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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, January 13th, 2025

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

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

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. WOLFF: Roll call, Mayor Conway.

MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney, he is
absent. Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

MR. WOLFF: 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.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Number three, public
hearing to consider the application of PHPA1,
LLC, to transfer Pennsylvania Liquor Control
Board license R10630 LID number 61259 currently
licensed at 1829 Bundy Street, Scranton to 729
East Drinker Street within the Borough of
Dunmore with the understanding said transfer
must be approved at a later date by the

1 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

2 MS. BRIER: All right. This is a
3 transfer of a liquor license. So we had to do
4 a public hearing to consider the application of
5 PHPA1, LLC, to transfer Pennsylvania Liquor
6 Control Board License R10630 slash LID number
7 61259 currently licensed at 1829 Bundy Street,
8 Scranton to 779 East Drinker Street -- 729 East
9 Drinker Street within the Borough of Dunmore
10 with the understanding that said transfer must
11 be approved at a later date by Pennsylvania
12 Liquor Control Board. Is there any public
13 comment on that transfer?

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Is there anybody here
15 from it?

16 MS. BRIER: Seeing none, we could
17 close the public hearing. Thank you.

18
19 (Public hearing concluded.)

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21 MR. WOLFF: So we will begin our
22 meeting, our regular scheduled meeting. We'll
23 do a roll call once again. Mayor Conway.

24 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

25 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney, he is

1 absent. Mr. Dempsey.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

3 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

4 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

5 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

6 MS. BRIER: Here.

7 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

8 MS. OVEN: Here.

9 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

11 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

13 MR. WOLF: Number six, public
14 comment on agenda items.

15 MS. BRIER: Does anyone have any
16 public comment on agenda items only? Seeing
17 none.

18 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to
19 approve the minutes.

20 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to
21 approve the minutes from last month's meeting?

22 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

23 MS. BRIER: A second?

24 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

25 MS. BRIER: Anyone on the question?

1 Seeing none, all those in favor.

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to
6 approve and pay the open bills.

7 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion,
8 please to approve and pay the open bills?

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

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

12 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a
13 second. Any comment? All those in favor?

14 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

16 MR. WOLFF: Number 10, motion to
17 adopt Resolution 2 of 2025 to approve the
18 application of PHPA1, LLC, to transfer
19 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board license
20 R10630, LID number 61259 to 729 East Drinker
21 Street within the Borough of Dunmore.

22 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to
23 adopt Resolution 2 of 2025 to approve the
24 application of PHPA1, LLC, to transfer
25 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board license

1 R10630 slash LID number 61259 to 729 East
2 Drinker Street within the Borough of Dunmore?

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

5 MS. BRIER: I have a motion. Can I
6 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 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it.

14 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, motion to
15 adopt Resolution 1 of 2025, requesting \$350,000
16 of statewide Local Share Assessment on behalf
17 of the Dunmore School District.

18 MS. BRIER: I have a motion to adopt
19 Resolution No. 1 of 2025 requesting \$350,000 of
20 statewide Local Share Assessment fund on behalf
21 of Dunmore School District.

22 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

24 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
25 second. Anyone on the question? Greg, could

1 you just explain this a tiny bit?

2 MR. WOLFF: Yes, a few months ago
3 the school district put in for a grant. They
4 have to -- it has to be put in through a
5 municipality. So we don't really do anything
6 with it except pass the resolution and kind of
7 sponsor them.

8 A few months ago we passed the
9 resolution but they are looking for a revised
10 resolution, so same thing.

11 MS. BRIER: Okay. Anyone else on
12 the question? All those in favor.

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. WOLFF: Number 12, motion to
17 adopt Resolution 3 of 2025 to allow Borough
18 Treasurer Mark Burton to act as a liaison
19 between the Borough and Berkheimer with the
20 purpose of handling confidential tax
21 information.

22 MS. BRIER: Okay, we have a motion
23 to adopt Resolution 3 of 2025 to allow Borough
24 Treasurer Mark Burton to act as a liaison
25 between the Borough and Berkheimer with the

1 purpose of handling confidential tax
2 information, looking for a motion.

3 MS. OVEN: I'll make that motion.

4 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

5 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
6 second. Anyone on the question? This is a
7 situation where Sally Judge who is retiring was
8 our liaison. And we needed a new person to
9 take over that responsibility. Anyone else on
10 the question?

11 MR. WOLFF: That pretty much sums it
12 up.

13 MS. BRIER: Okay. All those in
14 favor.

15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. WOLFF: Number 13, motion to
19 appoint Angelo Riggi to full-time status with
20 the DPW.

21 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to
22 appoint Angelo Riggi to full-time status with
23 the DPW?

24 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
25 motion.

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

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

4 MR. WOLFF: Just real quick
5 Mr. Riggi is in the audience here. He was
6 hired as a probationary member of the DPW. The
7 time which actually is up at 60 days, getting
8 nothing but good reports of Mr. Riggi. I don't
9 think that he's missed a day of work.

10 So more than happy to bring him on.
11 There was an opening. Anytime we get anybody
12 brought onto probationary status is because of
13 an opening. So we're contractually filling
14 that spot.

15 MR. O'MALLEY: Everything that I've
16 heard has been great too for all of our recent
17 hires over the last couple years so keep it up.
18 Thank you for what you do.

19 MS. BRIER: Yeah, thank you. All
20 right. All those in favor.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MS. BRIER: Congratulations.

25 MR. RIGGI: Thank you.

1 MR. WOLFF: Number 14, is Treasurer
2 Financial Report, Mark.

3 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
4 Here's my brief analysis for the month of
5 December. We operated a net loss for the month
6 of \$838,000 which brings our year-to-date net
7 loss a deficit of the 1.2 million.

8 As far as income is concerned, it
9 was very limited revenue. We did receive
10 68,000 in CFA grant for the improvements to the
11 Dunmore Borough building and a miscellaneous
12 revenue of 163,000 which was our insurance
13 surplus distribution number two of two.

14 Expenses, obviously we had quite a
15 bit at the end of the year, two very large year
16 end in payrolls. We had to pay \$240,000 for a
17 down payment for 2025 workman's comp. And we
18 had a final MMO payment of \$157,000. And
19 that's about it.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Mark.

21 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney.

22 MR. KEARNEY: Good evening. The
23 past several weeks we've continued with the
24 party rentals here every weekend. This weekend
25 Bidy Basketball is using this room. They do

1 pictures for a couple days. You know, they
2 take all of those pictures.

3 So the following weekend we have
4 parties again Friday through Sunday. We're in
5 the middle of Bidy Basketball and the school
6 team season. So practices are continuing
7 nightly as you could see if you walk over there
8 and games and practices are on the weekends.

9 Bidy All Star team practices are
10 also starting. So and I also anticipate
11 hosting a Bidy All Star tournament here in
12 February, although the dates haven't been given
13 to me yet because we do it every year. So
14 that's all I have.

15 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chris.

16 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge is absent.
17 Captain Barth is here in place of Chief
18 Marchese.

19 CAPTAIN BARTH: Good evening,
20 Council. I'm going to start out with just
21 doing our monthly report for the month of
22 December, 2024, the end of our year. During
23 that month, our department responded to 686
24 calls for service.

25 We are down slightly 191 calls from

1 the month of November. December is primarily a
2 little bit slower in the month because a lot of
3 full time guys use up their vacation, the whole
4 nine years. So it's usually -- the numbers
5 will be a little bit lower for December.

6 During that period we did have 8
7 criminal arrests, 6 nontraffic arrests, 15
8 traffic arrests, 9 written warnings and 21
9 verbal warnings were given out for the month.

10 During the month of December, there
11 was seven overtime shifts that were sent out.
12 Overtime shifts again are filled -- only used
13 at last priority if part-time officers are not
14 available. From the start of the year until
15 December 31st, we collected \$11,567 in our
16 parking meters at the Dunmore Corners. That
17 includes coin, credit card and pay by phone
18 transactions.

19 Just to touch briefly on that, our
20 numbers right now for November, December are
21 way lower than they had been. We ran into an
22 issue that me and Greg addressed. We realized
23 that half of the batteries when the weather got
24 colder, our batteries were going dead. We
25 reached out to the company.

1 Apparently we didn't know this ahead
2 of time, but they only have a life expectancy
3 of 12 to 18 months, the batteries. So we don't
4 know how long they were in storage prior to us
5 purchasing them. They may have been sitting
6 for two, three years, we don't know.

7 So essentially we got like a year
8 out of our batteries. So we did have to go
9 ahead and order all new -- not all, but we
10 order a good amount of batteries that have to
11 be replaced now. They still have not come in
12 yet.

13 MR. WOLFF: I was going to say,
14 between the two of us, we could remember to
15 follow up tomorrow. They might have been
16 delivered. We'll have to follow up.

17 CAPTAIN BARTH: Okay, absolutely.
18 Absolutely.

19 MR. HALLINAN: The breakdown of the
20 numbers, do we have more in credit card or
21 cash?

22 CAPTAIN BARTH: It seems to be cash.
23 What I've heard out there is when I'm up there
24 collecting meters, a lot of people have been
25 coming to me and saying they are having issues

1 with using the app. They're having issues with
2 using their credit cards.

3 So the way that we have the parking
4 meters set up is, if there's an issue with a
5 machine, if we have a coin jam or if it's full,
6 myself and Greg get an e-mail right from the
7 company saying, hey, meter number 231 is having
8 an issue.

9 So then either one of us will go up
10 the following day and address the issue. What
11 we've been coming across is, a lot of times
12 people are putting pennies in where the quarter
13 slots are and essentially is jamming it up.
14 And it's just creating all kind of havoc.

15 Essentially, you have to take the
16 whole meter apart just to get the nickel or the
17 penny out of it where it's designed for a
18 quarter. So the slot isn't quite -- you know
19 it's not made to take a penny.

20 And then I've also been noticing
21 that the coins have been freezing in the cups.
22 I don't know how, but they're getting water
23 inside there. And when we go -- literally when
24 we're dumping them, they're solid. I mean, we
25 have to smash them off the ground just to get

1 the coins out. So I don't know what the issue
2 is of that as well.

3 MR. O'MALLEY: I had trouble the
4 last couple times I was up the corners. I
5 can't see anything on the screen. I can't put
6 a quarter in.

7 CAPTAIN BARTH: Yeah, the batteries
8 are dead, probably 75 to 80 percent right now
9 are completely dead. So we're just in a
10 holding pattern right now.

11 MS. BRIER: Captain, we have some
12 other parking meters up in the DPW that maybe
13 we could just take the batteries out of them
14 for now?

15 CAPTAIN BARTH: Well, I think the
16 way it is, the battery is glued into the
17 machine. So we do have plans for those. We
18 actually went and ordered a bunch of more
19 poles. We were able to get them locally for a
20 third of the price is going to be from the
21 company. And as soon as the weather
22 cooperates, we're going to get more meters
23 installed up there.

24 There's a couple on the right-hand
25 side near Two Brothers that need a couple. And

1 then I advised that we should probably put some
2 more in the two hour free lot. It was called
3 the two hour free lot. It's not free anymore.

4 But there's a bunch of spots in
5 there that people just park and they stay there
6 all day because there is no meter. So we're
7 going to get some more up there. I think we'll
8 probably put roughly 12 to 15 more up now as
9 soon as the weather breaks.

10 We did have -- we did straighten out
11 the ones -- there was a couple on Chestnut
12 Street that were almost bent over. You
13 literally had to go, like, to put your quarter
14 in. So we had those -- the DPW came down and
15 straightened those out for us.

16 We actually unfortunately lost one
17 right where the construction site is on
18 Chestnut. It looks like a tractor-trailer made
19 the turn too tight and ran it right over. It
20 was in a million pieces up there. So we are
21 definitely down one meter.

22 MS. BRIER: We do some extra ones.

23 CAPTAIN BARTH: We do have extra
24 ones. We're going to be allocating them to
25 certain spots. We'll get the poles in now and

1 stuff like that. So as soon as the weather
2 breaks, we're going to get that moving and
3 hopefully in the next week or so we'll get the
4 batteries installed.

5 MS. BRIER: Yeah, if you could do
6 that if you check on the batteries. You guys
7 don't know if they are up there, do you?

8 CAPTAIN BARTH: I'm sure somebody
9 will have to sign for them at some point. But
10 I will definitely reach out in the morning to
11 that company.

12 MR. WOLFF: We'll figure it out.

13 CAPTAIN BARTH: A couple other quick
14 things, during the month of December, I'm sure
15 you are well aware that we do our donation of
16 monetary, clothing and toys we collect for our
17 Christmas with the Cops Program.

18 We distributed endless amounts of
19 stuff to multiple families that were in need at
20 that time like we do every other year. One
21 more quick thing, during the month of December
22 we were granted approval through PennDOT for
23 the installation of a safety zone in the 300
24 block of Chestnut Street.

25 The signs had been delivered last

1 week. And we were hoping to get them up today,
2 but the DPW ran into some other stuff. So
3 hopefully by tomorrow or Wednesday we'll get
4 the signs installed.

5 Just so the public is aware, once
6 these signs do go in place, the 300 block of
7 Chestnut Street will be a 15 mile an hour
8 school zone during the times of 7:30 a.m. to
9 8:30 a.m. and again from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m..

10 I tried to get that a little bit
11 more broader for times of mass and times of
12 CCD. But unfortunately, PennDOT has strict
13 regulations that you are only allowed so many
14 hours per week. So we kind of spoke with the
15 principal up there and allocated those would be
16 the best times for the children going in and
17 coming out.

18 So it will be -- it's essentially
19 going to be from Potter Street up to Willow,
20 that whole 300 block will be a 15 mile during
21 those time periods only. One last quick thing,
22 I'm sure most of the public is aware that it's
23 been shared all over social media we're having
24 a lot of car break-ins.

25 It's happening probably a year and a

1 half now. So we're just reminding please lock
2 your door at night. It's happening sometime
3 between 2 and 4 a.m. It looks like at this
4 point it looks like it's going to be two
5 separate people that are working together just
6 by videos that we got.

7 So hopefully we could either catch
8 them or they will run out of open doors and
9 they'll move on. So like I said, reminder
10 again make sure your doors are locked before
11 you go to bed. And if anything suspicious, you
12 see anybody, you hear anything, please call us.

13 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Greg, can we get both
15 of those things on the website about the 300
16 block and the break-ins? It's on social media
17 enough.

18 MS. BRIER: Chief DeNaples.

19 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,
20 Council. Start out with the Fire Department
21 report and I'll get into the code enforcement.
22 As far as expenditures for January, scheduled
23 expenditures, the steepest one there was four
24 new tires put on the ladder truck today. So
25 that was pretty steep, \$2,096.20. That was

1 completed today.

2 The rest of the expenditures are
3 very minimal at this point. As far as overtime
4 scheduled, was 144 hours of overtime for just
5 the month of January. There was 53 part-time
6 shifts prescheduled for January as well. No
7 scheduled events.

8 We still have one part time
9 firefighter. He's been lingering with
10 orientation since June, had some family issues,
11 issues with his son. He comes in sporadically.
12 We're trying to get him in the best we could,
13 as much as we could. But it's been pretty
14 tough.

15 Nathan Warner the firefighter that
16 was hired full time is still proceeding through
17 the orientation process. We just need to make
18 sure that he's comfortable and good and able
19 to, you know, operate.

20 MS. BRIER: Did all his equipment
21 come in, Chief?

22 CHIEF DENAPLES: So the equipment
23 was -- the equipment was held. I don't know if
24 you remember from the last meeting, he still
25 has to successfully complete his EMT training.

1 So we have a purchase order that we secured.
2 We issued him spare gear. And we're just
3 waiting for him to complete that.

4 Contractually he needs to complete
5 that so we just don't want to -- because he's
6 an odd size. I'm pretty sure he's going to be
7 good, but we just need to be sure he spend --

8 MS. BRIER: Is there a timeframe for
9 the completion of the EMS training?

10 CHIEF DENAPLES: So he's doing a
11 refresher course right now. And then he has
12 three attempts to get it over the course of a
13 year. He has a year to get it.

14 MS. BRIER: Oh, okay. Thank you.

15 CHIEF DENAPLES: So that's pretty
16 much that. I checked on the progress of our
17 rescue truck which is out for refurb. That is
18 still scheduled. Initially they said probably
19 the end of February. They're saying as of
20 today, probably the first week of March they'll
21 be bringing that back and switching them out
22 with the other truck we're currently operating.

23 So we're kind of on target with
24 that. We had a couple unexpected items that
25 popped up that we had to take care of. So we

1 had to spend a little more money unfortunately.

2 As far as for calls from January 1
3 to the close of business today, total of 27
4 calls; one structure fire; 12 emergency medical
5 services slash rescue; 3 hazardous materials; 3
6 service calls; 4 good intent calls; and 4 false
7 alarms.

8 And unfortunately through the end of
9 December there, we had quite a bit of structure
10 fires. And the long and short of it is, these
11 people don't have smoke detectors. So we have
12 it on our website. We've installed a ton of
13 them, but if anybody knows anybody that needs
14 them.

15 MR. HALLINAN: We had the big
16 banner.

17 CHIEF DENAPLES: The big banner out
18 there was out there for Fire Prevention Month.
19 So anybody that knows anybody, call fire
20 headquarters and we'll be more than happy to
21 put them in free of charge.

22 MR. O'MALLEY: Do we have that on
23 the website?

24 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yes.

25 MR. WOLFF: Yes.

1 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chief.

2 CHIEF DENAPLES: As far as for the
3 code enforcement, there was four scheduled code
4 enforcement inspections, probably going to be
5 more popping up. But they are scheduled.

6 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you, Chief.

7 MR. WOLFF: Number 16, public
8 Comment.

9 MS. BRIER: Does anyone here today
10 have public comment? Do you want to address
11 Council, the Mayor?

12 MR. LAWLESS: Could it be about an
13 issue in my neighborhood?

14 MS. BRIER: Yes, please. That's why
15 we're here. If you wouldn't mind just giving
16 your name and address for Maria.

17 MR. LAWLESS: My name is Brian
18 Lawless, 107 Barton Street between Electric
19 Street and Delaware. There's a property on I
20 think it's 100 Barton Street. I have to
21 commend the police and folks here that I've
22 lived there 28 years. I raised my kids there.

23 And now I have a grandson who's
24 visiting quite a bit. There's been a lot of
25 suspicious activity, if you will. I've never

1 seen the police on my block so much this past
2 three months as I have in the 28 years. And
3 I'm not kidding about that. I've never seen
4 the police on our street unless it was for an
5 emergency.

6 There was a big party there with
7 underage kids, a couple ambulances, bath salts,
8 somebody apparently overdosed. But anyway, I
9 have it on my Ring doorbell two arrests right
10 in front of my house what appears to be drug
11 related. The police I'm sure could shed some
12 light on that.

13 Cathy was our neighbor there, she's
14 living elsewhere. But she has a property
15 right next door to this facility. They bring
16 cars down and just dump them in her lot. She
17 owns a lot there. They have been towed. The
18 Dunmore Police have had DeNaples come down and
19 tow them out of there. We see activity,
20 again, I said on the Ring doorbell, 2 a.m.,
21 3 a.m., people walking up and down the street.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: Is it a rental
23 property, sir?

24 MR. LAWLESS: From my understanding
25 it was a home that was owned -- it was a few

1 folks -- remember Evelyn Brower, it was her
2 house. Evelyn sold it to a young man. The
3 young man made it really nice and sold it to a
4 woman from out of state.

5 I'm told she's incarcerated at the
6 moment. And now her kids were taken away and
7 there is young men just coming in and out of
8 here all the time. Certain vehicles I see all
9 the time. Volvos, I could ID them. We've had
10 I think your daughter in law has taken pictures
11 of their driver's license.

12 The police have been doing a great
13 job. They've been stopping by. Is there
14 anything that could be done since the owner of
15 the home is not there? She's incarcerated. Is
16 there anything we can do to shut this place
17 down?

18 MS. OVEN: Her children are gone
19 too, right?

20 MR. LAWLESS: Correct. My
21 understanding is they're gone.

22 MS. OVEN: The owner is
23 incarcerated.

24 MR. LAWLESS: I'm told she bought
25 the home from the previous owner, a young man

1 who had built it up and now she's incarcerated.

2 ATTY. PERRY: Is she renting it to
3 someone?

4 MR. LAWLESS: I have no idea. These
5 guys come in and out all the time, different
6 faces all the time.

7 MS. DESMARAIS: She's supposedly in
8 the Bronx right now. We don't know if she's in
9 jail there or staying there. She's not in her
10 house on Barton Street.

11 MR. LAWLESS: That's accurate.

12 MS. DESMARAIS: And, therefore,
13 there are at least two men who claim that they
14 are friends of Melissa -- that's her first
15 name, Melissa. And they were told to please
16 come in and clean up the house. It was -- they
17 gave the story that her daughter who is about
18 14 had a party with high school kids or
19 whatever and wrecked the house and that the
20 mother told these gentlemen to stay at the
21 home, clean the house up.

22 And as far as we know, that should
23 have been done by now and they should have
24 left. But it's being a drug house -- turned
25 into a drug house.

1 MS. BRIER: Ma'am, can you give your
2 name and address for Maria?

3 MS. DESMARAIS: Cathy Desmarais.

4 MS. BRIER: So, Mick, is there
5 anything we could do in terms of a public
6 nuisance?

7 MS. DESMARAIS: I was informed that
8 I have to speak to the zoning officer. So who
9 is the zoning officer?

10 MR. WOLFF: His name is Mike Brazil.
11 Is that 100 Barton Street?

12 MS. DESMARAIS: 100 Barton Street.
13 And we had the cops there on numerous
14 occasions. They have been wonderful. We were
15 able to tow these cars that were dumped on the
16 property.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Do you think the
18 owner knows that this is happening that people
19 are in and out of her property?

20 MS. DESMARAIS: I don't think she
21 cares.

22 MR. LAWLESS: It's hard to say if
23 she knows or not. Like I was told, she was
24 incarcerated but folks, it's in and out all the
25 time.

1 MS. BRIER: Our sergeant said he
2 could comment on it if you'd like. Thank you.

3 OFFICER BURGETTE: So in regards to
4 100 Barton Street, they are correct. There is
5 a lot of narcotics being dealt in and out of
6 the house, various people coming there from
7 Scranton, all over.

8 We had an arrest right in front of
9 the residence when we sit there for drugs. The
10 cars in which she's speaking about right now.
11 I got them towed out of the area. The problem
12 we have here is we arrested the owner. I'm not
13 going to say her name directly.

14 But we arrested the owner and she
15 sent us a Facebook message whether she did it
16 from jail or rehab or whatever, stating that no
17 one is to be in her house and these people are
18 trespassing, which is fine. But when we showed
19 up, these two individuals had mail there and
20 they were routinely getting mail there.

21 So they established residence. So
22 now, we just can't just make them -- it was her
23 friends who she let live there. Now she's
24 incarcerated, she doesn't want anyone there.
25 The problem is now it's a civil issue because

1 they've established residence.

2 So we don't really know how to go
3 about that the right way because she would
4 technically have to evict them. We can't evict
5 them from her residence. We did get a male
6 that was wanted there just the other day in the
7 basement.

8 Really the only thing we could do
9 again is when we had problem houses in the
10 past, we just had target enforcement on the
11 house. It sounds like harassing but it's not
12 in nature. You could sit a car there directly
13 in front of that house and you could put an
14 unmarked car there and you could stop every
15 single car that comes there.

16 You could stop anybody going into
17 the house and it's all for what we're claiming,
18 I mean, she's stating no one is supposed to be
19 there and we're checking every time someone
20 goes there.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Is this something
22 that the zoning and you could go to the
23 magistrate with or something --

24 OFFICER BURGETTE: Another thing is,
25 I don't know how -- not just zoning but, like,

1 when you have your electrical issue -- what do
2 you call that -- code enforcements. Do they
3 have to be brought up on, like, how do those
4 code enforcement --

5 MR. HALLINAN: You were there. You
6 could say there is a code enforcement problem.

7 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, so I think our
8 best rather than to discuss tactics and
9 strategy, I think -- are you working tomorrow?

10 OFFICER BURGETTE: Yes.

11 MR. WOLFF: When you come in, get
12 with myself and Mike will be in tomorrow and
13 let's see what we could do for that approach.
14 We're not going to --

15 OFFICER BURGETTE: Yeah, I mean, if
16 there is a code enforcement, I would suggest
17 calling me personally to be there with you when
18 you -- for safety reasons.

19 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, let's go over it
20 with Mike.

21 MR. LAWLESS: Should I call any time
22 if I see something happening?

23 MS. BRIER: Every time.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Call anytime 911.

25 MS. ZANGARDI: 911, because it's

1 been on the record and eventually hopefully
2 someday we'll be able to get it as a nuisance
3 property.

4 MS. BRIER: Well, if the owner says
5 you can't live there, does it matter that they
6 have established residency?

7 ATTY. PERRY: They are squatters
8 apparently. But she is the only one that has
9 the right to evict them out of there.

10 OFFICER BURGETTE: Which is hard
11 when she's nowhere to be found. She sent us,
12 again, a Facebook message on our department
13 Facebook. I can't confirm that that's actually
14 her. It is, but I can't go off those words
15 from a Facebook message from a female that I
16 don't -- it's just a really a gray area in the
17 law to try to do that. Also, not to mention,
18 they have cameras everywhere inside the house.

19 MS. DESMARAIS: I assume that with
20 what's going on with her that she's not in the
21 area currently that I don't think she's going
22 to be paying her mortgage on the house either.
23 It should go into foreclosure at some point.

24 MS. BRIER: That takes time.

25 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, that takes a

1 long time.

2 MS. ZANGARDI: That takes time.

3 MS. DESMARAIS: I don't want to wait
4 until that happens to get these people out of
5 our neighborhood.

6 MR. HALLINAN: I think, as you could
7 see, we're being proactive about this now. You
8 have to call every time 911 and these guys do a
9 fantastic job, trust me.

10 MS. DESMARAIS: Yes, they have been.

11 MS. BRIER: So tomorrow they'll
12 strategize with Mike with code enforcement.

13 OFFICER BURGETTE: I'll talk to you
14 and we'll figure out.

15 MR. WOLFF: Yeah.

16 MS. BRIER: Thank you. Thanks for
17 coming.

18 OFFICER BURGETTE: No problem.

19 MS. BRIER: And please just keep
20 talking to us.

21 MR. LAWLESS: Absolutely.

22 MS. BRIER: Does anyone else have
23 any comments today? Anyone else want to speak
24 to Council and the Mayor? I think we're all
25 set, Greg.

1 MR. WOLFF: Okay. Public officials.
2 I have nothing.

3 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

4 MAYOR CONWAY: I want to thank
5 Mrs. Fangio for raising a great defensive
6 coordinator for the Philadelphia Eagles. I
7 know my fellow Eagle fan, Micky, is very happy
8 about that as well.

9 ATTY. PERRY: The Mayor is a Giant's
10 fan just so everybody knows.

11 MAYOR CONWAY: I also want to thank
12 Senator Marty Flynn. He was able to secure the
13 Dunmore Business Association a \$50,000 grant to
14 pay for the first of its kind, a study and plan
15 for our downtown area.

16 So with his \$50,000 grant, that got
17 us above the \$68,000 which the plan costs. So
18 that's fully covered now. And I just want to
19 make sure I thanked him. That's all I have.

20 MS. BRIER: So, Mayor, that plan,
21 I've seen it. Is it possible to get that out
22 there?

23 MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah, I put it out on
24 social media and everything. It is out there.

25 MS. BRIER: Is it on our Facebook,

1 Greg?

2 MAYOR CONWAY: It's on mine. I
3 don't know if the Borough shared it or not but
4 it is out there.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. It would be nice
6 to share because I know you had mentioned
7 before too you would like some public comments.

8 MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah, it's out there.
9 But I'll share it again. I just want to make
10 sure I thanked Senator Flynn.

11 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Me? Mr. Riggi,
13 congratulations, you know, welcome. Love to
14 have you aboard and I appreciate you doing the
15 job that you are doing.

16 MR. RIGGI: Thank you.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Didge is not here. I
18 was going to ask him can I get Schautz on the
19 plow list? I got Joe up there in that little
20 side by side freezing his butt off.

21 DPW: 100 percent.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, can you guys get
23 it on the list for me just because that back
24 building is so packed now for the rest of the
25 winter if you guys could just put it on the

1 list for me, I'd appreciate it. I have nothing
2 else.

3 MS. BRIER: Thank you. Okay.
4 Tripper.

5 MR. O'MALLEY: Mr. Riggi,
6 congratulations. Keep up the good work. And I
7 also wanted to say thank to all the DPW staff
8 for the time that you put in with our recent
9 storms. And I know it's been really cold out
10 there. So we really appreciate the work that
11 you are putting in and what you do for our
12 borough. And that's all I have.

13 MS. BRIER: Thanks. Mr. Hallinan.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Mr. Riggi,
15 congratulations. It was -- your probation was
16 exemplary. Everybody I spoke to said nothing
17 but kudos to the work you do, showing up on
18 time. You are doing a great job. Keep it up
19 and thank you.

20 Also, if you know, I'm sure a lot
21 people here -- Nibs is not here tonight. His
22 brother Michael passed away and the funeral
23 mass was today. So Michael Loughney was a good
24 man, good Dunmorian and it's a shame.

25 Also I'm going to be a little

1 selfish here. If you see me texting which I
2 hardly ever do, my brother John is having some
3 issues and just keep him in your prayers. I
4 would appreciate that very much. Thank you.

5 MS. BRIER: Mrs. Zangardi.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: A couple just public
7 service messages and, Chris, can you please put
8 the switchblade covers back on?

9 MR. KEARNEY: Okay, I was waiting
10 for --

11 MS. ZANGARDI: No, I know and I
12 meant to call you and I forgot. And also hang
13 the wall files over there where the clock is,
14 please. He is coming back to finish the cove
15 and this area back here, okay, so we painted
16 the senior center.

17 The other thing I would like to
18 address with this and I didn't. I would like
19 it on the record though, I would like to --
20 when we do rent this out, have a clause in
21 there no paint -- I'm sorry, no tape, no nails,
22 no -- because they take the pictures off and
23 they don't put stuff back the way they received
24 it.

25 And I would like to at least if they

1 don't follow that keep the money, keep the
2 money because that was part of our problem.
3 Would you agree, Chris?

4 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, well, we tell --
5 they are told. I mean, they are told there's
6 certain things they are not supposed to do and
7 they do it anyway.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: And that's why I
9 would like to -- I mean, charge them \$100
10 rental fee if they don't put it back to the way
11 they got it, we keep it just for the
12 maintenance alone. The other thing is garbage
13 calendars are over here for the 2025 year and
14 there is recycling on that, cardboard
15 recycling. So it's color coded.

16 And bear with us, we're still
17 working on the DCC area. And I think that is
18 all I have. Thank you. Thank you, everybody.
19 Oh, Happy New Year, everybody.

20 MS. OVEN: Congratulations,
21 Mr. Riggi. Welcome aboard. Thank you for all
22 of your help. I would like to congratulate
23 Beth on getting the room painted. Chris Tigue
24 offered his services for free. And we have
25 some people that are going to help out with the

1 curtains. So it should be when we're all
2 completed really nice. So thank you, Beth.

3 MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah, thank you for
4 really Chris Tigue volunteered his services so
5 it goes out to him.

6 MS. BRIER: It was a big job. He
7 did for us so we really want to commend Chris
8 and welcome Mr. Riggi. You guys, you're out
9 there in this ridiculous weather. And I know
10 you still are doing the job every single day.
11 And we've never had -- we don't have any
12 complaints. It's picked up on time and it's
13 just a very hard job and we acknowledge that
14 and thank you for the work you do. I don't
15 have anything else.

16 MR. WOLFF: We need a motion to
17 adjourn.

18 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to
19 adjourn?

20 MR. O'MALLEY: Motion.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

22 MS. BRIER: All those in favor.

23 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
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