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- THOMAS HALLINAN
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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. LOUGHNEY: Madam Chair, if I could ask for a moment of indulgence for a minute to honor Lieutenant Ron Sleboda and Bernie Kelly, two of our finest police officers that passed this past week if we could have a moment of silence.

MS. BRIER: Sure.

(Moment of silence.)

MR. WOLFF: Roll call, Mayor Conway.

MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney.

MR. LOUGHNEY: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey is absent.  
Mr. O'Malley.

MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

MS. BRIER: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

MS. OVEN: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

2 MR. WOLFF: Number three, public  
3 comment on agenda items.

4 MS. BRIER: Is there anyone here  
5 that would like to comment on agenda items only  
6 this evening? Hi. Would you just come up and  
7 identify yourself?

8 MS. VERKITUS: Hi. I'm Tonyehn  
9 Verkitus. I'm the Executive Director of  
10 Physicians for Social Responsibility of  
11 Pennsylvania. And I'm here to comment on  
12 Keystone Landfill agenda item.

13 We have been working with the  
14 community for some time to conduct air  
15 monitoring because of the smells that people  
16 have been experiencing. And we'd like to help  
17 validate their experiences with data that we  
18 find and that we could use that data to help  
19 develop reports, but also so that data can be  
20 taken back to DEP so that they could use that  
21 in order to discuss what type of monitoring  
22 would be proper for that area because clearly  
23 thus far it has not been done properly.

24 So what I'm giving here to the  
25 Council is just a summary of environmental

1 health concerns that we have noted about the  
2 landfill. So landfills pose significant  
3 environmental health concerns. They contribute  
4 to climate change throughout release of methane  
5 and carbon dioxide and can contaminate soil and  
6 water, and disrupt wildlife, decrease nearby  
7 property values, and pose risks of accidents  
8 and disasters like fires, collapses, and  
9 landslides.

10 Several studies have investigated  
11 the potential health impacts of exposure to  
12 hydrogen sulfide from landfills and other  
13 sources. Respiratory symptoms and diseases  
14 such as bronchitis and asthma exacerbation and  
15 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and  
16 cancer are correlated with today H<sub>2</sub>S.

17 As rainwater infiltrates through the  
18 waste in the landfill, it picks up various  
19 contaminants and pollutants, including heavy  
20 metals, organic compounds and other harmful  
21 substances. The resulting leachate can pose  
22 serious risks to human health and the  
23 environment if it seeps into groundwater or  
24 nearby surface water bodies.

25 And I would just like to point out

1           for a second that a lot of these landfills at  
2           some point have accepted oil and gas waste.  
3           This waste has been found to carry high levels  
4           of radioactive material. So these radioactive  
5           materials can feasibly be in this leachate and  
6           going into your water systems as well.

7                     The chemical present in leachate can  
8           include -- sorry. Effective management and  
9           treatment of leachate are essential to minimize  
10          the environmental and health risks associated  
11          with landfill operations. Proper landfill  
12          design, liner systems and leachate collection  
13          and treatment systems are key components of  
14          mitigating leachate pollution.

15                    Additionally, regular monitoring and  
16          regulatory oversight are necessary to ensure  
17          that landfills are operated in a manner that  
18          minimizes the release of harmful leachate into  
19          the surrounding environment.

20                    The aforementioned concerns should  
21          guide both regulatory decisions and public  
22          health interventions aimed at mitigating  
23          exposure to landfill toxicity.

24                    What I can say thus far is that we  
25          have seen a relatively strong correlation

1           between people's experiences such as the days  
2           that there's been numerous reports to DEP or  
3           you all have been putting notes on the Facebook  
4           page to the high levels of the OCs that we're  
5           seeing on the monitors.

6                       We're catching high peaks of data on  
7           known documented events. That just needs to be  
8           recognized. We can't create a full report just  
9           yet because we have so many monitors out, but  
10          we just began monitoring in November. And we  
11          placed the last monitors in March. So we're  
12          now just starting to get months of data from  
13          the older monitors.

14                     But we are working with researchers  
15          who are doing data analysis and chemometrics to  
16          recognize patterns with what we're seeing from  
17          the landfill and people's experiences. So the  
18          more monitors we can get out, the more we can  
19          do to help your community. Thank you.

20                     MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

21                     MS. BRIER: So we don't have any  
22          results from the monitors yet.

23                     MS. VERKITUS: We pulled some  
24          reports. There is actually links in the  
25          document that I gave you. If you click those

1 links, it will take you to some of the reports.  
2 You can't click. But you'll have to type it  
3 in. You could e-mail us and we would send  
4 those links to you as well.

5 We have some 3D patterning that's  
6 been done by a researcher that would show some  
7 of these pattern as well.

8 MS. BRIER: Thank you very, very  
9 much. We really appreciate the work from  
10 Physicians, you know, for Social  
11 Responsibility. And on this page, are these  
12 comments with regard to the renewal of the  
13 permit in 2025?

14 MS. VERKITUS: Yes.

15 MS. BRIER: Okay. All of these  
16 folks have commented it.

17 MS. VERKITUS: No, those are old  
18 reports, sorry. Our report is based on this  
19 upcoming.

20 MR. HALLINAN: Were you the people  
21 that put out monitoring? Were you on the news  
22 in Archbald or something?

23 MS. VERKITUS: Yes.

24 MR. HALLINAN: So how would people  
25 in Dunmore who wanted air quality monitors, how

1 do they go about getting them?

2 MS. VERKITUS: I have business cards  
3 so you could reach out to me. The other thing  
4 that I would suggest and this is a new tool  
5 that we're using is called Smell My City. It's  
6 an app you could download. You don't even need  
7 a monitor. If it's a bad air quality day, you  
8 open it and click and on a range of one to ten  
9 or something how bad it smells.

10 You could put in descriptions. But  
11 it will start to map what people are  
12 experiencing. So we're working very closely  
13 with the guys that created this app. We  
14 definitely want to promote the free version to  
15 your community now just so we start collecting  
16 data.

17 But later we're going to develop  
18 something that actually shows wind and weather  
19 patterning and it will show because the fire --  
20 the gas-fired power plant will be in there as  
21 well. But it will show exactly how that air is  
22 moving across the community.

23 And when you see other versions like  
24 in Pittsburgh, it will show plumes of this air  
25 coming from whatever infrastructure they're



1           looking at. But then it correlates all the  
2           reports are making of smells and the triangle  
3           of smell follow the plumes coming from -- for  
4           them it's petrochemical plant. For us it would  
5           be the gas-fired power plant and the landfill.  
6           But then it gives you that visual as well as  
7           the data.

8                     MS. BRIER: Where is the gas fire --

9                     MS. VERKITUS: Jessup.

10                    MS. BRIER: Oh, that, yeah.

11                    MS. OVEN: When you talk about the  
12           VOCs, if you aren't smelling something, can  
13           there still be VOCs in the air?

14                    MS. VERKITUS: There can. VOCs will  
15           normally -- you will normally smell something.  
16           But there can be VOCs that are not registering.  
17           But what's most important is, if you smell  
18           something, that means it's already entered your  
19           bloodstream.

20                    In order for you to smell it, it's  
21           part of your physiology. It's already too late  
22           in a sense.

23                    MS. OVEN: But it also could be  
24           heading in there and you don't realize it  
25           because there isn't a particular smell.

1 MS. VERKITUS: Right. Which is why  
2 the monitors help because you could see VOCs on  
3 the monitor. You could see PM2.5, etc. We  
4 can't speciate. But one thing that this  
5 company who created the Smell My City app will  
6 do is, they have created something called an  
7 S-pod where they could put up a monitor that is  
8 a continuous air monitor.

9 And what happens is, let's say VOCs  
10 get to 29, as an example, it will automatically  
11 collect an air sample. It can be picked up  
12 later and then sent off for analysis. But we  
13 could decide what that limit is. And it's just  
14 out there collecting every time it surpasses  
15 that level.

16 And another thing that we could do,  
17 we're actually going to Seneca Meadows landfill  
18 next week. We use what's called a flare OGI  
19 camera. It shows you methane and other  
20 landfill hydrocarbons that are coming out of  
21 chemical plants or off landfills. I will say  
22 when we used it here we did not see as much  
23 methane coming off the landfill as we did at  
24 Seneca Meadows.

25 But it was like a giant cloud.

1 We're working with researchers who are going to  
2 do air capture to do data analysis. But we are  
3 going to use the flare OGI first because we  
4 could see where the wind is taking the  
5 pollutants and then they could set up their  
6 canisters and collect right there, so other  
7 questions if you want to collect data.

8 MS. BRIER: Thank you. Thank you  
9 very much for taking the time to come.  
10 Appreciate it.

11 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

12 MS. BRIER: Sharon.

13 MR. CUFF: Sharon Cuff, Spring  
14 Street. So on number 13 on the agenda, I just  
15 want to thank Council for putting this on the  
16 agenda and thinking about the permit  
17 application, the permit renewal application and  
18 putting, you know, some thought into this and  
19 sending a letter regarding that.

20 I just wanted to follow up with the  
21 representative from Physicians For Social  
22 Responsibility because I, myself, do have one  
23 of those monitors. And I could tell you when  
24 you go online it's really pretty fascinating.  
25 You have to like science on you have to learn

1 to navigate the cite.

2 But there are days particularly the  
3 high odor days where the graph is just -- I  
4 mean, it's like right up. But again, to follow  
5 up with what she said, what scares me a little  
6 bit more are the days when I don't smell  
7 anything and I go on and I see it's through the  
8 roof.

9 But I could go onto look because my  
10 monitor is only like this big in the yard. It  
11 will exchange colors. So that's how I know  
12 something's up, you know, what's going on  
13 because I think it doesn't smell bad today. So  
14 I just do -- they have 30 plus monitors in the  
15 area of the landfill now for people who have  
16 come forward because they saw it on the news,  
17 Tom, which is great.

18 And the more monitors, the more  
19 information we're going to have. That said,  
20 that brings me back to your letter because  
21 honestly it should not be the responsibility of  
22 the public to collect this data. We've been  
23 doing it for how many years regarding this  
24 landfill?

25 And people all over the country are

1           doing it regarding the same kind of situations.  
2           These agencies, Department of Environmental  
3           Protection is there to serve us and they're to  
4           protect us. And it's really -- we're at the  
5           point now that we have to hold their feet to  
6           the fire and tell them do what you are supposed  
7           to do.

8                        You have the equipment. You have  
9           the ability. You have the staff. I mean, yes,  
10          they are short-staffed but they have engineers.  
11          They have chemist. They have all of this. Use  
12          it.

13                      MS. BRIER: Well, it's their job.

14                      MS. CUFF: It is their job. So  
15          again, as much as I'm thankful to agencies like  
16          this and Friends of Lackawanna and people who  
17          have been collecting data all this time, I'm  
18          glad the Council is now ready to say to DEP do  
19          your job. Thank you.

20                      MS. OVEN: Thank you.

21                      MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

22                      MS. BRIER: Thank you.

23                      MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

24                      MS. VERKITUS: I just want to say  
25          very quickly as we talk about DEP and them

1           doing their job or lack there of, there is a  
2           bill that we learned about today that is  
3           basically going to stop people from making  
4           complaints to DEP.

5                        So all of who having making  
6           complaints -- I can't remember what it's  
7           called. But it's called like the vexatious --  
8           they literally use that word -- vexatious  
9           amendment.

10                      The point being that if you contact  
11           them and they don't like your tone of voice,  
12           they don't like the words you use, they don't  
13           like a content of a written complaint, they  
14           could choose to ignore you. And that's huge.  
15           That's silencing the public. So everyone needs  
16           to kind of stay abreast of this.

17                      I just learned about it today. This  
18           is a way to keep you from complaining to DEP or  
19           for DEP to ignore you.

20                      MR. HALLINAN: That's terrible.

21                      MS. VERKITUS: I just wanted to put  
22           that out there.

23                      MS. BRIER: Thank you. Anyone else  
24           for anything on the agenda?

25                      MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to

1 approve the minutes.

2 MS. BRIER: I'd like a motion to  
3 approve the minutes.

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

6 MS. BRIER: Can I have a second?

7 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

8 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a  
9 second. On the question? All those in favor.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it.

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

16 MS. BRIER: I'd like to have a  
17 motion to approve and pay the open bills.

18 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

19 MS. BRIER: So moved. Second?

20 MS. OVEN: I'll second it.

21 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
22 and a second. Anyone on the question? All  
23 those in favor.

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it.

3 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to  
4 approve Resolution Number 5 of 2024 Bucktown  
5 Music Fest grant.

6 MS. BRIER: Let's get a motion  
7 first.

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

10 MS. BRIER: And a second?

11 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

12 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Trip. Anyone on  
13 the question? Tommy, would you mind explaining  
14 that?

15 MS. HALLINAN: On the question, this  
16 grant here is for a five thousand dollar grant  
17 for the arts from Lackawanna County  
18 Commissioners. And we apply for it every year  
19 and been thankful to get it for the last three  
20 years and hopefully we will receive it this  
21 year.

22 It's a big boost to the community.  
23 And it's a wonderful event that -- put on by  
24 the whole Council, Mayor, and everybody. So I  
25 just hope everybody will vote for it. It's a



1 magnificent thing that we do for the Borough of  
2 Dunmore.

3 MS. BRIER: It really is. All those  
4 in favor.

5 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. WOLFF: Motion seven, motion to  
9 approve Resolution Number 6 of 2024,  
10 sponsorship agreement for the Meadow Brook  
11 Flood Protection Project with the City of  
12 Scranton.

13 MS. BRIER: Do I have a motion to  
14 approve Resolution 6 of 2024 Sponsorship  
15 Agreement for the Flood Protection Project with  
16 the City of Scranton?

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

18 MS. BRIER: All right. A motion and  
19 a second.

20 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

21 MS. BRIER: Greg, can you explain  
22 this?

23 ATTY. PERRY: I'll do it. So this  
24 is a resolution and a Memorandum of  
25 Understanding allowing the City of Scranton to

1            basically take the labor and work and get  
2            whatever easements are necessary for the Meadow  
3            Brook Flood Project down in the Green Ridge  
4            section of the city.

5            There are two properties in Dunmore  
6            that they are going to need easement over. So  
7            they're going to do all the work and take care  
8            of that. That is basically what the  
9            understanding is.

10           MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
11           and a second. All those in favor.

12           ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13           MS. BRIER: Opposed?

14           (No response.)

15           MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to  
16           approve Nicholas Dunda as a temporary DPW  
17           laborer.

18           MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to  
19           approve Nicholas Dunda as a temporary DPW  
20           laborer?

21           MR. O'MALLEY: Motion.

22           MR. LOUGHNEY: Second.

23           MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
24           second. Anyone on the question?

25           MR. WOLFF: Just real quick, they

1 work temporary for up to 90 days. We evaluate,  
2 you know, and we are short. So if it works out  
3 with Mr. Dunda who is in the crowd, then we'll  
4 move on. We'll make him permanent.

5 MS. BRIER: Great.

6 MR. HALLINAN: On the question also,  
7 I hope we're looking for more -- temporary,  
8 temporary.

9 MR. WOLFF: We are.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Okay. Thank you.

11 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a  
12 second. All those in favor.

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MS. BRIER: Okay.

17 MR. O'MALLEY: Congratulations.

18 MS. BRIER: Yeah, thanks.

19 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to  
20 approve esri GIS annual subscription in the  
21 amount of \$1,865.

22 MS. BRIER: Okay. I have a motion  
23 to approve esri GIS annual subscription in the  
24 amount of \$1,865.

25 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Tommy. I have a  
3 motion. Do I have a second?

4 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. On the question?

6 MR. WOLFF: Just a quick  
7 description -- explanation here. This is the  
8 mapping. This is part of what it does is  
9 mapping software. So we'll be able to look at  
10 stormwater. We'll be able to look at zoning  
11 districts, things like that along with they  
12 have different applications -- so right of way  
13 permits.

14 There's all kinds of different  
15 applications that come with this. This will be  
16 two users and one professional user. So we'll  
17 be able to make changes to it. So it will come  
18 with three users.

19 MS. BRIER: Have we ever done this  
20 before?

21 MR. WOLFF: We have before. We had  
22 an older system. I'm not really sure when Mike  
23 Brazil took over that when they made the  
24 changeover on the computer, it was lost. So we  
25 have been looking for it ever since.

1 MS. BRIER: Okay.

2 MR. WOLFF: So this will be  
3 invaluable to our code, zoning, you know, a lot  
4 of different uses for this.

5 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and  
6 second. All those in favor.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it.

11 MR. WOLFF: Number 10, motion to  
12 approve Smart Energy Maintenance, LLC,  
13 placement of a Safety Jersey Barrier at the  
14 intersection of William and Baldassari Drives  
15 in the amount of \$2,825.

16 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
17 to approve Smart Energy Maintenance, LLC,  
18 placement of Safety Jersey Barrier at the  
19 intersection of William and Baldassari Drives  
20 in the amount of \$2,825. Can I have a motion?

21 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

22 MS. BRIER: A second?

23 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second that.

24 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a  
25 second.

1 MR. WOLFF: Just a quick  
2 explanation. We had some complaints. There  
3 was an accident over the wintertime. There's a  
4 very steep road that goes down and it's a bit  
5 of an embankment there. There is nothing to  
6 stop anyone from going over the embankment.

7 Lucky the injuries weren't serious.  
8 But that's what happened with this last  
9 accident. The neighbors have been asking for  
10 it for some time. So we got the quote. So  
11 it's, like I said, 2,850.

12 And they are those concrete barriers  
13 that you see on the road -- 2,825, I'm sorry.  
14 They are the concrete barriers that you see on  
15 the highway. That's what we'll have at the  
16 bottom of the hill.

17 MS. BRIER: Of Williams Street?

18 MR. WOLFF: Basically across from  
19 Tall Trees if you go up there a little bit.  
20 It's that way.

21 MS. BRIER: Okay. I have a motion  
22 and a second. All those in favor.

23 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, motion to  
2 approve the paving of a portion of the 600  
3 block of Terrace Street by Stafursky Paving in  
4 the amount of \$6,750.

5 MS. BRIER: We have a motion to  
6 approve the paving of a portion of the 600  
7 block of Terrace Street by Stafursky Paving in  
8 the amount of \$6,750.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that  
10 motion.

11 MS. BRIER: I have a motion. A  
12 second?

13 MR. LOUGHNEY: Second.

14 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
15 and a second. On the question?

16 MR. WOLFF: A little bit of an  
17 explanation, the utilities reached out to me  
18 and Stafursky paving said, hey, we're doing --  
19 they're doing waterline repair work. So the  
20 road is all tore up to the left and to the  
21 right. And there's a middle section that  
22 wouldn't have been completed.

23 So they reached out and said would  
24 we be agreeable to just finish that patch in  
25 between the part that is going to be newly

1 paved so the whole block will be completed.

2 MS. BRIER: Is it just one block?

3 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, and it's that 25  
4 by 135 foot section.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. A motion and a  
6 second. All those in favor.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. WOLFF: Motion to approve camp  
11 staff for Parks Program. If you'd like, do you  
12 want me to read them before you make the motion  
13 or --

14 MS. BRIER: Sure.

15 MR. WOLFF: So this is the summer  
16 staff for our Parks Program. For counsellors,  
17 we'll have Daniel Callahan, Christopher  
18 Gallagher, Caroline Gentile, Megan Judge,  
19 Kaitlin Kordish, Josette Novorosky, Scott  
20 Pagnotti, Mackenzie Senatore, Elizabeth  
21 Stefanski and Vanessa Vinskoski.

22 For our counsellors we'll have  
23 Colleen Blockberger, Tristan Canavan, John  
24 Costanzi, Noah Dougherty, Kristine Fagioli,  
25 Serenity Fox, Sydney Harding, Aiden Hart,



1 Abigail Kopacz, Olivia Leo, Maura Michalczyk,  
2 Madeline Mislinski, Isabelle Rought, Anthony  
3 Sabia, Sophia Summa, Sophia Talutto, Conor  
4 Toole and as a grass cutter Jaime Mcmyne.

5 MS. BRIER: All right. We have a  
6 motion to approve summer camp staff for Parks  
7 Program.

8 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

9 MS. BRIER: I have a motion. Can I  
10 have a second?

11 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

12 MS. BRIER: All right. This is our  
13 summer camp that we have every year. It's six  
14 weeks, Greg?

15 MR. WOLFF: We start off with four  
16 weeks and then depending on attendance from the  
17 kids we extend it out to six weeks.

18 MS. BRIER: It's been something that  
19 the kids really enjoy. Trip, if you want to  
20 talk about it for a second?

21 MR. O'MALLEY: Yeah, my kids come  
22 every day. They love it. All their friends  
23 are here every day and so they are looking  
24 forward to it. And we do it here and St.  
25 Anthony's and Sherwood.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Do we have a start  
2 date?

3 MR. WOLFF: The Monday after the  
4 4th. I think it's July 8th.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. It is. It's July  
6 8th. So I have a motion and a second. All  
7 those in favor.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. WOLFF: Number 13, motion to  
12 approve comment letter to be sent to DEP  
13 regarding Keystone Sanitary Landfill's permit  
14 renewal application.

15 MS. BRIER: I just wanted to say  
16 every 10 years the landfill has to renew their  
17 permit. And so it will be renewed in 2025. We  
18 feel -- the host community has -- well, anyone  
19 can actually comment. But the host  
20 communities, you know, have a special  
21 obligation to comment on something like this.

22 We have a letter that we've  
23 composed. And I could read it if that would be  
24 helpful.

25 We are writing as Dunmore Borough

1 Council and as the Mayor of Dunmore to express  
2 our concerns regarding the application of  
3 permit renewal number 101247 for Keystone  
4 Sanitary Landfill, KSL.

5 One concern is the lack of air  
6 quality monitoring at KSL of Volatile Organic  
7 Compounds, VOC. According to Joseph Buczynski,  
8 Regional Director of DEP, currently the only  
9 monitoring station is located at Marywood  
10 University but does not monitor for VOCs, only  
11 CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>X</sub>, Ozone and particulate  
12 matter PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

13 Methane emissions are not included  
14 in this monitoring. Methane emissions are only  
15 monitored on a quarterly basis by the landfill  
16 itself. As elected officials we are asking DEP  
17 to consistently monitor air quality at KSL for  
18 Volatile Organic Compounds, VOC that are  
19 associated with landfills, including Methane,  
20 Benzene, Ammonia, Hydrogen, Hydrogen Sulfide,  
21 Formaldehyde, Acrolein, Acetaldehyde and  
22 Methylamine.

23 Marcellus Shale fracking waste  
24 materials have been accepted at KSL for years.  
25 And DEP is only now conducting a study of the

1 concentration of Radium 226 and Radium 228 in  
2 the landfill leachate. The word sanitary and  
3 Keystone Sanitary Landfill indicates that only  
4 materials that degrade are to be accepted at  
5 KSL. Radium does not degrade.

6 A University of Pittsburgh research  
7 study dated October, 2023 stated, "While  
8 reporting is required, PADEP does not confirm  
9 the accuracy of the reported information." For  
10 these concerns and many others, we are asking  
11 the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental  
12 Protection to delay granting permit number  
13 101247 until such time as a much more robust  
14 monitoring system is conducted by DEP, and not  
15 the landfill, is in place.

16 Sincerely -- and we have all the  
17 Council people as well as our Mayor. And it is  
18 going to be copied to Governor Josh Shapiro,  
19 Acting DEP Secretary Jessica Shirley,  
20 Lackawanna County Commissioners Bill Gaughan,  
21 Matt McGloin and Chris Chermak, Scranton Mayor,  
22 Paige Cagnetti and the Scranton Times.  
23 Everyone will sign it tonight.

24 MS. OVEN: Has everyone agreed to  
25 sign it?

1 MR. LOUGHNEY: No, Madam Chairman,  
2 I'll be voting no on this.

3 MS. OVEN: You'll be voting no.

4 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make the motion.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you. I  
6 have a motion.

7 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

8 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
9 second. Anyone else on the question? All  
10 those in favor.

11 MS. OVEN: Aye.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

14 MS. BRIER: Aye.

15 MR. O'MALLEY: Aye.

16 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. LOUGHNEY: No.

19 MR. WOLFF: Number 14, Treasurer  
20 Financial Report, Marcus.

21 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council,  
22 my brief analysis for the month of May. We had  
23 a net income for the month of May of \$860,000  
24 which brings our year-to-date net income to 2.7  
25 million.

1                   As far as the income side, real  
2                   estate collections remain strong another 1  
3                   million dollar month. Business licenses and  
4                   permits, \$53,000 Comcast franchise fees for the  
5                   first quarter of 2024 and miscellaneous revenue  
6                   \$187,000 thousand dollars.

7                   That is the PMHIC 2023 surplus  
8                   distribution. That is one of two. We'll  
9                   receive the second one in or around October or  
10                  November.

11                  MS. BRIER: What was the number  
12                  again? I'm sorry.

13                  MR. BURTON: 187,000.

14                  MS. BRIER: Will the other be that  
15                  much as well?

16                  MR. BURTON: It will be the same  
17                  amount. As far as expenses are concerned,  
18                  General Government, \$91,000 for the purchase of  
19                  a property on 211 East Drinker Street. Police  
20                  station expenses, \$51,000 for their software  
21                  upgrade. Miscellaneous expense, \$64,000 for  
22                  the VFW roof replacement which is a CFA  
23                  passthrough so we'll be reimbursed for that.

24                  And retirement and pension  
25                  contributions was \$60,000 MMO partial payment

1           made in the month of May.

2                   MS. BRIER:  Anyone have any  
3           questions for Mark?  Thanks so much, Mark.

4                   MR. HALLINAN:  Thank you.

5                   MS. OVEN:  Thank you, Mark.

6                   MR. WOLFF:  Michael Judge, Didge,  
7           you're up -- oh, I'm sorry, my fault.  Chris  
8           Kearney.

9                   MR. KEARNEY:  The past several weeks  
10          we've continued hosting weekend parties in this  
11          room.  We have another two scheduled this  
12          weekend.  As far as the gym goes, the men's  
13          basketball league has started with games  
14          happening Thursday nights and Saturday  
15          afternoons.

16                   More importantly, they paid the  
17          rental fee for the entire season up front.  So  
18          we don't have to chase them.  We have finished  
19          I think with the AAU basketball practices and  
20          are now hosting grade school team practices.  
21          Basketball never ends.

22                   So last week the Dunmore High School  
23          Lady Bucks practiced several times here due to  
24          the unavailability of their gym due to the end  
25          of -- the school functions.  They had set up

1           for graduation and stuff over there so they  
2           didn't have a gym so they came over here.

3                       We also had made a batting cage  
4           available for the Dunmore teener league team  
5           when the weather's been ugly. They called me a  
6           couple times.

7                       MS. BRIER: Where is that, Chris,  
8           the batting cage?

9                       MR. KEARNEY: It's on the last  
10          court. It comes down from the ceiling. So  
11          also, we had a basketball break last week in  
12          the gym. We had a spare part so, you know, it  
13          wasn't a problem. I want to recognize Pat  
14          Judge and Jordan Seamon for like they turned it  
15          around in 40 minutes and it's quite a project.

16                      So if they weren't here -- this kind  
17          of thing if we had to hire people who provide  
18          the thing, would have cost us close to 900,000.  
19          So these guys were able to get it done so I  
20          just wanted to recognize them. That's all I  
21          wanted to say.

22                      MS. BRIER: That adult league, is it  
23          a certain amount? Do you know who is coming  
24          in?

25                      MR. KEARNEY: The guy who is running



1           it is a Dunmore guy. It's probably 80 percent  
2           Dunmore guys. And they are here a couple  
3           hours. He runs a tight ship. So we're good.

4                   MR. HALLINAN: Do you need supplies  
5           for the Summer Program kids?

6                   MR. KEARNEY: We're going to be  
7           going through all of that shortly. Thank you.

8                   MR. HALLINAN: Okay, thank you.

9                   MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chris.

10                  MR. WOLFF: Now Mr. Judge.

11                  MR. JUDGE: I don't have much to  
12           say. I was off the last two months. We're  
13           patching now and if anybody has potholes or  
14           whatever, call them in. We're trying to catch  
15           up on the potholes now. Other than that, like  
16           I said, I really don't know what's going on.  
17           Today was my first day back. So call them in.

18                  ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Didge.

19                  MR. WOLFF: Sal Marchese is absent.  
20           Chief Denaples.

21                  CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,  
22           Council. I have my monthly report. I'll start  
23           out with the Fire Department report and switch  
24           into the Code Enforcement. So through the  
25           month of June we do have some high expenditures

1 for the Fire Department. One of the lower ones  
2 is the flow testing on our air packs, the air  
3 packs one and fire leaks association, they were  
4 replaced a couple years ago.

5 Every year they need to be flow  
6 tested. So there is 17 total. That cost was  
7 done last week on Friday, it was \$852.15. We  
8 get our fire hose tested every year. That is  
9 coming up this month, the 17th of this month  
10 it's scheduled for. That's \$3,207.50.

11 Last year we had to replace quite a  
12 bit of hose. So we should be in fairly good  
13 shape this year as far as the testing process.  
14 The fire alarm system in the firehouse, this is  
15 a pretty high expenditure. During a storm  
16 about three weeks ago, the firearm alarm system  
17 went down and it was showing a trouble signal.

18 So we called Eastern Time Security  
19 to come out and evaluate it. They came out a  
20 couple of days later and they said the fire  
21 alarm panel was basically not operational  
22 anymore.

23 So when that firearm alarm system  
24 was put in the building in approximately 2006,  
25 it was already outdated. So they couldn't just

1           replace the panel. So what that encompasses is  
2           basically everything in the building for the  
3           smoke detectors which are carbon monoxide  
4           detectors as well need to be placed basically  
5           the whole system.

6                        So that's \$8,710. We have not  
7           gotten a date of installation. However, a  
8           purchase was procured. And that was sent out.  
9           We're just waiting on a date on that when they  
10          are going to come in and do it. So them are  
11          the expenditures as of now for the month.

12                       As far as overtime, again, we're  
13          down 11 full-time firefighters with the  
14          retirements and with one of our full-time  
15          firefighters has been out for quite a while on  
16          Heart and Lung. We had scheduled this month at  
17          the time of this report was written 384 hours  
18          of overtime.

19                       In addition to 48 part-time shifts  
20          put out and them part-time shifts are 12 hour  
21          shifts. So that is pretty much --

22                       MS. BRIER: So, Chief, where are we  
23          on the staffing? Do we have some candidates?

24                       CHIEF DENAPLES: We do. There's  
25          four people on the list. One may be eligible

1 or not eligible. This is for full time. The  
2 Civil Service met last month. They decided to  
3 table certifying that list because of some  
4 issues with a candidate.

5 They said that they were going to  
6 meet again in June. However, I haven't seen  
7 any date yet. So maybe we could check on that  
8 with the commission to see when they may  
9 potentially --

10 MS. BRIER: We can't do anything  
11 until we have a certified list.

12 CHIEF DENAPLES: Correct. However,  
13 we do have three part-time candidates that are  
14 going through an orientation process. Two of  
15 them are starting this week. One of them has  
16 been in orientation for quite a while and is  
17 completing it.

18 So again, we do have three people.  
19 One of them is somebody that is coming back.  
20 And we had a couple part timers resign for  
21 other jobs. There was kind of a flurry of that  
22 in the last couple months. So I just wanted to  
23 bring that to everybody's attention.

24 MR. LOUGHNEY: Chief, who pays for  
25 their orientation?

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: So when they come  
2 in to do the orientation the Borough pays them.

3 MR. LOUGHNEY: So they are actually  
4 hired.

5 CHIEF DENAPLES: They are actually  
6 hired. They don't do orientation before they  
7 are hired. However, the one individual I  
8 believe was supposed to be formally hired  
9 tonight. I don't see that on the agenda.  
10 However, he was approved to start orientation  
11 and then it was tentatively supposed to be on  
12 the agenda for the 10th.

13 MR. LOUGHNEY: After completion of  
14 orientation, do they sign with us for an  
15 extended time?

16 CHIEF DENAPLES: They do not.

17 MR. LOUGHNEY: So we have them go  
18 through orientation and they don't even have to  
19 work.

20 CHIEF DENAPLES: Correct. So to  
21 clarify that, they go through orientation,  
22 successfully complete it and --

23 MS. BRIER: Well, that is any job.

24 MR. LOUGHNEY: Yeah, but if we're  
25 paying --

1 MS. BRIER: Well, you pay and then  
2 the person goes to orientation. That's every  
3 job I every had anyway. And then they could  
4 quit or stay.

5 CHIEF DENAPLES: And there has been  
6 some that haven't made it successfully through  
7 the orientation process.

8 MS. BRIER: Sure. And that's why  
9 you have orientation.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Chris, I have a  
11 question. I forget when you do it. Are we  
12 still putting in the smoke alarms in the homes  
13 and, what, do they have to contact you?

14 CHIEF DENAPLES: So we just got a  
15 shipment of 40 smoke detectors a couple weeks  
16 ago. We were running low on them. So we get  
17 them from the American Red Cross. Anybody in  
18 the borough in the residential or really even  
19 commercial structure that needs smoke  
20 detectors, they could just call the firehouse  
21 at 570-347-2592.

22 That's my office or 570-348-1730 and  
23 they could just schedule a time. And we'll  
24 come out and install them. And they are free.  
25 The only thing is, we have to install them

1           because that IS part of the criteria of the Red  
2           Cross program that the Fire Department has to  
3           put them in.

4                     MS. OVEN: Is that on our website?

5                     CHIEF DENAPLES: I believe it was  
6           somewhere on there.

7                     MR. WOLFF: I'll double-check.

8                     MS. BRIER: That's a good service.

9                     MR. WOLFF: I'll double-check.

10                    CHIEF DENAPLES: The only other  
11           upcoming event, this is -- I'll mention it next  
12           month as well. But I wanted to mention it now  
13           August 31st, the Fire Department Union is  
14           holding a glow ball tournament at the Marjon  
15           Golf Course. So they are sending some stuff  
16           out, fliers and that.

17                    That's why I wanted to mention it  
18           this month. And then I'll mention it again in  
19           July and August again so everybody on Council  
20           is aware if you see anything.

21                    MS. BRIER: That's nice.

22                    CHIEF DENAPLES: So that's pretty  
23           much what I have as far as the Fire Department  
24           report. For code enforcement scheduled as of  
25           today there is 38 code enforcement inspections

1           scheduled. Some of them are reinspection. And  
2           believe it or not, a lot of them are high  
3           grass, issues with fences and stuff of that  
4           nature. But that is the majority of them,  
5           probably about a quarter of them are  
6           reinspections.

7                     MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

8                     MS. ZANGARDI: The tournament, are  
9           you going to have it put on the -- it's a  
10          fundraiser for you guys, right?

11                    CHIEF DENAPLES: It's actually a  
12          fundraiser that the union is doing, not the  
13          Borough. So I'm not sure about --

14                    MR. WOLFF: Yeah, if it's a union  
15          function usually we don't.

16                    MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah, we probably  
17          shouldn't. Share it on Facebook.

18                    MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chief.

19                    MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Chief.

20                    MS. OVEN: Thank you.

21                    MR. WOLFF: Number 16, public  
22          comment.

23                    MS. BRIER: Anyone from the public  
24          would like to come up and just state your name  
25          and your address? Sure, come on up.



1 MR. CAMPBELL: Hi, my name is James  
2 Campbell, 214 Helen Street in Dunmore. And I'm  
3 here to talk about the alley on the side of my  
4 house in order to get it paved. And my  
5 neighbors that are here, the Perrys and  
6 Mrs. Doll and also, Trip, help me out.

7 MS. O'MALLEY: Sheila Eboli.

8 MR. CAMPBELL: Sheila Eboli. She's  
9 part of this that's on the alley and are asking  
10 to have the alley paved by the Borough. From  
11 the last time that I talked, I talked to my  
12 neighbors -- and I have copies of our deeds  
13 that show that it's a public alley. And if you  
14 would like to see that I could show you.

15 MS. BRIER: You could leave that  
16 with our Solicitor, Mr. Campbell.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. I have a  
18 picture of the alley coming off Helen Street  
19 that I got from my lawyer Attorney Pascal in  
20 Scranton who talked to Janet.

21 MS. BRIER: I advised him as well to  
22 talk to Mickey -- to our Solicitor. I advised  
23 Attorney Pascal to speak to Attorney Perry.

24 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

25 MR. WOLFF: And I have two calls

1           into him and he hasn't called me back yet.

2                   MR. CAMPBELL: I have a picture of  
3 the alley. And I have a picture of Dunmore, a  
4 piece of the map that he has of the City of  
5 Scranton and the Borough of Dunmore in  
6 Lackawanna County from Full and Kinds{phonetic}  
7 from the 1920s that shows that it's a Borough  
8 alley coming off the street.

9                   So from what our deed's saying and  
10 what we have here, it's a public alley. And  
11 then I have the e-mail that was sent to Trip.

12                   MR. O'MALLEY: I sent it to  
13 everybody.

14                   MR. CAMPBELL: Everybody on Council  
15 has a copy of Eboli's e-mail and she sent me a  
16 copy of that. And I have it. I'll put it  
17 here. I'll put one -- I'll put a copy in with  
18 the packet of everything that I have here so  
19 you can see what she's asking for.

20                   And that's basically what's in the  
21 alley that we're asking to get paved and on the  
22 side of my house down to the Dolls and the  
23 Perry's.

24                   MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.  
25 Thanks so much.

1 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

2 MR. LOUGHNEY: Thank you.

3 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

4 MS. BRIER: Thank you. Would anyone  
5 else like to address Council?

6 MS. DOLL: Hi, I'm Mrs. Doll. I  
7 live on Chestnut Street. How long do we have  
8 to wait before we might get an answer from you  
9 regarding this?

10 MS. BRIER: Right. Well, it would  
11 have to be reviewed by our Solicitor. So I'm  
12 not quite sure, probably next month, would you  
13 say?

14 ATTY. PERRY: I haven't heard from  
15 your lawyer yet.

16 MS. BRIER: We asked Greg to call  
17 him and he didn't call. So we have to -- we're  
18 at a standstill.

19 MS. ZANGARDI: It's really in the  
20 lawyers' hands.

21 MS. BRIER: And we also asked -- our  
22 Borough Manager called the attorney twice and  
23 we have not heard back from him. So we have to  
24 wait.

25 MS. DOLL: Okay. I just want to

1           make sure.

2                   MS. BRIER:  Anyone else like to  
3           address Council tonight?  Yes.

4                   MS. CUFF:  Sharon Cuff, Spring  
5           Street, Dunmore.  I wasn't sure what your  
6           letter was saying.  Now, I heard you read it.  
7           I would just like to comment a little bit more  
8           on it.

9                   So one thing I would maybe suggest  
10          in the letter is a little bit stronger wording  
11          to just really insist on -- if you could  
12          consider specifying in the letter that you want  
13          fence line continuous air monitoring installed  
14          by DEP on the perimeter of the landfill and  
15          collect data from that and deny the permit  
16          renewal until you have that information, put a  
17          hold on that, get some information, you know,  
18          good amount, whatever timeframe you think would  
19          be warranted and go from there.

20                   When you read off some of the  
21          chemicals, I just wanted to follow up on that  
22          too because I do have a report here in 2022  
23          Keystone Landfill did some of their own air  
24          monitoring for DEP.

25                   They had to provide it as part of

1           their data that DEP wanted after the health  
2           assessment. But two of the things that you  
3           mentioned were Acetaldehyde and Formaldehyde,  
4           they were -- I'm reading from their report.

5                         These were selected because the  
6           concentrations that they found in their own  
7           data exceeded health based criteria and were  
8           detected in more than 30 percent of the  
9           samples.

10                        So, I mean, we know these chemicals  
11           are there. We know they're a problem. We just  
12           need to have the continuous testing every day,  
13           all day. If it's a matter even of DEP saying  
14           they don't have the funding for it, put it to  
15           the facility.

16                        And again, I'm speaking not just --  
17           I'm speaking Keystone because that's in our  
18           community. But this goes across the board. It  
19           shouldn't be the burden of the people. I mean,  
20           part of this report too says, you know, well,  
21           it's -- these are only concerns for sensitive  
22           populations. Guess what? Every child in our  
23           Borough falls in this category.

24                        Guess what? It's not just the  
25           asthmatics. It's not just the people with lung

1 disease. It's anyone who has heart disease.  
2 If I ask everybody for a show of hands if they,  
3 themselves, or someone in their family has  
4 heart disease, I think it's pretty high. We  
5 have an elderly population.

6 So I'm just again, I really  
7 encourage you too even review your letter some  
8 more and word it a little stronger and say deny  
9 this until you do what we're telling you to do.  
10 And, Mr. Loughney, all I could say is, I would  
11 ask that you think about this again and maybe  
12 reconsider signing it. It's not about you  
13 going against the landfill or any one of you  
14 for that matter.

15 This is about protecting the public.  
16 The landfill is here. We all know it. It  
17 lives here. We live here. Let's all work  
18 together, collect the data, find ways to make  
19 this a healthier environment. And, I'm sorry,  
20 but, yes, if that means shutting down the  
21 landfill, well, then that's what it means.

22 But if it doesn't mean that and it  
23 means something else, let's find that out too.  
24 But again, you're not saying anything wrong by  
25 asking DEP to do what they are capable of

1           doing.

2                   MS. BRIER: We do ask them to delay  
3           granting the permit until such time as a much  
4           more robust monitoring system.

5                   MS. CUFF: It was hard to hear when  
6           you were reading that. Can I have a copy of  
7           that?

8                   MS. BRIER: It's public, yeah.

9                   MS. CUFF: Is it on --

10                  MS. BRIER: It's not on anything yet  
11           because we just did it tonight. And I'm going  
12           to give Maria a copy so she has a copy.

13                  MS. CUFF: Thank you, everybody, for  
14           your time.

15                  MS. BRIER: Thanks, Sharon. Anyone  
16           else like to comment tonight?

17                  MS. VERKITUS: Tonyehn Verkitus. I  
18           do not live in your community, 120 Oak Hill  
19           Drive, Archbald. I just wanted to repeat again  
20           that DEP can and should do their job. They  
21           actually have the tools to properly monitor  
22           this landfill. They just don't use them.

23                   They are coming after the fact,  
24           after the scents have disappeared and telling  
25           you nothing is wrong. They also have standard

1 operating procedures that they are supposed to  
2 follow. They don't always follow those  
3 procedures.

4 So even if they don't respond to  
5 your letter in a way that you would like, you  
6 should request to see their standard operating  
7 procedures and explain to them that this  
8 landfill is impacting the health of the  
9 community and its members and it goes for miles  
10 beyond where the landfill is.

11 And if they are not willing to do  
12 their job properly, then they should be called  
13 to task. I would just recommend asking them  
14 for that.

15 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

16 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

17 MS. BRIER: Any other comment this  
18 evening? How about public officials?

19 MR. WOLFF: We're onto public  
20 officials. I have nothing.

21 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing.

22 MAYOR CONWAY: Hal, a great job  
23 yesterday. Music Fest was great. Kids did an  
24 awesome job with the lemonade stand. My  
25 daughter had a blast. Congratulations.



1 MS. BRIER: Do you know how much  
2 they had made on the lemonade stand?

3 MR. O'MALLEY: Somebody told me  
4 earlier today it was like not counting Venmo,  
5 it was like over \$1,700.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: That is nice.

7 MS. BRIER: Mr. Loughney?

8 MR. LOUGHNEY: Yes, Madam Chairman,  
9 I have a letter from the Sherwood Youth  
10 Association and they are under a major  
11 improvement up there. And they asked us if we  
12 would consider the money from -- some of the  
13 funds from DEP that were from the landfill  
14 violations if we can look at possibly helping  
15 them out with some of their improvements.

16 And they are looking at new air  
17 pavilions. They are looking at a baseball,  
18 softball, soccer, pickle ball, tennis courts  
19 and a dog park. And they are looking to pave  
20 up there. So if I could submit that to you and  
21 we look at it and see what everyone thinks.  
22 That's from Chaz Ehnott.

23 And I would like to thank the  
24 Senator, the Senator got -- Senator Flynn,  
25 70,000 for exterior improvements to the Borough

1 Building. And he also got a 140,000 for St.  
2 Anthony's Memorial Park. So that's a good plug  
3 from the Senator.

4 MS. BRIER: Yeah, and the reps, Kyle  
5 Mullins.

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: And the reps. Yeah,  
7 I'm just saying I got Marty's thing in the  
8 mail. I didn't get the reps. I got Marty's  
9 thing.

10 MS. BRIER: Yeah, it was great. It  
11 was wonderful.

12 MR. LOUGHNEY: That's all.

13 MS. BRIER: Mr. O'Malley.

14 MR. O'MALLEY: I don't want to steal  
15 Tom's thunder, but great job with the music  
16 fest yesterday. We were there. My family was  
17 there. We had a blast. The bands were great.  
18 So I want to thank Councilman Hallinan and  
19 Brian McGurl for organizing the Bucktown Music  
20 Fest, also want to give a shout out to Brody  
21 McCarthy who had his lemonade stand in honor of  
22 Sonny Crotti who passed in November --

23 MS. BRIER: February.

24 MR. O'MALLEY: I'm sorry, February.  
25 My sons helped out with the lemonade stand.

1           And I guess today they said 17 -- over \$1,700  
2           they raised for the Friends of the Bucks. I  
3           also want to give a shout out to some of our  
4           DPW workers. They were great yesterday. Joe  
5           Clemente, Rick Colkowski{phonetic}, Robert  
6           Williams.

7                        They went above and beyond  
8           yesterday. And we really couldn't have put it  
9           on without them and our police officers and  
10          Mr. Judge. Thank you.

11                      MR. HALLINAN: And Billy McDonough  
12          too.

13                      MR. O'MALLEY: Oh, Billy McDonough  
14          too. Sorry. That's all I have.

15                      MS. BRIER: Thank you. Tommy.

16                      MR. HALLINAN: I want to thank the  
17          Chief. I had a situation with a citizen and he  
18          had a lockout inside of his house on a Saturday  
19          I called. And I didn't want to bother him.  
20          But I tell you what, he stepped up to the  
21          plate. They went over. I don't know who the  
22          firemen were, but, wow, amazing job. They got  
23          it done in about 15, 20 minutes the gentleman  
24          said. It was Robert Ragnacci.

25                      He appreciates everything. And he

1           wanted me to thank you guys and really  
2           appreciate that. I don't like to call you on  
3           the weekends or after hours. I don't think  
4           that is right unless it's an emergency.

5                         And the Summer Program, I think it  
6           is six maybe then we look to extend. But I  
7           could be wrong. I know we'll be looking for  
8           Friday pizza which is usually donated by  
9           citizens or businessmen in the town. And when  
10          I get their names, we'll thank them publicly  
11          for donating the pizza for all the parks for  
12          the kids. So that's always a good thing.

13                        And Trip who doesn't want to say  
14          anything but I had a little innocent yesterday  
15          and didn't think I was going to make it. I  
16          called Trip to step up to the plate and went  
17          right down at 3:00 and, of course, I'm calling  
18          him and bugging the crap out of him again and I  
19          apologize for that.

20                        But everything was done and you,  
21          Brian McGurl and Rosemary Posie Lavelle, if  
22          anybody knows her, she handled all the tents  
23          and bounce house and it was great. It was a  
24          pitch by everybody. And I appreciate everybody  
25          helping out. Thank you. That's all I have.

1 MS. BRIER: Thank you, Tommy. Beth.

2 MS. ZANGARDI: Basically what  
3 everybody else said, great night last night at  
4 Music Festival. It was good to see everybody.  
5 I want to really congratulate Brody McCarthy.  
6 He's only 10 years old and he stepped up and  
7 worked for -- in the memory of Sonny Crotti.  
8 And then also thank you to our legislators for  
9 the Borough Building is going to be awesome and  
10 St. Anthony' Park I know needs it. So thank  
11 you to everybody.

12 Thank you, Chief DeNaples, Chris,  
13 Didge, Greg, Mark. Thanks for everything you  
14 do. That's it for me. Thank you, everyone.

15 MS. BRIER: Thanks. Katherine.

16 MS. OVEN: Congratulate Tom on the  
17 Music Fest. I'm sorry I was not there last  
18 night, but I'm looking forward to the next one.  
19 It's great for the community. I would also  
20 like to thank Tonyehn for coming to speak to us  
21 and giving us that information regarding the  
22 landfill.

23 I think it's important to have the  
24 data and make informed decisions. And I think  
25 it's important for us to hold the DEP

1           accountable. They are the agency that is  
2           allowing the garbage to come here, particularly  
3           the fracking which is very concerning.

4                        So I think that we have to advocate  
5           for the health of the residents and I  
6           appreciate you helping us with that.

7                        MS. BRIER: Thank you.

8                        MS. ZANGARDI: Congratulations --  
9           excuse me, I'm sorry, to Nicholas Dunda.  
10          Welcome aboard.

11                      MR. DUNDA: Thanks again. I'm  
12          excited.

13                      MR. HALLINAN: Janet, one thing.  
14          Mr. Loughney, you brought up about Sherwood.  
15          Is that their wish list and how much money are  
16          they looking for? I mean, if you could get  
17          those numbers. It's nothing that has to be  
18          imminent.

19                      MR. LOUGHNEY: They didn't say the  
20          number. They were looking for some help up  
21          there with some funding.

22                      MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

23                      MS. BRIER: Again, I want to thank  
24          Tommy for the flowers in Dunmore Corners.

25                      MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, well, that's

1 all of us.

2 MS. BRIER: Well, it sort of was  
3 you.

4 MR. O'MALLEY: You spearheaded it.

5 MS. BRIER: And we got 20.

6 MR. HALLINAN: We got 18 up.

7 MS. BRIER: They're beautiful.

8 MS. OVEN: They're beautiful.

9 MS. BRIER: It really makes the  
10 corners come to life. I want to thank Jerry's  
11 For All Seasons as well because -- did they do  
12 half?

13 MR. HALLINAN: They did almost  
14 \$2,500 of donations. I'm sorry I'm remiss in  
15 saying that. My mind is in a little different  
16 place right now. So they donated \$2,500 worth  
17 of flowers and labor. And they delivered them  
18 to the spots.

19 But if anybody, you know, I think  
20 we're in some pretty good places, but I think  
21 we could use a couple more but they are not  
22 cheap. But, of course, Jerry's For All Seasons  
23 pitched in and donated a large sum. It was  
24 very nice of them.

25 MS. BRIER: And I really want to

1           thank Tonyehn for coming in and sharing and  
2           talking about this very important issue for the  
3           health of the entire borough, actually the  
4           entire region. It's quite obvious that we do  
5           not have enough monitoring. It is DEP's job.

6                     You know, when we speak to DEP very  
7           often they're saying the landfill, the  
8           landfill. Well, the landfill is a for profit  
9           entity, you know, that's why we have a  
10          regulatory commission. That's why we have a  
11          PUC. That's why we have the DEP to regulate  
12          these things to protect the health and safety  
13          of the population that surrounds these things.

14                    So I really, really appreciate you  
15          coming here and sharing your knowledge because  
16          it's what we don't know is what is really  
17          hurting us. And the more we know the more we  
18          can request with the proper monitoring of this  
19          landfill. We have all been impacted by the  
20          odors up there, the dust, the trucks.

21                    And again, that's a for profit  
22          entity. They're going to do what they're going  
23          to do. So we need to have regulation. And  
24          that's up to the DEP. And that's why we are  
25          copying this letter to the Governor, the Acting



1 Secretary, our County Commissioners and the  
2 Mayor of Scranton. So thanks again for coming.  
3 That's all I have.

4 MR. WOLFF: Just a motion to  
5 adjourn.

6 MS. BRIER: Okay. May I have a  
7 motion to adjourn?

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

10 MS. BRIER: Okay, Tom. And a  
11 second?

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

13 MS. BRIER: All those in favor.

14 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.  
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