

COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, July 8, 2024

TIME:

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LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L     M E M B E R S :

JANET BRIER - President

KATHERINE OVEN - Vice President

MICHAEL DEMPSEY

THOMAS HALLINAN - absent

ELIZABETH ZANGARDI

WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III

PATRICK LOUGHNEY

GREG WOLFF, Borough Manager

MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

MICHELLE SMOLSKIS  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. WOLFF: Roll call. Mayor

4 Conway.

5 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

6 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney.

7 MR. LOUGHNEY: Here.

8 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

10 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

11 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

12 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

13 MS. BRIER: Here.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

15 MS. OVEN: Here.

16 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi is --

17 MS. BRIER: She just went to the

18 ladies' room.

19 MR. WOLFF: -- present. She just  
20 went to the ladies' room. And Mr. Hallinan is  
21 absent today. Public comment and agenda items,  
22 number three.

23 MS. BRIER: All right. Does anyone  
24 here have a comment about agenda items only?

25 (No response.)

1 MS. BRIER: Seeing none. We'll go  
2 forward.

3 MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to  
4 approve the minutes.

5 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

6 MS. BRIER: Okay. I have a motion  
7 to approve the minutes. I need a second.

8 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

9 MS. BRIER: All those in favor?

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. WOLFF: Number five, motion to  
14 approve and pay open bills.

15 MS. BRIER: I need a motion to  
16 approve and pay open bills.

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

18 MR. LOUGHNEY: Second.

19 MS. BRIER: Anyone on the question?  
20 We have a motion and a second. Anyone on the  
21 question of the bills?

22 (No response.)

23 MS. BRIER: I don't see any  
24 outrageous ones this month. All right. All  
25 those in favor?

1 MR. O'MALLEY: Aye.

2 MS. BRIER: Ayes have it. Well,  
3 you're the only one that ayed.

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MS. BRIER: Thank you. Motion to  
6 appoint Robert Bock -- oh, go ahead. Sorry,  
7 Greg.

8 MR. WOLFF: That's all right.

9 MS. BRIER: Sorry, Greg.

10 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to  
11 appoint Robert Bock as a part-time fire  
12 fighter.

13 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
14 to appoint Robert Bock as a part-time fire  
15 fighter. Could I have a motion?

16 MR. O'MALLEY: Motion.

17 MS. BRIER: And a second?

18 MS. OVEN: Second.

19 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
20 and a second. Anyone on the question? Can you  
21 talk about that, Greg?

22 MR. WOLFF: Just part-time fire  
23 fighters are used as needed. They're per diem,  
24 so if the shift is open, Chief DeNaples will  
25 fill them in. So, they're not permanent



1 full-time unionized employees.

2 MS. BRIER: Okay. All those in  
3 favor?

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to  
8 adopt Ordinance 3 of 2024, police department  
9 deferred retirement option plan, the DROP  
10 program.

11 MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
12 to adopt Ordinance 3 of 2024, police department  
13 deferred retirement option plan, DROP. Do I  
14 have a motion?

15 MR. DEMPSEY: So moved.

16 MS. BRIER: And a second?

17 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

18 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a  
19 second. On the question?

20 MR. WOLFF: Yeah. So, in the recent  
21 police arbitration award, the police officers  
22 were awarded the DROP, the deferred retirement  
23 plan, and with any change to pension, you need  
24 an actuarial study done, which we had completed  
25 by Joe Duda, and you have to make a pension

1 ordinance change, which is what this is,  
2 highlighting its sunsets, which it ends  
3 December 31, 2026, the DROP program in this  
4 current contract, and it's an 18 month DROP.

5 So, they can defer that requirement  
6 for 18 months, at which point they have to  
7 leave.

8 MS. BRIER: Right. So, this was  
9 something that the police department asked for  
10 but that the Borough management felt was gonna  
11 be a two way street, very good for both of us.  
12 So, that's why there wasn't any disagreement  
13 about the DROP.

14 There was a disagreement about the  
15 timeline, you know, the police wanted three  
16 years and the Borough wanted 18 months, or  
17 maybe a year, and there was a compromise.

18 So, that's the DROP. It's kind of  
19 an interesting thing, but I think it's good for  
20 both the Borough and the police.

21 All those in favor?

22 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to

1           adopt Ordinance 4 of 2024 authorizing the  
2           amendment to the civil service rules and  
3           regulations as adopted by the Civil Service  
4           Commission on May 14, 2024. Ordinance amends  
5           fire inspector qualifications.

6                       MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
7           to adopt Ordinance 4 of 2024 authorizing the  
8           amendment to the fire civil service rules and  
9           regulations as adopted by the Civil Service  
10          Commission who met May 14, 2024. The ordinance  
11          amends fire inspector qualifications. Can I  
12          have a motion anyone?

13                     MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

14                     MS. BRIER: And a second?

15                     MS. OVEN: I'll second.

16                     MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
17          and a second. On the question?

18                     MR. WOLFF: Yes. The current  
19          qualifications to test, you needed a certain  
20          amount of training, which you were unable to  
21          attain without being appointed to the position.  
22          So, it was kind of a catch 22, kind of chasing  
23          around.

24                     So, we amended it to -- the Civil  
25          Service Commission amended it to now the

1            qualifications to test for fire inspector in  
2            the fire department, you have to have five  
3            years of continuous fire service as a  
4            firefighter with Dunmore Borough.

5            MS. BRIER: And do we have a fire  
6            inspector now, Greg?

7            MR. WOLFF: We do not.

8            MS. BRIER: Okay.

9            MR. WOLFF: We will be testing for  
10           that.

11           MS. BRIER: Okay. Good. All those  
12           in favor?

13           ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14           MS. BRIER: Opposed?

15           (No response.)

16           MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to  
17           approve investment of Sewer Authority funds.

18           MS. BRIER: Okay. We have a motion  
19           the approve investment of Sewer Authority  
20           funds. Can I have a motion?

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

22           MS. BRIER: And a second?

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

24           MS. BRIER: Okay. On the question,  
25           Katherine has a background in this, in

1 investment funds, and she's going to explain  
2 this.

3 MS. OVEN: So, we have about 3.8  
4 million dollars remaining from the Sewer  
5 Authority proceeds that are currently with FNC  
6 Bank. So, we had some presentations done by  
7 Fidelity Bank and FNC Bank, and currently we  
8 don't have any assets with Fidelity, and we're  
9 trying to support both community banks.

10 They're wealth management team came  
11 in and did a great presentation. They are very  
12 competent. They work with a lot of  
13 municipalities.

14 And so the decision would be to move  
15 some of the money that is currently at FNC Bank  
16 into Fidelity for them to manage. So, this way  
17 we'll still have money at both banks and be  
18 supporting both community banks.

19 MS. BRIER: Anyone else on the  
20 question?

21 MR. LOUGHNEY: I just wanted to --  
22 and Katherine did lot of work. Thank you,  
23 Katherine.

24 MS. OVEN: Sure.

25 MR. LOUGHNEY: I was hoping that we

1           would be able to split what we have right now  
2           with them, so I'll be voting no for this.

3                   MR. O'MALLEY: We're going to be  
4           bringing in, correct me if I'm wrong, about  
5           \$100,000 more a year now --

6                   MS. OVEN: Yes.

7                   MR. O'MALLEY: -- than we were  
8           before?

9                   MS. OVEN: Yes.

10                  MR. O'MALLEY: So, it's a  
11           no-brainer.

12                  MS. BRIER: Anyone else on the  
13           question?

14                  (No response.)

15                  MS. BRIER: All those in favor?  
16           Aye.

17                  MR. DEMPSEY: Aye.

18                  MR. O'MALLEY: Aye.

19                  MS. OVEN: Aye.

20                  MS. ZANGARDI: Aye.

21                  MS. BRIER: Opposed?

22                  MR. LOUGHNEY: No.

23                  MS. BRIER: The ayes have it.

24                  MR. WOLFF: Number ten, treasurer  
25           financial report.

1 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.  
2 A brief summary for the month of June. The  
3 Borough had a net loss for the month of  
4 \$445,000, which brings the year to date net  
5 income to 2.3 million dollars.

6 June was a typically slow month, a  
7 slow summer month financially. On the income  
8 side, typical sharp decline in real estate tax  
9 collections with the discount period ending.

10 Special assessments, we received the  
11 first of two payments of the landfill fine  
12 payment, \$91,000. Expenses, \$17,000, repairs  
13 and solid waste. And our \$60,000 partial MMO  
14 payment. Pretty typical slow summer month.

15 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Mark.

16 MS. BRIER: Anyone have any  
17 questions.

18 (No response.)

19 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Mark.

20 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney.

21 MR. KEARNEY: Good evening. The  
22 past several weeks we have continued with our  
23 party rentals in this room every weekend,  
24 except the weekend of the 29th and the 30th.

25 In the gym, we're at about the

1           halfway point of our men's summer basketball  
2           league, and we are continuing to host practices  
3           for the Dunmore grade school teams.

4                     The summer program kicked off today  
5           and we registered close to 170 children in the  
6           three parks, DCC, St. Anthony's and Sherwood.  
7           We expect a few more this week. I was told  
8           there's some people on vacation.

9                     Having some of the same people  
10          working at the same places as last year has led  
11          to a pretty smooth opening day, so knock on  
12          wood everything went good.

13                    MS. BRIER: So, Chris, is that  
14          typical, 170? That's a lot of kids.

15                    MR. KEARNEY: Yeah. We always get a  
16          big -- you know, it's like right now I think it  
17          was 73 at Sherwood and 50 and 50 in here. And  
18          it will get up there. And then as the summer  
19          goes on --

20                    MS. BRIER: It tapers.

21                    MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, it tapers down.  
22          But, yeah, it's busy.

23                    MS. BRIER: When is our last day?

24                    MR. KEARNEY: Well, right now we're  
25          scheduled August 2nd, and what we did last



1           year, we had it for four weeks, and then there  
2           was an option to go another fifth week if we  
3           thought participation warranted it.

4                   MS. BRIER: So we just keep an eye  
5           on it?

6                   MR. KEARNEY: Yeah.

7                   MS. BRIER: Okay.

8                   MR. KEARNEY: We just see what  
9           happens.

10                  ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

11                  MR. O'MALLEY: My three sons were  
12           here today.

13                  MR. KEARNEY: Oh, yeah, I saw them.

14                  MR. O'MALLEY: And they were  
15           thrilled. They loved it. My youngest woke up,  
16           and he's a sleeper, he woke up this morning, he  
17           came downstairs, he goes, I can't wait for  
18           today.

19                  MR. KEARNEY: Yeah. They were all  
20           playing baseball. They were in there, and they  
21           were all over.

22                  MS. BRIER: That's great.

23                  ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chris.

24                  MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge.

25                  MR. JUDGE: We're behind. We're

1 still picking brush from last week, recycling,  
2 and we just don't have, you know, we're short  
3 drivers.

4 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. And the  
5 recycling --

6 MS. ZANGARDI: You have to wait.  
7 Sorry.

8 MR. CAMPBELL: As he's saying, as  
9 Mr. Judge is saying, they didn't do pick up  
10 for -- what's the other besides recycle, is the  
11 brush?

12 MR. JUDGE: Brush.

13 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. The brush on  
14 Elm Street is there for a while.

15 MR. JUDGE: Yeah.

16 MR. CAMPBELL: We called you.

17 MR. JUDGE: Yeah. We're behind.

18 Well, you didn't call me.

19 MR. CAMPBELL: I called your office.

20 MR. JUDGE: I don't have an office.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: I called the Borough  
22 building.

23 MR. JUDGE: Well, anyway, we're  
24 behind.

25 MS. BRIER: And you'll get to it.

1 MR. JUDGE: We'll get to it.

2 MS. BRIER: You'll get to it,  
3 because you always do.

4 MR. JUDGE: Right. We'll get caught  
5 up.

6 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

7 MR. JUDGE: Just be patient. We'll  
8 get caught up.

9 MS. BRIER: We had some absences, we  
10 had some injuries.

11 MR. JUDGE: Yes.

12 MS. BRIER: Yeah, and some  
13 vacations.

14 MR. JUDGE: We had guys out.

15 MS. BRIER: But you guys always get  
16 to it.

17 MR. JUDGE: Yeah. We'll get caught  
18 up.

19 MS. BRIER: Okay.

20 MR. JUDGE: Okay?

21 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

22 MR. WOLFF: Chief Marchese.

23 CHIEF MARCHESE: Monthly report for  
24 June. We responded to 820 calls for service.  
25 I have a task breakdown for Council via e-mail,

1           most of the major calls.

2                   The arrests for the month, we had 7  
3           criminal arrests, 12 non traffic, 38 traffic  
4           arrests, 16 written traffic warnings and 64  
5           verbal traffic warnings.

6                   MS. BRIER: Did you have, like,  
7           special units out there? Because it seems like  
8           a lot of traffic stops.

9                   CHIEF MARCHESE: With our grant  
10          money, in certain situations, we'll have them  
11          out. They go out for, like, four hours at a  
12          time.

13                  MS. BRIER: Okay. That's good  
14          numbers, right?

15                  CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah. Yeah,  
16          they've been all over. They've been trying to  
17          get all the hot spots. Any time somebody  
18          calls, they have an issue with a certain  
19          intersection or stop sign, we usually send them  
20          there.

21                  We had 11 overtime shifts went out  
22          for the month for overtime. Training, Officer  
23          Burgette took part in the monthly SWAT training  
24          June 11th and 24th.

25                  All full-time officers took part in

1 the annual firearms certification between June  
2 17th and the 20th.

3 From the start of collection to the  
4 end of June, we have collected over \$6,664,  
5 including coin, credit card and pay-by-phone  
6 transactions for the meters at the Corners.  
7 During the month, \$180 was collected in parking  
8 tickets and four citations had been filed.

9 Officers still continue to  
10 familiarize themselves with the body cams while  
11 we're waiting delivery of the body cams, which  
12 should be coming very shortly.

13 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

14 CHIEF MARCHESE: And that's all I  
15 got.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

17 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

18 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,  
19 Council. The fire department monthly report,  
20 we'll start out with expenditures. So, the  
21 only real steep expenditure we had this  
22 particular month is \$1,463.

23 We purchased a mannequin through the  
24 rescue billing account to do our testing for  
25 new employees, full and part time, as well as

1 training. We generally use Scranton's, so now  
2 we're going to have our own. And, again, that  
3 was through the rescue billing account.

4 The only other expenditure that's  
5 kind of steep that it was added after this  
6 report was generated and sent to Katherine and  
7 Greg, I got a quote today, one of our new  
8 portable radios fell. It went partially under  
9 the wheel of one of the trucks. One of our  
10 firefighter's straps broke.

11 So, that's going to be about \$800 to  
12 repair. That's an \$8,000 radio, it's gonna  
13 cost us about 800. So, tomorrow I'll get a PO  
14 generated and we'll move forward with that.

15 The only other thing that wasn't on  
16 here is \$66 in batteries for our air packs that  
17 we change out once a year, but that wasn't on  
18 here.

19 As far as the overtime when this  
20 report was generated, it's pretty high this  
21 month, 480 hours overtime.

22 MS. BRIER: Oh, boy.

23 CHIEF DENAPLES: That's just for  
24 July, and there was a couple after that with  
25 call offs.

1 MS. ZANGARDI: Just July? Not June?

2 CHIEF DENAPLES: That's just July.

3 MS. BRIER: The first seven or eight  
4 days of July?

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah.

6 CHIEF DENAPLES: No. This is from  
7 the first of the month until the end,  
8 projected.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: Oh, projected. Okay.

10 MS. BRIER: Oh, projected.

11 CHIEF DENAPLES: Well, it's actually  
12 scheduled.

13 MS. BRIER: Oh, it's scheduled  
14 already.

15 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah. But, I mean,  
16 there was a couple more shifts in addition to  
17 that because of call offs. So, it went up  
18 above probably about another 24 hours above  
19 that.

20 In addition to that, as far as  
21 staffing, there was 53 part-time shifts put out  
22 for July. So, it's pretty bad.

23 And, again, as of January, just so  
24 all of Council hears this together, so  
25 January 1 of 2023, within a couple days, the

1 new contract went in effect. So, the full time  
2 minimum manning in June, which was 15 full  
3 timers, and then the contracts we have obligate  
4 it to keep four firefighters on shift.

5 So, the minimum manning went down  
6 for full time, but, yet, we're obligated in  
7 this contract to keep four people around the  
8 clock.

9 So, we're doing that with 11 people.  
10 And there's, you know, three retired last  
11 summer that we didn't replace on a full-time  
12 level, and one has been out injured. So, that  
13 brings us down to 11. And the part-time staff,  
14 we have about three that put a lot of time in.

15 MS. BRIER: Chief, we're going to  
16 get some certifications through the civil  
17 service, right?

18 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yep. Yep.

19 MS. BRIER: Okay. How many do we  
20 have?

21 CHIEF DENAPLES: So, I believe  
22 there's three to four on the list.

23 MS. BRIER: Oh, good.

24 CHIEF DENAPLES: There's one that  
25 there's an issue with, Janet.



1 MS. BRIER: Oh, okay.

2 CHIEF DENAPLES: That's why it was,  
3 I guess, tied up to this point, which Katherine  
4 did get back and she's hoping that August that  
5 list will be certified.

6 MS. OVEN: Hopefully, yeah.

7 MS. BRIER: Oh, good. And then we  
8 can hire them?

9 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yep.

10 MS. BRIER: And then this Robert  
11 Bock.

12 CHIEF DENAPLES: Bock. So, he's  
13 part time. So, we have three part timers going  
14 through orientation right now. So, they're  
15 working through the orientation process.

16 MS. BRIER: Okay.

17 CHIEF DENAPLES: A couple of them  
18 are getting, you know, going through it a  
19 little quicker than others. So, we're working  
20 on that.

21 And then, you know, the bottom line  
22 is, like, for instance, this weekend, just so  
23 everybody's clear on this, we had a part timer  
24 scheduled, he has a full-time job, so last  
25 minute he called off because he got overtime at

1 his full-time job. So, this is what we're  
2 running into.

3 Another firefighter is a cop down in  
4 Luzerne County, full-time police officer, she  
5 calls off a lot. What happens is they switch  
6 her shift.

7 MS. BRIER: Oh, okay. It's  
8 mandatory then.

9 CHIEF DENAPLES: So, you know, so  
10 we're having a lot of issues with that. So,  
11 again, there's a couple of them, like, one guy  
12 he, in the last pay period I think he worked  
13 100 and some hours, part-time hours. Now, some  
14 of that is overtime.

15 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

16 CHIEF DENAPLES: But, you know,  
17 it's very, very difficult to, you know,  
18 maintain with that with that four minimum  
19 obligation.

20 So, I know we're working toward, you  
21 know, trying to get this resolved, and  
22 hopefully sooner than later.

23 MS. BRIER: Yeah. Hopefully if we  
24 can hire those three next month.

25 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah. That would

1           be good.

2                   MS. BRIER: I wanted to ask you,  
3           too.

4                   CHIEF DENAPLES: Sure.

5                   MS. BRIER: When you were talking  
6           about the rescue training, do we do that? Is  
7           that like a BLS?

8                   CHIEF DENAPLES: So, that's rescue  
9           billing. So, any time that the fire department  
10          responds out to a motor vehicle accident, a  
11          rescue-type call, whether it be a rope rescue,  
12          something of that nature, a hazmat incident,  
13          and the person has insurance, we send a bill to  
14          the insurance company.

15                   If the insurance company doesn't  
16          cover it for whatever reason, we don't bill the  
17          individual. It drops there.

18                   MS. BRIER: I see.

19                   CHIEF DENAPLES: But, for instance,  
20          today Sally sent me a summary, it was five  
21          thousand and change we got in, and I think  
22          there was about eight incidents we billed for.  
23          So, we get that in regular, and it's a small  
24          percentage that company takes to bill these.

25                   MS. BRIER: Oh, okay. That's

1 great.

2 CHIEF DENAPLES: So, that account  
3 right now -- and then, again, this is usually  
4 attached to my monthly report -- that account,  
5 without this five thousand that was, you know,  
6 brought in today, there's \$42,335.80 in that  
7 account.

8 MS. BRIER: That's awesome.

9 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yep. So, there's a  
10 pretty good amount in there. And, again, it's  
11 all from the rescue billing.

12 So, the only thing I have left in  
13 the fire department report is the call volume  
14 from July 1st to current, today at the close of  
15 business.

16 Rescue and EMS calls are three,  
17 false alarms and fire alarms were four, and  
18 special-type incidents was one, bringing it to  
19 eight. That was just the 1st.

20 As far as code enforcement, we're  
21 probably going to have a pretty busy month this  
22 month with the grass and that. I was unable to  
23 get a total accurate account of how many  
24 inspections we have scheduled because Jean Hill  
25 is on vacation.

1                   So, we tried to get -- Sally tried  
2                   to get on to her computer but she didn't have  
3                   her correct password, and I can't get on that  
4                   screen to check the overall number. So, next  
5                   month I'll give you July's when I get the  
6                   August report. And that's all I have for  
7                   today.

8                   ALL MEMBERS: Thank you, Chief.

9                   MR. WOLFF: Number 12, public  
10                  comment. Mrs. Brier, Mr. Cordelli from the  
11                  County asked to speak briefly.

12                 MS. BRIER: Yes. Thank you. Yeah,  
13                 just come up and, yeah, just your name and  
14                 address. Thank you.

15                 MR. CORDELLI: Council President,  
16                 Council, Mayor, Attorney Perry and Mr. Wolff,  
17                 thank you so much for your time. Mark  
18                 Cordelli, Lackawanna County.

19                 If anybody has any questions for me  
20                 or anything with regards to the County, I'd be  
21                 more than happy to answer them, but if not,  
22                 I've got to get up to Greenfield Township if  
23                 you don't mind.

24                 MS. BRIER: Sure.

25                 MR. CORDELLI: But if I may share

1 with everybody some of the events, activities,  
2 that are going on in Lackawanna County. For  
3 example, tomorrow, July 9th, at Merli Sarnoski  
4 Park is Arts in the Park by our arts and  
5 culture departments. It's a free event. It's  
6 from ten to noon with painting and all kinds of  
7 wonderful activities going on there.

8 MS. BRIER: Where is that?

9 MR. CORDELLI: Up the Merli Sarnoski  
10 Park.

11 MS. BRIER: But where is that?

12 MR. CORDELLI: Oh, I'm sorry. Up  
13 Greenfield Township.

14 MS. BRIER: Oh, Greenfield Township.  
15 Okay. Thank you.

16 MR. CORDELLI: Carbondale, off 247.

17 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

18 MR. CORDELLI: Starting this  
19 Thursday, July 11th, Noon Tunes at the  
20 courthouse square. Summer concerts are going  
21 to be back and vibrant again. It's from 12:00  
22 to 1 p.m., July 11th through August 1st.  
23 Whether you had need a lunch break, jam session  
24 or just want to bask in some sweet melodies,  
25 Tony's got you covered. There's a DJ here,

1           also, as well. He's gonna have some fun.

2                       Again, I believe I mentioned this  
3           before, but the RailRiders, if you don't want  
4           to take the travel down 81 south to Moosic and  
5           fight the traffic there, you can go to the  
6           Trolley Museum, take a trolley. It's free over  
7           to the baseball stadium, and then we'll bring  
8           you back so you don't have to fight the traffic  
9           coming back, as well.

10                      Friday in the parks, it's a 60 plus  
11           initiative through our Area Agency on Aging.  
12           It's all on crafts, entertainment, bingo.  
13           Sixty plus, again. Ten a.m. to one p.m.  
14           Again, free.

15                      The next event's going to be on the  
16           12th at Aylesworth Park. So, the information's  
17           on here if anybody's interested in attending  
18           that.

19                      Also for the seniors, the Lackawanna  
20           County seniors farmers' market nutrition  
21           program. The last distribution of certificate  
22           is going to be on July 24th from 11 a.m. to 4  
23           p.m. at the Scranton Co-Op's Farmers' Market,  
24           and the criteria are all here if anybody's  
25           interested with regards to that.

1                   Back to the parks and recs and  
2                   family and the parks here again, the family fun  
3                   days have commenced at the parks. We were at  
4                   Covington Park on June 29th.

5                   This Merli Sarnoski Park is very  
6                   popular this week apparently. July 13th it's  
7                   going to be a host again of this wonderful  
8                   event. It's free events. Come out enjoy live  
9                   music, hot dogs, soft drinks, arts and crafts  
10                  and more up at Merli Sarnoski Park.

11                  All right. For the youth, we have a  
12                  youth soccer clinic commencing. It's actually  
13                  happening this week. The first week is this  
14                  week, July 8th through the 11th. They still  
15                  are taking registration if anybody's  
16                  interested.

17                  And then the second -- at Merli  
18                  Sarnoski Park, surprise, surprise. And then  
19                  the second session is going to be July 15th  
20                  through the 18th at Covington Park. Ages are  
21                  five through 14. Cost is 45 dollars.  
22                  Registration form is here. Feel free to call,  
23                  ask any questions.

24                  A wonderful event happening here,  
25                  Camp Create is a theater, a visual arts camp



1           for children with special needs. This doesn't  
2           start until August. It's just a couple weeks  
3           away. There are two sessions out there they're  
4           going to have. All the registration  
5           information is on here, if you know of anybody  
6           that might be able to take advantage of that.  
7           And that's a wonderful, wonderful program.

8                       Also, in the same line, Bee's  
9           Backyard, there's a special needs summer camp.  
10          This is actually starting July 21st is the  
11          first week of the camp, going into August,  
12          August 5th and August 12th, those weeks, as  
13          well. Lunch and all the information, I don't  
14          want to take up too much time here. I thank  
15          you for the time.

16                     Just a couple more here. July 26th  
17          and 27th the commissioners are bringing back  
18          the three on three basketball tournament if you  
19          know of anybody to sign up. It's \$25 per  
20          person, and they get to play at least, I  
21          believe, five games.

22                     MS. BRIER: Where are they gonna  
23          play?

24                     MR. CORDELLI: I don't know.

25                     MS. BRIER: Okay. Is it Wyoming

1 avenue?

2 MR. CORDELLI: Maybe. We're trying  
3 to, however we can get lucky, we'll try to host  
4 it down there as best we can, but with people  
5 who are going to register, we'll be able to get  
6 in contact with them if there was a venue  
7 change. Yes, ma'am.

8 Last but not least, Lackawanna  
9 County is actually going to host a national  
10 championship outside of the RailRiders, the  
11 baseball national championship, but believe it  
12 or not, and that's a common theme here for  
13 today, Merli Sarnoski Park has been the chosen  
14 location.

15 The national championship is  
16 orienteering. Let me repeat that,  
17 orienteering. Anybody know that? Anybody? I  
18 sure as heck didn't. I had to search it up.  
19 Sir?

20 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Map reading.

21 MR. CORDELLI: Map reading. Ding,  
22 ding, ding. All right. Yes, it's a map  
23 reading contest.

24 MS. BRIER: Oh, cool.

25 MR. CORDELLI: And it's gonna be

1           hosted, and it is a legitimate organization,  
2           they're based out of Delaware, that it's going  
3           to be actually a three-day event.

4                     There's all kinds of people who are  
5           participating in this, some hikers, joggers,  
6           bicyclers, and they're utilizing GPS to be able  
7           to find some sort of presents or prizes that  
8           are going to be placed strategically out there  
9           in Merli Sarnoski Park. And I believe they  
10          chose Merli Sarnoski Park because several years  
11          ago some people had to be life flighted out of  
12          there, they got lost.

13                    So, some wonderful little things  
14          happening in Lackawanna County. Anybody have  
15          anything for me in regards to the county?

16                    UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Do you have any  
17          more of those?

18                    MR. CORDELLI: I'll leave fliers  
19          here so if you want to take a look at them,  
20          but --

21                    MS. BRIER: And we can make you a  
22          copy.

23                    MR. CORDELLI: Yeah, we'll make you  
24          copies.

25                    UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay.

1 MR. CORDELLI: Let us know and we'll  
2 get you more copies.

3 MS. BRIER: Thanks so much for doing  
4 this.

5 MS. OVEN: Thank you very much.

6 MR. CORDELLI: Thank you so much.

7 MS. BRIER: We really appreciate the  
8 information.

9 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

10 MR. CORDELLI: Have a good night.  
11 Take care.

12 MS. BRIER: Anyone else in the  
13 audience want to -- yes.

14 MR. EHNOT: Good evening, Council.  
15 My name is Charles Ehnot and I'm the president  
16 of Sherwood Youth Association, and a while back  
17 we submitted a letter with the DEP funding, the  
18 penalties money that was there for us to use in  
19 a grant to help clean up pieces of the park  
20 that we're looking to get done before we push  
21 on forward with our major grant process to  
22 revamp the entire wooded area section of the  
23 park.

24 And we're looking to use any of that  
25 money that we have that's available right now

1           just to kick start that process of cleaning up  
2           and getting the debris out from behind where  
3           the Missy league stadium is, behind the indoor  
4           batting cage.

5                       Things were dumped back there many,  
6           many, many years ago, 40 years ago even, and  
7           it's just piled and piled, and what we're  
8           looking to do is obviously it's a safety  
9           concern to begin with, we'd like to clean that  
10          up and then assess going forward what we're  
11          going to need to do to get our grant to  
12          potentially revamp that entire area, which  
13          would include clearing it out.

14                      We want to expand the walking path,  
15          make it ADA accessible, have it lit with solar  
16          lights, and potentially put in a few new pieces  
17          back there, a small baseball, combination  
18          baseball, softball, soccer stadium, possibly a  
19          dog park, some more pavilions and other  
20          activities like pickleball courts, tennis  
21          courts, etc.

22                      MS. BRIER: We'll certainly take  
23          that under advisement for sure.

24                      MR. EHNOT: Thank you.

25                      MS. BRIER: That's a long list.

1 MR. EHNOT: It is a very long list,  
2 yes. It's a very big dream.

3 MS. BRIER: Yeah. I worked with  
4 Attorney Scanlon, like, a couple years ago, we  
5 got an LSA grant for the soccer fields for,  
6 what, 350?

7 MR. EHNOT: Yes.

8 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

9 MR. EHNOT: That had nothing to do  
10 with us. That's all Dunmore, Green Ridge. We  
11 lease the land to them to use for the fields.

12 MS. BRIER: They improved the field,  
13 though, right?

14 MR. EHNOT: Yes.

15 MS. BRIER: Yeah, with that money.

16 MR. EHNOT: So, yeah, that was, you  
17 know, DGR's deal. We don't see any of that.

18 MS. BRIER: But, yeah, we can  
19 definitely look to that. You know, half of it  
20 we just spent, you know, for the private park,  
21 but there's money there, so we'll definitely  
22 discuss that.

23 MR. EHNOT: I appreciate that.  
24 Thank you.

25 MS. BRIER: But thank you for coming

1           tonight.

2                   ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

3                   MR. O'MALLEY: I was at the  
4 fireworks on the Fourth of July --

5                   MR. EHNOT: Yes.

6                   MR. O'MALLEY: -- and it was  
7 incredible.

8                   MS. BRIER: Was it?

9                   MR. O'MALLEY: Yes.

10                  MR. EHNOT: It was.

11                  MR. O'MALLEY: And I want to thank  
12 you and your organization and Joe Sarkis.

13                  MR. EHNOT: Yes.

14                  MR. O'MALLEY: For putting on a  
15 great show for the Borough.

16                  MR. EHNOT: Thank you very much. I  
17 appreciate that. I'll let Joe know.

18                  ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

19                  MS. BRIER: Anyone else? Sir?

20                  MR. CRUSER: Hi. Jerry Cruser, 630  
21 Bednar, Dunmore. I'm coming in front of you  
22 guys again. I was here last year. It's the  
23 same thing. It's over noise, music.

24                   I'm coming in front of you, I was  
25 told that you guys can't help me, the police

1           can't help me, that there's the ordinances in  
2           place.

3                       So, I did a little research with  
4           some other people, spoke to different  
5           authorities and different people, there's -- I  
6           have in front of me here, this is the Borough  
7           of Clarks Summit, their ordinance. It's an  
8           ordinance of the Borough of Clarks Summit  
9           prohibiting noise which disrupts the enjoyment  
10          and property quality of life in the Borough of  
11          Clarks Summit.

12                     I mean, we got to put this in place.  
13          I'm asking you guys to help us. And just not  
14          our neighborhood. From speaking to other  
15          people to cops to other public people, from a  
16          van that starts up and he sits there and lets  
17          it run for hours, to a guy that comes out at  
18          11:30 at night and just triggers his car alarm  
19          constantly just to disrupt the neighborhood.  
20          That's what this is about.

21                     I'm being tortured day in, day out  
22          with my doors and windows closed. The music,  
23          the bass, which you can't pick up on a speaker  
24          or a camera, which my wife actually purchased a  
25          decibel meter. Today, in my house, 96 on the



1           decibel meter in my house, the bass thumping,  
2           my windows shake. You can't sleep, you can't  
3           rest. It's done purposely. It's nonstop.

4                     The cops go to his place, he hands  
5           them an ordinance which is done by Council  
6           stating he's allowed to play his music from 7  
7           a.m. until 10 a.m. as loud as he wants.

8                     MS. ZANGARDI: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.?

9                     MR. CRUSER: That's what he has the  
10          paper.

11                    MS. BRIER: I would love to get a  
12          copy of that. If you can leave that copy,  
13          Jerry?

14                    MR. CRUSER: I don't have that. I  
15          have this.

16                    MS. BRIER: Oh, no. That's the one  
17          we want to look at.

18                    MR. CRUSER: If you look, they're  
19          all the same, Clarks Summit, Moosic, Taylor,  
20          Dickson City, Olyphant.

21                    My family physician that lived in  
22          Clarks Summit, she's the one that told me to  
23          look this up. She had the same problem that I  
24          had.

25                    MS. BRIER: Well, we'd like a copy

1 of that if that's okay.

2 MR. CRUSER: Absolutely.

3 MS. BRIER: Yeah. Thanks.

4 MR. CRUSER: I brought this.

5 There's one for --

6 MS. BRIER: We're very willing to  
7 take a look at that for sure.

8 MR. CRUSER: Page five is most  
9 important.

10 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Jerry.

12 MAYOR CONWAY: Jerry, can I ask you  
13 a question?

14 MR. CRUSER: Sure.

15 MAYOR CONWAY: Where did this all  
16 end -- did you go in front of the magistrate  
17 last year?

18 MR. CRUSER: We did.

19 MAYOR CONWAY: What is --

20 MR. CRUSER: There was a little  
21 private meeting without the magistrate with a  
22 few officers and a member from Council, and we  
23 thought it all went away.

24 MAYOR CONWAY: Okay.

25 MS. BRIER: Yeah, we did too.

1 MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah.

2 MR. CRUSER: We thought it went  
3 away.

4 MAYOR CONWAY: So, it never went in  
5 front of the magistrate, correct?

6 MR. CRUSER: The magistrate did  
7 charge him. He was convicted, and then it was  
8 he appealed it and he was supposed to go  
9 downtown.

10 I never got paperwork on it to go  
11 downtown because we kind of settled the dispute  
12 amongst everything, and it was -- we thought  
13 it went away. Chief thought it went away. It  
14 was -- it is what it is.

15 We're dealing with an adult who's an  
16 adolescent, and it's just, it's nonstop. It's  
17 like -- the moral of this, it's not racism,  
18 it's not discrimination, it's turn your music  
19 down.

20 Now it's being done by his vehicle.  
21 The officer was at my house last week, he was  
22 at my house for 32 minutes, the music was  
23 blasting. The guy was sitting on his porch  
24 doing what he does with his car blasting  
25 between my house and his house with the music

1           just pumping.

2                   The officer walks over, he turns it  
3           down. The officer asks him, Why are you doing  
4           this? So on and so forth. As soon as the  
5           officer leaves, the music goes up even louder.

6                   There's more than enough proof with  
7           the videos, the recordings. And not only did  
8           it stem from that, it stemmed to other  
9           harassment charges. Like, other harassments  
10          that I filed against him from, like, tailing my  
11          wife, spitting at my wife, hiding behind a tree  
12          and throwing fireworks at another neighbor  
13          waiting for him to come up with his dog and the  
14          neighbor had to run down the street.

15                  It's all on video. It's being  
16          presented to the magistrate on July 16th.

17                  MS. BRIER: Oh, good.

18                  MR. CRUSER: I would invite any one  
19          of you people to come stay at my house at any  
20          time of the day and listen to what goes on,  
21          whether it's 3:00 in the morning when I get up  
22          to go to the bathroom, the bass is thumping and  
23          you can't sleep, with my air conditioner on  
24          because my windows are shaking.

25                  MS. BRIER: So, Jerry, was it before

1                   Magistrate Ware?

2                   MR. CRUSER: This one is, yes.

3                   MS. BRIER: On the 16th?

4                   MR. CRUSER: Yes. And it's just,  
5                   it's non-stop. I'm asking you guys to help.  
6                   There's an ordinance, you can look up Moosic's,  
7                   Taylor's, they're all originated from state  
8                   laws.

9                   MAYOR CONWAY: Right. Well, I think  
10                  we can compare those to what we have, and if we  
11                  have to adjust it, I think Council would  
12                  probably more than --

13                  (Inaudible crosstalk.)

14                  MS. BRIER: Yeah. Definitely.

15                  MR. CRUSER: Well, what I'm finding  
16                  from Dunmore, there's nothing. It says 86 on a  
17                  decibel meter, I mean, that does nothing.

18                  MAYOR CONWAY: Right.

19                  MR. CRUSER: That does nothing. Him  
20                  backing his car down through the driveway  
21                  purposely with the windows down, whether it's  
22                  zero degrees or 90 degrees, it's spitefully  
23                  done. He's disrupting the neighborhood.

24                  MS. BRIER: So, it went away for a  
25                  little while?

1 MR. CRUSER: It really didn't  
2 because it was winter months. It was winter  
3 months.

4 MS. BRIER: Okay.

5 MR. CRUSER: And he actually, he  
6 apologized to other neighbors. So, he knew he  
7 was wrong. And I really don't want to get into  
8 all this, this is going in front of the  
9 magistrate.

10 MS. BRIER: Yeah.

11 MR. CRUSER: I'm just asking you  
12 guys, the Mayor and Council, to look at this.

13 MS. BRIER: We definitely will,  
14 yeah.

15 MR. CRUSER: And if the Chief could  
16 actually look into these state laws, because  
17 they actually can do something now without even  
18 having this.

19 MS. BRIER: We will do that.

20 MR. CRUSER: It's just the  
21 neighborhood is up in arms, and it's stemming  
22 to other neighborhoods, and the Chief knows it.  
23 And it's not just him targeting us, it's  
24 targeting other people.

25 MS. BRIER: Well, thank you, Jerry.

1           Thank you.

2                   MS. ZANGARDI: He's targeting other  
3 people outside of the neighborhood?

4                   MR. CRUSER: Yes. And the Chief  
5 knows about it. He does, and it's -- it's  
6 complicated.

7                   MS. BRIER: Yeah.

8                   MR. CRUSER: It's very, very  
9 complicated, and the Chief knows it's  
10 complicated, and his hands are tied right now.

11                  MS. BRIER: Well, thank you.

12                  MR. CRUSER: It's tough.

13                  MS. BRIER: Thanks for coming.

14                  MR. CRUSER: Thank you.

15                  MS. BRIER: And we will do that. I  
16 appreciate that you brought it. Thank you.

17                  ALL MEMBERS: Thank you, Jerry.

18                  MS. BRIER: Anyone like to speak  
19 before Council tonight? Sure.

20                  MR. CAMPBELL: My name is James  
21 Campbell, I live at 214 Helen Street in  
22 Dunmore, and I gave paperwork the last time  
23 that I spoke to Council, to Attorney Perry.  
24 Attorney Perry was waiting for the attorney  
25 that gave me the paperwork to start to get

1           some -- to get his information. I didn't set  
2           up a --

3                   ATTY. PERRY: You didn't hire him.

4                   MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, I didn't hire  
5           the attorney yet. He asked me to talk to  
6           Council first and see if there was information  
7           that you need that he'd have to provide, or I  
8           can provide, because he can't come to the  
9           meeting. He can't be here at 6:00 on Monday.

10                  ATTY. PERRY: Jim, just have him  
11           call me.

12                  MS. BRIER: We've said that a couple  
13           of times now. Have Attorney Pascale call him,  
14           Call Mickey.

15                  MR. CAMPBELL: I did. I asked him  
16           to call. I called multiple times, and he  
17           hasn't gotten in touch with Attorney Perry.

18                  MS. BRIER: So, we have to wait for  
19           that, okay? We have to wait for your attorney  
20           to talk to --

21                  MR. CAMPBELL: I didn't hire him,  
22           though.

23                  MS. BRIER: Well, yeah, but you  
24           mentioned him on several different occasions.

25                  MR. LOUGHNEY: Jimmy -- I'm sorry.



1 First thing you better do is go hire him.

2 MR. CAMPBELL: My --

3 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

4 MR. LOUGHNEY: I mean, he's not  
5 going to do it unless he's a relation or a  
6 friend and is doing it pro bono for you, but  
7 it's not --

8 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. And he gave me  
9 the paperwork to give to you so you could see  
10 what --

11 MR. LOUGHNEY: Okay. Well, all it  
12 will take is a call from him to Attorney Perry  
13 and it could be rectified just that easy.

14 He doesn't have to come to a  
15 meeting, he just has to pick up his phone and  
16 call Attorney Perry and then they could resolve  
17 it.

18 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. But he's gonna  
19 tell you, my, where I live on the alley and the  
20 papers that we have from years ago that show  
21 that the alley was actually owned by Dunmore,  
22 and that hasn't changed.

23 MS. BRIER: Well, as we said before,  
24 you know, we go by the liquid fuels tax, you  
25 know, the state tells us which roads we own.

1           Again, this is --

2                   MR. CAMPBELL:   Which roads they're  
3           gonna pay for.

4                   MS. BRIER:   No, no, no.   We don't  
5           pay for roads we don't own.   So, this has been  
6           gone over and gone over.

7                   So, right now we're at an impasse,  
8           Jim, and we just need your attorney to call our  
9           attorney, because it is pretty complicated,  
10          it's a legal issue, and we cannot resolve this  
11          for you until we have a meeting of the minds.

12                  MR. CAMPBELL:   He's gonna tell me,  
13          It's your issue, you can deal with it.

14                  MS. BRIER:   Well, we're telling you  
15          something else.   I mean --

16                  MR. CAMPBELL:   You're telling me you  
17          won't talk to me.

18                  MS. BRIER:   No, no, we will.   For  
19          sure.

20                  MR. CAMPBELL:   I didn't hire the  
21          attorney, so the rest of my neighbors,  
22          including your cousin, I guess, did not hire  
23          this as an attorney yet.

24                  MR. LOUGHNEY:   Jimmy, could I ask  
25          the question, how did you get the letter from

1 Mr. Pascale?

2 MR. CAMPBELL: How did I get the  
3 letter?

4 MR. LOUGHNEY: Yeah. Did you say  
5 you had a letter from him?

6 MR. CAMPBELL: I called him and I  
7 went down to meet him, and all of the paperwork  
8 that I gave to Attorney Perry --

9 MR. LOUGHNEY: Okay. So, when you  
10 went down his office and got this paperwork,  
11 did he just give it to you and say --

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, he did.

13 MR. LOUGHNEY: -- good luck, or did  
14 he say have them call me?

15 MR. CAMPBELL: He said go and talk  
16 to Council and see what they have to say.

17 MR. LOUGHNEY: Okay. Well, Jimmy,  
18 we feel terrible sitting here every month and  
19 having you come up. We'd like to get it  
20 resolved as much as you would, but it's gonna  
21 take effort on your part to get --

22 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm here to talk --

23 MR. LOUGHNEY: Hold on. Let me  
24 finish. And we know, and we do, but we can't  
25 help you that way. You have to get Mr. Pascale

1           to call Mr. Perry, our solicitor, the Borough's  
2           solicitor, and they could work this out.

3                   MR. CAMPBELL:   Why won't you talk to  
4           me?

5                   MR. LOUGHNEY:   We can't because we  
6           already gave you the answer.

7                   MS. BRIER:    We have talked to you.

8                   MR. LOUGHNEY:   We don't get money  
9           for that road and we have nowhere where it says  
10          it's our road.

11                   MS. BRIER:    We have talked to you  
12          and it's now on advice of counsel, he has told  
13          us not to do this until -- so, we have to go by  
14          what our solicitor says, and our solicitor  
15          tells us that it's not our road.   So, if you  
16          have someone to represent you --

17                   MR. CAMPBELL:   What do you do for  
18          the other roads in Dunmore that are alleys?

19                   MS. ZANGARDI:   Can I speak to that,  
20          please?

21                   MS. BRIER:    Sure.   Go ahead.

22                   MS. ZANGARDI:   All the roads are in  
23          need of repair.   The alleys are a mess.   Go  
24          look at the alley behind Ragnacci's, that's  
25          before 2nd Street and after Blakely Street, a

1 mess. 3rd Street and 4th Street, a mess.  
2 Roots are coming up, you can't even drive on  
3 them.

4 They're all a mess, and in my  
5 opinion, and I'm speaking for myself here, we  
6 have so much to maintain and take care of, the  
7 alleys would not be a top priority today. Not  
8 saying it won't be next year or the year after  
9 or the year after that, however --

10 MR. CAMPBELL: Nothing was done for  
11 years before that.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: Correct. You're  
13 exactly right. And that's what we are trying  
14 to do. We're working --

15 MS. BRIER: We're over five minutes  
16 now, Beth.

17 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay.

18 MS. BRIER: And the difference is we  
19 own those alleys. We own those alleys, we  
20 don't --

21 MR. CAMPBELL: You own this alley,  
22 too.

23 MS. ZANGARDI: Well, that's --  
24 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

25 MS. ZANGARDI: -- Mr. Pascale is

1           going to have to have with Mr. Perry because --  
2           however, you can also have that conversation  
3           with Mr. Perry, but we're telling you we don't  
4           own it.

5                   MR. CAMPBELL: My deed says that you  
6           do.

7                   ATTY. PERRY: Jimmy. Jim, just --

8                   MR. CAMPBELL: My deed and the deeds  
9           of the people that were here with me last time  
10          say that they're on a public alley.

11                  ATTY. PERRY: Jim, here's the --

12                  MR. CAMPBELL: If they say it's a  
13          public alley --

14                  ATTY. PERRY: Jim, here's the thing,  
15          you're not gonna get anything done until you  
16          have Mr. Pascale call me. Nothing is gonna  
17          happen until you have him do that.

18                  Give him \$50, give him whatever he  
19          wants. Hire him to call me. It's gonna take a  
20          phone call, and he's got to provide proof to me  
21          that it's our road. Short of that, there's  
22          nothing Council can do.

23                  MR. CAMPBELL: I gave you that.

24                  ATTY. PERRY: Jim, you told me --

25                  MR. CAMPBELL: What he's gonna give

1           you is --

2                       (Inaudible crosstalk.)

3           ATTY. PERRY: You told me that  
4           Mr. Pascale was gonna call me, all right? I  
5           think you told Council that he was representing  
6           you and he was gonna call me.

7           MR. CAMPBELL: No. I told you he  
8           gave me the paperwork. That's what --

9           MR. WOLFF: Mr. Campbell, we  
10          understand, and we'd like to do what we can,  
11          but we may have other people to talk.

12          We have the time limit that we hold  
13          everyone to, so, you know, Mr. Perry said,  
14          Attorney Perry said that if he's contacted and  
15          it's proven to him and we can show, then we'll  
16          take care of it. That's where we're at. I'm  
17          sorry. We're listening to you every meeting,  
18          but --

19          MR. CAMPBELL: But my deed says, and  
20          he's gonna show you the same thing as my deed  
21          says.

22          MR. WOLFF: All right.

23          ATTY. PERRY: We did our own  
24          research so far and we can't prove it's our  
25          road. If you have your lawyer call me and he

1           can prove to us that it's our road, then by all  
2           means Council will act. But short of that,  
3           Jim, there isn't anything that's gonna happen  
4           until you do that.

5                   MR. CAMPBELL: I did that. I did  
6           that multiple times, and he did not get back to  
7           you.

8                   MS. ZANGARDI: But Dunmore Borough  
9           did their research and the research has been  
10          found that it's not the Borough's. It's yours.

11                  MR. CAMPBELL: No. What was found,  
12          that it's not your road, that it's mine?

13                  MS. BRIER: We need to stop this  
14          conversation because there are other people  
15          here, Mr. Campbell.

16                  MR. WOLFF: Mr. Campbell --

17                  MR. CAMPBELL: What research do you  
18          have that shows that it's my road and not  
19          yours?

20                  MS. BRIER: We know what our roads  
21          are. We're given that information all the  
22          time. We absolutely know which roads are ours,  
23          and it's tied to the liquid fuels tax.

24                  Again, we've spent enough time on  
25          this today. You heard what we need from you,



1           and if you can do that, fine, but, otherwise,  
2           we gave you --

3                   MR. CAMPBELL: I did that.

4                   MS. BRIER: -- we gave you your  
5           answer.

6                   MR. WOLFF: Mr. Campbell, we have to  
7           move on. I apologize, but we have to move on.

8                   MS. BRIER: We have to move on.

9                   MR. WOLFF: All right? Thank you.

10                  MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Thank you.

11                  MS. BRIER: Thank you. Anyone else  
12           from the audience want to speak?

13                           (No response.)

14                  MS. BRIER: All right. Dunmore  
15           officials.

16                  MR. WOLFF: I just quickly want to  
17           say, especially the laborers of the DPW, we've  
18           been short CDL drivers. They've been doing a  
19           great job. I know that they've missed some,  
20           but they've been picking up recycling with open  
21           trucks, which is not an easy thing to do.  
22           They've really been working hard.

23                           Again, I know we're behind, but  
24           considering how many people we're short,  
25           they're doing a fantastic job. So, I just want

1           that recognized. That's all

2                   MR. CAMPBELL: They missed recycle.

3                   MR. WOLFF: We know, Mr. Campbell.

4           We know.

5                   MR. CAMPBELL: You know that you

6           missed recycle?

7                   MR. WOLFF: Mr. Campbell, please.

8                   MS. BRIER: We do know.

9                   MR. WOLFF: Yes.

10                  MS. BRIER: Yeah. And Didgy said  
11           he's gonna catch it up. He will. He will do  
12           that. He always does. But we've had some  
13           severe personnel shortages lately, but they're  
14           back now and he will do that, okay? He will do  
15           that.

16                  MR. CAMPBELL: You didn't get it in  
17           the week that you had for --

18                  MS. BRIER: And not just you. Like,  
19           it's happening because they physically don't  
20           have enough people to do it, but now he will  
21           get this done for you, okay?

22                  MR. WOLFF: Right.

23                  MS. BRIER: Okay.

24                  ATTY. PERRY: I have nothing.

25                  MS. BRIER: Okay.

1                   MAYOR CONWAY: I just want to say  
2                   thank you to Lisa Sabia. She donated her time  
3                   and her expertise. She put in all new  
4                   countertops and cabinets over at the police  
5                   department. Very appreciative of that.

6                   MS. BRIER: How's it look?

7                   MAYOR CONWAY: It looks great.

8                   MS. BRIER: Yeah, I bet.

9                   MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah. It's a big  
10                  upgrade. So, just thank you to Lisa. And  
11                  that's all I have.

12                 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Mayor.

13                 MR. LOUGHNEY: I have nothing.

14                 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm good. Thank you.

15                 MS. BRIER: Trip?

16                 MR. O'MALLEY: I recently attended  
17                  the groundbreaking ceremony for the Hidden  
18                  Hollows luxury senior living project on the  
19                  1300 block of Clay Avenue.

20                         There will be 66 units with three  
21                         levels of care. There's going to be  
22                         independent living, assisted living and memory  
23                         care.

24                                 I want to thank Tim Moran and the  
25                                 Center for Independent Living for the invite

1           and for investing in our Borough. And that's  
2           all I have.

3                   MS. BRIER: It's gonna be great. I  
4           don't have anything.

5                   MS. OVEN: I just want to thank the  
6           DPW, the fire and the police for all they do,  
7           especially during these heat waves that we  
8           have. I really appreciate it. So, thank you  
9           guys.

10                   MS. ZANGARDI: I have a couple of  
11           things. Chris Kearney, thank you for helping  
12           and taking care of the sidewalk updates in the  
13           back. It looks awesome.

14                   Greg, Bucktown Truck Sales and  
15           Service, I'm continuing to get complaints about  
16           the mess he has back there. If you could --  
17           and I know he's a commercial property in a  
18           residential area; however, he's a commercial  
19           property in a residential area, some of those  
20           homeowners have been there for generations, two  
21           or three generations. If you could ask him to  
22           put up a privacy fence or even trees to block.  
23           It's a mess back there, and I've seen it, and I  
24           know you have. So, if you could do that.

25                   A big shout out for Dunmore music

1 festival. And I just want this on the record,  
2 I mentioned it before, no right turns on  
3 Blakely Street in the block from Rite Aid to  
4 Cal Ideas. It just causes a lot of congestion.  
5 People are stopping.

6 And this is a difficult one for me.  
7 We live in a very small, narrow neighborhood.  
8 I'm on Homestead Street. Frank Street is  
9 behind us. We have over 35 apartments in that  
10 neighborhood.

11 I requested the captain of the  
12 police department to come up and look at the  
13 parking issue. The apartment quantity and the  
14 people are parking on -- tenants are parking on  
15 the sidewalks, not allowing people to walk on  
16 the sidewalks, having 95 year olds, 87 year  
17 olds, young families, children, park -- or, I'm  
18 sorry, walk on the street.

19 So, I asked the Chief to come up and  
20 I also asked the fire chief to come up to check  
21 out the parking situation and the apartment  
22 problem.

23 There are non-inspected apartments.  
24 There's not enough parking for all of the  
25 apartments that are there. One building has 12

1           apartments and probably, would you say, three  
2           spots, Sal? Two? Two. Zero parking. There's  
3           no parking for -- there's one apartment that  
4           has three apartments and we know they're not  
5           zoned for nor are they legal apartments and  
6           permitted.

7                       MS. BRIER: Well, Beth, maybe you  
8           can give Chief DeNaples a list.

9                       MS. ZANGARDI: I did.

10                      MS. BRIER: And Mike Brazil.

11                      MS. ZANGARDI: And I spoke to Sal,  
12           and unfortunately Mr. Conway stopped it saying  
13           he doesn't want it taken care of, which is why  
14           I would like it on the record to please -- I'd  
15           like to make a motion that there's -- actually,  
16           maybe make it a one way.

17                      We have talked about this with the  
18           neighbors, do no parking on one side of the  
19           street, and, thereby, the other side has  
20           sidewalks. So, I'd like to make a motion to  
21           look into no parking on the one side or making  
22           it a one way.

23                      And I would request, respectfully  
24           request, me being an elected official,  
25           Mr. Conway, please call me next time if there's

1 an issue. I would have appreciated a phone  
2 call. And then I wouldn't be sitting here  
3 doing this.

4 MAYOR CONWAY: What did you say that  
5 I said no to?

6 MS. ZANGARDI: I'm just telling you  
7 what they told me. And I don't want to get  
8 into --

9 MAYOR CONWAY: I'm sorry, what did I  
10 say no to exactly? You said I said no to the  
11 whole thing?

12 MS. ZANGARDI: No parking signs on  
13 this side of the street. I also --

14 MAYOR CONWAY: I don't think that's  
15 exactly how it --

16 CHIEF MARCHESE: I actually talked  
17 to the Mayor, and we were in agreeance that it  
18 was a bad situation. However, we were more  
19 concerned about where are these cars gonna park  
20 before we go up and ram all these signs up  
21 there.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: That's correct.

23 CHIEF MARCHESE: So, his concern  
24 was what's gonna happen after this. So, we  
25 kind of --

1 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

2 MS. ZANGARDI: That's correct.

3 However, we also did discuss the illegal  
4 apartments and the fact that --

5 MAYOR CONWAY: I have no problem --

6 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

7 MS. ZANGARDI: -- there's no  
8 permitting --

9 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

10 MAYOR CONWAY: If there's illegal  
11 apartments, I would love for the Chief to go up  
12 and --

13 CHIEF MARCHESE: I personally went  
14 up there as soon as I got off the phone with  
15 you, I told you they were there.

16 MS. ZANGARDI: Right.

17 CHIEF MARCHESE: We looked at them,  
18 I talked to Mike Brazil, I gave him all the  
19 information --

20 MS. ZANGARDI: That's correct.

21 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

22 MS. ZANGARDI: But we still have the  
23 problem of illegal apartments and no parking in  
24 an entire block of over 35 apartments. And we  
25 did name names, which I won't name here,



1           there's a three apartment unit that has zero  
2           parking, but they own the empty lot next door.

3                   MS. BRIER: Well, Beth, I think --

4                   MS. ZANGARDI: And, Sal, your quote  
5           to me was, I'm in the middle. And I said,  
6           Well, I'm gonna put it on the record so we can  
7           clarify and clear up and have conversation  
8           moving forward.

9                   MAYOR CONWAY: Well, on the record,  
10          if we're talking on the record, if there are  
11          illegal apartments on those streets, I agree  
12          that they should be shut down.

13                  MS. ZANGARDI: Well, we're taking  
14          care of that, because I spoke to Michael Brazil  
15          about that.

16                  MAYOR CONWAY: As far as no parking  
17          signs go, I don't think the solution is for you  
18          to call the police chief and say, Put up no  
19          parking signs.

20                  MS. ZANGARDI: I didn't do that, but  
21          thank you.

22                  MS. BRIER: You know what, I think  
23          this discussion would be better served in  
24          another venue. Maybe you can meet with the  
25          Chief and the Mayor and, you know, iron some of

1           these things out.

2                   MAYOR CONWAY: I'd be happy to talk  
3           about it. I never received a phone call about  
4           it. All I heard was that we were told to put  
5           no parking signs on Frank Street.

6                   MS. ZANGARDI: That's not true. I  
7           called --

8                   MAYOR CONWAY: That's all I know.  
9                   (Inaudible crosstalk.)

10                  MAYOR CONWAY: You never called me.  
11                  (Inaudible crosstalk.)

12                  MS. ZANGARDI: Talk to the Chief of  
13           police --

14                  MS. BRIER: This is not the forum,  
15           Beth.

16                  MS. ZANGARDI: -- talk to Chief of  
17           the fire.

18                  MS. BRIER: Beth, this is not the  
19           forum.

20                  MS. ZANGARDI: You should have  
21           called me before you made that ruling.

22                  MS. BRIER: Let's all, you know,  
23           make a meeting.

24                  CHIEF DENAPLES: Janet.

25                  MS. BRIER: Yeah. Go ahead, Chief.

1 CHIEF DENAPLES: Can I just give my  
2 interaction with this?

3 MS. BRIER: Yes. Please.

4 CHIEF DENAPLES: Just so --

5 MS. BRIER: Yeah. That would be  
6 very valuable.

7 CHIEF DENAPLES: So, I received a  
8 call from Chief Marchese a couple weeks ago and  
9 he had asked me, he said, If you could go up  
10 there and check in the evening when people are  
11 home, and he said, you know, see what you think  
12 about the situation with fire apparatus  
13 passing.

14 So, what I did was, I told him, I  
15 said, Perfect. I could do it tonight. I said,  
16 My daughter has a softball game up at Sherwood.  
17 I said, It's over about 9 -- 8 or 9:00, it was  
18 actually over a little after 9, so I drove down  
19 there, and the parking, you couldn't get a fire  
20 truck through there.

21 So, I told Chief Marchese, I said, I  
22 will e-mail this to you. If you need me to do  
23 anything further after that, please let me  
24 know. So, I actually e-mailed him and then I  
25 texted him that I e-mailed him, and he said, I

1           just wanted that documented.

2                       Well, a day or so later, Beth had  
3           called me and I told her I was already up  
4           there, I looked at it, the street is tight, I  
5           e-mailed Chief Marchese but I haven't heard  
6           anything regarding apartments up there that are  
7           not supposed to be occupied, meaning they're  
8           not zoned for that. This is the first time I'm  
9           hearing that.

10                      I know Beth said she spoke with Mike  
11           Brazil. What I would recommend to do with that  
12           is, again, I'll follow up with Mike Brazil  
13           tomorrow, because, again, that's the first time  
14           I'm hearing about that component of it. The  
15           parking, I was up there.

16                      However, I think that where this  
17           needs to go, I think we need to get that  
18           information from Mike Brazil, addresses.

19                      MS. BRIER: Okay.

20                      CHIEF DENAPLES: And I think it  
21           needs to go to Anthony at NEIC.

22                      MS. BRIER: Okay. That's a good  
23           suggestion.

24                      CHIEF DENAPLES: To research, okay,  
25           is this address really zoned for this amount of

1 parking.

2 MS. BRIER: Okay.

3 CHIEF MARCHESE: They were inspected  
4 I think two different times, and there's  
5 records of when they inspected there might have  
6 been only six apartments and now there's at  
7 least ten. It's still more than what --

8 MS. BRIER: Oh.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: Oh. In basements.  
10 And that's the main one, technically.

11 MS. BRIER: Well, I think that's a  
12 good suggestion, Chief, and we can absolutely  
13 do it.

14 MS. ZANGARDI: We talked about this  
15 with Greg and Mr. Brazil and Captains --

16 MS. BRIER: So we're working on it.  
17 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

18 MS. ZANGARDI: -- I don't want --  
19 police captains and chiefs and fire chiefs and  
20 captains.

21 MS. BRIER: Yeah. So we are working  
22 on it.

23 MS. ZANGARDI: But thank you.

24 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks, Beth.  
25 Thank you. Anyone else have anything today?

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(No response.)

MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to  
adjourn?

MR. O'MALLEY: Motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

MS. BRIER: All those in favor.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned.)

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