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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, December 9th, 2024

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

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

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.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

11 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

12 MS. BRIER: Here.

13 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

14 MS. OVEN: Here.

15 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

16 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

17 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

18 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

19 MR. WOLFF: All present. Number

20 three, public comment on agenda items.

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

23 Seeing none, number four.

24 MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to  
25 approve the minutes.

1 MS. BRIER: Can we have a motion to  
2 approve the minutes?

3 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

4 MS. BRIER: And a second?

5 MS. OVEN: Second.

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

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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: Can I have a motion to  
17 approve and pay the open bills?

18 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

19 MS. BRIER: Second?

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to

1 adopt the final 2025 budget as published.

2 MS. BRIER: Okay. Can I have a  
3 motion to adopt the final 2025 budget as  
4 published?

5 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
6 motion.

7 MS. OVEN: Second.

8 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
9 second. Anyone on the question? Mark? No.  
10 It's been published --

11 MR. WOLFF: Since our last meeting  
12 in November.

13 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

14 MR. LOUGHNEY: And it shows no tax  
15 increase.

16 MS. BRIER: No, tax increase, yeah.  
17 And we're not going to have the garbage fee  
18 either. That's a later motion.

19 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you, Mr. Burton  
20 and Mrs. Brier, for your work on this.

21 MS. BRIER: Thank you. All those in  
22 favor.

23 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to  
25 adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2024 for the 2025

1 tax ordinance. As we stated no change.  
2 General Obligation, 30 mills; Debt Service, 19  
3 mills; Pension Service, half a mill; Public  
4 Street Lighting, 1 mill; Fire Equipment  
5 Training, 2 mills; Firefighter Services, 1  
6 mill, Rescue Services, a half a mill for a  
7 total of 54 mills.

8 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to  
9 adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2024 for the 2025  
10 tax ordinance?

11 General Obligation, 30 mills; Debt  
12 Service, 19 mills; Pension Service, half a  
13 mill; Public Street Lighting, 1 mill; Fire  
14 Equipment Training, 2 mills; Firefighter  
15 Services, 1 mill, Rescue Services, a half a  
16 mill for a total of 54 mills.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: So moved.

18 MS. BRIER: Can I have a second?

19 MR. LOUGHNEY: Second.

20 MS. BRIER: Anyone on the question?

21 All those in favor.

22 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to  
24 authorize borrowing in an amount of up to 1  
25 million dollars at the best available market

1 rate for the 2025 Tax Anticipation Note.  
2 Approval will authorize President of Council,  
3 Financial Chair, and Solicitor to take all  
4 actions necessary to bring the matter to  
5 fruition.

6 MS. BRIER: Okay. Can I have a  
7 motion to authorize borrowing in an amount of  
8 up to 1 million dollars at the best available  
9 market rate for the 2025 Tax Anticipation Note,  
10 TAN.

11 Approval will authorize President of  
12 Council, the Financial Chair, and Solicitor to  
13 take all actions necessary to bring the matter  
14 to fruition.

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

17 MS. BRIER: Okay. I have a motion.  
18 Can I have a second?

19 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

20 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
21 second. On this question, this is something we  
22 do every year. You know, it just helps us  
23 bridge the time period between the end of the  
24 year and when we first start receiving our tax  
25 dollars. We typically pay it back, Mark, by

1 the end of March, April.

2 So it needs to be paid back by the  
3 end of the year, like December 31st, but we  
4 always pay it back earlier in the year so we're  
5 not stuck with that obligation towards the end  
6 of the year. And typically we don't take a  
7 million. But we authorize a million in case we  
8 get in trouble. So all those in favor.

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

11 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to  
12 waive the garbage fee for 2025.

13 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to  
14 waive the garbage fee for 2025?

15 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
16 motion.

17 MS. BRIER: I have a motion. A  
18 second?

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

20 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
21 second. Anyone on the question? This is a fee  
22 that we are obligated to waive every year. So  
23 that's why it's on the agenda. It's pretty  
24 much just going through the motions. So all  
25 those in favor.

1 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MR. WOLFF: Number 10, motion to  
3 adopt Resolution No. 14 of 2024 to pursue grant  
4 funding from Statewide Local Share Assessment,  
5 LSA Commonwealth Financing Authority for  
6 Borough Building improvements in the amount of  
7 \$90,583.96.

8 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to  
9 adopt Resolution No. 14 of 2024 to pursue grant  
10 funding from Statewide Local Share Assessment,  
11 LSA Commonwealth Financing Authority for  
12 Borough Building improvements in the amount of  
13 \$90,583.96.

14 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

15 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

16 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
17 second. Greg, would you explain it?

18 MR. WOLFF: Sure. On the question,  
19 we are looking to receive grant funding to  
20 replace the carpet in the Borough Building,  
21 pave in front of the police station as well get  
22 a backup generator in the event of an emergency  
23 along with hooking up wiring the old Borough  
24 Council Chambers to set up for Zoom training  
25 sessions, presentations, and things like that



1 have a place there to have that in the event --  
2 that will work in the event of an emergency as  
3 well.

4 We could operate. So that and the  
5 emergency generators is tied together with  
6 emergency if something happens. Hopefully we  
7 get the grant.

8 MS. BRIER: Yeah. Thanks, Greg.  
9 Anyone else on the question? All those in  
10 favor.

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, motion to  
13 adopt Resolution 16 of 2024 for Plan Revision  
14 For New Land Development Sewage Facilities  
15 Planning Module, Paul Padula, property owner,  
16 207 Park Street.

17 MS. BRIER: All right. May I have a  
18 motion to adopt Resolution 16 of 2024 for Plan  
19 Revisions For New Land Development Sewage  
20 Facilities Planning Module, Paul Padula,  
21 property owner, 207 Park Street, Dunmore.

22 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
23 motion.

24 MS. BRIER: I have a motion. I have  
25 a second?

1 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

2 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
3 second. On the question?

4 MR. O'MALLEY: Is this where the  
5 Bunker Hill park was?

6 MR. WOLFF: Correct, the former  
7 Bunker Hill park. This was a mandate from DEP  
8 that was put in place from my understanding  
9 about 10 years ago with PAWC that is just kind  
10 of taking affect right now.

11 So anytime any new connections to  
12 the sewer line -- sewer connections in the  
13 Borough are made, we'll have to do a resolution  
14 along with an engineer having to do a 54 page  
15 document. So hopefully -- I spoke with a few  
16 engineers.

17 They are looking to streamline this  
18 a little bit so bigger projects will have to  
19 have this. We did one of these a couple months  
20 ago as well.

21 MS. BRIER: Is it a home?

22 MR. WOLFF: This is a home.

23 MS. BRIER: Okay. And who owns the  
24 land?

25 MR. WOLFF: Paul Padula.

1 MS. BRIER: He's owned it forever.

2 MR. WOLFF: I believe so. I know  
3 that he's gone through all the zoning. All  
4 he's waiting on was this. We'll have to do a  
5 resolution.

6 MS. BRIER: This is just to comply  
7 with DEP.

8 MR. WOLFF: Correct.

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

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. WOLFF: Number 12, motion to  
13 approve ICU Surveillance Service, LLC, to  
14 complete security camera system upgrade at the  
15 Dunmore Community Center in the amount of  
16 \$10,760.

17 MS. BRIER: All right. May I have a  
18 motion to approve ICU Surveillance Service,  
19 LLC, to complete security camera system upgrade  
20 at the Dunmore Community Center in the amount  
21 of \$10,760.

22 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

24 MS. BRIER: On the question?

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, is this -- it's

1 more than just -- it's written as security  
2 camera update, but it's more than just that,  
3 correct?

4 MR. WOLFF: For right now we're  
5 doing the security camera system upgrade. And  
6 then we're going to look towards getting like  
7 the fob system at the door access. And talking  
8 with Pat, he suggested going this route, get  
9 that all updated, see where we're at. And then  
10 we'll work towards that fob.

11 And this funding will be coming from  
12 the landfill fines that we received from the  
13 consent order agreement from DEP. We have  
14 about \$63,000 left in that account out of the  
15 108,000. This will leave us with about  
16 \$53,000. So we'll be able to work on that door  
17 access.

18 MS. BRIER: That's a good use of  
19 those funds.

20 MR. WOLFF: It took a while -- we  
21 got a couple quotes. It took a while to find  
22 another quote to get these cameras done. That  
23 was the delay.

24 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks, Greg.  
25 All those in favor.

1 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

3 MR. WOLFF: Number 13, motion to  
4 approve Matt Iezzi as a part-time employee.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. May I have a  
6 motion to approve Matt Iezzi as a part-time  
7 employee?

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

10 MS. BRIER: Can I have a second?

11 MS. OVEN: Second.

12 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
13 second. Mike, do you want to talk about this?

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, on the question,  
15 we're going to hire Matt as a part time --  
16 we're going to add him to the roster that we  
17 have already at the new building at Schautz and  
18 when we get back outside.

19 So it's just part time as needed,  
20 just add it to the roster of all the other kids  
21 that we have up there working.

22 MS. BRIER: Thank you. All those in  
23 favor.

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. WOLFF: Number 14, Treasurer

1 financial report, Mark.

2 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.  
3 My brief analysis for the month of November, we  
4 recorded a net loss for the month of \$583,973.  
5 We had some very large expenses which I'll get  
6 into momentarily. It brings our year-to-date  
7 net loss at \$369,000.

8 As far as income was concerned in  
9 November, business licenses and permits we  
10 received 49,000 for Comcast franchise cable fee  
11 for the third quarter of 2024 and special  
12 assessments of 25,000 for the CEP, the  
13 Community Environmental Project which is the  
14 landfill fees.

15 Expensewise, it's been the CEP  
16 donations which is a wash from the revenue side  
17 of \$25,000. Financial administration 21K in  
18 for our 20023 audit fees. Buildings and plan,  
19 the Borough Building improvements, the concrete  
20 work and the new pillars, landscaping.

21 Police there was \$63,000 of final  
22 payment for the 2000 police cruisers. So that  
23 payment is now paid in full. The cars are paid  
24 in full. Fire, there was 42,000 for the  
25 Volunteer Fire Relief Association which we

1 received the funds in September. So that was a  
2 wash.

3 And highway construction rebuild,  
4 225,000 for the 2024 paving project. And  
5 government, our retirement and pension there  
6 was 15,000 in actuarial fees that we paid in  
7 the month of November. So we had some pretty  
8 large expenses which gave us a net loss for the  
9 month.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Mark.

11 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney.

12 MR. KEARNEY: The past several weeks  
13 we've continued to host parties here in this  
14 room. The various senior groups, painters,  
15 yoga, bingo, the board game players, they're  
16 all going to have individual Christmas parties  
17 coming up in the next couple weeks in here.  
18 It's just during the week.

19 And then on the weekends we continue  
20 with the parties. Bidy basketball is also  
21 continuing along with the grade school team  
22 practices. And Bidy will be taking a pause  
23 during the Christmas break. And we'll be open  
24 during the holiday week like we'll open like  
25 11:00 in the morning so the kids can come down.

1           The only days we won't be open is  
2           Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's  
3           Day. We're going to be open until 3:00 New  
4           Year's Eve and then Bidy resumes Thursday,  
5           June 2nd. That's it.

6           MS. ZANGARDI: We're going to try to  
7           start painting in here on the 26th and 27th. I  
8           marked it up at the Borough Building. So I  
9           talked to Allison today. They're going to have  
10          everything in the center of the room, walls  
11          taken, cleared off.

12          Can we try and get some kind of a  
13          contractor agreement with the people who rent  
14          about taping -- putting tape on the walls, only  
15          puddy can be used?

16          MR. KEARNEY: You mean for the  
17          parties. Okay, yeah, I'll tell the girls in  
18          the office because they book the parties. They  
19          can just tell them you can't hang stuff because  
20          your destroying --

21          MS. ZANGARDI: Right. Exactly. But  
22          my other question is -- it just flew right out  
23          of my head. So the girls -- the fees, how much  
24          do we charge to rent this room?

25          MR. KEARNEY: It's 50 an hour if you



1 are from Dunmore and 75 an hour --

2 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. That's what I  
3 wanted to know. Thanks. That's all -- I think  
4 that's all for now, right?

5 MS. BRIER: Yeah. Thanks, Chris.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Thanks, Chris.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

8 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge is not  
9 present. Chief Marchese is not present. Chief  
10 DeNaples.

11 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,  
12 Council, just have a couple expenditures. The  
13 one that was pretty steep for the month of  
14 December, kind of came out of nowhere we had a  
15 leaky fuel tank on the ladder truck. The  
16 ladder truck is a 2016.

17 So we noticed when we were training  
18 the new firefighter out on the side of the  
19 building that there was a puddle underneath it.  
20 There was a big puddle of fuel. So that tank  
21 had to be replaced. Luckily we were able to  
22 get it taken care of within 24 hours in the  
23 building.

24 It didn't have to go anywhere. But  
25 that was \$3,500. That was for the part and to

1           have two people come in and install. I spoke  
2           with the folks from Gleck and I said is there a  
3           better type of tank we can get, and they said  
4           that's the tank for that truck. That's pretty  
5           much -- they see that a lot in the northeast  
6           with the grime and stuff.

7                         So that was our biggest expenditure  
8           besides for the firefighting turnout gear,  
9           which is a little over \$7,000 for our new  
10          firefighter. However, the purchase order was  
11          approved. We're putting it aside just until he  
12          finishes a couple mandatory training  
13          requirements just so we are sure everything is  
14          good before we actually order that gear. But  
15          again, that was all signed and approved within  
16          the last couple.

17                        MS. BRIER: Right. Last month,  
18          yeah.

19                        MR. LOUGHNEY: Chief, is there a  
20          warranty on that gas tank?

21                        CHIEF DENAPLES: So there is not,  
22          Mayor. That gas tank is, you know, they don't  
23          warranty that. They warranty the work to put  
24          it in, the actual labor. But as far as the  
25          tank itself just because it hangs underneath

1 the truck, it's exposed to everything. So  
2 that's pretty much that.

3 As far as overtime for the month of  
4 December when this report was completed, it was  
5 540 hours, a lot of people on vacation for the  
6 holiday season here. Sixty-seven part-time  
7 shifts went out for December. So that is  
8 pretty much where we're at with that.

9 As far as events that the Fire  
10 Department participated in, we were up the  
11 corners yesterday doing some hot chocolate.  
12 The hot chocolate was donated by the union.  
13 They actually paid for that.

14 MS. BRIER: Oh, that was really  
15 nice.

16 CHIEF DENAPLES: And Mr. Kearney  
17 gave us the thermos from down here we used and  
18 we returned them today.

19 MS. BRIER: And even the sirens  
20 going, the kids loved it.

21 MS. ZANGARDI: Oh, I know.

22 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yep, absolutely.  
23 It's all good stuff.

24 MS. BRIER: It was great. It really  
25 was. Please thank everyone.

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: I sure will.

2 MS. BRIER: It was a wonderful  
3 event. You guys always to the job.

4 CHIEF DENAPLES: I'll send a message  
5 out to our staff tomorrow. As far as smoke  
6 detectors just for the month of November, we  
7 installed 107 smoke detectors. And that was  
8 after we put that message out which we usually  
9 do every year. It was just for one month. And  
10 they are all free.

11 MS. BRIER: That's wonderful.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: Do you have more?

13 CHIEF DENAPLES: We do. I could get  
14 as many as needed. So once our supply gets  
15 down to about 20 on hand, the Red Cross sends  
16 more. Yeah, so if anybody knows anybody, have  
17 them call fire headquarters and get them  
18 installed.

19 Our orientation is ongoing with  
20 Nathan our new full timer. So that's pretty  
21 much where we're at. As far as calls from  
22 December 1st at the close of business today was  
23 20. Responses, one fire type call, four rescue  
24 and emergency medical services, seven hazard  
25 materials type calls and gas leaks and stuff of

1           that nature, one good intent call and seven  
2           false alarms. That is where we get the number  
3           20 from.

4                       MS. BRIER: What is good intent  
5           again? I'm sorry, Chief.

6                       CHIEF DENAPLES: So good intent is  
7           let's say we get a call -- and I always use  
8           this as an example. There's a car fire out on  
9           the interstate and you get out there and it was  
10          an overheated car or there was nothing found,  
11          something of that nature. So that's what the  
12          good intent coding is for.

13                      MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks.

14                      CHIEF DENAPLES: No problem. As far  
15          as the code enforcement, we have two  
16          inspections scheduled for the 12th. I was  
17          unable to get into the computer today because  
18          Jean left half a day. By the time I got over  
19          there she was gone. So I think there is one or  
20          two more that are scheduled as of now. But  
21          there is two, definitely two for the 12th. And  
22          that's pretty much all I have at this point.

23                      ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

24                      MR. WOLFF: Number 16, public  
25          comment.

1 MS. BRIER: Anyone here tonight who  
2 would like to -- yeah, please -- would you just  
3 come and state your name and address for Maria?  
4 Thank you.

5 MS. STRAUSKULAGE: My name is Ellen  
6 Strauskulage and I live at 231 Erie Street in  
7 Dunmore, S-T-R-A-U-S-K-U-L-A-G-E. Back in the  
8 end of 2021 I came and did not speak, but I  
9 came with some of the neighborhood ladies who  
10 were very concerned about the Bunker Hill  
11 bridge. It was at the end of 2021.

12 In 2022 in March I sent a letter to  
13 Representative Kyle Mullins who did reply and  
14 said that he was meeting with Representative  
15 Marty Flynn and that he would get back to me.  
16 Well, I've had a two and a half year  
17 anniversary and I have not heard from  
18 Representative Mullins. So I was wondering if  
19 you, ladies and gentlemen, might have an update  
20 on the Bunker Hill bridge.

21 MR. WOLFF: Sure. Actually, the  
22 funding is in place. We were approved for  
23 funding last year. It's through the federal --  
24 they call it Tip Funding, Transportation  
25 Improvement Plan funding. But the Borough is

1 on the hook for 5 percent of it. It's  
2 estimated to be between a 15 and 20 million  
3 dollar project.

4 So we're going to have to come up  
5 with some scratch for it. But the state is  
6 covering 15 percent, federal is 80 percent and  
7 we're 5 percent. But it is a go. But don't  
8 get your hopes up too much. It's a three to  
9 five year process.

10 So occasionally I'll get e-mails  
11 from PennDOT stating, hey, you need to fill  
12 this form out again or the engineers made this  
13 change. But the last time I got an update I  
14 believe it was put out to engineer. So we're  
15 proceeding. It's just going to take a while.

16 MR. LOUGHNEY: Ellen, not to  
17 interrupt you, I dropped the ball on you last  
18 month or so.

19 MS. STRAUSKULAGE: It's okay. I was  
20 ready to call you on it. I actually --

21 MR. LOUGHNEY: You should have.  
22 Your dad was one of the best cops we had. I  
23 would never want to go against him at all.

24 MS. STRAUSKULAGE: Thank you.

25 MR. LOUGHNEY: But I didn't get to

1           anybody after I talked to you that night. It's  
2           on me.

3                       MS. STRAUSKULAGE: Well, I spoke --  
4           I have to say Sally and Jean in the Borough  
5           office, they walk on water. Every time I call  
6           they are wonderful, so polite, so  
7           understanding, kudos to them. I called them  
8           with a suggestion once.

9                       And this is what I spoke to  
10          Mr. Loughney about. On the Myrtle Street  
11          bridge in Scranton so I know the signs exist,  
12          they have a yield sign on each end of the  
13          Myrtle Street bridge which is far shorter than  
14          the Bunker Hill bridge that says yield. The  
15          second sign says to oncoming traffic. Seems  
16          like an easy fix.

17                      The yield right now on the Bunker  
18          Hill bridge -- I wouldn't say no one listens,  
19          but few listen. If I'm coming up on that  
20          bridge -- probably I shouldn't take it but I do  
21          because it's the shortest connection to the  
22          mainland.

23                      So I take it and I will get halfway  
24          across and there have been times where I will  
25          just back up because obviously somebody else



1           who was not listening to the yield sign is  
2           coming.

3                       I just called -- I think I spoke to  
4           Jean the other day. I said, "Where are we on  
5           adding to oncoming traffic?" She said, Ellen,  
6           I did speak to the -- I thought she said the  
7           office manager. I'm not sure. But she said if  
8           you want to go to the board meeting go. Here I  
9           am.

10                      Could we please at the end of each  
11           end of the Bunker Hill bridge add to oncoming  
12           traffic. Perhaps that would be a better  
13           deterrent. The yield sign is not working.

14                      MR. WOLFF: Yeah, so Jean and Sally  
15           did pass that onto me. To keep up their good  
16           will, yes, they did pass it onto me. I will  
17           follow up to see where we're at with that.

18                      MS. STRAUSKULAGE: Okay, great. I  
19           really appreciate it.

20                      MR. HALLINAN: Greg, I have  
21           another -- can we look into and we brought this  
22           up on Friday --

23                      MS. STRAUSKULAGE: Thank you.

24                      MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

25                      MR. WOLFF: You're welcome.

1 MS. BRIER: Thanks for coming.

2 MR. HALLINAN: We brought this up  
3 one time before about maybe be putting  
4 temporary lights because even if this project  
5 is five years out, I think we got to look -- I  
6 don't know how much it would cost but like stop  
7 light on each side to just --

8 MS. BRIER: Yeah, I think that's a  
9 great idea.

10 MR. HALLINAN: -- use them on a lot  
11 of other projects. It would be a better  
12 deterrent but, you know, people are still going  
13 to try to do what they do. But it's better  
14 than what's there now because it's a  
15 free-for-all.

16 MR. O'MALLEY: Yeah, it's a bad  
17 spot.

18 MS. BRIER: It's really bad.

19 MR. WOLFF: I could certainly check  
20 into it.

21 ATTY. PERRY: Is it.

22 MS. BRIER: I think the light is a  
23 great idea.

24 MR. WOLFF: But the project is in  
25 process.

1 MS. STRAUSKULAGE: Thank you.

2 MS. OVEN: Thank God.

3 MS. BRIER: Anyone else want to  
4 speak tonight?

5 MR. WOLFF: Public officials.

6 MR. GENOVESE: Nothing to report.  
7 Everything's all done until tomorrow.

8 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Andy.

9 MR. WOLFF: I have nothing, just  
10 Merry Christmas if we don't see everyone.

11 ATTY. PERRY: Merry Christmas.

12 MAYOR CONWAY: I just want to thank  
13 everyone who helped out yesterday. It was a  
14 great event between people who donated,  
15 volunteered. DPW did a great job this morning.  
16 I went up and the place was spotless, Fire  
17 Department, Police Department. It was a great  
18 event. Everybody seemed happy. So thanks  
19 everybody for all your help.

20 MR. LOUGHNEY: I would just like to  
21 commend the Mayor and his committee. That was  
22 outstanding. It really was. It's a positive  
23 thing for the Borough and to see all of those  
24 kids, everybody enjoying it. Plus your wife  
25 helped out with the weather.

1                   So the weather participated and that  
2                   was a great thing. And we won't see anybody  
3                   now until after Christmas and after New Year's,  
4                   so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to  
5                   everyone.

6                   MR. DEMPSEY: I'll just echo what  
7                   Nibs said. Max, Cara Lowe, Chris Lowe.  
8                   Dunmore Business Association was fantastic. It  
9                   was unbelievable seeing that many people there.  
10                  I brought like hundreds of calendars and they  
11                  were gone in an hour. It was crazy, so really  
12                  a great job. That's all I have.

13                  MR. O'MALLEY: I would also like to  
14                  say thank you to Mayor Conway, Cara and Chris  
15                  Lowe, Dunmore Business Association and all the  
16                  volunteers who made this great event possible.  
17                  What a huge crowd it was. It was great seeing  
18                  everybody out there. The weather was great.

19                  Also, thank you to our police and  
20                  fire departments, our DPW as well. And I also  
21                  want to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

22                  MS. BRIER: Thanks. Tom.

23                  MR. HALLINAN: Again, Max, I'm just  
24                  echoing what everyone said, great job.

25                  MAYOR CONWAY: This is great. This

1 is the best meeting I've had.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Your feeling down, I  
3 could send you a --

4 MAYOR CONWAY: This is great.

5 MR. HALLINAN: -- great, fantastic.  
6 I loved it. And again, I know, like, ICU  
7 Surveillance, Pat Reese. He didn't get that  
8 because of that, but there's a guy that gives  
9 back to the community. He's down there with  
10 his bucket truck. And it was Godsend.

11 Everybody else wanted him and now  
12 that Mr. Santasiero couldn't do the electrical  
13 work, he zipped through everything helping out.  
14 I mean, he wanted to kill me when I was  
15 volunteering him. But besides that,  
16 everything -- they did a great job.  
17 Unbelievable. What a great thing for the  
18 community, the children. You made a lot of  
19 happy faces.

20 MAYOR CONWAY: Thanks.

21 MR. HALLINAN: So thank you for what  
22 you do down there.

23 MS. ZANGARDI: I have a few things.  
24 There's a new business in Dunmore Turcatti's  
25 Salon and Spa. It's beautiful. If you

1           could -- actually Mr. DeNaple's wife works  
2           there too. And obviously the Dunmore thing,  
3           that was awesome yesterday.

4                        I really just want to mention  
5           Carmela Mataloni, Brianna Demarco, those two  
6           were on committee but great, great turnout,  
7           awesome for the community. Nice job, Mayor.  
8           Back to the -- and the Police and Fire  
9           Department, sorry guys and DPW.

10                      Properties on Frank Street  
11           Scaratelli{phonetic} property was purchased in  
12           2017. He's got over eight apartments there and  
13           zero parking. The rule of law is two parking  
14           spots per apartment. And he doesn't have any.  
15           He provides himself off-street parking but  
16           provides nobody else nor his tenants parking.

17                      I called the state about it. The  
18           state doesn't have anything to do with parking.  
19           There is no rules or regulations for the state.  
20           It has to go back to the Borough. He has to  
21           provide parking. It's a mess back there.  
22           There is no parking. There is no walking.

23                      They are all parking either on the  
24           sidewalks on both sides of the street. Cars  
25           cannot get through. It has to be addressed.

1 And Scaratelli was purchased in 2017. He  
2 provides no parking for any of his tenants  
3 except for himself. The second one is --

4 MS. BRIER: Did you ask Mike Brazil?

5 MS. OVEN: Mike's aware of it,  
6 right?

7 MS. ZANGARDI: I've been talking  
8 about it for a long time. I finally called and  
9 it's not -- there's no such thing as  
10 grandfathered in either. Ferguson/Summa  
11 property, it used to be Dave Lopatka's  
12 mother-in-law's house. The front is on  
13 Homestead. The back is on Frank Street. They  
14 have four apartments.

15 They purchased the house I think it  
16 was September of 2023. They have one parking  
17 spot. They're parking everywhere. It's a  
18 narrow road to begin with. And again, I called  
19 the state, talked to the state. Dunmore made  
20 the ordinance. It has to be two spots per  
21 apartment.

22 I don't even care if there is one  
23 and a half spots per apartment, but you can't  
24 have none. Scaratelli's has one more for  
25 himself in the back. Nice guy.

1                   ATTY. PERRY: We just -- Greg and I  
2 talked about this earlier. We're going to ask  
3 Mike to work with the Zoning Solicitor to come  
4 up with an opinion and so that they will be  
5 able to cite the people if it's appropriate  
6 under the zoning ordinance that we have.

7                   MS. ZANGARDI: Regarding the  
8 Scaratelli, he has an empty spot back behind  
9 his property. Actually, I wouldn't mind going  
10 up to meet you guys. And he doesn't use it.  
11 He doesn't maintain it. The grass is -- I'm  
12 making it up when I say 3 feet high; but he  
13 doesn't maintain the grass or cut back there.  
14 But make that a lot for your people -- for your  
15 tenants.

16                   Anyway, it's just -- the problem I'm  
17 having with it is we are now a neighborhood of  
18 children. When my husband and I moved in, we  
19 were the youngest people in the neighborhood  
20 and there were no children. Now there's  
21 children everywhere, bikes and there's nowhere  
22 to move a car out of the way.

23                   And Frank Street is I think more  
24 narrow than Homestead Street but again, no  
25 parking. And nobody's fault, but, you know, we



1           could go back for years. There's too many  
2           apartments in that block, both blocks. There's  
3           a lot of apartments.

4                        So anyway, that's all I have. I  
5           would like that addressed because it's not  
6           going to end up good in my feelings. And the  
7           one guy, he's in New Jersey -- sorry, Janet.  
8           He's in New Jersey. And he doesn't plow his  
9           driveway for his tenants and he has three.

10                      So he has spots but he doesn't  
11           maintain the parking lot in the back. So  
12           that's my beef for the day. Merry Christmas,  
13           Happy New Year, happy healthy blessed New Year  
14           for everybody. Thank you so much.

15                      MS. OVEN: I just want to  
16           congratulate Mayor Connors -- my God, where did  
17           that come from -- Mayor Conway and the business  
18           association. You don't look like him. It was  
19           a wonderful evening for the Borough. Thank you  
20           for the DPW and the fire and the police that  
21           helped keep everyone safe and Merry Christmas  
22           and a Happy New Year.

23                      MS. BRIER: Well, I just want to  
24           thank my colleagues on Council and the Mayor  
25           and our Solicitor Mickey and Greg and Andy, the

1 DPW, Fire and Police for a great year in  
2 Dunmore. Everybody on this panel works really  
3 hard for Dunmore. And they have Dunmore's best  
4 interest first.

5 So I just want to thank everyone  
6 because it's my first year as Council  
7 President. And it couldn't have been more  
8 cooperative. I mean, I think we have a very  
9 congenial group here. And again, everyone has  
10 the same focus. We want to do what's best for  
11 our town. So thanks, have a happy Christmas  
12 and a Happy New Year as well.

13 MR. WOLFF: Before we adjourn, we  
14 kind of made mention of it. But our December  
15 23rd meeting is going to be cancelled.

16 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

17 MR. WOLFF: So, yeah, December 23rd  
18 meeting is cancelled.

19 MS. BRIER: All right. Motion to  
20 adjourn.

21 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

22 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

23 MS. BRIER: All right.  
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