.

13                      MR. WOLFF: 948 Winton. And it's  
14          262 Flynn, I believe.

15                      MS. JUDGE: Yeah. It's just getting  
16          to the point where I go out at nighttime and  
17          there's -- they just start scattering. You can  
18          hear the cats in there. I know there's cats in  
19          there.

20                      And, again, I don't complain about  
21          the cats because they have a little wooded area  
22          over there, and that's fine, it's just getting  
23          out of control.

24                      MS. BRIER: So, now both residences  
25          are abandoned?

1 MS. JUDGE: Both residences are now  
2 abandoned.

3 MS. BRIER: Oh, boy. Okay.

4 MS. JUDGE: So, the one now has  
5 been -- like, they had it posted for a long  
6 time now, and nothing still is being done. I  
7 was just trying to -- Mike said I believe we're  
8 going to try and, you know try and get some  
9 funding to start knocking them down.

10 MS. BRIER: Absolutely. Yep.

11 MS. JUDGE: Okay.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah.

13 MS. BRIER: Thank you. Yeah, Mike  
14 was here earlier and spoke to us about this.  
15 Mike Brazil.

16 MS. JUDGE: Okay.

17 MS. BRIER: Not this specific  
18 property, but we can add that to the list.  
19 What were you going to say, Kath?

20 MS. OVEN: I think we spoke about  
21 that last year.

22 MS. JUDGE: Yeah.

23 MS. OVEN: And there was issues with  
24 how many people were on the title of it.

25 MR. WOLFF: I'm sorry?

1 MS. OVEN: There's something with  
2 how many family members were on the title.

3 MR. WOLFF: Yeah. I'm not sure the  
4 exact details, but --

5 MS. JUDGE: You know, but what do  
6 you do in the meantime, though? I mean, like,  
7 it's --

8 MS. BRIER: Right. We're going to  
9 start taking action. Yeah, we're going to  
10 start taking action. We have to.

11 MS. JUDGE: I mean, I can go over  
12 and probably push it, it'll probably fall down.  
13 That's how bad it is, you know?

14 MS. BRIER: Right.

15 MS. JUDGE: I mean, I do live in a  
16 very nice area.

17 MS. BRIER: Yes.

18 MS. JUDGE: And nothing against you,  
19 Mr. Luciano, but I pay just as much taxes as  
20 you do. I'm in Sport Hill. But we all pay the  
21 taxes, but it's just if we can just maybe push  
22 it along a little bit, I'd appreciate it.

23 MS. BRIER: Yep. Okay.

24 MR. WOLFF: Sally, they just  
25 approved us to put -- we could put a bid out

1           for these properties.

2                   MS. JUDGE: Oh, okay. Good.

3                   MS. BRIER: Yeah.

4                   MS. JUDGE: All right. Thank you.

5                   MS. BRIER: We just did that. Yeah.

6           Thank you. Thanks, Sal.

7                   MR. SUMMA: Frank Summa from  
8           Millennium Drive in Dunmore. I'm sure you  
9           heard it all from everybody up there, so I  
10          think I got the worst of it all and it's  
11          continuing with everything being said and done.

12                   So, AT&T, December 12th is when they  
13          tore up my electric and Comcast. It was  
14          approximately 12 hours maybe without  
15          electricity, and I still don't have permanent  
16          Comcast. It's a line that's -- it's actually  
17          truly a box to my house.

18                   So, on Tuesday of this week, or  
19          Monday, I believe, I was home and PP&L said  
20          that they were sending their crew up which was  
21          Lehigh Valley Construction and they were going  
22          to put our new electric line in. Well, they  
23          did put the new electric line in but they also  
24          ripped my electrical box six inches from the  
25          house. So, they hit a preexisting line that

1 was to my house.

2 And prior to that, when I was home,  
3 they asked that they need to get on my  
4 property. So, to reflect on Mr. Murphy, only  
5 way I could get power is they drive on my yard  
6 with this big two-ton machine.

7 MS. BRIER: This is PP&L?

8 MR. SUMMA: PP&L subcontractor. So,  
9 now I have ruts all the way through on even the  
10 sod grass, which I enforced them, kept telling  
11 them, it's not grass and you're not putting  
12 grass in. I got a price for landscaping for  
13 replacing my entire yard at six grand.

14 And the guys told me that they  
15 didn't hit my irrigation. Now, am I really  
16 going to believe them? They hit every possible  
17 utility line in my house, and they didn't hit  
18 my irrigation? So, when am I going to find  
19 that out, April?

20 So, with that being said, they put  
21 the line in, I had power off again for, I think  
22 it was until about 10:00 that night. Finally  
23 it's in and I now have power, direct power.

24 Now Comcast is coming and they're  
25 gonna drill, and they're not gonna hit that

1 line? Hopefully they don't, but so far the  
2 track record's not good. And when that's done,  
3 guess who gets to come back? AT&T.

4 So, the question is with the  
5 easement, we do have an easement in Millennium  
6 Drive, because I did the development. That  
7 easement in my development is for drainage  
8 only.

9 So, I don't know who's aware of what  
10 it is, but I personally do, I did the  
11 development. For them to be 30 feet on my  
12 property because they have no other way to put  
13 this fiber optics in, I don't think that's my  
14 problem. That's all of their problem. I know  
15 that.

16 MS. BRIER: Agreed.

17 MR. SUMMA: Next time I see that  
18 machine on my yard, I'm putting a stop work  
19 order in.

20 MS. ZANGARDI: Frank.

21 MR. SUMMA: Yes?

22 MS. ZANGARDI: I'm sorry, what's  
23 your address, please?

24 MR. SUMMA: 50 Millennium. It's the  
25 one with the ticker-tape parade everywhere.

1           So, for them, again, the question was, and I'd  
2           like to know, is there a bond or is there a  
3           retainer?

4                       MS. BRIER: The bond hasn't been set  
5           because there were issues on our side that we  
6           didn't agree to.

7                       MR. SUMMA: So, is it a numerical  
8           amount?

9                       MS. BRIER: A hundred grand right  
10          now.

11                      MS. ZANGARDI: However, the hundred  
12          grand is after they fix everything to your  
13          liking.

14                      MR. SUMMA: Right. To our liking.  
15          Correct.

16                      MS. ZANGARDI: Then that hundred  
17          grand. Not from the beginning. Right.

18                      MR. SUMMA: Got it. I'm aware of  
19          what it actually does.

20                      MS. ZANGARDI: Right.

21                      MR. SUMMA: But I was just curious  
22          because we're, between Mr. Doherty and myself,  
23          we're going to eat pretty much a lot of that  
24          up, and it's to our liking.

25                      MS. BRIER: Right.

1 MS. ZANGARDI: Right.

2 MR. SUMMA: So you look at --

3 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

4 MS. BRIER: And this is only after  
5 it goes to arbitration.

6 MR. SUMMA: Excuse me?

7 MS. BRIER: They're responsible for  
8 fixing everything.

9 MR. SUMMA: Oh, they are.

10 MS. BRIER: But if you're not  
11 satisfied --

12 MR. SUMMA: Right now we're getting  
13 lip service from them, and I understand that,  
14 but nothing can be fixed because of the  
15 weather, but the work itself, when they're  
16 working with miners hats on, it's 5:30 at  
17 night, what kind of quality of work is that?

18 MS. BRIER: Right. And if you're  
19 not satisfied, that's when we go to the  
20 arbiter.

21 MR. SUMMA: Yeah.

22 MS. BRIER: So, this is not set in  
23 stone.

24 MR. SUMMA: Understood.

25 MS. BRIER: Mr. Loughney actually



1           said earlier he thought it should be higher, so  
2           that's still a work in process.

3                       MR. SUMMA:  Yeah.

4                       MS. BRIER:  In the meantime, the  
5           work has stopped.

6                       MR. SUMMA:  Yeah, but there's no  
7           looking forward to this, correct?  They don't  
8           know if there's a starting date until --

9                       MS. BRIER:  For the work order  
10          stoppage?

11                      MR. SUMMA:  Yeah.

12                      MS. BRIER:  Oh, no.  That's open  
13          ended until we're satisfied that this bond  
14          issue will protect you guys.

15                      MR. LOUGHNEY:  Frank, we have to  
16          vote to lift that work order.

17                      MR. SUMMA:  Okay.

18                      MS. BRIER:  Yeah.

19                      MR. SUMMA:  Okay.  But, like I said,  
20          the damage is done.  And then to tally up, it's  
21          hearsay, you know, what Mr. Murphy said, going  
22          to sue them is one thing, but just do it,  
23          you're set, be the man of their word, if that's  
24          what they were to do.

25                      MS. ZANGARDI:  Right.

1 MR. SUMMA: I have no problem with  
2 that, but right now, I don't think that's true.

3 MS. ZANGARDI: Right.

4 MR. SUMMA: In the very beginning,  
5 and I could continue over and over, the first  
6 day that they were on my property, this is when  
7 I knew that the sales pitch was wrong, is the  
8 Borough owned my property. So, Didge, tomorrow  
9 get my sidewalks, would you? And right then  
10 and there I knew that that was an issue.

11 So, here's somebody from out of town  
12 that thinks the Borough owns our sidewalks, and  
13 they basically did what they wanted to do.  
14 Basically destroyed a lot of properties up  
15 there.

16 And throwing -- just to mill dirt  
17 over it and just throwing sod on it and seed  
18 and hay, yeah, we'll see come April. All  
19 right? Thank you.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

21 MS. BRIER: Anyone else? Sure.

22 MR. DEPAOLA: My name is Anthony  
23 Depaola. I live in 1310 Woodlawn Street in  
24 Dunmore, but I'm here with my sister who lives  
25 in 123 West Swinick Drive, and just a point of

1 information, I looked at her deed, they  
2 definitely, AT&T, if that's the company doing  
3 the digging, is on her property. It looks like  
4 the right of way for the road is 50 feet. I  
5 assume it's 25 feet from the center of the road  
6 in. But I also confirmed, I found a pin, it  
7 measured out to the street, and they definitely  
8 are in her property.

9 I looked on the county records.  
10 Now, I'm not the greatest with that, but the  
11 only right of ways that I see are for PP&L and  
12 Bell Telephone, which kind of makes sense.

13 The deregulation of the telephone  
14 company happened in '82, and then it was the  
15 Baby Bells, and they got right of way in  
16 Swinick, and then later on around 2000 is when  
17 Verizon was created. But I don't think any  
18 facilities were installed by AT&T until now,  
19 which makes me think they can't have right of  
20 way.

21 So, I don't know what allows them to  
22 put their cable in. Again, it's just a point  
23 of information you might want to --

24 MS. BRIER: Thank you, Mr. Depaola.  
25 Thank you.

1 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

2 MS. BRIER: Is there anyone else?

3 (No response.)

4 MS. BRIER: Okay. I just want to  
5 thank everyone for coming tonight. And we can  
6 talk then, right, Bob? If there's nothing  
7 else, we have a motion to adjourn?

8 MR. WOLFF: Well, the public  
9 officials.

10 MS. BRIER: Oh, public officials.  
11 Sorry.

12 MR. WOLFF: Just quickly, we had a  
13 little scare with Sonny Crotti, a kid from our  
14 community. Just keep him in your thoughts and  
15 prayers. He's struggling. But just keep him  
16 in mind. And there is a prayer service for him  
17 tomorrow, I believe it's --

18 MS. ZANGARDI: 6:00.

19 MR. WOLFF: 6:00 at St. Anthony's  
20 Church. So, just keep Sonny in your thoughts  
21 and prayers.

22 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Greg.

23 ATTY. PERRY: I have no comments.

24 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you. Max.

25 MAYOR CONWAY: Just my prayers go

1 out to the Crotti family what they're dealing  
2 with right now. It's terrible.

3 MS. BRIER: Mr. Loughney.

4 MR. LOUGHNEY: No comment tonight.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. Mr. Dempsey.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: No comment tonight.

7 Thank you.

8 MS. BRIER: Trip.

9 MR. O'MALLEY: I'd also like to keep  
10 the Crotti family in our prayers. And I'd like  
11 to congratulate my brother Michael who is the  
12 current president of the Scranton St. Patrick's  
13 Day Parade Association, and I want to wish him  
14 and the entire association the best of luck for  
15 the upcoming parade on Saturday, March 9th in  
16 downtown Scranton. that's all I have.

17 MS. BRIER: Nice. Thank you. Beth.

18 MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah. A couple of  
19 things, please. I want to congratulate Melanie  
20 Naro. It's a great achievement for her.  
21 Again, prayers for the Crotti family.  
22 Lieutenant Shigo, nice job on the grant money,  
23 which is always awesome. And that's it I  
24 think.

25 I would like to follow up with Greg

1           and Mike Brazil on NEIC regarding the garage on  
2           Laurel Street, number one. Number two, you  
3           know, if we could set up a price for  
4           advertising on the billboards at Schautz  
5           Stadium, I'd like to get that done, especially  
6           now with the new year and also work on the  
7           pricing for the advertisement at Schautz  
8           Stadium and also for the food stand, and  
9           continued work on blighted property.

10                   Mr. Brazil was here today and we're  
11           going after five. I know it's not a lot, but  
12           five at once is a lot, and we've been  
13           continually hammering away little by little.

14                   We auctioned off two properties and  
15           one was fixed up on Electric Street. So, slow  
16           and steady wins the race. And thank you  
17           everybody for coming.

18                   MS. BRIER: Katherine.

19                   MS. OVEN: I'd like to thank  
20           everybody for coming tonight. Thank you for  
21           your input on the cat ordinance, and I hope we  
22           can really get this resolved. I know it's a  
23           big issue for people and, you know, it's a slow  
24           process because it doesn't get fixed overnight,  
25           but if anybody has any issues I ask that you

1           just call, either you can e-mail the Borough  
2           and just we're trying to kind of get an idea of  
3           where the pockets are so we can start  
4           addressing them.

5                         And for the people in Swinick, I'm  
6           very sorry for what you're going through. I  
7           would like to talk to Mr. Murphy, as well.  
8           It's concerning these easements and contracts  
9           and, you know, there's a lot of questions. So,  
10          we have to get answers before we can do  
11          anything else. And prayers to Sonny Crotti.

12                        MS. BRIER: Yeah. I'd like to thank  
13          everybody again for coming tonight. My  
14          granddaughter has been in school with Sonny  
15          since kindergarten and they're good friends.  
16          It's a horrible tragedy for everyone at the  
17          school and the whole Borough. They're a lovely  
18          family. He's a great kid. It's horrible.

19                        The situation in Swinick, the more  
20          we know, the better, so please keep coming,  
21          keep informing us, because, you know, we're  
22          relying on what that company's telling us, and  
23          apparently, you know, it's not correct. So,  
24          please, we really appreciate your input, we  
25          really do, because it's a situation that is

1                    untenable. So, you know, we need to fix it.  
2                    So, thanks again.

3                    All right. Motion to adjourn.

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

6                    MS. OVEN: Second.

7                    MS. BRIER: Motion and a second.

8                    All those in favor?

9                    ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10                   MS. BRIER: Opposed?

11                   (No response.)

12                   MS. BRIER: Thank you.

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14                   (Meeting adjourned.)

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