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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, May 13th, 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
- ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
- WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III
- PATRICK LOUGHNEY
- 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 is absent. Mr. Loughney is absent.

5 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

7 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

8 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

9 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

10 MS. BRIER: Here.

11 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

12 MS. OVEN: Here.

13 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi is absent.
14 Mr. Hallinan.

15 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

16 MR. WOLFF: Number three, public
17 comment on agenda items.

18 MS. BRIER: Does anyone have any
19 comment on agenda items only this evening?
20 Seeing none we could move on.

21 MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to
22 approve the minutes.

23 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to
24 approve the minutes?

25 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

3 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and
4 second. Anyone on the question? Seeing none,
5 all those in favor.

6 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it.

10 MR. WOLFF: Motion to approve and
11 pay open bills.

12 MS. BRIER: I have a motion to
13 approve and pay the open bills, can I have a
14 motion?

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

16 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

17 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
18 second. Anyone on the question? I have a
19 question, Mark, 50,000 Cody Computer.

20 MR. BURTON: Cody, that's the new --

21 CHIEF MARCHESE: That's our new
22 software. It's cloud based reporting system
23 for the police.

24 MS. BRIER: Oh, great. We finally
25 got it. Oh, good. Thank you. That's all I

1 have. Does anyone else have anything on the
2 question? All those in favor?

3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it.

7 MR. WOLFF: Number six, CDBG public
8 hearing, Joe Rovinsky, Lackawanna County DCED.

9 MR. ROVINSKY: Good evening,
10 Council. Thank you for having me here this
11 evening. The purpose of me being here tonight
12 is to go over the CDBG Program for the County
13 and just give a basic overview of what the
14 program entails and just some basic figures.

15 Just to give a current update on the
16 project, '23 and '24 allocations are currently
17 not available for funding usage yet. We do not
18 have the budget from each. I will not be as
19 accurate as it will be towards hopefully by the
20 end of August. We're basically two years
21 behind at the state level in terms of their
22 getting the funding to the municipalities.

23 The Lackawanna County Department of
24 Planning and Economic Development is the
25 administering agency for the CDBG Program in

1 the County. CDBG funds are federal funds from
2 the United States Department of Housing and
3 Urban Development which are administered by the
4 PA Department of Community and Economic
5 Development.

6 There are eleven entitlement
7 communities of which Dunmore Borough is one of
8 twenty-seven non-entitlement communities in
9 Lackawanna County, PA. To be considered an
10 Entitlement Community, the community, the
11 community must have a population of 4,000 or
12 more and meet the current minimum standards of
13 physical and economic distress of the Federal
14 Urban Development Action Grant Program.

15 Again allocationwise, the '23 and
16 '24 allocations are not available currently
17 for usage. But Dunmore does have balance of an
18 estimated \$174,521. I believe there's been
19 discussion with our office and engineer about
20 continuing the Chestnut Street improvement
21 Project phases.

22 And that's really what's on --
23 currently that money will probably be allocated
24 towards as far as most recent discussions I've
25 been made aware. More money will be coming

1 down within the next two years.

2 MS. BRIER: When you say '23, '24,
3 that's fiscal July 1st.

4 MR. ROVINSKY: Yes.

5 MS. BRIER: It's not September.

6 MR. ROVINSKY: Not September, no.
7 The '23 application is still under review. So
8 they are a complete year behind on '23, so --

9 MS. BRIER: Yeah, because we're in
10 '24.

11 MR. ROVINSKY: Yeah, you're looking
12 at probably '24 in '25 and '24 beginning -- and
13 that's at a state level. We have a new grant
14 manager now. We've had several turnovers. So
15 really once it's out of our hands, there's not
16 much more we could do to push it along. But
17 it's in the state level to be reviewed.

18 And as soon as that money is
19 released, it will be released to the Borough
20 the current updated budget information. We're
21 actually doing '24 hearing probably will not be
22 in your hands until '25.

23 MS. BRIER: We'll get '23s in
24 August, maybe?

25 MR. ROVINSKY: We hope. Last year

1 it came in October, which is again a year
2 behind anyway. So hopefully August is the goal
3 from what the --

4 MS. BRIER: Can you explain the 11
5 how Dunmore is part of that 11 versus the rest
6 of the --

7 MR. ROVINSKY: It goes on
8 population. It's 4,000 people. They have --
9 that is population based. You're a larger
10 borough than the municipalities of Vandling,
11 Greenfield Township, etc. You get the larger
12 piece of the federal allocation.

13 I'll just go over the objective of
14 the program. The CDBG Program aligned to
15 assist communities in preparing for Community
16 Development Plans, designed to address
17 significant needs of the low and low to
18 moderate income individuals; assist communities
19 in administering community development
20 activities to address a number of community
21 development needs identified in the Community
22 Development Plan; to encourage and assist
23 communities to focus upon and address housing
24 and community facility problems and to pursue
25 economic development and commercial

1 revitalization activities through
2 public/private investment that will result in
3 the development and expansion of job
4 opportunities within the Commonwealth.

5 HUD has numerous examples of
6 eligible activities. Some qualified projects
7 we have done in the past two years are:

8 Water/Sewer Improvements, street
9 improvements, ADA improvements to Parks and
10 Recreation and ADA elevators and accessibility
11 to senior center facilities. There is also
12 numerous activities that we looked at and
13 approved by the state depending on the project.

14 There's also restrictive programs.
15 There's numerous ineligible activities. They
16 include General Government expenses, political
17 activities, purchase of construction equipment,
18 purchase of fire protection, income payments,
19 purchase of furnishings and personal property.

20 When the states get a project, it
21 has to meet one of the three national
22 objectives. It has to meet to benefit low to
23 moderate individuals, prevention or elimination
24 or blight which is on a case-to-case basis or
25 addressed to be an immediate threat to the

1 health and safety of the community. And those
2 are the three national objectives that qualify
3 a project for CDBG eligibility.

4 And as I mention currently, I
5 believe we're working with the engineer to do
6 initial phase on Chestnut Street which was been
7 the focus for the past several years since I've
8 been around at least.

9 MS. BRIER: So that 174, is that
10 drawn down yet?

11 MR. ROVINSKY: That's still --
12 that's available projects that has not been
13 spent yet.

14 MS. BRIER: Where does it reside
15 with the county or is that --

16 MR. ROVINSKY: We administer that
17 money, yes.

18 MS. BRIER: So we haven't drawn that
19 down in Dunmore yet.

20 MR. ROVINSKY: No. It has not been
21 spent yet. I do believe there's plans in place
22 for being developed for a phase three or --
23 Chestnut Street.

24 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

25 MR. ROVINSKY: That's all I have.

1 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

2 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, school
3 resource officer Memorandum of Understanding
4 with Dunmore School District for the 2024-2025
5 school year. Quickly, it will be for the
6 2024-25 school year. Dunmore Borough will
7 receive \$120,000 to be paid quarterly. And
8 that is to provide two school resource
9 officers.

10 MS. BRIER: So we don't need a vote
11 on that.

12 MR. WOLFF: Yes.

13 MS. BRIER: Okay. So we have this
14 motion for the School Resource Officer
15 Memorandum of Understanding with Dunmore School
16 District for the 2024-2025 school year. May I
17 have a motion?

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

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

20 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

21 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a
22 second. Is there anything else on the
23 question? Seeing none, all those in favor.

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it.

3 MR. WOLFF: Number eight motion to
4 award 2024 Blighted Property Demolition
5 Project. The properties to be demolished, 1320
6 Adams Ave., rear structure of 502 Jessup Avenue
7 and secondary structure of 265 Flynn Street.
8 All of those properties have been dilapidated
9 and been in disrepair for quite some time.

10 We did the bidding -- open bidding
11 process and the lowest responsible bidder was
12 Broderick{phonetic} Excavating for \$27,400.

13 MS. BRIER: For all three.

14 MR. WOLFF: For all three.

15 MS. BRIER: So I have a motion to
16 award 2024 blighted property demolition
17 project. The properties to be demolished are
18 1320 Adams Avenue, the rear structure of 502
19 Jessup Avenue and second structure of 265 Flynn
20 Street. May I have a motion?

21 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make a motion.

22 MS. BRIER: I have a motion. And a
23 second?

24 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

25 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a

1 second. Anyone on the question?

2 MR. O'MALLEY: I just can't wait to
3 see these properties come down. They've been
4 such eyesores for so long. And I know that we
5 all take blight very serious. So residents in
6 these areas of the Borough will be able to see
7 some action there.

8 MS. BRIER: And we as a panel have
9 made it a priority to look at these structures
10 and either buy them and sell them again, you
11 know, just to get them on the tax rolls again
12 or if they are beyond repair, demolished them.
13 And these three structures were deemed to be
14 worthless so --

15 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, and I'll add they
16 have all been dilapidated for some quite some
17 time. They've all been condemned. The
18 Solicitor's review, we'll have to send some
19 notifications.

20 MS. BRIER: Yes, our Solicitor has
21 done all of the legal work to make this happen,
22 you know, which is kind of complicated. And in
23 particular where we brought two properties he
24 did all the legal work for that too because
25 there were liens, you know, sewer authority

1 liens, etc. So I just want to thank Mickey for
2 getting this done because we can't do it
3 without that piece that is so important. And
4 at any rate, it will be a good deal so we have
5 a motion.

6 MR. HALLINAN: I just want to
7 clarify something too. These properties, we
8 don't take ownership.

9 MR. WOLFF: No. We'll put a lien on
10 them.

11 MR. HALLINAN: So we'll recoup our
12 money hopefully.

13 MR. WOLFF: Correct.

14 MS. BRIER: If they are ever sold,
15 yeah. All right. All those in favor.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it.

20 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to
21 appoint members for the following, one member
22 of the Planning Commissions, one member of
23 Zoning Commission, one member of Civil Service
24 Commission, and one Civil Service Commission
25 alternate. So I think, Madam Chair, we need

1 one motion for each position.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make a motion for
3 a member of the Planning Commission for Joe
4 Grochowski to remain as a member of the
5 Planning Commission.

6 MS. BRIER: I have a motion. Do I
7 have a second?

8 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

9 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion
10 and a second for Joe. You know, he's been on
11 the Planning Commission for the last four
12 years. He's done, I guess, a remarkable job.
13 Max and Greg and I interviewed all the
14 candidates for these positions last Thursday.

15 And again, you know, he works
16 really, really well with our Code Enforcement
17 Officer Mike Brazil too. And Mike has been
18 very pleased with his participation. It's all
19 volunteer. So we do appreciate that these
20 folks came out and want to do this for the
21 Borough. So we have a motion and a second.
22 All those in favor.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Quickly on the
24 question, I just want to mention so everybody
25 knows these positions were all publicized. We

1 did receive applications. Everybody was
2 interviewed. And that's what brings us here
3 today.

4 MS. BRIER: The process. So all
5 those in favor of reappointing Joe Grochowski
6 to the Planning Commission.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MS. BRIER: Okay. Mike, will you
11 take the second one?

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Yep, I'll make a
13 motion for Peter Sabia to remain a member of
14 Zoning Commission.

15 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion.
16 Can I have a second?

17 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

18 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion
19 and a second. Anyone on the question? Again,
20 Pete Sabia has been a longtime serving person
21 on the Zoning Commission and knows it very
22 well. He was approved by again Mike Brazil.
23 We interviewed him.

24 Even though he's been on for a long
25 time we did interview him and another

1 candidate. So once again, we're very, very
2 grateful to these folks for doing this work for
3 us. Anyone else on the question? I have a
4 motion and a second. All those in favor.

5 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MS. BRIER: Mike, will you do --

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, on the next one
10 I make a motion for Vince Amico to become a
11 member of the Civil Service Commission.

12 MS. BRIER: I have a motion. Can I
13 have a second?

14 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make a second.

15 MS. BRIER: Okay. So I have a
16 motion and a second to appoint Vince Amico to
17 the Civil Service Commission. Anyone opened?

18 MR. DEMPSEY: Just happy to have him
19 back in some capacity.

20 MS. BRIER: And we've had issues
21 around the quorum at Civil Service Commission.
22 That really ties us up because we need -- we
23 need to be able to have the Police and Fire
24 Department proceed with this. They cannot
25 proceed if they don't have a quorum. We're

1 grateful to Vince for coming out and saying he
2 would be a member of it. And it looks like
3 we're going to have another alternate as well.
4 So we have motion and a second. All those in
5 favor.

6 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. DEMPSEY: And next matter I make
10 a motion for Joe Sarkis to become a Civil
11 Service Commission alternate in the event that
12 the Civil Service Commission does not have a
13 quorum.

14 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

15 MS. BRIER: Anyone on the question?
16 We have a motion and a second. Anyone on the
17 question? This situation again we're very
18 grateful to -- he's a former State Police
19 Officer and a Dunmore resident obviously. And
20 we need the alternate in case -- there's only
21 three Civil Service Commissioners.

22 So if we can't get a quorum then we
23 can't proceed. So we're very grateful to him
24 as well for his volunteering for this service.
25 So I have a motion and a second. All those in

1 favor.

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. WOLFF: Number 10, motion to
6 approve Resolution No. 3 of 2024 for the
7 pickleball court grant application for the
8 Greenways, Trail and Recreation Program. Grant
9 will be submitted in the amount of \$167,026 to
10 the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program.

11 MS. BRIER: Okay. I have a motion
12 to approve Resolution No. 3 of 2024 for the
13 pickleball court grant application for the
14 Greenways, Trail and Recreation Program. It's
15 a state program. Do I have a motion?

16 MS. OVEN: I'll make a motion.

17 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

18 MS. BRIER: And a second. Do you
19 want to talk about this?

20 MS. OVEN: Yeah, this is just --
21 this is actually the third grant that I'll be
22 writing trying to get pickleball courts for the
23 back of the DCC. So it would be four
24 pickleball courts, 16 parking spots, ample
25 lighting and hopefully the third one is a

1 charm. And so I think it will be great for the
2 community to have these courts.

3 MS. BRIER: Yeah, Kathryn was saying
4 we could have tournaments then if we had four.

5 MS. OVEN: Tournaments, fundraisers,
6 lessons. The seniors could use it, all the
7 Dunmore residents can use it. So it will be
8 great.

9 MS. BRIER: And we could use it at
10 night, did you say?

11 MS. OVEN: There's lighting, yeah.

12 MR. O'MALLEY: I just want to say I
13 appreciate the efforts Councilwoman Mackrell
14 Oven has been working on this for a long time.
15 I think it will be a great idea and I fully
16 support it.

17 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

18 MS. BRIER: Great. Anyone else on
19 the question? So I have a motion and a second.
20 All those in favor.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it.

25 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, Treasurer

1 Financial Report, Mark.

2 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
3 I have a brief analysis for the month of April.
4 We had a net income of the month of \$747,000,
5 which brings our year-to-date net income to 1.9
6 million. As far as the revenue highlights, the
7 real estate collections remain strong.

8 This past -- our April was \$900,000.
9 So miscellaneous revenue, 17,000 in Express
10 Script rebate for the fourth quarter, 2023,
11 special assessments, \$634,000 in landfill fees
12 for the first quarter of 2024. As far as
13 expenses, solid waste another 28,000 in truck
14 repairs; debt principal \$100,000 to the 2024
15 TAN which is now paid in full.

16 And the insurance premiums another
17 \$70,000 is our second quarterly installment for
18 liability, property, and auto policies. And
19 that's about it.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

21 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney, in the past
22 several weeks we wrapped up our six week rental
23 with Riverfront Sports for AAU practices. They
24 were here for six weeks every Thursday night.

25 Last week weekend we hosted a

1 weekend tournament, a Bidy tournament that was
2 also sponsored by Riverfront which they rented
3 the gym from us for two days. We also have
4 entered into an agreement to rent a court to
5 newly formed Dunmore Men's Summer Basketball
6 League.

7 This is a group of mostly Dunmore
8 guys who will play here Thursday evenings and
9 Saturday afternoons for the majority of the
10 summer. They are going to rent one court and
11 they will be here for two hours. It's a bunch
12 of Dunmore guys.

13 We also continue to host practices
14 for several Dunmore AAU teams and we also have
15 a lot of parties in here on the weekends. And
16 the seniors recently held their pasta
17 fundraiser here on Thursday. There was a lot
18 of people. That's all.

19 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chris.

20 MS. OVEN: Thanks, Chris.

21 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge is absent.

22 Chief Marchese.

23 CHIEF MARCHESE: For the month of
24 April we responded to 914 calls. This number
25 is down 32 calls from the previous month. I

1 have attached a breakdown of all the serious
2 calls for you. The arrest for the month, we
3 had 11 criminal arrests, seven non-traffic
4 arrests, 56 traffic arrests, 15 written
5 warnings and 23 verbal warnings.

6 We had 13 overtime shifts that were
7 sent out for the month for overtime. Officer
8 Burgette took part in his monthly SWAT training
9 April 16th. During the month of March, the
10 meters collected 1,640 including coin, credit
11 card and pay by phone transactions.

12 During the month \$145 was collected
13 in parking tickets and one citation has been
14 filed. We took delivery of a body worn camera
15 as a trial run for officers to familiar
16 themselves with. We're waiting our order to
17 come in. Officers are getting used to which
18 clips to use, how to become familiar with it,
19 how to upload the stuff. So we'll be ready to
20 go when they get here.

21 April 7th, officers assisted the
22 Scranton Police Department with traffic control
23 for the half marathon. April 20th, multiple
24 officers assisted with traffic and crowd
25 control for the annual Jog for Jude.

1 This year nearly 1,900 runners took
2 part of the event. Officer Richardson took
3 that over for Captain Barth this year. He did
4 a great job. It's a lot of planning, a lot of
5 time to keep a lot of people safe. That's all
6 I got.

7 MS. BRIER: Thanks.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Chief.

9 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples is
10 absent. It brings us to public comment.

11 MS. BRIER: Anyone in the audience
12 want to come up? Sure. You just have to come
13 up to the podium and state your name and
14 address, please.

15 MR. FAZIO: Okay. My name is Andrew
16 Fazio. I live at 606 Shirley Lane in Dunmore.
17 I'm here tonight because the Borough received
18 \$180,000 from that fine that was impended
19 DeNaples' landfill. Now, as a resident of
20 Dunmore my whole life and all my children live
21 in Dunmore, I'm very concerned about that money
22 how it's been spent because I'm with the
23 understanding they are going to take that money
24 and put a pocket park in the Dunmore Corners,
25 which I think is the stupidest thing in the

1 world. That's my opinion. I think that that
2 money can be used to help the residents that
3 live in that area because the smell is still
4 there.

5 I mean, I was out -- I mean, 5:00 in
6 the morning -- I'm out all hours of the day and
7 night. 5:00 Friday morning, I was coming down
8 the highway and I counted them, 32 garbage
9 trucks in line waiting to get in the landfill,
10 okay.

11 Now, I'm not here to buck the
12 landfill at all. We need it. I understand it.
13 It's a necessity. I think it's a necessity
14 because if you had to haul that garbage
15 somewhere else, it would cost a fortune and we
16 would have to pay for that. So I understand
17 that.

18 What I'm looking for, part of that
19 money or whatever it takes is it to get some
20 kind monitors now that we could put up in the
21 surrounding areas to monitor that odor, the
22 germs that are in the air. Sometimes you smell
23 nothing but there's still that problem in the
24 air.

25 And I think that that money could be

1 used for that. I mean, they are going to put
2 that money towards the pocket -- the ink wasn't
3 even dry on the check yet and I heard they're
4 going to do. I thought it was ridiculous,
5 seriously, when you have a park right here
6 infested with snakes that the kids can't even
7 play T-ball.

8 I have two grandsons that play
9 T-ball that are afraid to come down here
10 because of all the snakes up here.

11 MS. BRIER: Snakes?

12 MR. FAZIO: Snakes. I could show
13 you right now. They are all infested in the
14 wall. It's unbelievable. I was here to a
15 party. My granddaughter was christened two
16 weeks ago. We had a party here and the kids
17 went up there to play and they all come running
18 inside from all the -- I went up and I
19 physically saw it myself.

20 And the one part there, there was
21 like eight snakes laying in the mulch all
22 sizes. And when I ruffled it up, they all went
23 in the wall. I told Nibs about it. He said he
24 was going to take care of it. Maybe he did. I
25 don't know. And I'm not here to buck Nibs.

1 Nibs is a great guy.

2 MR. HALLINAN: This is the first we
3 heard about this.

4 MR. FAZIO: I'm thinking they're
5 going to invest money up there that really
6 could be used towards those monitors to monitor
7 the air, you know, to protect the people. I
8 mean, we live there. Our lives are in that
9 area. I mean, there's a lot of new people
10 moving in there and houses that older people
11 lived and that passed away, a lot more kids
12 coming into the Swinick's Development.

13 And we are not being protected.
14 This money can be used for that. We would put
15 these monitors up in different parts, I mean,
16 just to try to monitor the air. I know other
17 areas where they bought these monitors and they
18 mounted them on poles or on people's homes.
19 They were agreeable to it.

20 It's just to keep track of the air,
21 what's going on because this is something
22 that's going to be there for a long time, a
23 long time, long after I'm gone, maybe long
24 after my kids are gone. But I have grand kids
25 that I'm worried about.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Mr. Fazio, I'm not
2 here to correct you. The 600,000 I think we
3 only get 180 and out of that. I think there's
4 restrictions. I don't disagree with you about
5 monitoring. But I don't know if we can.
6 There's certain restrictions of what we could
7 use it for and it has to be which is for the
8 good of the community, which is right. But I
9 don't know if monitoring -- if we could have
10 Greg check into that.

11 MR. O'MALLEY: I know there was an
12 effort to put monitors out in our
13 neighborhoods. I signed up to do it but never
14 heard back.

15 MR. HALLINAN: This money he's
16 talking about, I don't know if that could be
17 used for that. I could be wrong.

18 MR. FAZIO: The money had to be used
19 in a way to monitor that, not for -- can't be
20 used foolishly, like, you couldn't go out and
21 buy new police cars, something like that. You
22 couldn't use for that. But it could be used
23 for something that has to do with the
24 betterment -- protect people from the landfill.

25 MS. BRIER: Were you able to call

1 DEP, DEP has --

2 MR. FAZIO: How many times did I
3 call? There's been times, like, years. That's
4 why I'm upset.

5 MS. BRIER: Do you get a response?

6 MR. FAZIO: Oh, yeah.

7 MS. BRIER: Do they come to your
8 house?

9 MR. FAZIO: Oh, yeah.

10 MS. BRIER: Did they smell it?

11 MR. FAZIO: We can't open the
12 windows. We can't go on our porches. I mean,
13 it's every year.

14 MS. BRIER: I know I called too.

15 MR. FAZIO: 180,000, that's great.
16 Throop got 180, we got 180, they got 180, okay?
17 And the people got nothing. We're the ones
18 suffering. We're the ones that are dealing
19 with this. Do you know what I mean? And it's
20 terrible when you come home from work or you
21 want to go out in the morning before I go to
22 work and have a cup of coffee on the porch, you
23 can't.

24 I mean, you can't open the windows.
25 If you don't have an air conditioner in your

1 house in the summer, you're going to die
2 because you can't open the windows.

3 MR. HALLINAN: I don't mean to speak
4 for the President. But I have no problem
5 putting monitors up if that money is allowed to
6 do that. If not, we could probably look
7 somewhere for money to protect that area.

8 MR. FAZIO: That's all I'm looking
9 for. Miss Oven here wanted to bring -- like
10 check for VOCs which is the most dangerous
11 things that you are inhaling. You don't even
12 know you're inhaling it.

13 MS. BRIER: There is a program out
14 in Philly that will put monitors on your house.
15 And I could give you that information and they
16 do it for free. I have one on my house. We
17 wanted to -- we asked the Y if they would put
18 one up because I smell it going into the Y a
19 lot.

20 MR. FAZIO: Go up the Casey in the
21 morning. I'm on the Casey in the morning.

22 MS. BRIER: And in the evening.

23 MR. FAZIO: They are covered. I'm
24 not bucking -- they're doing everything they
25 could do. I'm not bucking them at all because

1 I think they are really trying. But I think
2 when you uncover garbage that's been laying --
3 they're making the mountain higher, you got
4 that --

5 MS. BRIER: Well, they made them
6 close that. They capped that again. Thank
7 goodness.

8 MR. FAZIO: Yeah, that was awful.
9 It would burn your eyes.

10 MS. BRIER: They should have never
11 permitted that. That being said, I will give
12 you the information about it. They will come
13 to your house and they'll put a monitor on.
14 Again, it's up to DEP to do something about
15 that. And they're the enforcement people.

16 MR. FAZIO: They've been great. I
17 know every time I've ever called and I only
18 call when it's really, really bad. I'll deal
19 with it because it is what it is. But when it
20 gets really, really bad I'll call because
21 you're breathing that. You know that smell is
22 beyond that. You got all this -- who knows
23 what you're breathing.

24 MS. BRIER: Who knows, that's the
25 problem.

1 MR. FAZIO: Like I said, I have four
2 grand kids from seven to six months old that
3 live a block away from me. And I have my
4 daughter that lives two blocks away from him.
5 And she don't have any kids. My son, he lives
6 up by -- they are all in Dunmore. I made sure
7 when my kids were going to buy that they all
8 bought houses in Dunmore, you know, I really
9 did.

10 I made it my mission because I
11 wanted to keep them. I want the kids to stay
12 around because so many kids move out of the
13 area. You lose them. So I did everything I
14 could do to keep them here. Now I'm wondering
15 did I do the right thing, you know what I mean?
16 I was born and raised in this town, my father
17 and mother, my grandfather.

18 MS. BRIER: You're Dunmore people.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Dunmore.

20 MR. FAZIO: Yeah, you know, and I
21 understand the landfill. I used to work for a
22 garbage company before I went into business.
23 And I'm in business 44 years there. And I was
24 in the garbage. I worked for them. I
25 understand that it's a necessity. It really

1 is. It's like water, if you don't have no
2 place to bring this stuff, you know, what are
3 you going to do?

4 I used to haul out of {inaudible}
5 Pennsylvania to bring it all the way down here
6 because, you know -- and these people had to
7 pay heavy to have their garbage taken away. If
8 we had to pay to have our garbage taken down
9 the line down south, down by Allentown area or
10 whatever, we might be paying 2 or 3 dollars a
11 bag.

12 And some people have eight, nine
13 bags a week. You know, we couldn't afford it.
14 We're very lucky that we could take our garbage
15 to the curb and not have to worry about it. So
16 I think it's important. But I think it's
17 important that our health is monitored too
18 because you can't put a price on that. That's
19 why I was concerned.

20 MS. BRIER: Thank you. I appreciate
21 you coming. I really do.

22 MR. FAZIO: I was hoping that we
23 could do something if we're able to with that
24 money just to keep an eye on what's going on to
25 know that they are safe. And then I wanted to

1 mention about the snake situation up here
2 because obvious --

3 MS. BRIER: Can we get our animal
4 control guy?

5 MR. WOLFF: I don't think he handles
6 snakes.

7 MR. HALLINAN: How about Pest
8 Practice --

9 MR. FAZIO: There's not just one or
10 two.

11 MS. BRIER: You know, it's funny.
12 My daughter lives on Marion and there's snakes
13 there.

14 MR. KEARNEY: I contacted the Pest
15 Practice and they -- it's in the retaining --
16 the snakes were originally in the retaining
17 pond. I had no idea they were up there. But
18 they were down here to do the retaining pond
19 because we had a couple that got into the gym.

20 So I got them out of the gym and we
21 called -- I called Pest Practice but I didn't
22 know anything about --

23 MR. FAZIO: You could walk right up,
24 right in the wall. I couldn't believe it. I'm
25 telling you just that little area I walked up

1 and I went right to the mulch and --

2 MS. BRIER: Were they garden snakes?

3 MR. FAZIO: Oh, yeah, I was going to
4 grab them. And sometime I get them coming down
5 from Sherwood Park, you know, because the kids
6 are afraid. And they all -- there was five of
7 them. The longest one was maybe that long
8 (indicating) because I tried to grab that one.
9 But they're quick. There was some small ones
10 too. But they went in the wall. I tried to
11 get them but they wouldn't come out.

12 MR. WOLFF: Chris, if you could
13 follow up with that?

14 MR. KEARNEY: Yes.

15 MR. FAZIO: That's my concern
16 because the kids are afraid to come down and
17 play T-ball.

18 MS. BRIER: Sure. Thanks so much.

19 MR. FAZIO: That's my concern. They
20 are afraid off the snakes. But like I said,
21 whatever you could do to try to help now that
22 we have maybe a couple dollars that we could
23 put towards something that the people don't
24 have to keep calling DEP that these monitors
25 will keep an eye on this stuff.

1 MS. BRIER: Right. We're trying.

2 MR. FAZIO: I know it's not an easy
3 thing.

4 MS. BRIER: We have been talking
5 with DEP quite a bit. And we went down and met
6 with them. It's a real process. It really is.
7 They should have never permitted that cap
8 removal.

9 MR. FAZIO: When they took that cap
10 off it was bad.

11 MS. BRIER: Well, it was, like,
12 ancient.

13 MR. FAZIO: We couldn't go outside.
14 It would literally burn your eyes. And if this
15 came all the way down here, can you imagine how
16 it was up there? And depending which way the
17 wind's blowing, if you go up the Marshwood Road
18 and this side is okay and then Marshwood Road
19 you get killed. Moosic Lake and everything,
20 they're all getting killed.

21 But it's part of that what it is.
22 But if they don't do in a cap deal, like, if
23 they just do fresh it's not too bad because
24 they cover it right a way so you don't get it.
25 But when they open it up, it's like getting a

1 bag of potatoes rotting in your garage or
2 cellar or something.

3 MS. BRIER: All right. We have to
4 give other folks a chance but thank you. Sir,
5 did you want to speak?

6 MR. CAMPBELL: My name is James
7 Campbell, I live at 214 Olive Street in
8 Dunmore. I'm here to see when you're going to
9 pave the alley at the side of my house going
10 down to Perry's house.

11 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Campbell, we still
12 haven't found anything that shows that that's
13 our road. We're still in the same --

14 MR. CAMPBELL: That was always --

15 MR. WOLFF: I know you've come a
16 couple times but we can't find anything. I
17 know what you're saying. I know what you said
18 to us numerous times. But we can't find
19 anything between the Solicitor, the engineer,
20 we can't find anything.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: Somebody took it off
22 the records.

23 MR. WOLFF: Well, that -- I can't
24 comment on that.

25 MR. CAMPBELL: Without telling

1 anybody that they did it.

2 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, unfortunately, I
3 mean, we would like to help you. But we can't
4 start -- if we can't prove that that's our road
5 then other people will say, hey, what about my
6 driveway. We can't take care of private
7 properties. It's not --

8 MR. CAMPBELL: It's not private
9 property.

10 MR. WOLFF: Well, we can't show that
11 it --

12 MR. CAMPBELL: There's nobody on the
13 block that owns that road. So if nobody owns
14 that road, it's the Boroughs.

15 MR. WOLFF: Well, we can't show
16 anything that it's ours.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay, then it's the
18 states. I have to go to the state and ask
19 them? The state will come down and tell you
20 that --

21 MR. WOLFF: I know the map you
22 showed me -- you could look at a lot of maps,
23 but that doesn't mean that -- just looking at a
24 map that's online or whatever doesn't mean that
25 it's ours. There's paper roads. There's

1 different -- we can't prove that it's ours. We
2 need to do our due diligence to make sure we're
3 not --

4 MR. CAMPBELL: The Borough took it
5 off their records.

6 MR. WOLFF: I mean, I can't --

7 MR. CAMPBELL: When did they?

8 MR. WOLFF: I can't speak to that.

9 MS. BRIER: Is there any
10 documentation to that effect?

11 MR. CAMPBELL: You could ask Paul
12 Nardoizzi when he was on Council.

13 MS. BRIER: We would need
14 documentation, Mr. Campbell. We would need
15 documentation to that effect. And we don't
16 have any at the moment.

17 MR. WOLFF: Actually I think Nibs
18 talked to Mr. Nardoizzi too and he was not -- he
19 was of the same opinion he wasn't -- he didn't
20 believe it was the Borough's property.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: Whose property is it
22 then? You can't find out? You're not getting
23 taxes from it.

24 MR. WOLFF: I know that it's not
25 ours.

1 MR. CAMPBELL: You're not getting
2 taxes from it. So whose road is it? You don't
3 know but --

4 MR. WOLFF: To the best of my
5 knowledge, I know it's not the Borough's and
6 that's what we have to concern ourselves with.
7 It not this board's, you know -- if it's not
8 ours, it's not our responsibility. We can't
9 figure out whose property it is.

10 MR. CAMPBELL: You can't figure out
11 whose property it is?

12 MR. WOLFF: We know that it's not
13 ours.

14 MR. CAMPBELL: Why do you know?

15 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Campbell, I could go
16 around and around with you. But I can't prove
17 anything -- we have no evidence that it is our
18 road. That's all I could tell you. I'm sorry.
19 I know your feelings.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: But there is nobody
21 that owns it then.

22 ATTY. PERRY: Well, it could be the
23 developers of the property that own it. But
24 the point is, Mr. Campbell --

25 MR. CAMPBELL: It was part of the

1 street when --

2 ATTY. PERRY: Well, it is. It's a
3 road.

4 MR. CAMPBELL: It was part of Helen
5 Street at the time that when Helen Street was
6 put in.

7 ATTY. PERRY: It's not a Borough
8 road and the Borough can't spend money on
9 private property because it's not Borough
10 property.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: It's not private
12 property. You don't make money off it. You
13 should --

14 ATTY. PERRY: I'm just telling you
15 it's not a Borough road and the Borough can't
16 spend money on private property.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: You don't have
18 anybody that owns that road.

19 ATTY. PERRY: The Borough doesn't
20 own it. That's the point. If the Borough
21 owned it, the Borough would take care of it.
22 But the Borough doesn't own it.

23 MR. CAMPBELL: It was taken off the
24 records from when -- the Borough came up and
25 talked to the people that owned --

1 believe is actually sold out. It's a 5K and
2 then the parade shortly after that. Also this
3 weekend is Reuse Fest 2024, Lackawanna County
4 Recycling Center's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., up
5 at Montage Mountain Road at PNC Field.

6 They ask people if they are going to
7 attend or bring items which are listed on here,
8 work boots, sneakers, gloves, please call so
9 that they know and have an idea where the
10 reused items should go to. Otherwise people
11 will be turned away.

12 Also Lackawanna County Heritage Fair
13 May 30th through June 2nd at Montage Mountain.
14 We have a couple of posters over there for
15 people. Hopefully I'll be back for the next
16 meeting. But if not, this is an early June
17 event that is going on sponsored by the
18 Commissioners. It's a bocce ball tournament
19 that will be held down in Old Forge on June
20 8th.

21 MS. BRIER: Nice.

22 MR. CORDELLI: Thank you for your
23 time. I'll stay afterwards if anyone has
24 anything.

25 MS. BRIER: Thanks for coming. We

1 appreciate any information. Anyone else care
2 to speak this evening? All right. Public
3 officials.

4 MR. WOLFF: The only thing I have is
5 just make the announcement that we will be
6 going on our summer schedule. So for Memorial
7 Day we will not have a meeting. And then June
8 and July and August, we'll only have a meeting
9 the second Monday of the month.

10 And then September we'll resume our
11 regular schedule. So we'll be on the summer
12 schedule after tonight. That's all I have.

13 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing.

14 MS. BRIER: Mr. Dempsey?

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Nothing for me.

16 MS. BRIER: Mr. O'Malley?

17 MR. O'MALLEY: Good evening,
18 everyone. I'm really looking forward to the
19 upcoming Bucktown Music Fest. I'm sure that
20 Mr. Hallinan will speak about it tonight too.
21 The first date is Sunday, June 9th.

22 And I want to thank Councilman
23 Hallinan and Brian McGurl for their effort and
24 I hope to see everyone there. That's all.

25 MS. BRIER: Thank you. Mr.

1 Hallinan.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Trip, for
3 that. That's all I have is Music Fest is June
4 9, which will be before our next meeting. But
5 Daddy0, East Coast will be playing. It's free
6 to the public thanks to all the donations of
7 the citizens and businesses in Dunmore. We
8 appreciate it.

9 And if anybody knows anybody that
10 has lots of money they want to dispose of, they
11 could just send it our way.

12 MS. BRIER: The first is at Dunmore
13 Corners.

14 MR. HALLINAN: There's nine shows
15 this year, seven of them are at Dunmore
16 Corners. Two are out on different parts of the
17 town and everything is coming together. But
18 thank you very much for all the support from
19 Council and the DPW and Dunmore Police and the
20 girls in the office for helping us out and
21 getting this community event off the ground
22 every year. So I thank everybody. Thank you.

23 MS. BRIER: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

24 MS. OVEN: I just want to thank
25 everyone for coming. And, Mr. Fazio, we were

1 speaking in executive meeting and I'm going to
2 contact the DEP to see about the air quality.
3 I know there is some monitoring. I could
4 follow up with you if you would like and let
5 you know what they say.

6 MR. FAZIO: All right. Thank you.

7 MS. BRIER: I'll get you the other
8 information on the free monitor.

9 MR. FAZIO: All right. Thank you.

10 MS. OVEN: That's all.

11 MS. BRIER: I really don't have
12 anything tonight.

13 MR. WOLFF: I thought you said you
14 were done, just a motion to adjourn.

15 MS. BRIER: No, no, thanks everyone
16 for coming tonight. And thanks for the reports
17 from or department heads and we'll see you next
18 month. Have a great Memorial Day.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make a motion to
20 adjourn.

21 MS. BRIER: Second. All those in
22 favor.

23 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
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