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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

- JANET BRIER - President
- KATHERINE OVEN - Vice President
- MICHAEL DEMPSEY
- THOMAS HALLINAN - absent
- ELIZABETH ZANGARDI
- WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III - absent
- 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 Conway.

4 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

5 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney.

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: Here.

7 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

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

10 Mrs. Brier.

11 MS. BRIER: Here.

12 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

13 MS. OVEN: Here.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

16 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan is absent.

17 Number three, public comment on agenda items.

18 MS. BRIER: Would anyone in the
19 public like to comment on agenda items only?

20 Seeing none.

21 MS. OVEN: Public comment would be
22 next.

23 MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to
24 approve the October 14th, 2024 meeting minutes.

25 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to

1 approve the October 14th, 2024 meeting minutes?

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

3 MS. BRIER: Do we have a second?

4 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

5 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a
6 second. Anyone on the question? All those in
7 favor.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. WOLFF: Number five, motion to
12 approve and pay the open bills.

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

15 MR. DEMPSEY: So moved.

16 MS. BRIER: A second?

17 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

18 MS. BRIER: Anyone on the question?
19 All those in favor.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. WOLFF: Number six, a motion to
24 introduce and approve the first reading of the
25 proposed 2025 budget and the 2025 tax

1 ordinance.

2 The propose budget is General
3 Obligation, 30 mills; Debt Service, 19 mills;
4 Pension Service, half a mill; Public Street
5 Lighting, 1 mill; Fire Equipment Training, 2
6 mills; Firefighter Services, 1 mill, Rescue
7 Services, a half a mill for a total of 54
8 mills.

9 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to
10 introduce the first reading of the proposed
11 2025 budget?

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

13 MS. BRIER: Can I have a second?

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

15 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
16 second. Should I just say on the question it
17 hasn't -- the millage has not changed from last
18 year. Mark Burton worked diligently. He got
19 us where we are today for the first reading.
20 Anyone have any questions? All those in favor.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to
25 approve the municipal engineer.

1 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to
2 approve the municipal engineer?

3 MR. LOUGHNEY: Madam Chair, I make a
4 motion to table this.

5 MS. BRIER: We have a motion to
6 table. Do I have a second?

7 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

8 MS. BRIER: Anyone on the question?
9 All those in favor.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to
14 appoint full-time firefighter.

15 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to
16 approve the full-time firefighter?

17 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
18 motion.

19 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

20 MS. BRIER: We have a motion -- Beth
21 is going to speak to that.

22 MS. OVEN: We had an interview with
23 Nathan Warner and Greg and Chief DeNaples and
24 myself. And he is very qualified. And we had
25 offered to him and we're excited that he's part

1 of the Dunmore Fire Department.

2 MR. WOLFF: I jut want to add that
3 he went through Civil Service process, which it
4 was all advertised and everything. He went
5 through that whole process. He went through
6 oral interviews, physical agility, written
7 test. He went through the whole gamut.

8 MS. BRIER: Yes, it's a lengthy
9 process. But, you know, we'd like to comply
10 with the Civil Service rules and regulations.
11 We're very, very happy to have you come on
12 board. Congratulations. All those in favor.

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 ATTY. PERRY: You didn't vote. You
15 have to vote.

16 MS. BRIER: I just said all in
17 favor.

18 ATTY. PERRY: No, you just have to
19 vote. You're welcoming him.

20 MS. BRIER: Yeah, I was welcoming
21 him and I said all those in favor.

22 ATTY. PERRY: Oh, I didn't hear
23 that.

24 MS. BRIER: Okay. Opposed? No one.
25 Congratulations.

1 MR. WOLFF: Can we get him sworn in
2 right at this time if the Mayor could swear him
3 in?

4 MS. BRIER: That would be nice.

5 MAYOR CONWAY: I, NATHAN WARNER, do
6 solemnly swear --

7 MR. WARNER: I, NATHAN WARNER, do
8 solemnly swear --

9 MAYOR CONWAY: -- that I will
10 support, obey, and defend --

11 MR. WARNER: -- that I will support,
12 obey, and defend --

13 MAYOR CONWAY: -- the Constitution
14 of the United States --

15 MR. WARNER: -- the Constitution of
16 the United States --

17 MAYOR CONWAY: -- and the
18 Constitution of this Commonwealth --

19 MR. WARNER: -- and the Constitution
20 of this Commonwealth --

21 MAYOR CONWAY: -- and that I will
22 discharge the duties --

23 MR. WARNER: -- and that I will
24 discharge the duties --

25 MAYOR CONWAY: -- of my position as

1 firefighter --

2 MR. WARNER: -- of my position as
3 firefighter --

4 MAYOR CONWAY: -- in the Bureau of
5 Fire, Borough of Dunmore, Pennsylvania --

6 MR. WARNER: -- in the Bureau of
7 Fire, Borough of Dunmore, Pennsylvania --

8 MAYOR CONWAY: -- with fidelity.

9 MR. WARNER: -- with fidelity.

10 MAYOR CONWAY: I will at all times
11 be subject --

12 MR. WARNER: I will at all times be
13 subject --

14 MAYOR CONWAY: -- to and obey --

15 MR. WARNER: -- to and obey --

16 MAYOR CONWAY: -- the orders, rules,
17 and regulations --

18 MR. WARNER: -- the orders, rules,
19 and regulations --

20 MAYOR CONWAY: -- of the Bureau of
21 Fire --

22 MR. WARNER: -- of the Bureau of
23 Fire --

24 MAYOR CONWAY: So help me God.

25 MR. WARNER: So help me God.

1 MAYOR CONWAY: That's it.
2 Congratulations.

3 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to
4 appoint code enforcement administrative
5 assistant. Mrs. Brier, before you start,
6 again, we advertised for this position. This
7 is to help assist ramping our rental
8 registration.

9 And we also have a vacancy. It was
10 advertised. We interviewed, myself, Katherine
11 and Mrs. Zangardi and Mike Brazil interviewed.
12 And we recommend Faith Canavan.

13 MS. BRIER: So I have a motion to
14 appoint a code enforcement administrative
15 assistant Faith Canavan.

16 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
17 motion.

18 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

19 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
20 second. Anyone on the question?

21 MS. ZANGARDI: Yes, we had three
22 candidates, all very strong candidates. But we
23 believe by far we chose the best candidate to
24 help the Borough move forward with among other
25 things our rental registration.

1 And she's just very knowledgeable
2 and very smart. Greg and Mike and Katherine
3 and I all agreed unanimously that she was the
4 best candidate for the Borough. And we welcome
5 her and welcome aboard Faith Canavan.

6 MS. BRIER: Anyone else on the
7 question? All those in favor.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

10 MR. WOLFF: Number 10, Treasurer
11 Financial Report, Mark.

12 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
13 My brief analysis for the month of October. We
14 had a net income for the month of \$83,000 which
15 brings our year-to-date net income to \$141,000.

16 As far as income highlights, the
17 state capital and operating grants we received
18 a \$50,000 grant for the police body cam.
19 Miscellaneous revenue of \$19,000, Express
20 Scripts rebates for second quarter of 2024; and
21 special assessments of \$681,000 for the third
22 quarter 2024 landfill fees.

23 On the expense side, it was a pretty
24 standard month. The only highlight would be
25 our insurance premium. We made our fourth and

1 final installment for the quarter auto and
2 liability insurance. So that has been paid in
3 full for the year. And most of my other time
4 was wrapping up with the budget prep.

5 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you, Mark.

6 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, Chris
7 Kearney.

8 MR. KEARNEY: Hello. The past
9 several weeks have been pretty busy here. We
10 continued hosting parties pretty much every
11 weekend. We just had the election here. And a
12 couple days after that we had the senior pasta
13 dinner.

14 Bidy basketball has started and
15 their preseason practices are ending this week
16 and the season starts Saturday. They are
17 scheduled to finish near the end of February.
18 We're also trying to put in several grade
19 school team practices along with Dunmore High
20 School girls and boys teams are coming next
21 week.

22 I guess they are having trouble with
23 the auxiliary court over there, whatever, but
24 other than that, that's all I have.

25 MS. BRIER: How often do the Bidy

1 people come? I know it's Saturdays. It's
2 Sundays too, right?

3 MR. KEARNEY: Well, those are the
4 games. But then they're here four other nights
5 so six out of seven.

6 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chris. Thanks
7 so much.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Chris.

9 MR. WOLFF: Michael Judge, Didge.

10 MR. JUDGE: We're ready to go for --

11 MR. LOUGHNEY: Don't say it.

12 MR. JUDGE: No, the snow we're not
13 ready to go. We got three trucks out. There's
14 a lot of work that has to be done on some of
15 these trucks. He's got them. He's taking
16 another one up tomorrow.

17 Usually we try to keep them in and
18 they're getting older, like, five or six years
19 old. The plowing kills them. But he says we
20 should have when he's done with them six, five
21 550s and the big one. So we just hope we don't
22 get any snow. I don't think they're calling
23 for any.

24 MR. LOUGHNEY: Didge, do us a favor,
25 please, just check with them frequently.

1 MR. JUDGE: Check with what?

2 MR. LOUGHNEY: Check with the
3 trucks --

4 MR. JUDGE: I'm up there every day.
5 I was up there before I came here tonight. And
6 it's not him. He's -- two of them are down at
7 Scranton Dodge that they are recalls. Recall,
8 when they take a recall in, that should be done
9 immediately.

10 So he's going to make calls
11 tomorrow. And I'll have someone make a call.
12 And we'll see if we could get them -- at least
13 worked on them. I drove down today to see if
14 maybe they were -- if they were parked outside
15 I was going to flip out. But there's nothing
16 outside. So they must have them in at least.
17 But I'll check every day. All right?

18 MR. LOUGHNEY: Thanks, Didge.

19 MS. BRIER: What were you going to
20 tell us about, the Christmas decorations?

21 MR. JUDGE: They're ready to go.

22 MS. BRIER: That's what I thought
23 you meant by ready to go.

24 MR. JUDGE: Tomorrow I guess they're
25 using what do you call its bucket truck --

1 MS. BRIER: Jody -- not Jody, Corey.

2 MR. JUDGE: Corey. And we'll get
3 them up tomorrow.

4 MS. BRIER: In time for
5 Thanksgiving.

6 MR. JUDGE: Yeah, and we'll plug
7 them in for Thanksgiving Day, you know?

8 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

9 MR. JUDGE: That and the flags.
10 There's a lot of them veterans flags we
11 couldn't reach them. It's hard to do without
12 the ladder.

13 MS. BRIER: It's very high.

14 MR. JUDGE: But we'll get them all
15 straightened out tomorrow.

16 MS. BRIER: Thank you, Didge.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

18 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples. And
19 Chief Marchese is not present.

20 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,
21 Council. I'd like to welcome Nathan to the
22 department and wish him a long healthy career.
23 Welcome aboard my friend, Nathan.

24 MR. WARNER: Thank you.

25 CHIEF DENAPLES: As far as for the

1 Fire Department report as far as for
2 expenditures, we didn't have very many
3 expenditures on the report that I submitted
4 earlier this month.

5 However, we're go having a little
6 bit of a steep expenditure for some gear for
7 Nathan. So we have to outfit him and personal
8 protective equipment and a face mask and get
9 him a pager and that. So we're probably
10 looking at all said and done probably around
11 8,000.

12 The gear -- just the turnout gear
13 itself, the jacket, the pants, the boots -- we
14 have two brand new helmets so we're not going
15 to have to buy them. They're probably between
16 6 and 7,000. The face piece is about \$450.
17 The pager is about 400 and some dollars.

18 We're going to have to get him two
19 new uniforms because the uniform allowance
20 doesn't come out until July. So that is going
21 to be the biggest expenditure. We're having
22 one issue with the brush truck. I'm not sure
23 if it's the transmission or the rear end is
24 going in it.

25 So we have to get that evaluated.

1 I'm waiting to get that scheduled in. They're
2 supposed to call me back tomorrow. So I'm not
3 really sure what that is going to be price
4 range, but that was not on here.

5 We had a 356 hours of overtime
6 scheduled for the month of November. Hopefully
7 that starts to decline with Nate coming on and
8 getting through orientation on a shift.
9 Fifty-seven part-time shifts put out. We
10 completed orientation with our newest part-time
11 firefighter.

12 And she was put on the schedule. So
13 she could start working. There is one other
14 part timer that's been intermittently doing
15 orientation. However, he's having some family
16 issues. So he was unable to come back right
17 now to finish that up. My training officer is
18 in contact with him.

19 Brindlee Mountain, the fire
20 apparatus equipment repair and refurb company
21 gave us an update on the truck. So that is
22 moving along. And we have some stuff that we
23 need to get approved, some stuff they found
24 wrong in addition to what we initially thought.

25 So I spoke with Greg and I know

1 Katherine was copied on that today. So that is
2 pretty much the Fire Department report besides
3 for the call volume. So to current, we did 28
4 calls for this month from November 1st, 2 fire
5 responses, 10 rescue and EMS type calls, 2
6 hazardous materials, 4 service calls, 3 good
7 intent calls, and 7 false alarm type calls.

8 We do have smoke detectors available
9 at fire headquarters. So if anybody that you
10 know is interested, alls they need to do is
11 call fire headquarters at 570-347-2592. That's
12 my office or 570-348-1730. We'll go out and
13 install them. So maybe we could even get that
14 on the website. I know we did last year.

15 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

16 MR. WOLFF: I'll do a Facebook post.
17 If you want to give me all the wording you
18 want, I'll --

19 CHIEF DENAPLES: I'll just e-mail
20 you that tomorrow and maybe we could put that
21 on there.

22 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks, Chief.

23 CHIEF DENAPLES: We put in for two
24 grants, so one \$20,000 through the State Fire
25 Commissioner's Office. That's for rescue tools

1 for the engine when it comes back. There is no
2 max to that or anything. Usually you are
3 guaranteed that every year if it's applied to
4 properly which it was.

5 And then a \$500 grant to the
6 Pennsylvania American Water Company for some
7 hose appliances. That's usually a guaranteed
8 one as well if it's put in before the deadline.
9 For code enforcement, we only had two code
10 enforcement inspections scheduled for this
11 month so far, myself and Mike and NEIC did them
12 last week.

13 There may be more, but that's all we
14 have for right now. So that's all I have if
15 there's no questions. Thank you.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

17 MR. WOLFF: Number 12, public
18 comment.

19 MS. BRIER: Anyone have any public
20 comment?

21 MS. NOLE: Kim Nole, address is 319
22 Oak Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania. I'm here
23 under the cat issue again. I want to thank
24 Katherine and Beth because they have been up in
25 our neighborhood and just talking to my former

1 student in the hallway and I said something
2 about the cats.

3 And he said, oh, yeah, you have that
4 cat house next to you. It's extremely apparent
5 when you drive down the street and there's this
6 person is feeding between I'd say 10 to 15
7 feral cats, has eight cats in her own house as
8 pets and recently had to get rid of everything
9 out of her house because of cockroaches,
10 beetles and fleas.

11 I mean, none of us should have to
12 live next to that, let alone, you know, not
13 even be informed. So it's frustrating. She
14 comes home. She opens cans, flicks food
15 everywhere. And, I mean, we're animal lovers,
16 you know, but something has to be done.

17 MS. OVEN: Yeah, we were contact --
18 Beth and I were both in contact. I was up
19 there on Sunday night. She has said that all
20 of her -- so under the ordinance, the feral cat
21 ordinance if you're feeding the feral cats you
22 have to TNR them or you are in violation of the
23 ordinance because initially we tried to fine
24 people for feeding.

25 And that didn't work because if

1 someone is going to feed them, they're going to
2 sneak and they're going to feed them. So we
3 felt if we put the ordinance in that you have
4 to TNR them when you were feeding them, we
5 could get control on the population.

6 MS. NOLE: But recently there were
7 three kittens. So somewhere there is not --

8 MS. OVEN: So one of the people that
9 helps trap is going to trap that mother and
10 she's going to take the three kittens. So the
11 three kittens could go to rescue because
12 they're young enough. I did talk to her at
13 length about, you know, this is becoming a
14 public nuisance.

15 MS. NOLE: It is. Like I said,
16 anybody could drive down the road and see, you
17 know, the horrible condition. And the condos,
18 yes, the cat condos that are now put out in the
19 yard -- feral cats are not going to go in to
20 begin because they don't want to feel confined
21 or trapped. So this is just being put out to
22 kind of stick it to the neighbors.

23 MS. OVEN: Right, so I did ask her
24 to move them to the back of the property on the
25 other side. So Mike Brazil and I are going to

1 go up on Thursday and meet with her and try to
2 come up with some type of a solution that, you
3 know, is fair to you because honestly I did say
4 to her we're going to get to a point where you
5 have to be fined because it's falling under
6 more of a public nuisance issue.

7 MS. NOLE: And truly it is because
8 these cats every time you look at them, they
9 are scratching. And you feel bad for them. If
10 she wants to feed them, then throw a flea
11 collar on them or something.

12 They've infected the dog across the
13 street. And all those people do is take the
14 dog for a walk and it goes back up in the
15 apartment. They just got a brand new couch and
16 they were infected with fleas.

17 MS. OVEN: Yeah, I'm sorry for what
18 you are going through. I know I've said this
19 before. So we're going to work with, you know,
20 our ordinances and our zoning regulations and
21 try to come up with a solution because it's not
22 fair to you and your neighbors.

23 MS. BRIER: How many cats does she
24 have?

25 MS. NOLE: She has eight in her

1 house as her own pets that are in the house and
2 they don't get out. And when I'm telling you
3 the people were in there cleaning the house out
4 are with their hazmat, you could smell the odor
5 coming out that front door and the poor guys in
6 their hazmats had to come out and keep taking
7 breaths of fresh air.

8 You know, I mean, I offered them
9 clean water. The guy came out and he was even
10 on the phone and said what is an hour job is
11 ten hours in this house, you know, and the poor
12 garbage guys who were picking up the trash that
13 she's putting out are picking up garbage with
14 bugs that are then being transported down the
15 street, like, if they crush, you know, like,
16 it's a hazard for everybody.

17 MS. OVEN: It's a public health
18 issue.

19 MR. LOUGHNEY: Let me ask a
20 question. Chief, could that be inspected, that
21 house?

22 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah, it could be.
23 We could schedule an inspection through NEIC.
24 Is it a rental property?

25 MS. NOLE: No. She owns the house.

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: That might be a
2 little harder. I thought it was a rental.

3 MS. NOLE: No, trust me, I would
4 have loved for you to have seen it when she was
5 at work and the guys were in there emptying it
6 out. I have pictures of everything.

7 CHIEF DENAPLES: I'll check with our
8 third party inspection agency. When you sit
9 back down I'll get the address from you.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: Chief, we have the
11 information if you need it. We have pictures,
12 everything.

13 MS. NOLE: I tried to send pictures
14 of the cat so that, you know, Beth and
15 Katherine could see about the ears.

16 MS. BRIER: Right. That's what I
17 was asking, are they TNR'd.

18 MS. NOLE: I tried. I'm not walking
19 all the way over. I removed a screen out of my
20 one thing so I could get clear pictures through
21 a window.

22 MS. OVEN: She has said that all of
23 her outdoor cats have been fixed except for
24 one, which then had kittens which we're going
25 to trap and relocate the kittens. This would

1 fall under a public nuisance if she, in deed,
2 have them all TNR'd. Again, it's throwing the
3 cat food out the window, placing the cats --

4 MS. NOLE: I know. We haven't
5 spoken in six years because of her standing and
6 literally throwing cat food in my driveway that
7 time and then I've been directed to not engage.

8 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier, I know we're
9 back and forth but we're over the five.

10 MS. BRIER: All right. Thanks, Kim.

11 MS. OVEN: We're going to be up
12 there on Thursday, Kim, and I'll let you know
13 what we come up with. And again, it's going to
14 come down to, you know, she's going to start
15 getting fined if she's not cooperating.

16 MS. NOLE: Sorry, I'm over my limit
17 but as the teacher, they all know I talk.
18 Thank you. This is the first time I did the
19 pledge since June 6th.

20 MR. WOLFF: I just want to say my
21 daughter McKenzie, you're still her favorite
22 teacher.

23 MS. NOLE: Give her a kiss for me.
24 Tell her thank you.

25 MS. OVEN: Thank you, Kim.

1 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Kim. State your
2 name and address.

3 MR. MCDONALD: Rick McDonald, 1502
4 Clay Avenue in Dunmore. Good evening, Council,
5 and thank you for allowing me to speak here
6 tonight. This won't be long. I originally
7 had a lot of paperwork to give you. I do have
8 some pictures that I do want to leave with you
9 guys.

10 I want to give you background on my
11 property. My property is the property on
12 Council Street. And how this all came about --
13 I know I've contacted many of you about the
14 concern with the water running off into it. So
15 let me just go over -- I bought this property
16 in 1989.

17 In the mid 90s, I don't know
18 exactly when Monroe Park, Monroe bridge --
19 Monroe Avenue bridge was closed. So they
20 opened up -- extended Clay and they opened up
21 Council Street. At the time I purchased it, I
22 believe it was a dirt road. I remember it
23 being a dirt road. I don't know when they did
24 pave it.

25 In around '94, '95, we had a heavy

1 rainstorm that went into the 2 Webster Drive
2 house, right into their living room. Their
3 names are Joe and Donna Bouser{phonetic}. They
4 went up to the Dunmore Borough Council meeting
5 and sent them letters and pictures.

6 The Dunmore Borough contacted me.
7 Your Aunt Lois came down to the property.
8 Leonard Verrastro came down and two other
9 people. They asked me if I would let them go
10 trench through my property to alleviate that
11 house being inundated with water all the time.

12 I agreed to do that. I had my
13 attorney, Armand Olivetti, go and meet with
14 their attorney. We made an agreement that they
15 would give me that land in the back which I
16 thank you for doing that and they put in a
17 catch basin to get rid of the water.

18 So I never had one drop of water on
19 my property ever. So that's why, you know,
20 there was nowhere for me to get the catch basin
21 put in. So my son-in-law and my daughter are
22 going to build a house there next year.
23 They're going to start in August.

24 And now it's very urgent for me to
25 take care of this water problem. I'm asking

1 you to reconsider -- I know some people are
2 telling me they can't do -- whatever the reason
3 may be, I believe there's a way to do it.

4 I'm going to leave you some
5 pictures. I'm going to show a 2018 picture
6 where the water goes and it does not go into my
7 property right now. It goes into the
8 neighbor's property, the same house that was
9 flooded.

10 And by the way, she was flooded in
11 2018. And she went before Council. And the
12 Council came down, told her DPW would build up
13 the curb so they built up the curbs about 4, 5
14 inches which is putting more water onto my
15 land. So I'm kind of -- I did the Borough a
16 favor.

17 I did them a favor. I'm just
18 looking for an answer to come up with some
19 solution to get rid of this water. They are
20 going to start next August. It's going to be a
21 very nice home. Let's say the taxes are \$5,000
22 between the Borough and the county and the
23 school.

24 In 10 years, that's \$50,000. In 20,
25 30, 40 years, that's a lot of tax revenue

1 coming in. I don't know if we could build it
2 unless we take care of this water problem. So
3 I'm asking you to consider it.

4 I'm going to leave the pictures with
5 Greg or somebody if you could give them -- I
6 have one copy for each one of you.

7 MS. BRIER: Rick, do you have that
8 document that they -- that said we put a catch
9 basin in -- that Dunmore would put a catch
10 basin in?

11 MR. MCDONALD: You guys have an
12 easement that was signed by Mary Rice in 1999
13 that says the Borough will install and maintain
14 the catch basin and the stormwater collection
15 system. You have a copy of that. And by the
16 way, five years ago, six years ago I gave nine
17 copies to the former solicitor up in our
18 Borough Building.

19 And then two years ago, four years
20 ago, I gave some copies to the Borough Manager
21 then and I asked him to give it to Council. I
22 know none of you guys were there back in the
23 90s. I know that. I know you for a long time.
24 Sometimes I call you. I don't like to call you
25 guys at home. Katherine, I didn't call you and

1 Janet, I didn't call you.

2 I don't like to call people. You
3 know, I was superintendent. I didn't like when
4 they called a school board member. Just call
5 me directly. So I decided to come down here
6 tonight to talk to you directly. I think we
7 could find a solution to this.

8 MS. BRIER: What are you looking
9 for?

10 MR. MCDONALD: The catch basin put
11 in. I gave an easement so they could run the
12 water down my land, which I lose 15 feet, 7 and
13 a half on each side and turn it over, go out
14 toward Clay Avenue. First of all, when it
15 rains there's a very small amount of water.

16 It's 70 feet of this road and 70
17 feet of that road, down the middle of my land,
18 my land that I could never build on because
19 that was part of the agreement when you gave me
20 your land because I could never build on this
21 15 foot by 160 foot piece of property. That's
22 a lot of square footage.

23 I believe it could run out to the
24 corner near the parking lot which is
25 inaccessible to most people. Like, no one goes

1 over there. It's all overgrown in knotweed by
2 the way, yeah, knotweed.

3 So I think there is a way they could
4 release it there. And it's not very much. And
5 I think they could even get it out to the road
6 if you have some people take a good hard look
7 at it and see what type of price it would be
8 and what you could do with it.

9 For now -- and you're going to see
10 these pictures and you're going to see how much
11 water is running onto my property now. And I'm
12 in mediation with the PUC over what they did to
13 my land. Since they -- they just redug that
14 whole street again. But that's another issue.
15 I'll give these to Greg or -- I just would
16 really like you to consider -- unless you want
17 to take them.

18 MS. OVEN: Yeah, we can take them
19 now.

20 MR. MCDONALD: There is nine in
21 each. I have a clip on it. One thing I would
22 like you to look at is that first picture is
23 taken in 2018 or '19. And you could see where
24 the water is going. It's not going onto my
25 property. If you look at that very first

1 picture, that water is not going onto my
2 property.

3 It's going onto my neighbor's
4 property. Now, it's all going onto my
5 property. I had them clipped. I have little
6 notes on them too. The very first picture was
7 2018. That water is going down the property of
8 2 Webster Drive. That is 5 or 6 feet off my
9 property line. I'm not affected.

10 Since PG & W came in, I am now
11 affected. They did put a curbing in last week
12 because they redid that whole sewer line there.
13 And I don't want to say too much because I'm in
14 mediation with them. But it's a big concern.
15 And I really need it to be addressed. I think
16 if everybody sits down, we could work it out.

17 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. MCDONALD: Okay, you're welcome.

19 MS. BRIER: Thank you so much.

20 Anyone else like to address public comment?

21 Mr. Cummings.

22 MR. CUMMINGS: John Cummings. I'm
23 133 Williams Street. I was here in the last
24 meeting and requested about 141. But I didn't
25 get the date when the letter was sent.

1 MR. WOLFF: It was sent October
2 10th. They have until December 8th.

3 MR. CUMMINGS: December 8th?

4 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, we gave them 60
5 days.

6 MR. CUMMINGS: Thank you very much.

7 MR. WOLFF: You're welcome.

8 MS. BRIER: Thanks, John. Anyone
9 else? Seeing none. Public officials.

10 MR. WOLFF: I have nothing.

11 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing.

12 MS. BRIER: Mayor?

13 MAYOR CONWAY: Congratulations to
14 Mr. Warner and I have nothing else. Sorry,
15 Greg. You're not happy for the guy?

16 MR. WOLFF: No -- congratulations.

17 MR. WARNER: Thank you.

18 MR. LOUGHNEY: Yeah, I would also
19 like to congratulate you.

20 MR. WARNER: Thank you very much.

21 MR. LOUGHNEY: Looking forward to
22 seeing your face down here. You'll fit in
23 perfect with all the other firefighters. Also,
24 November 23rd Tom Hal asked me if I would bring
25 up they are having a food drop at the Fidelity

1 Bank from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

2 MS. BRIER: What's the date again?

3 MR. LOUGHNEY: November 23rd,
4 Saturday. And it's from noon until 3 p.m. And
5 that is for Father Sica who passed away, they
6 get his pantry filled.

7 MS. BRIER: At Fidelity Bank.

8 MR. LOUGHNEY: At the Fidelity Bank
9 parking lot.

10 MS. BRIER: Yeah, we've done that
11 before. Can we get that on the Facebook page?

12 MR. LOUGHNEY: He has something on
13 there but since he's working at an undisclosed
14 location --

15 MS. BRIER: Overseas.

16 MR. LOUGHNEY: Overseas, yes. He
17 asked me if I would bring that up and I said I
18 would.

19 MS. BRIER: Thanks. That's good to
20 know. That's always a good one.

21 MR. LOUGHNEY: That's it.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: No, just wanted to say
23 congratulations to Nathan. Welcome aboard.
24 Glad to have you.

25 MR. WARNER: Thank you.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: We're desperate for
2 some help over there. Glad we got you in.
3 Also, with regard to Schautz, the new indoor
4 building is open. Just call the Borough
5 Building and they will put you in touch with me
6 and get you scheduled.

7 All Dunmore residents are obviously
8 free. If you have a travel team or you're
9 outside the area, there is a rental fee and we
10 have a fee schedule. So if you are interested
11 in knowing what the fee schedule is, let me
12 know.

13 It has a 70 foot batting cage. It
14 has a 55 foot batting cage, both cages raise
15 and lower. So if you want to play soccer,
16 cheerleading, if you want to do yoga in there
17 you can. And it's about it's 92 by 45 in turf.
18 Derrick Forgione whose son Max is getting a lot
19 of use out of it just donated a couple of
20 baseball mats and an L screen that --

21 MS. BRIER: What's that?

22 MR. DEMPSEY: It's what you pitch
23 behind when you are throwing so you don't get
24 hit back in the face with the ball. Yeah, so
25 he donated that. So I would like to thank

1 Derrick Forgione for that.

2 We had a full Dunmore baseball
3 practice in there today. And the DGR are using
4 it right now. So it's already up and running
5 and ready to go. So please don't hesitate to
6 reach out if you want to use it.

7 We're also going to have a grand
8 opening on Black Friday. It will be around --
9 we're going to make an announcement of that.
10 It will be around 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. Black
11 Friday. There will be a Little League training
12 that the Dunmore High School team is going to
13 do. And we're going to turn that right into a
14 grand opening. So feel free to come up for
15 that. So that's all I have.

16 MS. BRIER: Beth.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: Welcome aboard, Nate.
18 Good luck.

19 MR. WARNER: Thank you.

20 MS. ZANGARDI: We're lucky to have
21 you. And that's it for me. Thank you,
22 everybody for coming. I'm sure I'll see some
23 of you.

24 MS. BRIER: Katherine.

25 MS. OVEN: I would also like to

1 congratulate Nathan. We really need the help.
2 So welcome aboard, looking forward to you
3 starting. Congratulations to Faith Canavan for
4 the code enforcement position. And, Kim,
5 again, I can't apologize more.

6 We're going to try to get this right
7 for you. So I appreciate your patience.

8 MS. NOLE: I appreciate the help. I
9 mean, it's brutal.

10 MS. BRIER: Does she live there by
11 herself?

12 MS. NOLE: Yes, by herself. And the
13 plethora of cats.

14 MS. BRIER: I would just like thank
15 Mike Dempsey for all the work he's done up at
16 Schautz and getting that building erected for
17 us. It's beautiful. Even if you don't have an
18 occasion -- sports occasion to go up and take a
19 peek at it. It's really, really beautiful.

20 Mike worked tirelessly to make that
21 happen. So very grateful for that and to
22 Mr. DeNaples for giving us the money -- Mr.
23 Louis DeNaples. So we're very, very grateful
24 to him as well.

25 Nate, I'm so happy that you're here.

1 We finally got a guy. So it's really good
2 stuff. I wish you all the best.

3 MR. WARNER: Thank you very much.

4 MS. BRIER: That's all I have.

5 MR. WOLFF: Motion to adjourn.

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

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

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks for
13 coming, everyone. I appreciate it.

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