

COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, April 14th, 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 - absent

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

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 is absent.

12 Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

13 MS. OVEN: Here.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

16 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

18 MR. WOLFF: Number three, public
19 comment on agenda items.

20 MS. OVEN: Would anyone from the
21 public like to make a comment on agenda items
22 only?

23 MR. WOLFF: Okay. Number four,
24 motion to approve the minutes of the meeting
25 from the March 10th, 2025 meeting.

1 MS. OVEN: Can I get a motion to
2 approve the minutes of the meeting from the
3 March 10th, 2025 meeting?

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

6 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

7 MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?
8 All those in favor.

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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

12 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

13 MR. LOUGHNEY: Second.

14 MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?
15 All in favor?

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to
18 adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2025 to enter
19 cooperation agreement with Lackawanna County to
20 administer CDBG funding for Chestnut Street
21 stormwater and Sidewalk and Roadway
22 Reconstruction Project Phase 2, Part 2.

23 MS. OVEN: Can I have a motion to
24 adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2025 to enter
25 cooperation agreement with Lackawanna County to

1 administer CDBG funding for Chestnut Street
2 stormwater and Sidewalk and Roadway
3 Reconstruction Project Phase 2, Part 2?

4 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

6 MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?

7 MR. WOLFF: Just quickly, this is
8 just another resolution that the county needs
9 for the Chestnut Street project obviously. And
10 they will have a meeting Wednesday, I believe,
11 Mark?

12 MR. BURTON: Yes, sir.

13 MR. WOLFF: And that meeting they
14 will formally pass it and that project is
15 rolling in the next few weeks. So we're in
16 good shape with that with Chestnut Street
17 stormwater stuff.

18 MS. OVEN: Thanks, Greg. All in
19 favor?

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to
22 adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2025 establishing
23 guidelines for public comment at Borough
24 Council meeting.

25 MS. OVEN: Can I have a motion to

1 adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2025 establishing
2 guidelines for public comment at Borough
3 Council meetings?

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

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

7 MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?
8 All in favor.

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: Greg, do you want to
11 just kind of give an overview of that?

12 MR. WOLFF: For the meeting?

13 MR. O'MALLEY: Yes.

14 MR. WOLFF: Sure. For the
15 guidelines for public comment, just general
16 rules, guidelines. People go to the podium --
17 this is many things that we do all the time.
18 But it's just being memorialized here with the
19 resolution, go to the podium, address -- state
20 your name, a maximum of five minutes per
21 individual, cannot pass their time to other
22 people.

23 Some other highlights, the five
24 minutes is a big thing. It discusses audio
25 visual equipment, stuff like that. They can't

1 stand up there. They can't put their
2 microphones up there unless the presiding
3 officer of the meeting allows it. That is some
4 of the bigger stuff.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Greg, maybe we should,
6 number one, post it out here on the window and
7 then maybe publish it on our website and the
8 Facebook page so people will have a chance to
9 review it.

10 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, and we'll Chris or
11 someone, we'll just maybe leave copies of this
12 all out there so it's there all the time once
13 we get -- well, it's already passed. But those
14 are the highlights. It's just pretty much what
15 we do, just memorializing it so we have this in
16 order for future meetings.

17 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

18 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to
19 adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2025, Residential
20 Rental Unit Occupancy Ordinance.

21 MS. OVEN: Can I have a motion to
22 adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2025, residential
23 rental unit --

24 MR. HALLINAN: On the question? Can
25 we just -- is this the final passage of this?

1 MR. WOLFF: Correct.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Okay, so the fees are
3 in there are set. They can't be discussed
4 later because I have an issue with some of the
5 fee structure.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Can I speak on that?
7 I talked to Greg about it. And this is the
8 final, however, subject to change as time goes
9 on.

10 MR. WOLFF: So we put this in
11 appendix so just like we did with pave cut or
12 the fees, come December you guys -- we evaluate
13 obviously. This is the first time we're going
14 through this. We look and we say, you know, we
15 over -- you know, it's too much or we need to
16 increase it which we'll have to do from time to
17 time. But for right now, this will be the
18 final passage.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Again, I'm one
20 thousand percent in for registering, you know,
21 rental units. My other issue is also somebody
22 on that half double that lives in one half of
23 the unit and rents out the other side, are they
24 subject to the fee themselves?

25 MR. WOLFF: No, only the one unit.

1 Only the places that they are renting out.
2 They won't have to pay for half a double, no.
3 And then again, we will evaluate these -- we'll
4 get rolling on this. It will take effect -- if
5 it passes tonight, it will take effect July
6 1st.

7 The notices will be sent out
8 sometime in June to the homeowners. We'll send
9 out a huge blast, Facebook, get word out and
10 maybe even do a contact the media because we do
11 have a preliminary list. But it may or may not
12 be accurate.

13 But everything will be sent out to
14 all of the known landlords and everything is
15 laid out for them. We have been attending,
16 myself, Mike Brazil and Faith from the office
17 have been attending pretty much weekly
18 trainings for the online program.

19 To register, will be all online.
20 They could do it if we need to paper, but for
21 the most part there will be a portal set up.
22 You could go online, register, do what they
23 need to do. It's a pretty sleek system. So we
24 want to make it as easy as possible because we
25 want to encourage people to get registered.

1 MR. LOUGHNEY: On the question, if I
2 can, we said the rental fees were 75 -- 75, 55,
3 and 45.

4 MR. WOLFF: It's 75 for up to four
5 units on the premises. And then 5 to 10 units,
6 \$60 per unit and then 11 and over is 45.

7 MR. LOUGHNEY: Yeah, I would like to
8 and if we could pass this and come back to it,
9 amend it or somehow make it a \$50 fee across
10 the board, this way everybody pays the same. I
11 got calls from people that have two apartments
12 and they're saying we're paying 75 and somebody
13 that has more than me ends up paying 45.

14 My recommendation would be 50 across
15 the board and everybody pays the same. But if
16 we could do that at a later date if everybody
17 is in agreement, that's fine.

18 MR. WOLFF: That would be my
19 recommendation so we could roll this out in
20 July. If this gets held up another month, you
21 know, that starts muddying the waters for when
22 we could get this out. This was -- I did this
23 by design, the appendix. So all we have to
24 change is the fee schedule.

25 MR. LOUGHNEY: Okay.

1 MS. OVEN: Perfect.

2 MR. WOLFF: So we look at it and by
3 September, October and say you guys have more
4 input or we say we really fell short because,
5 you know, they're educated guesses, you know,
6 looking at the census bureau numbers and things
7 like that we have a rough idea of how many
8 rentals we have. But obviously we really don't
9 know.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: It has to pay for
11 itself too.

12 MR. WOLFF: It has to pay for
13 itself. So, you know, we could look at all of
14 those as we start seeing the registrations come
15 in. We could see what we have. And if we say,
16 yeah, we definitely fell short if there is
17 something like you said, whatever
18 recommendations you guys are comfortable with,
19 then all we have to do is amend at the
20 appendix, the fee schedule, so we don't have to
21 redo --

22 MR. LOUGHNEY: The whole thing,
23 okay.

24 MR. WOLFF: It's just the fee
25 schedule we have to amend.

1 MR. HALLINAN: And on the question,
2 I just want to make sure I'm reiterating what
3 Janet said I think last meeting that this money
4 doesn't go into the general fund. It only
5 supports the rental unit, like --

6 MR. WOLFF: Correct. That's where
7 these numbers are based off of. They are based
8 off of to support our inspector, Mike Brazil
9 and Faith who amongst other things supports.
10 She's the admin support for all of this. So
11 she's been typing in all the known landlords
12 and rental units and we'll be processing it.

13 You know, so the rental registration
14 will come in online. She'll have to go on the
15 portal on her end, approve it, look it over, do
16 her thing, approve it; and then at that point
17 it will generate an invoice they could pay
18 online and everything like that.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Greg.

20 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Greg.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Miss Vice
22 President.

23 MS. OVEN: Okay, all in favor?

24 MR. DEMPSEY: We need a motion.

25 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

3 MR. LOUGHNEY: Who made the motion?

4 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make a motion.

5 MS. OVEN: All right. I make a
6 motion -- I need a motion but then there was a
7 question. So there's a second now?

8 MR. O'MALLEY: You're the Chair so
9 you can't make the motion.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make a motion to
12 adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2025 Residential
13 Rental Unit Occupancy Ordinance.

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

15 MS. OVEN: All those in favor?

16 MR. O'MALLEY: Well, on the
17 question, I just want to say officially on the
18 question --

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Now that we're
20 actually on the question.

21 MR. O'MALLEY: So, Mr. Wolff, Mr.
22 Brazil, Mrs. Canavan, thank you for all of your
23 hard work on this. I think this is really a
24 nice step for the Borough to kind of get a
25 handle on these rentals that we have throughout

1 the Borough, especially those that are owned by
2 out-of-state landlords so we get a better
3 handle of the whole thing. So again, thank you
4 for all of your hard work in getting this done.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Agree. Thank you.

6 MS. OVEN: All those in favor?

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, Treasury
9 Report. Mark.

10 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
11 Financial snapshot for the month of March, we
12 get a net income of 1.1 million dollars which
13 brings our year-to-date net income to 1.4
14 million.

15 As far as revenue is concerned, real
16 estate, we had a major uptick in collections.
17 Donna did a bang-up job turning collections
18 over and getting the money to the fund.
19 Business license and permits, we received
20 26,000 for the Adams billboard lease.

21 State shared revenue, 416,000 liquid
22 fuel funds. And miscellaneous revenue, Express
23 Scripts rebate of \$14,000 for the fourth
24 quarter of 2024. Expenses are pretty general.

25 On the Code Enforcement side, we did

1 purchase rental registration software for
2 \$9,000. We had a major repair for solid waste
3 collection of 45,000 and highway maintenance
4 snow and ice, our final rock salt purchase of
5 38,000 and that would be it.

6 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Mark.

7 MR. WOLFF: Chris.

8 MR. KEARNEY: Good evening. These
9 past several weeks we continued with our
10 weekend party rentals in this room as well as
11 the gym. We have several coming this weekend.
12 We have a thing on Friday to Saturday. But
13 we're closed Easter Sunday.

14 As for the gym, Riverfront Sports
15 added another weekly rental. Right now they're
16 going to rent the gym on Monday and Thursday
17 night. You might have seen them when you came
18 in tonight until the first week of May.

19 We also have the Electric City Blitz
20 which is another AAU outfit. They are here on
21 one court every Wednesday until June. So
22 they're paying for all of this. So we're
23 making decent money. There are several of our
24 Dunmore Youth League coaches that are
25 continuing with their off season practices.

1 And we don't charge them.

2 This weekend -- I'm sorry, this
3 Wednesday we'll be meeting with Jog for Jude
4 people for the final wrap-up meeting before
5 next weekend's event. It's not this weekend.
6 It's the coming weekend. That's it.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Chris, can I get an
8 update on the vending machine, the snack
9 machine? Did we purchase that yet?

10 MR. KEARNEY: I have an upcoming
11 order. We just had to -- Mark and I are
12 working out the arrangements. But it's
13 actually -- it went down another \$500. So it's
14 down --

15 MR. DEMPSEY: It's going to have the
16 credit card machine on it?

17 MR. KEARNEY: Yes, has a credit card
18 machine. That's with delivery. The only thing
19 is, I'm going to have to get DPW guys. They
20 deliver curb side. They won't bring it in.

21 So the last time when we brought
22 these machines in, we had DPW who had the
23 dollies and we kind of manhandled them in.
24 It's kind of going to be the same thing. But
25 I'm pretty sure we'll have them first week of

1 May.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay, and then the
3 soda machine.

4 MR. KEARNEY: The soda machine is
5 fine.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: I thought something
7 was broken on there.

8 MR. KEARNEY: Well, we're --

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Did you get it
10 repaired?

11 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, we do -- I do
12 maintenance on it. So I kind of YouTubed some
13 stuff and called for technical support. So
14 we're right now it's just a locked thing. It
15 works.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: It works.

17 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, that one's okay.
18 But there's no credit card reader on that.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Right. Okay, we'll
20 have to think about replacing that too. Thank
21 you.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Chris.

23 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge.

24 MR. JUDGE: How's it going?

25 Basically we're patching and that's about it

1 right now until we get everything off the
2 trucks. Next week we'll take them off, the
3 spreaders and the -- next week we'll take them
4 off. I don't want to get caught, you know?
5 Believe it or not they are calling for snow
6 tomorrow night. So I don't want to get caught.
7 Do you know what I mean?

8 Monday we're going to strip all the
9 trucks down. And everything's still dressed
10 up. We're doing cold patch. So if you have
11 any big ones, call them in.

12 MR. O'MALLEY: Were you able to get
13 that stop sign at Jefferson and Marion?

14 MR. JUDGE: It's done.

15 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

16 MR. HALLINAN: Can you give us an
17 update on the bucket truck?

18 MR. JUDGE: I don't know what's up
19 with that.

20 MR. WOLFF: He brought it to --
21 Bobby Morgan worked on it. And there's a
22 phantom problem basically. There's a fuel
23 problem. So one last ditch effort I had was
24 Howie Moss from Wayne County Ford does a lot of
25 work on our police cars.

1 Actually I have to call Aronica --
2 and take it to the dealership to take a look at
3 it. It's just to -- not to do anything, just
4 to see if they could diagnose it. It's like a
5 gremlin. It's fine and then it's not.

6 MR. JUDGE: The truck is 25 years
7 old. I wouldn't go nuts putting any more money
8 into this. Do you know what I mean? It's an
9 old truck.

10 MR. HALLINAN: It's time to look for
11 one. Okay, thanks, Didge.

12 MR. JUDGE: If you have any
13 potholes, call them in.

14 MS. OVEN: Okay.

15 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

16 MR. WOLFF: Chief Marchese.

17 CHIEF MARCHESE: Monthly report for
18 March, during the month of March our department
19 responded to 1256 calls for service. That is
20 up 186 calls from the previous month. Arrests
21 for the month, we had 14 criminal arrests, 9
22 non traffic, 34 traffic arrests, 34 written
23 traffic warnings and 41 verbal warnings.

24 We only had one shift go out for
25 overtime for the whole month. Officer Burgette

1 took part in his monthly SWAT training, March
2 11th through 31st. March 27th, several
3 officers took part in the yearly refresher
4 FSSD. Standard field sobriety recertification
5 is required yearly for them to keep their
6 certifications.

7 From the start of the year until the
8 end of the year we collected \$2,209 including
9 coin, credit card, and pay by phone
10 transactions. For the month of March we
11 collected \$295 in parking tickets. Seven
12 citations were sent out for failure to pay.

13 We provided several escorts for the
14 girls' basketball team for the state playoff
15 run. We purchased Lifevac units were purchased
16 for all police vehicles. It's a lifesaving
17 device that's used for choking victims. All
18 officers had to watch a video to be certified
19 and they're going to be put in service. That's
20 all I got.

21 MS. ZANGARDI: Sal, how much did you
22 say there was for the parking meters?

23 CHIEF MARCHESE: For the month of
24 March we collected \$295 in tickets and 7
25 citations were sent out.

1 MS. ZANGARDI: Oh, okay. So that's
2 under the parking meters -- oh, right, right,
3 right, okay, because I noticed in at the
4 corners there's about -- right in front of
5 Wasco Insurance, there's a big gap --

6 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay, good.

8 CHIEF MARCHESE: No, we know about
9 it. We're working to get it fixed.

10 MR. HALLINAN: And one got knocked
11 over -- ran over I should say.

12 MAYOR CONWAY: Chief, were you able
13 to review the names that were on the -- I
14 e-mailed them the --

15 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes. Yes.
16 Perfectly fine. I actually know most of them.

17 MAYOR CONWAY: Okay. Good thank
18 you.

19 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

20 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

21 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,
22 Council, as far as purchases for the month of
23 April, the projected purchases, we're getting
24 our American Health and Safety Training Center
25 status back. That was 1,791.79. So what that

1 will allow to us to do, several years ago we
2 were able to do our own CPR certification
3 training.

4 We're going to be able to do that
5 again inhouse and certify our firefighters with
6 CPR, first aid for those who aren't EMTs.
7 There's a couple part-timers that aren't EMTs.

8 Stop The Bleed Training, NARCAN
9 training, we're going to be able to do that all
10 inhouse again. And there was mannequins that
11 came along with that training, mannequins and
12 the trainer AED. So that particular amount is
13 coming out of the rescue bill. So that is
14 where that is coming from.

15 The only other sort of steep
16 expenditure for the month of April was \$421.82
17 for replacement battery for an AED that is on
18 the Engine. That AED is probably about 12
19 years old, roughly.

20 As far as overtime when this report
21 was completed, 216 hours for the month of
22 April, 38 part-time shifts put out. As far as
23 events with the Fire Department will be
24 participating in, the Easter Egg Hunt at St.
25 Anthony's Park on April 19th at 10 a.m.

1 The apparatus remains in service.
2 They go up and, you know, they start the Easter
3 Egg Hunt and they help out there. But
4 everything is in service if a call comes in.
5 So there won't be a delay or anything of that
6 nature.

7 As far as personnel, Sam Snyder
8 started his orientation for part time. He's
9 doing well so far. We had another interview
10 today for a part-time applicant. There is
11 another couple things we need to work through
12 with that particular applicant that I could
13 bring up at another time, probably not the best
14 setting.

15 As far as for calls -- and then I
16 want to get into one other -- one other item.
17 For April from March 1st to March 31st, we had
18 77 responses; 2 fire type calls, overheated
19 equipment was 2 and over pressurized equipment,
20 19 emergency medical services and rescue type
21 calls; 13 hazmat calls; 13 service calls, 6
22 good intent; 18 false alarms and false type of
23 calls; 1 severe weather and natural disaster
24 type call.

25 That was the incident on the O'Neill

1 Highway. We were out for several hours when
2 that storm came through and three special type
3 incidents.

4 So the only other thing that I'd
5 like to bring up I know Council had asked me if
6 I heard anything on the fireworks for the Jog
7 for Jude. At that point I didn't have any
8 information on that. And Greg sent myself and
9 Chief Marchese an e-mail that, you know, they
10 are looking to do fireworks.

11 And there's a meeting as Chris
12 mentioned on Wednesday. So every year, you
13 know, I get out there with them and we measure
14 that back parking lot off of Clay Avenue. And
15 we do it and we try to follow perimeters and
16 the guidelines set by the state, okay, the
17 fireworks ordinance.

18 And we have the fire truck come down
19 here with some extra duty folks. But it's the
20 same story the last couple of years. And Chris
21 could even allude to this. The next day I get
22 several, several calls from residents over
23 there at the Clay Avenue Apartments, the
24 building owner that there is ash and debris all
25 over the roof, all over the cars.

1 Over on the Clay Avenue Complex I
2 even got a call last year from Swartz that owns
3 the landscaping company over there. So in my
4 opinion based on what happened down in Scranton
5 when they had the event down there, it went
6 kind of haywire.

7 Years ago in Pittston -- and I know
8 it's a great event. The fireworks are great.
9 I'm not in favor of it personally as the Fire
10 Chief for the reason that I just mentioned. So
11 what I'm looking for from Council is maybe some
12 commentary, some guidance on this to get into
13 that meeting because I know this is Borough
14 property.

15 It's the worst thing for me to come
16 up here and say I'm not in favor of this
17 fireworks display, especially for this event.
18 I'm very sensitive of this event. My wife and
19 myself give a donation to it every year.

20 But I know it's on Borough property
21 and based on everything that I just mentioned,
22 I would look for some guidance from Council or
23 at least open up some discussion here on it.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Is the meeting
25 Wednesday?

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: The meeting,
2 Michael, is Wednesday with the committee and
3 with, you know, Borough officials. So I'd like
4 to have something to give them. But that's my
5 opinion on it. And again, it's on Borough
6 property.

7 We tried to do it and measure
8 everything out. But every year it's the same
9 thing. I know Monday morning I'll have
10 voicemails and everything else. I know me and
11 Chris even talk about this quite a bit. He
12 lives back there.

13 Last year a lady called me up and it
14 kind of went away. She said, "Is the Borough
15 going to replace the paint on my car?" And I
16 said to her, "Give me some photos. Give me
17 some information on it." And I was actually
18 going to forward them to Greg and Katherine and
19 Attorney Perry to review.

20 And then she called me a week later
21 and I said I still never got them. You could
22 drop them off at the Borough Building and I'll
23 get it and review it. But we never got it.
24 But we kind of lucked out with that.

25 MS. OVEN: There was damage?

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: She claimed there
2 was damage. And one of the firefighters come
3 back that night and said that she went over to
4 them and said that her car was damaged.
5 However, they did not go over and look at it.

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: Chief, will you be at
7 the meeting Wednesday night?

8 CHIEF DENAPLES: I will be, yes.

9 MR. LOUGHNEY: This is my take on
10 this. You are the Fire Chief. The event is a
11 great event without fireworks. And I'm sure
12 that the people involved and the decisionmakers
13 involved in the Jog for Jude would not want any
14 negative connotation coming out of this with
15 the fireworks.

16 Your perfect example down in the
17 City of Scranton, that was chaos. That was
18 just a fiasco. I think the people involved in
19 this would have that sense about them and
20 listen and adhere to what your decision. And
21 that's just me. I would back your decision if
22 you -- whatever you choose.

23 CHIEF DENAPLES: And I'll have a
24 discussion with them if that's -- regarding
25 that. I think that is a good route to take.

1 MR. LOUGHNEY: It's a great event
2 with or without them.

3 CHIEF DENAPLES: Absolutely. And I
4 even brought up last year, I know there's some
5 areas that do light shows. And that may be
6 something that they could look at. I know it's
7 kind of late to do that. And we really didn't
8 know if they were having them. I know I was
9 asked about it last meeting.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: I agree with
11 Mr. Loughney. You're the Chief. It should be
12 your call.

13 CHIEF DENAPLES: Okay.

14 MS. ZANGARDI: But we'll back you up
15 with what you're saying.

16 MR. LOUGHNEY: Chief, we're going to
17 go through this every year. So make your
18 decision and Council seems like they'll back
19 your decision. We're for the safety of
20 everyone that attends that. We don't want any
21 problems.

22 CHIEF DENAPLES: So I'll have that
23 discussion and circle back --

24 MS. ZANGARDI: The meeting is here.

25 MR. KEARNEY: 5:15.

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: I believe it's in
2 this room, right, Chris?

3 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah.

4 CHIEF DENAPLES: That's all I have.
5 Thank you.

6 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

7 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, public
8 comment.

9 MS. OVEN: Anyone from the public
10 want to comment?

11 MS. ZANGARDI: That's you, Mark.

12 MR. CORDELLI: Good evening,
13 Council, Mayor, everyone. Mark Cordelli,
14 Lackawanna County. I'll try to make this as
15 brief as possible. I'm not trying to blow
16 through it but I know there's a time limit on
17 here, 5 minutes.

18 MR. WOLFF: Follow the rules. It
19 passed.

20 MR. LOUGHNEY: Mark, for county
21 officials, it's two minutes.

22 MR. CORDELLI: All right. This will
23 be an addendum. Here we go. All right. So
24 Spring has sprung and so have a lot of
25 activities here in Lackawanna County. For

1 example, our Arts and Cultures Department has a
2 theme for the month of April.

3 It's called Shelter For All. They
4 were thinking about birdhouses and spring and
5 birds and everything. But they also morphed it
6 into homeless people and other things like
7 that. So there's a lot of good programs that
8 they have throughout the whole month. I'm not
9 going to go through each one of them.

10 For example, April 1st through 25th
11 is Build a Birdhouse. Birdhouse pickup, Arbor
12 Day, Earth, a lot of great activities. I'm not
13 going to go each and everyone.

14 Our Recycling Environmental
15 Sustainability Department is having a cleanup
16 program. They already had two, April 5th and
17 12th. The next one is April 22nd on Commerce
18 Boulevard Drive in Dickson City. And then
19 April 26th, it's going to be Earth Day. And
20 it's going to be at McDade Park where there is
21 all kinds of activities you could attend there.

22 April 26th as I just mentioned is
23 Lackawanna County's Earth Day event. It's
24 going to be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McDade
25 Park. But prior to that they are going to have

1 a preclean up of the evasive species removal
2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

3 Registration is required. There's a
4 QR code here if you are interested if you're a
5 nature lover that wants to be a part of this
6 pre-event. All they have to do is sign up for
7 this by using that QR code.

8 Electric City Trolley Museum is
9 having a Trolley Through Time, Saturday, April
10 26th, the Then and Now the Historical Trolley
11 Excursion on the Laurel Line. It will go over
12 towards -- it will be going over towards -- the
13 park --

14 MR. HALLINAN: McDade? Covington?

15 MR. CORDELLI: It's closed. It's
16 closed.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: Rocky Glen.

18 MR. CORDELLI: Rocky Glen. She
19 wins, get a free ticket. Rocky Glen.

20 MS. ZANGARDI: He said it was
21 closed.

22 MR. CORDELLI: All right. Our
23 library system is having American Masters
24 Lecture Series on Wednesday, April 30th at 7
25 p.m. This is a free event at the Scranton

1 Cultural Center. Apparently this gentleman is
2 very well know, Rick Steves.

3 On his own little banner here, he
4 has Rick Steves on The Hippy Trail. So I could
5 only imagine what the conversation is going to
6 be about. But it's a big event. A lot of
7 people are raving about his popularity.

8 All right. We are at the four parks
9 that are open -- not closed, thank you --
10 looking for lifeguards. If you know of anybody
11 high school age or college age, senior in high
12 school that has a Red Cross certification to be
13 a lifeguard, love to have them apply.

14 If they are not certified and they
15 go and get certified, the County will reimburse
16 them for the certification for the Red Cross
17 certification. The starting salary is \$18 an
18 hour. If they are elevated to be up to
19 supervisor level, it will be 21.50. That's a
20 heck of a program to be part of.

21 Our Area Agency on Aging in
22 conjunction with United Way and AARP in
23 Pennsylvania is having a free day to come
24 and -- age friendly at the --

25 MR. LOUGHNEY: Rocky Glen.

1 MR. CORDELLI: Nay Aug Park from --
2 it's on May 9th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free
3 event up at Nay Aug Park. So our Northeast
4 Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Day Parade is
5 going to be on May 17th at Courthouse Square.
6 Prior to that at 9 a.m., there's going to be a
7 5K run.

8 But the parade will actually start
9 at the Gino Merli Center and also end at Gino
10 Merli Center at 11 a.m. There is two fliers
11 for that. All right. So it's spring.
12 Baseball season has started. And the
13 RailRiders have started their season.

14 And with that comes take the trolley
15 to the stadium as opposed to fighting the
16 traffic on 81 South and up at Montage. You
17 could go to the Steamtown mall, get on the
18 trolley there and then take the trolley over
19 and back with the tickets to the game.

20 It's a nice little trip through
21 time. The schedule is on here, the games that
22 they are going to be running the trolley. And
23 stay with that theme of the RailRiders, they
24 are having their RailRiders Summer Camp for
25 2025. June, July, and August will be the three

1 months.

2 I'm not going to go through.

3 There's a lot of information on here. But if
4 you know of anybody that is 6 years old to 14
5 years old that could use a little inspiration
6 or a little coaching from the pros, there's
7 great people that they could learn right there.

8 Our Arts Department is starting to
9 promote their summer program, Tuesdays In the
10 Park. Arts In the Park will be on every
11 Tuesday in July. The 8th of July is going to
12 be Merli Sarnowski, the 15th is going to be
13 Covington, the 22nd McDade, the 29th at
14 Ailsworth. It's all on here. It's free. It's
15 a wonderful, wonderful event that they have
16 there.

17 And lastly, I know this is a repeat
18 from last year, but this program is so
19 important that they extended it through July of
20 2025. It's a free blood led screening for one
21 year old to six year olds. With all the
22 chemicals and things that are being found in
23 our food and other products that's going on,
24 the Pennsylvania Department of Health is
25 continuing this program.

MR. LOUGHNEY: I'd just like to talk about, I don't know if I have to make a motion, Mr. Solicitor, or not; but we're getting

1 numerous complaints about these vendors that
2 are going door to door.

3 And some people have told me that
4 they are being harassed at their door. Now,
5 with the permit, they come in and get a permit,
6 I understand they're legal. But can we -- can
7 we if we get complaints, can we rescind those
8 permits if we get these complaints?

9 ATTY. PERRY: You could revoke a
10 permit, sure.

11 MR. LOUGHNEY: Okay, on a base by
12 base case.

13 ATTY. PERRY: Case by case --

14 MR. LOUGHNEY: We could revoke --

15 ATTY. PERRY: A permit, yes.

16 MR. LOUGHNEY: We find out who the
17 organization is, who they are representing and
18 then we go from there.

19 ATTY. PERRY: Yeah, well, the way it
20 should be approached is a letter to the
21 organization first saying we're having these
22 complaints, talk to your people. And then if
23 it continues then we revoke their permit.

24 MR. LOUGHNEY: So there's a
25 procedure we have to follow.

1 ATTY. PERRY: Well, you don't have
2 to, but I suggest doing it that way.

3 MR. LOUGHNEY: Okay. Well, then I
4 won't make that motion. But I would like it
5 addressed in that way. So if we get a
6 complaint or if a resident calls the Borough
7 and has a complaint, then we could address it.

8 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, and I'm not aware
9 of any permits out right now. Some people have
10 mentioned one company. But some other
11 companies were mentioned. And I don't even
12 know if they have permits. I'll double-check
13 that tomorrow. So if they don't have permits,
14 then we'll -- they should notify the police.
15 If we get complaints -- if they have a permit
16 they are supposed to have it with them.

17 MR. LOUGHNEY: Can we do this,
18 Mayor, if the police see them in the
19 neighborhood, can they just stop and ask them
20 if -- Chief, if they have the proper permit?

21 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah, absolutely.

22 MR. LOUGHNEY: And if not if they
23 don't have it, send them on their way.

24 MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah, fine by me.

25 MR. O'MALLEY: Today someone was

1 telling me someone approached their door
2 without any kind of identification or what
3 company they were from.

4 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, they're supposed
5 to have identification and they're supposed to
6 have their permit that we issued with them.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: But they are super
8 aggressive and won't take no for an answer.

9 MR. WOLFF: We do -- like, we take
10 their license. We make a copy of their license
11 so we have it and obviously their company
12 information. I'll see if there are permits
13 pulled.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: I think what we should
15 too is maybe we should -- I know social media
16 is like the easiest way to get to people, put
17 something on the website that basically a
18 checklist if somebody comes to the house and
19 they don't have a permit or identification that
20 you notify the police department immediately
21 because otherwise, if they are calling us and
22 putting complaints on Facebook, we're not going
23 to know who it is, when it is, what it is.

24 So I think we should notify the
25 public that if somebody is at their door, they

1 should notify us immediately and ask them if
2 they have a permit.

3 MR. O'MALLEY: Are there certain
4 hours they are allowed to be out there? I'm
5 getting told too about people showing up at
6 8:00 at night.

7 MR. LOUGHNEY: Somebody said 9:00.

8 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, I can't recall
9 what the times are, but I would think that
10 would be too late. It's not 9:00.

11 MR. LOUGHNEY: It's too late at my
12 house. That's for sure. And the other thing I
13 have is April 26th is the cleanup.
14 Congratulations to everybody. I hope everybody
15 gets out. I will not be in attendance. My son
16 is getting married that day. So I will be
17 looking my best and Happy Easter to everyone.

18 MR. DEMPSEY: I don't have anything.

19 MR. O'MALLEY: Okay, so Nibs just
20 mentioned that we're going to have a
21 boroughwide cleanup on Saturday, April 26th
22 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. with a rain date of
23 Sunday, April 27th. We'll meet in the Fidelity
24 Bank parking lot.

25 PennDOT is going to be supplying the

1 bags, the gloves and the vests for all the
2 people who are volunteering their time that
3 day. So we're hoping to have a big turnout for
4 that. Looking forward to next week's Jog for
5 Jude. It's a great event for our community and
6 the effort to stomp out SIDS.

7 Thank you to Zayac and Lawless
8 family for all the volunteers responsible for
9 putting it on. And finally, I want to thank
10 Dunmore High School art teacher Cristin Hogan
11 and a number of her students on their
12 outstanding work on the mural in the hallway
13 here. It's going to be finished next week in
14 time for Jog for Jude and Happy Easter. That's
15 all I have.

16 MR. LOUGHNEY: Trip, on that, can we
17 send a picture of that mural to the Dunmorean?

18 MR. O'MALLEY: Yeah, yeah, that
19 would be great. So they're going to finish it
20 next Wednesday. I'll tell Cristin to have
21 somebody there to take a picture of them and
22 we'll send it --

23 MR. KEARNEY: Excuse me, Trip.
24 She's taking pictures as they -- they have a
25 before and after thing. So she's been doing

1 the pictures already.

2 MR. O'MALLEY: I'm just saying with
3 the whole group of kids that are involved.

4 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, they're going to
5 sign the wall too.

6 MR. O'MALLEY: Awesome.

7 MS. ZANGARDI: Ditto to what Trip
8 said. The mural is awesome. That was a nice
9 labor and the kids all stepped up. We also
10 have students making curtains for in here. So
11 it's all coming together; and then again, Jog
12 for Jude, cleanup. But thank you, everyone,
13 Happy Easter. That's it for me.

14 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, Jog for Jude
15 and, Chief, thank you for doing what you are
16 going to do for that. And, you're right.
17 Safety is number one. Bucket truck, it's
18 really an intricate part of the DPW. We really
19 got to -- if we can't get it fixed, we have to
20 look at something to replace it.

21 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, like I said, I
22 have one last ditch effort. If not, then
23 there's a local place that sells used ones.

24 MR. HALLINAN: And I would like to
25 as I'm sure with the rest of Council, extend

1 our condolences to Katherine's family for the
2 passing of her mother-in-law. And I wish
3 everybody a Happy Easter.

4 MS. OVEN: Thank you. I have
5 nothing, just a motion to adjourn.

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

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