

COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

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DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
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Dunmore, Pennsylvania

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

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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: Number three public

20 comment on agenda items.

21 MS. BRIER: Does anyone have any

22 comment on agenda items only at this time?

23 MR. WOLFF: And just before we do

24 that, I do have to make an announcement that we

25 do have an amendment. It will be 9-A, a motion

1 to appoint Samuel Snyder as a part-time
2 firefighter.

3 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

4 MR. WOLFF: 9-A, a motion to appoint
5 Samuel Snyder as a part-time firefighter.

6 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.
7 Anyone have anything on the agenda items only?

8 MR. WOLFF: Number four, a motion to
9 approve the minutes of the meeting from the
10 February 10th, 2025 meeting.

11 MS. BRIER: Okay. I need a motion
12 to approve the minutes from the meeting from
13 February 10th, 2025.

14 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

15 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

16 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a
17 second. Anyone on the question? All those in
18 favor.

19 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. WOLFF: Number five, a motion to
21 approve and pay the open bills.

22 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to
23 approve and pay the open bills?

24 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

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

1 MS. BRIER: Okay.

2 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

3 MS. BRIER: Okay. I have a motion
4 and a second. Anyone on the question? Mark is
5 here if anyone has a question about them. I
6 don't see anything. All those in favor.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. WOLFF: Number six, a motion to
9 approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the
10 Dunmore School District.

11 MS. BRIER: Okay. So we have a
12 motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding
13 with the Dunmore School District. Can I have a
14 motion first?

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

16 MS. BRIER: Can I have a second?
17 We need a second to approve the Memorandum of
18 Understanding with the school district.

19 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make the motion
20 just to get it on.

21 MS. BRIER: Okay. So I have a
22 motion and a second. And we do need to talk
23 about this. On the question? Greg, do you
24 want to explain this, what's going on here?

25 MR. WOLFF: Sure. This Memorandum

1 of Understanding is the school district reached
2 out to us expressing their interest in -- I
3 don't know if you want to call it creating
4 their own police department but using a force
5 that they hire using their own people to
6 provide the school resources officers.

7 This Memorandum of Understanding
8 is -- you could chime in too a little bit if
9 you would like, Trip, but to basically state
10 we will work with the school district in any
11 way that we can, give them any support that we
12 possibly can. And that's what the gist of
13 this --

14 MS. BRIER: Yeah, if situations
15 arise where they would need more help than just
16 a --

17 MR. WOLFF: Right. And we'll keep
18 open lines of communication.

19 MS. BRIER: Meet with them.

20 MR. WOLFF: Meet with them.

21 MS. BRIER: That's part of the
22 memorandum as well.

23 MR. WOLFF: So this was, you know,
24 given to us and we're reacting to it.

25 MS. BRIER: Yeah, the school board

1 has decided not to use the Dunmore Police for
2 their school resource officers. They are going
3 to hire their own basically. And they needed
4 this Memorandum of Understanding so that they
5 would have, in fact, in effect a backup.

6 And, of course, we're totally
7 willing to do that with our Dunmore Police
8 Officers. So I have a motion and a second --

9 MR. O'MALLEY: On the question? I
10 have always been in contention I want Dunmore
11 cops in our schools. I am going to vote yes
12 simply because it's the school district that
13 these are their wishes. So but I prefer to
14 have Dunmore cops in our schools.

15 MS. BRIER: Right. And it's not up
16 to us, you know, it's up to the school board to
17 decide what kind of security they need. So I
18 have a motion and a second. All those in
19 favor?

20 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm going to speak on
21 the question too because this was -- back in, I
22 think it was 2014 or '15, I was on that
23 Council. We decided to put the Dunmore Police
24 Officers in the school district at no charge to
25 the Dunmore School District.

1 Obviously I would much rather prefer
2 having our police department in that school and
3 I fought for it for years. I always felt like
4 I was fighting an uphill battle. But we kept
5 them there as long as we could. They decided
6 to go into a different direction after -- we
7 really tried to come to an agreement. It's
8 unfortunate that they are going to go on their
9 own separate way.

10 I think it's a mistake. I think it
11 will end up -- I think they'll end up coming
12 back. I don't know, but we'll see. They are
13 going to hire qualified, you know, people to
14 stay at the school district. I would much
15 rather have our police department there.

16 They provide more than just
17 protection. When they're in there, they're
18 talking to the kids. They know what's going
19 on. They know all the kids' names and all the
20 parents names. They get more information than
21 just being a body to protect the schools, to
22 protect the school.

23 They have so much more value than
24 that. I am going to vote yes on it because
25 that's the school district's wishes. We did

1 work together. We had a great relationship.
2 We're going to continue that. I don't want any
3 parents to think that the Dunmore Police aren't
4 going to be down there anymore.

5 They are going to be down there. We
6 are going to patrol the school. Chief Marchese
7 is here.

8 CHIEF MARCHESE: Absolutely.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: We will patrol the
10 school when we can. We will provide support
11 for those individuals that are hired ultimately
12 by Dunmore School District. We'll provide them
13 with whatever support they need. We're going
14 to be in constant communication.

15 We're still going to work all the
16 football games, the basketball games, the
17 soccer games, whatever they need us for. So I
18 just want to put that on the record. I don't
19 want anyone to think that it's anything up here
20 that is preventing our police officering there.
21 So I just wanted to put that on the record.

22 MR. LOUGHNEY: Madam Chair, may I
23 call for a roll call vote on this?

24 MS. BRIER: Sure. Absolutely. Roll
25 call, Greg.

1 MR. WOLFF: Sure. Mr. Loughney.

2 MR. LOUGHNEY: I'm going to vote yes
3 with the understanding that this was as Michael
4 and Trip have said this was brought to our
5 table. We didn't go and seek this. The school
6 board came and they've elected to take this
7 route. We are happy to help out in any way we
8 can. But I want it on record that the school
9 board approached us for this. Thank you.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, and I don't
11 think I said this, but we did provide the
12 school officers in 2015 free of charge. I
13 forget how long it was that we provided free of
14 charge.

15 At some point, you know, with
16 overtime costs and, you know, guys being off we
17 did have to submit a fee to the Dunmore School
18 District who ultimately paid the fee up and
19 until this school year. So it will take effect
20 at the end of the school year. Yes.

21 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

22 MR. O'MALLEY: Yes.

23 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

24 MS. BRIER: Yes. And in terms of
25 the fee, you know, we did some work in terms

1 of, you know, how much it cost the Dunmore
2 Borough to put one police officer there. And
3 what we were asking for -- we were not asking
4 to be made whole. We were not asking for
5 reimbursement.

6 You know, the fee that we were
7 asking for was roughly a third of the cost to
8 the Dunmore taxpayers. So we thought that was
9 pretty fair. I'm voting yes.

10 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

11 MS. OVEN: I'm going to vote yes.
12 This is something that the school requested and
13 ask the Borough that we would agree to it.
14 Obviously, as a parent I think the most
15 important thing is the safety of children.

16 So I was told that they will be
17 hiring people that are retired state troopers
18 or police officers to ensure that these people
19 that are protecting the kids are competent.
20 And we are here to support in any way that we
21 can. So I will be voting yes.

22 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

23 MS. ZANGARDI: Yes.

24 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

25 MR. HALLINAN: I want to be on the

1 record also as saying that when we spoke about
2 this, we'll be there any time they needed us,
3 whether school opening, school closing, any
4 event. We're there to help calls during the
5 day.

6 I would even like to see them, you
7 know, get out and walk around the school
8 district property every so often. You know,
9 we're not going to leave them high and dry.
10 This is brought on by the school district and
11 we're just answering their request. So I'm a
12 yes.

13 MR. WOLFF: The motion to approve
14 the Memorandum of Understanding passes by a 7-0
15 vote. Number seven, motion to adopt Ordinance
16 No. 2 of 2025 amending Ordinance No. 3 of 2022
17 regulating pave cut in borough-owned streets.
18 Amendment would revise the fee schedule.

19 MS. BRIER: All right. I need a
20 motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2 of 2025. It
21 amends the Ordinance No. 3 of 2022 regulating
22 pave cut in borough-owned streets. Amendment
23 would revise the fee schedule.

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

1 MR. LOUGHNEY: I'll second.

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

4 MR. WOLFF: Yes, Mrs. Brier, so we
5 have -- we use IWDA. It's a Dunmore firm.
6 They're what's called our pave cut inspectors.
7 So that anybody that wants to cut our roads for
8 utility work or any other type of work is
9 required to get pave cut permit.

10 And with that comes fees for our
11 inspector to come and make sure that they are
12 doing it properly. It's a, you know, roads are
13 obviously an investment. So we're doing our
14 best to protect them. And obviously we're
15 catching up. There's some out there that
16 aren't there.

17 But IWDA does a fantastic job of
18 staying on top of the utilities and the other
19 contractors that are doing the work. So this
20 would just amend -- it's been since 2022 to
21 update fees.

22 MS. BRIER: And again, just so
23 everyone knows, these fees are a passthrough.
24 Dunmore Borough does not -- you know, we pay
25 them but we pass them through to the utilities

1 and the utilities reimburse us.

2 MR. WOLFF: Correct. IWDA bills us
3 and then in turn we bill the contractor or the
4 utilities.

5 MS. BRIER: Right. So I have a
6 motion and a second. Anyone else on the
7 question?

8 MR. HALLINAN: On the question, I
9 just want to make sure everybody understands
10 too, for years the utility companies have not
11 been through their subcontractors doing the
12 pave cuts correctly.

13 And this way we have somebody
14 watching to make sure they are done instead of
15 coming back a year later and there's a belly in
16 the road because it wasn't done properly. And
17 that's what we're reassuring here.

18 MS. BRIER: Thank's Tom. Anyone
19 else on the question? All those in favor.

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, a motion
22 to adopt Ordinance No. 3 of 2025 governing
23 collection, separation and recycling of Dunmore
24 Borough solid waste.

25 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to

1 adopt Ordinance No. 3 of 2025 governing
2 collection, separation and recycling of Dunmore
3 Borough solid waste?

4 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

6 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
7 second. Anyone on the question?

8 MR. WOLFF: Just briefly, Mrs. Brier
9 applied for a grant for recycling bins. We
10 were basically told our ordinances are out of
11 date. So our solicitor did some work and got
12 this ordinance together to get us compliant
13 with current DEP regulations.

14 MS. BRIER: Right, and then we'll be
15 able to resubmit the grant. The ordinance was
16 a pretty small part of the grant process, but
17 apparently an essential part. We needed to
18 update anyway. So it's now updated. And I'm
19 going to submit that again in the spring. So
20 all those in favor.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, a motion to
23 approve a five year proposal from Murphy,
24 Dougherty and Company to conduct financial
25 audits.

1 MS. BRIER: All right. I need a
2 motion to approve a five year proposal from
3 Murphy, Dougherty and Company to conduct
4 financial audits.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
6 motion.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

8 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
9 second. I'd like to explain this one as well.
10 We've used Murphy and Dougherty and Company for
11 a number of years. The increase over the five
12 years is really miniscule. And they do a
13 really, really good job for us.

14 They also do the tax claim audits
15 for us that weren't being done prior to two
16 years ago. So they have been -- they know us.
17 They know our system. They work really well
18 with Mark our Treasurer. So, you know, we're
19 feeling pretty good about hiring them again.
20 Anyone else on the question?

21 MR. WOLFF: And they are a
22 professional service just for the record.

23 MS. BRIER: Yes, it is a
24 professional service. All those in favor.

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. WOLFF: Number 9-A, a motion to
2 appoint Samuel Snyder as a part-time
3 firefighter.

4 MS. BRIER: All right. I need a
5 motion to appoint Samuel Snyder as a part-time
6 firefighter.

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

9 MS. OVEN: Second.

10 MS. BRIER: Do I have a second?

11 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

12 MS. BRIER: On the question?

13 MR. DEMPSEY: On the question,
14 Chief, have you done a background check and
15 everything? He's ready to go?

16 CHIEF DENAPLES: He went through the
17 whole application process. Captain Barth
18 performed a background check, criminal history
19 check and driver's license check. They were
20 both cleared.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

22 MS. BRIER: Does he have prior
23 training as a firefighter?

24 CHIEF DENAPLES: He does. He has to
25 go through our orientation, our department

1 orientation. He does have many years
2 experience. And he meets all the credentials
3 that we require.

4 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chief.

5 CHIEF DENAPLES: No problem.

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

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9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 MS. BRIER: So moved.

13 MR. WOLFF: Number 10, Treasurer
14 financial report. Mark.

15 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
16 Here's our numbers for the month of February.
17 We had a net income of \$236,000. It brings our
18 year-to-date net income to \$236,000. As far as
19 the income is concerned, our real estate
20 collections have begun. They're underway right
21 now with the bills mailed in February. So that
22 is starting to pick up.

23 Our business license and permits, we
24 received 47,000 for our Comcast fourth quarter
25 2024 franchise fee. Miscellaneous revenue,

1 \$60,000 for our quarterly SRO reimbursement
2 which was discussed earlier; \$20,000 insurance
3 received for the total -- the police cruiser.

4 As far as expenses are concerned,
5 highway, snow, and maintenance another 37 grand
6 in rock salt and another \$50,000 in repairs.
7 We made our annual bond interest only payment.
8 That was \$92,000.

9 And our first quarterly auto
10 liability installment was \$75,000. That's it.

11 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Mark.

12 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Mark.

13 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, Chris
14 Kearney.

15 MR. KEARNEY: Good evening. These
16 past several weeks we've continued hosting of
17 weekend parties here. And we also had the
18 finish of the official Biddy Basketball season.
19 We're still hosting several school team
20 practices weekly there. They're advancing
21 postseason stuff.

22 Today we started a three week rental
23 with a local basketball coach that is going on
24 out here that will culminate in a couple of 3
25 on 3 tournaments later in the month. Thursday,

1 we start our annual seven weeks of River Front
2 Sports comes here every Thursday night. They
3 have an overflow down there. So we provide
4 them. They rent.

5 We also have a weekly rental
6 starting April 2nd and continuing until June
7 with the Electric City Blitz team. This
8 Friday, we host the Indo-American community.
9 They have their annual spring celebration.
10 It's called Holi. This is a spring celebration
11 consisting of bonfire, dancing, and food.

12 MS. BRIER: In this room and then
13 outside?

14 MR. KEARNEY: It's everywhere. It's
15 there, here and there.

16 MS. BRIER: Nice.

17 MR. KEARNEY: There will be 800
18 people. So and we've also started preliminary
19 meetings with Jog for Jude. Their event is
20 April 26th, Saturday. So we're starting that.

21 MS. BRIER: Are they going to do
22 fireworks again?

23 MR. KEARNEY: I would imagine. I
24 don't know.

25 MS. BRIER: Chief?

1 MR. KEARNEY: They've done it the
2 last two years. I don't know.

3 MS. BRIER: They haven't approached
4 you?

5 CHIEF DENAPLES: They haven't but
6 if at all they would do a light show just --
7 it's a concern every year. And we saw what
8 just happened down in the city with that last
9 one. I know they're beautiful, but --

10 MS. BRIER: But they haven't
11 approached you yet.

12 CHIEF DENAPLES: They haven't.

13 MS. BRIER: What's the date, Chris?

14 MR. KEARNEY: The 26th. Yeah, so, I
15 mean, as we get closer into the next couple
16 weeks they start doing weekly or biweekly
17 meetings here. We'll get everything. They've
18 been here a long time. But every year they try
19 to add something so that is always a little
20 cause for concern.

21 MS. BRIER: Well, you do a great job
22 with that and with the 800 folks coming in this
23 week. You've done that before. Thanks, Chris.

24 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you, Chris.

25 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge.

1 MR. JUDGE: We're patching. The
2 roads are -- the roads are in rough shape.
3 Call them in. We have a list going. We're out
4 every day. They are out now, in fact, and they
5 worked all weekend.

6 MS. BRIER: I saw them on Saturday.

7 MR. JUDGE: Yeah, so we'll get out,
8 caught up on them. It's not just Dunmore.
9 It's everywhere.

10 MS. BRIER: Is it cold patch?

11 MR. JUDGE: It's cold patch now.
12 But once we get the big ones done on the main
13 roads, we'll start running the hot stuff. I
14 need more guys.

15 MR. O'MALLEY: When is the hot stuff
16 usually ready?

17 MR. JUDGE: It's ready now. But the
18 thing is, I have to get a crew together. You
19 need a lot more guys once you start with the
20 hot stuff, you know? It has to be rolled. It
21 has to be --

22 MS. BRIER: So what's the timeframe
23 do you think for that, Didge?

24 MR. JUDGE: We could probably do it
25 starting next week, you know? We'll make

1 arrangements for it. I'm trying to get the big
2 ones for right now, Janet.

3 MS. BRIER: I saw your guys out over
4 the weekend.

5 MR. JUDGE: We've been out every day
6 and we worked the whole weekend. So they got a
7 pretty good job on it. So anybody looking to
8 get a hole filled, call it in.

9 MR. O'MALLEY: You had two crews out
10 there Saturday.

11 MR. JUDGE: Two crews Saturday, all
12 day Saturday, yeah. And there's two crews out
13 now.

14 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

15 MR. WOLFF: Chief Marchese.

16 CHIEF MARCHESE: Monthly report for
17 February. During the month of February, our
18 department responded to 1,070 calls for
19 service. The number is up by 155 calls from
20 the previous month.

21 Arrests for the month, our
22 department had nine criminal arrests, 5
23 nontraffic, 37 traffic arrests, 7 traffic
24 warnings, and 22 verbal warnings.

25 MS. BRIER: Chief, are you stepping

1 up the traffic stops? It seems like that
2 number is higher than typical.

3 CHIEF MARCHESE: Weather started
4 breaking and the guys are out. It's a little
5 easier to run traffic when the weather
6 cooperates a little bit. We should have some
7 grant money coming in too for, like, the click
8 and ticket and --

9 MS. BRIER: And how about our
10 parking meters?

11 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah, they're on
12 them.

13 MS. BRIER: Yeah? Do you have a
14 number?

15 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah, I have a
16 collection here for you. We still have one
17 officer off on long term heart and lung. We
18 only had one shift go out for overtime the
19 whole month.

20 Officer Burgette took part in the
21 monthly SWAT training February 11th and 24th.
22 February 27th, Sergeant Richardson and Sergeant
23 Igoe took part in our Cobra training which is a
24 data sharing program that allows us to view and
25 share information with other police departments

1 statewide that uses our recording system. It's
2 very good for us.

3 On the 19th, all officers took part
4 in the mandatory First Aid CPR training here at
5 the Community Center. From the start of the
6 year to the end of February we have collected
7 \$1,135, including coin, credit card, and pay by
8 phone transaction for the meters.

9 For the month of February we
10 collected \$170 in parking tickets and one
11 citation was sent down for failure to pay.
12 February 27th, we began the process of
13 integrating our coding reporting system into
14 our patrol cars.

15 This will enable our officers to
16 complete reports in the patrol vehicles. This
17 will keep officers on streets longer and cut
18 down on the need to return to the station.

19 MS. BRIER: Great.

20 CHIEF MARCHESE: And that's it.

21 MS. BRIER: There's going to be more
22 installed, the park meters that are missing
23 like in front of --

24 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, we'll get with --

25 MS. BRIER: Because we couldn't

1 install them before. It was frozen. You know
2 the parking meters that we missed?

3 CHIEF MARCHESE: We're going to get
4 some of those fixed.

5 MS. OVEN: Chief, we have in front
6 of the -- on the corner of where Clarks is and
7 Clay, we have those no parking -- the white
8 lines. Do you guys ever check those because a
9 lot of people are parking on top of them. And
10 it's just so dangerous coming around the
11 corner.

12 CHIEF MARCHESE: I'll mention it to
13 the guys. We have some issues down there.

14 MS. OVEN: Yeah, coming around that
15 corner so it's very dangerous.

16 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yep, take care of
17 it.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

19 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

20 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,
21 Council. So for the month of March as far as
22 expenditures, we had two fairly steep
23 expenditures. We had annual ladder testing
24 which is our aerial device and all our ground
25 ladders get tested. That was completed today,

1 \$1,350.

2 Some items were found suspect on it,
3 not necessarily with the ladder, but the
4 suspension. So they're going to need to be
5 evaluated to find out if that's really an issue
6 or maybe there was just something that the
7 inspector was looking into. That will be
8 verified very shortly.

9 Some other issues with the ladder
10 truck were found during its annual service
11 that are being corrected. That cost is
12 \$1,273.50. Again, that truck is a 2016. So
13 they are pretty much the expenditures for the
14 month of March.

15 As far as overtime, we're at 228
16 hours scheduled overtime; 40 part-time shifts
17 for the month of March. Firefighter Warner who
18 was hired in November at the full-time status
19 completed his testing process today in order to
20 be counted as part of staffing.

21 So he's no longer an extra person.
22 He's still completing his EMT training. He
23 completed it. He just needs to get a
24 successful score on the test. So that's
25 ongoing. We hired our firefighter -- another

1 part-time firefighter tonight. So tomorrow
2 he'll be contacted and orientation will be
3 scheduled.

4 MS. BRIER: Will that help with the
5 overtime?

6 CHIEF DENAPLES: It will. It will.
7 Once he completes his orientation. Firefighter
8 McLane had to stop the orientation because he
9 has a sick child. So as soon as that gets
10 resolved, hopefully we'll be back in the swing.
11 That's where we are on that.

12 As far as grants, the State Fire
13 Commissioner's grant we were awarded in the
14 amount of \$15,246.13. That is a non-match
15 grant. We're going to be replacing a e-draulic
16 rescue tool and a gas detection meter. We're
17 waiting for the funds to be deposited in the
18 account before we order that. I'm just waiting
19 to hear back from Mark when that's deposited.

20 The FEMA grant on the gear, that's
21 the review process. So we haven't heard any
22 updates on that. The refurb project for Rescue
23 6, that truck was initially supposed to be back
24 the first week of March. However, it's been
25 pushed to the first or second week of April and

1 the other will go out when that comes back. So
2 that's pretty much our report.

3 I'll go through the call numbers.
4 Mr. Wolf asked if we could do the previous
5 month's call report instead of the one month
6 we're currently in at the Council meetings. So
7 from February 1st to February 28th of this
8 year, we responded to 53 total calls, 2 fire
9 calls, overpressure and rupture type calls was
10 1; emergency medical services and rescue was 8;
11 hazardous materials was 6, service calls were
12 11; good intent were 4; false alarms and false
13 call were 19; and special type incidents were
14 2. So there is 53 total calls for that month.
15 That's pretty much all I have.

16 MS. BRIER: So, Chief, the fire
17 truck that is being repaired, did we put a
18 deposit on that? I mean, what is our
19 obligation once it gets back --

20 CHIEF DENAPLES: So the whole
21 project with the two trucks, Greg, we didn't
22 have to put any money down.

23 MR. WOLFF: We did not.

24 CHIEF DENAPLES: We don't have to
25 make payment until it's completed.

1 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

2 MR. HALLINAN: One thing, smoke
3 alarms, how are we doing with that? Do we
4 still get a lot of calls?

5 CHIEF DENAPLES: So that kind of
6 slowed down a little bit. However, we did get
7 a call today. We're doing an install tomorrow.
8 We still have quite a bit. We have -- we're
9 the leader in the Red Cross program in
10 Northeastern, Pennsylvania by far.

11 MS. BRIER: Wow. Congratulations.

12 MS. OVEN: That's great.

13 MS. BRIER: Do we have them? Last
14 month we didn't have the smoke alarms.

15 CHIEF DENAPLES: We got them. We
16 have another shipment. We have 55 on hand.

17 MS. BRIER: If you could just repeat
18 that?

19 CHIEF DENAPLES: The banner is down
20 because that was for fire prevention month.
21 But it's still on the website. And we still
22 try to pass the word around as much as
23 possible. So if anybody knows anyone, you
24 could just call fire headquarters and we'll --

25 MS. BRIER: Can you just repeat for

1 the folks here that it's a free service?

2 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yes. So there is a
3 free smoke detector install program through
4 American Red Cross. The only thing is, the
5 Dunmore Fire Department must install them.

6 So if anybody's a resident or owns
7 property in Dunmore is looking to get them
8 installed, it's a ten year battery on the smoke
9 detector. They could just call fire
10 headquarters at 570-348-1730. And we'll come
11 out and install them at your convenience.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, chief.

13 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

14 MR. WOLFF: Number 12, public
15 comment. And, Mrs. Brier, just a reminder, we
16 have our five minute --

17 MS. BRIER: Yeah, it's for the folks
18 to come and comment. Thanks for coming
19 everyone. We just need you to come up to the
20 podium and state your name and address and just
21 realize that, you know, so everyone could get a
22 chance to speak it's a five minute limit.
23 Anyone interested in speaking coming up?

24 MR. LYNOTT: Everybody is looking at
25 me so I guess it's me. I'm not much of a

1 talker, Miss President, just so you know.

2 Good evening, Council, Mayor, my
3 name is Kurt Lynott. I actually am a resident
4 of Olyphant. However, I have been involved in
5 a business here in Dunmore Borough for 18 years
6 now.

7 So I think I could consider myself
8 part of the community. Most people mistake me
9 as a resident of Dunmore, probably to your
10 detriment unfortunately and to my benefit. I'm
11 here on behalf of all the folks that are
12 sitting over there. So we're here as parents.

13 We're not here as politicians.
14 We're not here as anything else. We're all
15 parents of students at Holy Cross High School.
16 What we're asking tonight and, again, from what
17 I understand is that we pay a rental fee in
18 order for our soccer teams to use Schautz
19 Stadium.

20 We're not asking for a free ride.
21 We're not asking to wipe the fee away. We're
22 just here tonight to ask this board if you
23 could give us a discounted rate. Our teams do
24 not practice there. Our teams only play their
25 home games there.

1 We don't use any concessions. The
2 only thing that we have access to is the
3 scoreboard and the bathroom as I understand it.
4 Additionally, our baseball team would be
5 looking to use your indoor facility when
6 available.

7 Again, we do have some members of
8 the team that are residents of Dunmore. Most
9 of them are not. But as I look at it, this is
10 one of the only towns or the only town that has
11 two schools -- if you count St. Mary's, three
12 schools in one city.

13 Scranton is an exception. But, you
14 know, Dickson City has La Salle. But Mid
15 Valley is in Throop. Valley view has
16 elementary. There is no -- there's no school
17 there. So and again, as I said earlier, I'm a
18 businessman here in the town. I consider
19 myself part of the community.

20 I think the parents do too because,
21 you know, our kids are here. And we've chosen
22 to put our kids here. And so we're here for
23 our kids. We're not -- we're not here as I
24 said business people. And so you know, it
25 comes out of our pockets.

1 The Diocese isn't paying the bill.
2 The school isn't paying the bill. All the
3 fundraising that we do, Night At The Races, if
4 anyone was there, was a great time. They just
5 had a comedy show, all of those things that we
6 do are so that we could pay that fee.

7 And again, all we're asking for is
8 just a little break on behalf of our kids. We
9 want to keep them here. They love it here. We
10 want them to be part of your community as much
11 as we are. Thank you.

12 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

13 MS. ZANGARDI: Thanks, Kurt.

14 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

15 MR. LYNOTT: I got notes. Can you
16 hold on a second?

17 MS. BRIER: Sure.

18 MR. LYNOTT: Nope, I'm good.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Kurt, that was for
20 milk, eggs, and bread.

21 MS. BRIER: Just state your name and
22 address. Thanks.

23 MS. URBAN: Jenna Urban, 221
24 Sherwood Avenue in Dunmore. Good evening,
25 Council and Mayor. My name is Jenna Urban.

1 And I'm here as a Dunmore taxpayer and parent
2 of a Holy Cross and St. Mary student.

3 I want to address the unfair
4 treatment of Holy Cross and St. Mary's student
5 athletes regarding access to the borough
6 facilities. According to Dunmore dot gov
7 website, it clearly states there are three
8 schools in the Borough of Dunmore, Holy Cross,
9 St. Mary's and Dunmore High.

10 However, our Holy Cross and St.
11 Mary's students are not being recognized as
12 part of the Dunmore community when it comes to
13 the facility usage. It was reported in the
14 Scranton Times that a member of this Council
15 stated the training facility is free of charge
16 for all Dunmore residents and borough sports
17 teams.

18 If that is the case, I ask you, how
19 is a borough team -- sports team defined? Holy
20 Cross is a school in Dunmore with many student
21 athletes who are Dunmore residents -- I believe
22 33 in our school and even some Dunmore business
23 owners.

24 Yet, our teams are being charged
25 excessive fees to use the borough facilities.

1 I will also state that I am a business owner --
2 multiple business owner in Dunmore as well as
3 other parents as Kurt just mentioned, owning a
4 business, owning residential houses and renting
5 them out.

6 We understand that some
7 administrators and coaches do not take issue
8 with paying these fees. However, they aren't
9 the ones paying them. The financial burden
10 falls directly on the parent doing fundraisers
11 and I do appreciate some of you on Council that
12 have supported the number of fundraisers that
13 we have.

14 But ironically, you're supporting a
15 fundraiser we're trying to raise money for our
16 kids to play soccer at a field in Dunmore. So
17 the parents are forced to raise thousands of
18 dollars. For example, the Holy Cross soccer
19 team is charged \$425 per game.

20 The boys' team paid over \$3,800 this
21 season to play at Schautz Stadium, same thing
22 with the baseball. I know that the facility
23 was donated by someone in the community. And
24 from what we were told, it was supposed to be
25 used for the kids, all of the students or

1 student athletes in the Borough of Dunmore.

2 So if this is truly a taxpayer
3 issue, let's be clear. There are many people
4 living in Dunmore who do not own their houses,
5 and, therefore, they do not pay property taxes.
6 And yet, there are children not being excluded
7 for the borough services.

8 Additionally, while we did choose to
9 send our children to a private school, that
10 choice does not negate the contribution that
11 our students and families make to the Dunmore
12 community.

13 For example, our students, we feed
14 our students with Dunmore businesses, half
15 days, days after -- they get out of school
16 early. They're walking down to the Dunmore
17 corners. Parents are going to eat at Dunmore
18 businesses.

19 Our fundraising is coming from --
20 we are supporting Dunmore businesses to do the
21 fundraising to support our soccer team. It's
22 not just about money. It's about fairness.
23 Holy Cross and St. Mary's students are part of
24 this community. They live here and spend most
25 of their time here.

1 And as a parent who switched from
2 public school at Dunmore to private school in
3 the Catholic schools, I will tell you there is
4 a wall between both students, the Catholic
5 school student and the public school student.
6 And that wall starts at the top.

7 It's something that goes back to if
8 you talk to people that went to Catholic
9 school, they will tell you the feeling of
10 feeling not welcomed in Dunmore. And I'm just
11 trying to take down that barrier and help you
12 recognize the importance of our students in the
13 community. Thank you.

14 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Jenna.

15 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

16 MS. BRIER: Thank you. Anyone else?

17 MS. KENNEDY: Good evening. My name
18 is Lisa Kennedy and I reside in Scranton even
19 though our bed is just in Scranton. My son
20 left for school this morning and has not yet
21 been home because of school, after school
22 practices. And what does he do in between
23 practices? He's out there supporting all the
24 Dunmore businesses, all our team eats.

25 All of our fundraisers are strictly

1 supported through Dunmore. And, yes, you know,
2 we may not reside but we're spending more money
3 in Dunmore than we do in our own hometowns.
4 And I would just appreciate if you guys can
5 look at both sides of that.

6 You know, just the other night for
7 our basketball team or for our soccer -- after
8 soccer parties, we come, you know, there's so
9 many pizza places, so restaurants that we could
10 go to. But we choose Dunmore. We do consider
11 it to be our hometown.

12 Our fundraising is strictly just so
13 we could play soccer. And, you know, our boys,
14 they don't even get a T-shirt out of our
15 fundraising money because every penny of it
16 strictly comes, right, so we could have a field
17 to play in.

18 And again, you know, it's strictly
19 coming out of ours. If we don't raise enough
20 money, then the parents have to put the money
21 in themselves so we have a field to play in.
22 And I just want you to, like, to think about
23 that, yeah, you know, like, you know, we have
24 some of our players here.

25 But they don't -- they don't even

1 get a T-shirt that says Holy Cross Soccer on it
2 because our funds are being constantly pushed.
3 So if there is any way in the budget or
4 anywhere where, you know, again, if there is
5 some type of a discount that we could be given
6 considering we are located in Dunmore and we
7 are constantly supporting Dunmore businesses.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

9 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

10 MS. OVEN: Thank you, Mrs. Kennedy.

11 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

12 MS. BRIER: Anyone else? Mike,
13 would you like to address --

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I'll address. I
15 was just going to wait for public -- but I'll
16 address a lot. If I don't hit something,
17 please come back up.

18 But, yeah, this is strict -- I think
19 you said, Jenna, strictly a taxpayer issue.
20 The kids who get that place for free are the
21 ones whose parents pay property tax here
22 because the place as many people think was
23 free. The building was free. The field itself
24 we paid a very large amount of money to build
25 that place. We have a -- I don't know, Janet,

1 at least a million and a half number --

2 MS. BRIER: We paid 3 million
3 dollars.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: We have a note that
5 we're paying on every month. Kurt, you hit up
6 a lot of the expenses. You know, we have kids
7 that work up there. We have lights. You know,
8 bathrooms, all of that. There's expenses every
9 single day that we have that we have to pay.
10 And Dunmore taxpayers are paying those
11 expenses.

12 So that's why most teams other than
13 the Dunmore teams and, Jenna, you're right
14 again, it's poorly worded in the -- however I
15 was quoted borough teams or whatever the fees
16 say on the website. It does say Dunmore teams.
17 You're correct.

18 MS. URBAN: Dunmore residents and
19 school teams on the flier.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: On the flier. What is
21 says, you're right. So it's meant to say
22 Dunmore School District teams which it does not
23 say. So Dunmore School District teams are
24 allowed to play there. Dunmore youth programs
25 are allowed to play there for free. Dunmore

1 Little League, for example, Dunmore Missy
2 League, for example.

3 But that's not to say I don't --
4 I've given or we have given Holy Cross -- if
5 anyone comes to me that has a Dunmore resident
6 on your baseball team, whatever team it is, we
7 give a discount. If you have a Dunmore
8 resident on your team, I give a discount. I
9 just gave Holy Cross a discount.

10 If I'm aware that you have a Dunmore
11 kid on your team, you get a discount. I just
12 gave Sandy Menakenny {phonetic} one at the
13 building when he wanted to use it for the
14 batting cages. But everyone else pays rent.
15 Every one else pays to use the field because it
16 costs a lot of money to operate it, you know,
17 and the upkeep.

18 It's expensive. You know, Penn
19 State is in Dunmore. They pay. They pay full
20 bill. Lackawanna -- well, it's not in Dunmore,
21 but they pay full bill. Marywood is in
22 Dunmore. They pay full bill when they rent it.
23 And to say, like, Holy Cross is not welcome in
24 Dunmore, you're more than welcome in Dunmore.

25 I bend over backwards getting them

1 time to rent that field. I'm up there 10:00 at
2 night when everybody is -- after a soccer game,
3 everybody is out front talking. I'm there at
4 night at 10:00 at night waiting to lock the
5 gates. I don't force anybody out.

6 I welcome Holy Cross in. I have a
7 great relationship with all the coaches as far
8 as I know. The administration called me last
9 week saying we're fine with our arrangement.
10 So this is the first I've ever heard that
11 they're not welcomed in Dunmore because I
12 welcome them with open arms.

13 They just have to pay a certain
14 amount of rent. We give a discount for Dunmore
15 kids. And we give a discount any time Holy
16 Cross plays Dunmore. So if Holy Cross has a
17 home game versus Dunmore, I think that soccer
18 game was actually one of the best games we've
19 ever had up there, they don't pay for that
20 game.

21 So that's an immediate \$425 off of
22 their rent. I'm just trying to think of what
23 else I didn't hit on.

24 MS. URBAN: Well, the taxpayer -- I
25 mean to say it's a taxpayer issue, not

1 everybody in Dunmore pays taxes. So, like,
2 there are people that are benefitting from
3 using that facility that they can't really be
4 classified as a taxpayer and there are people
5 that have businesses and rentals.

6 So to go down the list and say
7 everybody at Holy Cross that pays taxes, like,
8 when you call the school to ask how many
9 students and there were 33 students, you know,
10 and you're taking the discount off of that --
11 first, I don't think -- the only discount given
12 to soccer was -- there were never -- there was
13 never a discount --

14 MS. KENNEDY: It was just the
15 Dunmore games.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: If I didn't know there
17 were Dunmore residents, I didn't give it.

18 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: What is the
19 discount if you have a Dunmore resident?

20 MR. DEMPSEY: I normally base it off
21 of how many, you know, if there's two kids on
22 the team 10 -- whatever that is.

23 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: So it's \$10?

24 MR. DEMPSEY: No. If you have -- if
25 the whole rental fee was -- I think you said

1 was \$3,800. If you have two kids on that team,
2 which I don't think they did or at least I
3 wasn't aware of it -- I would discount it based
4 on the number of kids.

5 When you say Dunmore kids don't pay
6 taxes, they go to Dunmore school. They lay
7 their head on a pillow in Dunmore. They live
8 in a house that's owned by a Dunmore taxpayer.
9 Their rent goes directly to that homeowner
10 whose homeowner then pays taxes.

11 So they live in that home. That
12 home is contributing to the tax base and it's
13 contributing to the fees.

14 MS. URBAN: Some people that own
15 businesses and they own houses in Dunmore that
16 their kids -- they don't live in Dunmore so --
17 that go to Holy Cross. It just seems tedious
18 to go down the list and say who's paying taxes
19 and who's not paying taxes.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, it's a headache.

21 MS. URBAN: Yeah, we're asking for a
22 more generous discount.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm not saying no.
24 I'm just explaining --

25 MS. URBAN: Well, you're comparing

1 us to like --

2 MR. LOUGHNEY: Let me ask you this.
3 What would you consider a generous discount?
4 You said 3,800 is what you paid last year.

5 (Cross talking)

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay, excuse me one
7 minute, please. She's recording. So one
8 person at a time. And you probably really
9 should come up to the podium.

10 MR. DEMPSEY: Actually if -- no one
11 addressed Council at the public comment. So if
12 you want to address Council, please come up.

13 MR. LOUGHNEY: I'll hold my remarks
14 until --

15 MR. HALLINAN: I think that's a
16 great question from Mr. Loughney to think
17 about, you know, whether to answer tonight or
18 whatever. But what would you think is fair
19 also? So at least we have a starting point.

20 MR. WASP: I'll leave the question
21 what is fair to somebody else to take on.

22 MS. BRIER: Could you state your
23 name and address, please?

24 MR. WASP. Sure. My name is John
25 Wasp. I too am an Olyphant resident. Some of

1 you may actually know me as somebody who
2 contributed a lot to the downtown Dunmore
3 community. Right down to the road is Fidelity
4 Bank.

5 For years Jenna would be running the
6 Downtown Business Association thing at the
7 holidays. My business Popscience which was in
8 Jessup at the time would do slime and all kinds
9 of activities with the kids right here in
10 Dunmore at no charge to any Dunmore child,
11 right, it was something that I always
12 volunteered to this community, not even as a
13 person who lives here, right, because I do
14 believe that that is what we have to do as
15 Northeastern, Pennsylvanians.

16 We all try to work together. But,
17 no, what I wanted to say was that that \$3,800
18 is one sports team. That's the boys' soccer
19 team. But the girls' soccer team, the softball
20 team, the baseball team, all of them are paying
21 these fees. And so I want you to think about
22 it this way.

23 When you see here a fundraiser that
24 says Holy Cross Girls Soccer car wash, more
25 appropriately we should say Dunmore Borough car

1 wash, right, because we literally take the
2 dollars that we get, 10 bucks per car and turn
3 that into a fee for us to use at Schautz
4 Stadium.

5 There is no extra money. That's
6 just how it's set up. We literally raise
7 exactly what we need to pay the fees. And I
8 think that there are people here who have also
9 said and looked at this, you know, we've talked
10 about this.

11 We have St. Anthony's field, right,
12 that's something we have. If we could save
13 money on this, could we be raising money to do
14 things with bleachers there? Is there
15 something else that we could be doing that
16 could be more advantageous to the Borough?

17 That's what we're talking about
18 here. It's about what we've done. What we can
19 do and what we can get from you guys in terms
20 of a concession to help us get that done.

21 MAYOR CONWAY: Do you pay to use St.
22 Anthony's? I'm just asking. I don't know how
23 that works.

24 MR. WASP: I believed it's Diocesan
25 owned. Yeah, I don't think they pay.

1 MR. HALLINAN: I might be a little
2 out of turn here. But I think everything that
3 we're kind of discussing, maybe Michael sets up
4 a little instead of this back and forth and
5 everything, like, we get maybe two or three
6 people from your group and then maybe Michael
7 has one or two and maybe we could come up with
8 something amicable for everybody.

9 I mean, I think you got a valid
10 point on a lot of things. And other things, I
11 hope you see what we have to pay also to
12 maintain. We have a maintenance guy up there.
13 We have teams walk out -- and it's not on you.
14 It's every team that we have to clean up the
15 next day.

16 Nobody sees this stuff. We have the
17 lights on. The bill comes. I mean, we got
18 notes that we have to pay on it. So I get
19 where you're coming from. You are not getting
20 support from Holy Cross fundraisers. And the
21 kids that live in Dunmore, I don't think they
22 should be charged anything, any kid from
23 Dunmore that goes to Holy Cross.

24 But to give it away for free, which
25 you are not asking for, you have to see our

1 point also. And to say that -- again, I grew
2 up in a project. So when you say that somebody
3 doesn't pay, we paid rent. And when they
4 charge us rent, it went towards the Dunmore --
5 owners collected money.

6 They knew they had to pay their tax
7 bill and it came through rent. So to say that
8 renters aren't paying, they're paying. And
9 we're all part of the Dunmore community. I
10 know that kind of hurt a little bit. I know
11 what you meant and we're all good.

12 But I think if we come up with
13 something with just a little group of two or
14 three, two or three here and let's see what we
15 could do because obviously this is very
16 amicable. I love it. It's great you're saying
17 your side and we're saying our side. I think
18 we could come up with something better.

19 MS. BRIER: Do you have an idea --
20 does anyone have -- Kurt, did you come prepared
21 with a number?

22 MR. LYNOTT: I did not. And again,
23 I think I just want to reiterate on behalf of
24 the parents. We're not here challenging what
25 you guys do. You guys have a job to do. And

1 we are in no way, shape, or form here to
2 challenge Dunmore's operating procedures. All
3 we're looking for is what everybody said is a
4 little bit less.

5 MS. BRIER: If you could come up
6 with a number that would be helpful, okay?

7 MR. LYNOTT: Sure. And again, I
8 know what we're paying. I don't know what
9 we're paying for the baseball use of the
10 facility. But I think Mr. Hallinan's idea is
11 great. Again, we're not looking to pay a
12 thousand dollars, but \$8,000 a year for a
13 soccer season gets a little heavy. And I
14 understand that you guys have expenses. But
15 like I said --

16 MR. HALLINAN: Kurt, can you repeat
17 that I was great. She didn't get that.

18 MS. LYNOTT: She definitely got it.

19 MR. LOUGHNEY: There's no one up
20 here on this dais on this Council that is anti
21 Holy Cross. Understand that. I'm a product of
22 both. I'm a product of St. Mary's, a Warrior
23 and Dunmore High School. When I was a Warrior,
24 my parents for basketball -- Paul McGary was
25 our coach. We had to pay for our uniform,

1 believe it or not. And the cheerleaders had to
2 pay for their uniform.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We still do.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Maybe you should be at
5 the Holy Cross meeting.

6 MR. LYNOTT: We tried that already.

7 MR. LOUGHNEY: We as elected
8 officials up here have our diligence to paying
9 our bills, understand, and as you do yours. So
10 if there is an amicable solution, again, you're
11 not going up there free. I'll be the first one
12 to tell you that. You're not going to go up
13 there free.

14 But if there is an amicable solution
15 and a fee that we can agree on, then this is
16 the first time we're actually sitting down and
17 getting together with this.

18 MS. KENNEDY: Can we by any chance
19 to help sometimes offset it, use the concession
20 stands?

21 MR. LOUGHNEY: That was something
22 that was brought up.

23 MS. BRIER: And again, if you have a
24 question you have to come up because, you know,
25 there's a stenographer.

1 MR. LOUGHNEY: That is something
2 that was brought up and that is not off the
3 table. But we have to know -- we just can't
4 say, okay, you got it. You have to know who is
5 going to be working it and what the regulations
6 are.

7 MR. WOZNIAK: My name is Dennis
8 Wozniak. I also live in Olyphant. But I did
9 live in Dunmore for several years, Grandview
10 Street, Electric Street, a few different
11 places. My son is going to be a senior on the
12 soccer team at Holy Cross.

13 And I'd just like to offer up a
14 suggestion. I love the communication that
15 we're having here. If there is a number, could
16 we agree just that we would cover your costs?
17 We understand that you guys have to pay for it.
18 But is there a number -- I would understand
19 that there is number built in there for profit
20 that you guys have to be able to --

21 MS. BRIER: We're not making a
22 profit on this. Absolutely not, because we
23 have, like, set expenses, fixed expenses up
24 there. Believe me, this is not a profit center
25 for Dunmore at all.

1 It just really isn't, sir. I
2 appreciate the suggestion. But we prefer that
3 you come with a number to us that you think is
4 reasonable and we could discuss it at that
5 point.

6 MR. O'MALLEY: We could work with
7 you.

8 MS. BRIER: Yeah, we want to work
9 with you guys.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: Nobody wants to
11 punish Holy Cross.

12 MS. BRIER: No, I'm a graduate by
13 the way. And, of course, it was Dunmore
14 Central Catholic then. It's been five
15 iterations since then. But I do take exception
16 a little bit to they're second class citizens,
17 because I never felt that way in Dunmore. And,
18 you know, my classmates have never felt that
19 way.

20 You know, we just celebrated our
21 50th reunion. And we're proud of, you know,
22 where we went to high school. And, you know, I
23 never had any issue with feeling like a second
24 class citizen.

25 MR. HALLINAN: I think the idea I

1 would be open to obviously if you went in with
2 your product and came out with your product at
3 the end of the night and wanted to sell
4 something simple for Holy Cross that night at
5 the games, whatever games I don't have a --
6 again, I shouldn't be doing negotiating on our
7 side.

8 I think that would be great. But
9 let's -- that's why I say set up two people,
10 three people and Michael and two people here
11 could sit down. We could go back and forth all
12 night long. And we're not really going settle
13 anything tonight. You all know that.

14 So at least we have an open
15 negotiation here and a flow of conversation
16 and let's carry it on. And if make the group
17 smaller and come up with something amicable for
18 both sides.

19 MR. LOUGHNEY: And in all fairness
20 to Michael, Michael takes this upon himself to
21 go up there. And it's a -- thank you for doing
22 that. So I just want to --

23 MS. BRIER: It's a thankless job.

24 MS. OVEN: Michael, is there any way
25 we could get because I know for myself I hear

1 snippets of what the cost is and then what the
2 discount -- is there any way that Council could
3 get the amount that Holy Cross pays per sport?

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Mark has everything.

5 MS. OVEN: Okay, and maybe we could
6 sit down with those numbers and sit down with
7 someone from Holy Cross to just to come up
8 with --

9 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: I have one of
10 our invoices but it doesn't have all of the
11 games on it.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: It's \$425 a game.

13 MS. OVEN: Right, just annual, maybe
14 from last year.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Mark has it.

16 MS. OVEN: I have no idea and maybe
17 we could make a meeting with someone from Holy
18 Cross and then come up with some type of
19 solution. I agree that, you know, you're
20 parents. You spend a lot of money in Dunmore.
21 You understand our situation. We're trying to
22 balance the budget and make sure we're being
23 responsible.

24 But I appreciate you coming and we
25 don't think Dunmore is any better than Holy

1 Cross. So we want to work with you is my
2 point.

3 MR. LOUGHNEY: Kurt, how about we
4 arm wrestle to see.

5 MR. LYNOTT: I'll use my left.

6 MS. BRIER: We have a person who
7 wants to speak.

8 MR. MCCOY: My name is Brian McCoy.
9 I do reside in Duryea. But my son goes to Holy
10 Cross. Mr. Dempsey, I communicate with him all
11 the time because I'm the one who schedules the
12 boys' games. So he has been an absolute
13 pleasure to work with, super responsive. So I
14 just want to get --

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Coach.
16 Appreciate it.

17 MS. BRIER: Appreciate you saying
18 that.

19 MR. MCCOY: If we have a change to
20 the schedule, he's very accommodating. What
21 took us aback was when I was sort of training
22 for this position or to schedule, it was \$250
23 to rent the field per game and then last year
24 it went up to 425.

25 And so that was just a huge shock to

1 our team. And fortunately we had a few funds
2 left over from previous fundraising. So we
3 were able to cover the cost. It was just a big
4 shock and surprise to us.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: That's because I
6 realized we were undercharging you. We are
7 still undercharging. You might think so, but
8 we still are. It's still a pretty low amount
9 for what everybody else charges around here but
10 we're happy to work with you.

11 MS. BRIER: I really think we could
12 work something out for you guys that would be
13 satisfactory, I really do. We do appreciate
14 you coming in.

15 MR. LOUGHNEY: And good luck
16 tomorrow night. Is it tomorrow night?

17 MS. KENNEDY: Wednesday.

18 MS. BRIER: Yeah, so anyone else
19 want to address Council on any other subject?
20 Once again, we really appreciate you guys
21 coming tonight. We really like to hear from
22 folks in the borough and beyond.

23 MR. HALLINAN: And beyond.

24 MS. BRIER: And good luck. We were
25 the Defenders. They're the Crusaders now.

1 Thanks again.

2 MR. WOLFF: Just public comment.

3 Number 13, public officials. I have nothing.

4 ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing today.

5 MAYOR CONWAY: Mayor I'm good.

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: I said my peace.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: No, just good luck to
8 Holy Cross basketball and the Lady Bucks.

9 MR. O'MALLEY: I'd like to thank
10 everyone for coming. I would like to
11 congratulate my nephew Adam Badyrka and his
12 Holy Cross teammates and coaches on their
13 recent league championship and I wish them the
14 best of luck as they progress to the state
15 tournament. And I'd also like to wish our Lady
16 Bucks the best of luck in their state game
17 tomorrow night. That's all I have. Thank you.

18 MS. BRIER: I don't have nothing.

19 MS. OVEN: I'm good. Good luck to
20 Holy Cross and the Lady Bucks.

21 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you everybody
22 for coming, appreciate it. Good luck. Happy
23 to help except for Kurt. I love Kurt. Thank
24 you everybody.

25 MR. HALLINAN: Didge, great job with

1 the patching and getting the guys out. It was
2 a horrible year with freeze thaw and a lot of
3 potholes. This was a nice back and forth. It
4 was very nice talking to you and thank for
5 everything and hopefully come up with something
6 amicable for everybody.

7 Good luck to the Bucks and Holy
8 Cross and have a nice weekend. Take care.

9 MR. WOLFF: Motion to adjourn.

10 MS. BRIER: Motion to adjourn.

11 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

13 MS. BRIER: All those in favor.

14 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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