

COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

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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

ELIZABETH ZANGARDI

WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III

PATRICK LOUGHNEY - absent

GREG WOLFF, Borough Manager

MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MS. BRIER: Roll call.

4 MR. WOLFF: Mayor Conway.

5 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

6 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney is absent.

7 Mr. Dempsey.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

9 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

11 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

12 MS. BRIER: Here.

13 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

14 MS. OVEN: Here.

15 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Zangardi.

16 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

17 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

18 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

19 MR. WOLFF: Number three, public  
20 comment on agenda items. Mrs. Brier, I just  
21 wanted to add that we will be -- for number  
22 nine we will also be adding Peter Hilburn as a  
23 part-time police officer.

24 MS. BRIER: All right. So we're  
25 just amending the agenda item number nine and

1 adding Peter Hilburn. Now, would anyone like  
2 to comment on agenda items only? Seeing none,  
3 Greg.

4 MR. WOLFF: Number three, motion to  
5 approve the minutes.

6 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to  
7 approve last month's minutes?

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

9 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

10 MS. BRIER: We have a motion and a  
11 second. Anyone on the question? All those in  
12 favor.

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. WOLFF: Number five, motion to  
17 approve and pay the open bills.

18 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to  
19 approve and pay the open bills.

20 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that  
21 motion.

22 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

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

1 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. WOLFF: Number six, recognition  
5 of Dunmore firefighters for rescue efforts at a  
6 recent fire on Drinker Street. Chief DeNaples?

7 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening. On  
8 Monday, July 29th at 21:45, Station Six was  
9 dispatched to 760 East Drinker Street for  
10 reported structure fire with one victim  
11 reported entrapped in the house.

12 The on-duty firefighters Lieutenant  
13 Kyle Stanton, Firefighter Larry Waters,  
14 Firefighter Amanda Piere, Firefighter Maurice  
15 Menichetti who are here joining us tonight  
16 responded with Ladder Six and Rescue Six. When  
17 Ladder Six arrived on scene, they found a two  
18 story mixed use occupancy with a business on  
19 the first floor and residential dwelling on the  
20 second floor.

21 They found one victim hanging from a  
22 second floor window on the parking lot side.  
23 Two firefighters extended a ground ladder and  
24 made the rescue. The victim was brought down  
25 with next to no injuries and was treated by EMS

1 on the scene and was released there shortly  
2 thereafter.

3 When Ladder Six officer stretched an  
4 attack hose to the rear of the structure  
5 entered with almost zero visibility and high  
6 heat within the structure. Approximately 20  
7 feet in they found the fire. It was knocked  
8 down.

9 A primary search was done to look  
10 for any further victims and that came up  
11 negative. This is a true tribute to having a  
12 paid Fire Department staff by well trained  
13 professionals at the ready. And this victim,  
14 you know, wouldn't have survived in minutes if  
15 it didn't happen the way they did and, you  
16 know, them tasks weren't performed.

17 It was a well-oiled machine. You  
18 know, everybody worked together and that was a  
19 good result. There was a -- you know, a lot of  
20 bad things could have happened there real  
21 quick. So I would like to congratulate and  
22 thank Lieutenant Stanley, Firefighter Waters,  
23 Firefighter Piere and Menichetti.

24 Also like to thank the second shift  
25 police officers that were on scene there. They

1           were a tremendous help as well as the Scranton  
2           Fire Department and Pennsylvania Ambulance EMS  
3           and Taylor for backfilling our station. So  
4           great work by all. Thank you.

5                     MS. BRIER: Thank you. We're very  
6           fortunate in Dunmore to have that.

7                     CHIEF DENAPLES: Absolutely.

8                     MR. HALLINAN: Thank you, Chief.

9                     MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to  
10          appoint Nicholas Dunda to full-time status  
11          within the DPW.

12                    MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to  
13          appoint Nicholas Dunda to full-time status  
14          within the DPW?

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

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

18                    MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
19          second. All those in favor.

20                    ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21                    MS. BRIER: Opposed?

22                    (No response.)

23                    MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to  
24          approve Joseph Nemeth as a temporary DPW  
25          laborer.

1 MS. BRIER: I'm looking for a motion  
2 to approve Joseph Nemeth as a temporary DPW  
3 laborer.

4 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that  
5 motion.

6 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

8 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
9 second. Anyone on that question?

10 MR. O'MALLEY: Yeah, he's a former  
11 student of mine, played soccer at Dunmore High  
12 School. His work ethic is great. I think he  
13 will be a great addition to the staff.

14 MS. BRIER: Anyone else? All those  
15 in favor.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to  
20 appoint Jonathan Mclee, Katia Harris, Dontae  
21 Edwards and Peter Hilburn as part-time police  
22 officers.

23 MS. BRIER: All right. May I have a  
24 to appoint Jonathan Mclee, Katia Harris, Dontae  
25 Edwards and Peter Hilburn as part-time police

1                   officers?

2                   MR. DEMPSEY:   So moved.

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

5                   MR. DEMPSEY:   Second.

6                   MS. BRIER:   And a second.   Anyone on  
7                   the question?   All right.   All those in favor.

8                   ALL MEMBERS:   Aye.

9                   MS. BRIER:   Opposed?

10                  (No response.)

11                  MR. WOLFF:   Number 10, motion to  
12                  approve donation from Keystone Landfill DEP  
13                  fine funds of ten thousand dollars to both  
14                  Sherwood Park and St. Anthony's Park and five  
15                  thousand dollars to support Borough sponsored  
16                  Feral Cat Program.

17                  MS. BRIER:   Okay.   May I have a  
18                  motion to approve a donation from Keystone  
19                  Landfill DEP fine funds of ten thousand dollars  
20                  to both Sherwood Park and St. Anthony's Park  
21                  and five thousand dollars to support Borough  
22                  sponsored Feral Cat Program?

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

24                  MS. ZANGARDI:   I'll second.

25                  MS. BRIER:   I have a motion and a



1 second. Anyone on the question?

2 I know we had folks coming from  
3 Sherwood to ask if, you know, some of that  
4 money could be spent at Sherwood Park. So we  
5 thought, you know, it would be fair to include  
6 St. Anthony's Park as well. And the feral cat  
7 program has been going really well. But it's  
8 expensive to get the trap, neuter and release.  
9 So all those in favor.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, motion to  
14 approve Professional Services Agreement with  
15 Keystone Consulting Engineers for Health  
16 Officers Services.

17 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to  
18 approve Professional Services Agreement with  
19 Keystone Consulting Engineers for Health  
20 Officers Services?

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

22 MS. BRIER: Can I have a second?

23 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

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

1 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier, yes, the  
2 former company that we were using, their health  
3 inspector left. So they had no one qualified.  
4 This health inspector that we were using in the  
5 Borough went to this company, the Keystone  
6 Consulting engineers. And we're actually  
7 saving some money for their hourly rate.

8 She did a fantastic job. We  
9 received zero complaints for the last couple  
10 years with her. So it will be her doing them,  
11 just a different company.

12 MS. BRIER: All those in favor.

13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MS. BRIER: Okay.

17 MR. WOLFF: Number 12, motion to  
18 promote sergeants within the police department.

19 MS. BRIER: All right. May I have a  
20 motion to promote --

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Do you want to explain  
22 it first?

23 MS. BRIER: Okay. So we had folks  
24 offered the sergeant's test to the whole  
25 department. A number of folks did take the

1 sergeant's test. We had five police officers  
2 who passed both the written and the oral Civil  
3 Service Test. They are on the list.

4 It is our intention along with the  
5 Chief's recommendation to hire three, one for  
6 each shift, the day shift, the evening shift,  
7 and the night shift. We will hire the  
8 sergeants. They will pick the shifts per our  
9 Collective Bargaining Agreement and with the  
10 help of the Chief.

11 And we intend to do that this  
12 evening. There are some Collective Bargaining  
13 Agreement shifts that are in place right now.  
14 So this would be -- they would start as  
15 sergeants right away but not -- but the shifts  
16 will be determined around January 1st. So I  
17 was hoping to go get a motion to promote  
18 Stephon Burgette to sergeant.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion  
20 to the promote Stephon Burgette to the rank of  
21 sergeant within the Dunmore Police Department.

22 MS. BRIER: I have a motion. May I  
23 have a second?

24 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

25 MS. BRIER: All right. Anyone on

1 the question? All those in favor --

2 MAYOR CONWAY: Sorry, real quick.

3 In my time here Stephon has been one of our --  
4 he's a super reliable officer, never heard a  
5 bad word about him in the community. He's  
6 always out there. You see him at the Music  
7 Fest. He's interacting with the community.

8 We did have him in for an interview  
9 as well, which was incredible. He had some  
10 really good ideas to improve the department and  
11 he has my strong recommendation as well.

12 MS. BRIER: And I would just like to  
13 add that we did interview all five candidates.  
14 All five candidates are very highly qualified  
15 and did very well in the interview process.  
16 Thanks, Mayor. All those in favor of hiring  
17 Stephon Burgette promoting him to sergeant.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MS. BRIER: All right. I'm looking  
22 for a motion to promote Thomas Richardson as a  
23 sergeant to the position of sergeant.

24 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that  
25 motion.

1 MS. BRIER: All right. I have a  
2 motion. Do I have a second?

3 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

4 MS. BRIER: All right. Anyone on  
5 the question?

6 MAYOR CONWAY: As with Stephon,  
7 exactly as you said, we did have five very well  
8 qualified candidates for this motion. I'm sure  
9 most people in here know Tom Richardson. He's  
10 incredibly out in the community, a little bit  
11 too much. I don't know where he finds the  
12 time, softball tournaments and the National  
13 Night Out is tomorrow which is obviously a huge  
14 event in the Borough.

15 And again, he's just well-regarded  
16 in the community. He's been an officer here  
17 for a long time. I think he would make a  
18 fantastic sergeant.

19 MS. BRIER: Very good. Thanks  
20 Mayor. All those in favor.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MS. BRIER: And finally, I'd like to  
25 make a motion to promote Michael Igoe to

1           sergeant in the police department.

2                   MR. O'MALLEY: I make a motion to  
3 promote Officer Michael Igoe to the position of  
4 sergeant of the Dunmore Police Department.

5                   MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

8                   MAYOR CONWAY: In addition to what I  
9 said previously, Officer Igoe is also very well  
10 known in the community. In addition to his  
11 great work as a police officer, he's also  
12 currently the President of the Police Union.

13                   And I've actually had an opportunity  
14 to work closely with him on matters regarding  
15 the police department in that role for him.  
16 He's a great leader. And again, I think you'd  
17 make a fantastic captain -- sorry, sergeant.

18                   MS. BRIER: Okay. All those in  
19 favor.

20                   ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21                   MS. BRIER: I'd just like to thank  
22 everyone who took the test who took the  
23 interest in becoming a sergeant and, you know,  
24 everyone who had passed test. Again, when we  
25 interviewed the five candidates, they were all

1           excellent candidates. We're very, very  
2           fortunate with the personnel within our police  
3           department. So thank you very much.

4                   MR. WOLFF: Number 13, motion to  
5           approve winning bidder for 2024 Borough  
6           Building Improvements Phase 1.

7                   MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to  
8           approve winning bidder for 2024 Borough  
9           Building Improvements Phase 1?

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

12                  MS. BRIER: I have a motion. May I  
13           have a second?

14                  MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

15                  MS. BRIER: On this question, we did  
16           put an LSA Grant out last fall and we were able  
17           to get \$69,000 in grant money to improve the  
18           outside -- I don't know anyone who's gone  
19           around the Borough Building realizes how  
20           poorly, especially in front of the police  
21           department it looks. This will be a huge  
22           improvement to the appearance of our Borough  
23           Building.

24                  MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier, if I could  
25           add to that?

1 MS. BRIER: Yes.

2 MR. WOLFF: So we advertised. We  
3 had a competitive bidding process. We had  
4 three bidders that were read out Friday  
5 afternoon. The lowest responsible bidder that  
6 was reviewed by our Solicitor was LR Costanzo  
7 in the amount of \$70,265.

8 So that will be -- Phase 1 is going  
9 to be the concrete work in front of the fire  
10 station, the Borough Building, some sidewalks  
11 and do some other work in front of there.

12 MS. BRIER: Yeah, all those weeds  
13 that are in front of the fire department,  
14 they're going to do something on that hill,  
15 correct?

16 MR. WOLFF: That will be kind of our  
17 second -- it's a different discipline. This  
18 will be concrete work. This is the big part.

19 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thanks, Greg.  
20 All those in favor.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MS. BRIER: All right.

25 MR. WOLFF: Number 14, motion to



1           approve Ordinance No. 5 of 2024 prohibiting  
2           disruptive noise within the Borough.

3                   MS. BRIER: All right. May I have a  
4           motion to approve Ordinance No. 5 of 2024  
5           prohibiting disruptive noise within the  
6           Borough?

7                   MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that  
8           motion.

9                   MS. OVEN: I'll second.

10                  MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
11           second. Anyone on the question? We have had  
12           numerous complaints in the Borough about the  
13           noise issues. Some of them are ongoing. We  
14           were able to get our Solicitor Mickey Perry to  
15           proposed this noise ordinance.

16                  It's not -- it should help with some  
17           of these complaints --

18                  MR. O'MALLEY: It was very outdated.

19                  MS. BRIER: Yeah, our noise  
20           ordinance was outdated and inadequate. So we  
21           felt like we needed to update it and we hope  
22           that this will improve the situation. So all  
23           those in favor.

24                  ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25                  MS. BRIER: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. WOLFF: Number 15, motion to  
3 approve Resolution No. 8 of 2024, DCED  
4 Multimodal grant application of \$1,366,455 for  
5 Dunmore Corners Streetscape Phase 1 Project.

6 MS. BRIER: All right. Motion to  
7 approve Resolution No. 8 of 2024, DCED  
8 Multimodal grant application of \$1,366,455 for  
9 Dunmore Corners Streetscape Phase 1 Project.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that  
11 motion.

12 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

13 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
14 second. Anyone on the question? Mayor, would  
15 you --

16 MAYOR CONWAY: Yeah, so I've been  
17 working with members of the Dunmore business  
18 community as well as Michelle Dempsey who is an  
19 architect and Tom Reilly who is an engineer.  
20 They both did a lot of work in downtown  
21 Pittston.

22 And for the last two years I have  
23 been talking to the Mayor of Pittston and the  
24 architect and engineer about how we could  
25 improve our downtown area. And this will be --

1           this funding will be for the section of Drinker  
2           Street between Blakely and Chestnut. And it  
3           will be new sidewalks trees, light poles --

4                   MS. BRIER: It's Blakely and Apple,  
5           right?

6                   MAYOR CONWAY: Apple, I'm sorry.  
7           That would be a very expensive project. So  
8           this will be the first phase of that. I have  
9           the plans all done which I'll share on social  
10          media. They look really incredible. It would  
11          make the corners look fantastic. So this is  
12          kind of Phase 1 here.

13                  MS. BRIER: Yeah, we're really  
14          grateful. Thank you.

15                  MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

16                  MS. ZANGARDI: That is great.

17                  MS. BRIER: All those in favor.

18                  ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19                  MS. BRIER: Opposed?

20                  (No response.)

21                  MR. WOLFF: Number 16, motion to  
22          approve Resolution No. 9 of 2024 DCED  
23          Multimodal grant application of \$441,429 to  
24          improve pedestrian access including ADA access.

25                  MS. BRIER: Okay. I'm looking for a

1 motion to approve Resolution No. 9 of 2024 DCED  
2 Multimodal grant application of \$441,429 to  
3 improve pedestrian access including ADA access.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: So moved.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

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

8 MR. WOLFF: Sandy Opshinsky from the  
9 county reached out to me requesting basically  
10 we're going to be the passthrough for this. It  
11 will cost -- it's no cost to the Borough. This  
12 will be part of -- there's another project that  
13 they are applying for. I forget the name of  
14 it, but another housing development on East  
15 Drinker Street.

16 So this will complement that. This  
17 will be no cost. The county is handling it all  
18 through Sandy Opshinsky. But we need to make  
19 the resolution to make it official.

20 MR. HALLINAN: And this is on the  
21 400 block of East Drinker.

22 MR. WOLFF: Yes.

23 MS. BRIER: Okay. I have a motion  
24 and a second. All those in favor.

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. WOLFF: Number 17, motion to  
4 approve Resolution No. 10 of 2024, Dunmore  
5 School District Monroe County Local Share  
6 Assessment grant application of \$500,000.

7 MS. BRIER: All right. I'm looking  
8 for a motion to approve Resolution No. 10 of  
9 2024, Dunmore School District Monroe County  
10 Local Share Assessment grant application of  
11 \$500,000.

12 MR. O'MALLEY: I'll make that  
13 motion.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

15 MS. BRIER: Motion and a second.  
16 Anyone on the question?

17 MR. WOLFF: The school district  
18 Antonella Lopatka reached out to me. They want  
19 to apply for this grant but school districts  
20 cannot. Municipalities can. So again, similar  
21 to the previous one, we'll be the passthrough  
22 grant, no cost to the Borough.

23 MS. BRIER: Yeah, this is the Local  
24 Share Assessment grant. It's called LSA. It's  
25 the same grantor who gave us the money for the

1           Borough Building. And so for some reason  
2           Lackawanna County is in the Monroe County Local  
3           Share.

4                       So that's why it says Monroe County.  
5           But we've applied for and received money  
6           through this grant process before. But I'm  
7           happy to do this for the Dunmore School  
8           District. All those in favor.

9                       ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10                      MS. BRIER: Opposed?

11                      (No response.)

12                      MR. WOLFF: Number 18, Treasurer  
13           finance report. Mark.

14                      MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council,  
15           my brief analysis for the financial report for  
16           the month of July. We have a net loss for the  
17           month of \$39,000 which brings our year-to-date  
18           net income to 2.3 million. It was a typical  
19           slow summer month. Real estate tax collection  
20           has steadily declined.

21                      Miscellaneous revenue, we received  
22           \$25,000 from Express Scripts for the second  
23           quarter, 2024 rebate; special assessments,  
24           \$711,000, the second quarter '24 landfill fees.

25                      As far as expenses were concerned,

1 retirement pension contribution \$60,000  
2 partial MMO payment; and our insurance premium  
3 our quarter liability property installment of  
4 \$71,000. Again, typical slow budgeted summer  
5 month.

6 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Mark.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

8 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney is absent  
9 today. He went on vacation. Mr. Judge.

10 MR. JUDGE: How's it going? We've  
11 been doing patching and painted the roads right  
12 now. That's about all we're doing. If you see  
13 a hole, call the DPW, get it on the list.

14 MS. ZANGARDI: How did you make out  
15 with the storm?

16 MR. JUDGE: We got killed with the  
17 storm. We're still cleaning it up. But we're  
18 out patching every day. I have a crew,  
19 sometimes two crews out. Just call up and  
20 we'll get them. I checked up on that -- I  
21 talked to that guy up there.

22 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay, good. Thank  
23 you. Okay, great.

24 MS. BRIER: Didge, those two  
25 appointees tonight, they'll get you back up to

1           your full complement of --

2                   MR. JUDGE: Close to it, you know,  
3           because you got the vacations for the summer  
4           and stuff. Every day is an adventure. We'll  
5           be all right. Okay. Thank you for the hiring.

6                   ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

7                   MR. WOLFF: Chief Marchese.

8                   CHIEF MARCHESE: Monthly report for  
9           July. Calls for service, we responded to 801  
10          calls for service. The number is down 19 calls  
11          from the previous month. Arrests for the month  
12          we had 11 criminal arrests, 7 non-traffic, 59  
13          traffic arrests, 30 written traffic warnings  
14          and 48 verbal traffic warnings.

15                   We have two officers returned from  
16          Heart and Lung. We had ten overtime shifts for  
17          the month. Officer Burgette took part in his  
18          annual SWAT training on July 9; Officer Grunza,  
19          Burnetti, Igoe took part in a four day street  
20          crimes training along with members of the  
21          Scranton Police Department on July 29th to  
22          August 1st. It was a great training.

23                   New business, from start of  
24          collection to the end of July, we have  
25          collected 7,899 including coin and credit card



1           and pay by phone transactions. During the  
2           month \$150 was collected in parking tickets and  
3           two citations have been filed.

4                       We have taken delivery of our new  
5           body cams. We're in the process of finalizing  
6           the policies. We actually had a four hour Zoom  
7           today with the administrators. We're looking  
8           to hopefully start the training within the next  
9           month or so.

10                   MS. BRIER: That's great.

11                   MS. OVEN: Chief, when do you think  
12           that will be up and running completely --  
13           fully?

14                   CHIEF MARCHESE: I think within a  
15           month or two months we should be good. Yeah,  
16           it's a little complicated. So we did the  
17           administrative first and then we'll start  
18           training the officers next month.

19                   MS. BRIER: Then we have the  
20           policies in place in terms of how --

21                   CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes, Mr. Perry  
22           approved everything.

23                   MS. BRIER: Oh, good. Thank you.

24                   CHIEF MARCHESE: That's all I got.

25                   ALL MEMBERS: Thank you, Chief.

1 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

2 CHIEF DENAPLES: I'd like to  
3 congratulate the three new sergeants, best of  
4 luck with moving forward in your supervisory  
5 roles.

6 I'll start with the Fire Department  
7 report and then we'll switch into the Code  
8 Enforcement. So as far as expenditures and  
9 purchases for August projected, the only steep  
10 expenditures we had projected when this report  
11 was written was we purchased a fire blanket as  
12 we continue to build on this electric vehicle  
13 fire issues that are, you know, pretty imminent  
14 all over the country.

15 Luckily, we only had the one battery  
16 up to this point. But inevitably, I'm sure  
17 we'll have more up the interstate, Tom Hesser,  
18 Nissan, up there they work on these vehicles.  
19 So we purchased a blanket. It's coming out of  
20 the rescue billing.

21 It's a fire blanket that you cover  
22 the car with. That is \$1,069.47. Our annual  
23 service on our eDRAULIC rescue tools, basically  
24 the jaws of life, \$1,097. We purchased some  
25 blowers, DeWalt leaf blowers to clean up after

1           motor vehicle accidents to put on the apparatus  
2           to make it a little easier for the crews, a  
3           little more efficient, \$318. Again, that came  
4           out of rescue billing.

5                       Besides from that, the only other  
6           potential steep expenditures are gear dryer.  
7           We have some issues going on with it. So the  
8           technician is coming out tomorrow to evaluate  
9           that. It could be anything as simple as from  
10          something blocked up and into a potential burn  
11          motor. So we're not really sure on that.

12                      As far as overtime scheduled, it's  
13          still pretty steep this month, 432 hours  
14          scheduled. So 54 part-time shifts put out.  
15          That's again, when this report was prepared.  
16          I'm hopeful after we get this Civil Service  
17          list settled and we get some of these positions  
18          replaced, I'm very hopeful an optimistic that  
19          it's going to be reduced dramatically.

20                      As far as the events that the Fire  
21          Department is participating in for the month of  
22          August and some extra duty assignments was the  
23          St. Rocco's fireworks. We did standby with  
24          extra duty folks last night. And we're  
25          participating in the National Night Out

1 tomorrow night, the Fire Department parade and  
2 thereafter.

3 And Holy Cross High School is having  
4 a bonfire on August 18th at St. Anthony's Park.  
5 So we'll have the brush truck go up there with  
6 some extra duty on staff to stand by for that.

7 Councilman Hallinan requested that  
8 we do a washdown after the Music Fest on August  
9 18th. He requested we go up on the 19th and  
10 wash the sidewalk and street down. So that's  
11 also listed on here as out of the ordinary.

12 The Fire Department union is doing  
13 that glow ball that we talked about a couple  
14 months ago during my report on Saturday, August  
15 31st at the Marjon Country Club up in Roaring  
16 Brook Township. The only other out of the  
17 ordinary event that we're participating in as  
18 of this point is the EMS standbys for the  
19 Junior Bucks down at the school from 11:45  
20 approximately until 4 p.m., on August 18th,  
21 25th, September 1st and 29th.

22 The apparatus will remain in service  
23 down there for any other calls if they come in.  
24 As far as the orientation process for the  
25 couple part timers, we have one that's put in

1           very limited shifts to come in and do  
2           orientation. So that's going a little slower  
3           than we hoped for.

4                     The other gentleman is doing pretty  
5           well. He's pretty much completed besides for a  
6           final test and getting a couple more calls for  
7           orientation policy. I'm thrilled to hear that  
8           we're replacing that ramp finally. That was  
9           pretty bad. So we got that grant. Great work  
10          on that for the application of that.

11                    As far as the code enforcement, we  
12          had 25 inspections scheduled for the month of  
13          August as of this point. Again, there may be  
14          some more. As far as calls from August 1st to  
15          the 12th, the Fire Department responded to 34  
16          calls, one fire-related call, eight EMS and  
17          rescue, one hazardous material, five service  
18          calls, six good intent, 10 false calls, one  
19          severe weather call was put in.

20                    But again, we respond to many more  
21          than that. It's just the way the coding was  
22          put in and two special type incidents. As far  
23          as the Code Enforcement, the only other thing  
24          that I think we need to get resolved sooner  
25          than later, we're trying to get a meeting

1           scheduled. There was some schedule conflicts  
2           with NEIC.

3                       I'm a little concerned about their  
4           response to doing inspections in hotels. We  
5           got a complaint and Kathryn and Greg are aware  
6           of it. And again, we're trying to get a  
7           meeting scheduled for the -- up on the O'Neill  
8           Highway the Wyndam Hotel behind Wendy's for a  
9           smoke detector covered.

10                      That's a very well kept  
11           establishment. However, there's some issues in  
12           the rooms with smoke detectors, some plumbing  
13           issues. NEIC is basically telling us we can't  
14           go in the room and do the inspections. To me,  
15           that's the most important part when people are  
16           in there sleeping.

17                      So we need to get that hammered out  
18           and figure something out with them. So they  
19           gave us a written response in an e-mail, but I  
20           think we need to have a sitdown with them and  
21           get this resolved as soon as --

22                      MS. BRIER: Definitely, yeah.

23                      CHIEF DENAPLES: Okay? So if  
24           there's no questions, that's everything. Thank  
25           you.

1 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

2 MR. WOLFF: Number 20, public  
3 comment.

4 MS. BRIER: Public comment. Anyone  
5 from the public want to speak tonight to  
6 Council?

7 MR. BONACUSE: You're doing a great  
8 job.

9 MS. BRIER: Would you mind giving  
10 your name and address?

11 MR. BONACUSE: First time here.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: First time we ever  
13 heard we're doing a great job.

14 MR. BONACUSE: I want something from  
15 you.

16 MS. BRIER: Can you give us your  
17 name and address?

18 MR. HALLINAN: Sir, you have to give  
19 your name and address to the stenographer.

20 MR. BONACUSE: My name is Peter  
21 Bonacuse. I live in Scranton, Pennsylvania at  
22 315 Jabez Place. And I own a property at  
23 511-513 Center Street in Dunmore. It's the  
24 Balanzano{phonetic} building. It's a historic  
25 monument according to my neighbor across the

1 street.

2 And there's an alley that goes along  
3 side my two properties 513 and 511 are two  
4 separate buildings. And there's an alley that  
5 goes through. It's on the map. And I've been  
6 filling in with modified for years -- for a  
7 couple years. But it got really bad since we  
8 had all the work out in the street from the  
9 water company and the gas company.

10 They did a great job. They replaced  
11 our pipes. We needed all that stuff. But when  
12 they paved it, I have a river coming down now  
13 over my yard and into the basement apartment at  
14 times depending on the rain. I have it  
15 sandbagged now because I'm sick and tired of  
16 cleaning it up.

17 MS. BRIER: Have you spoken to them,  
18 the folks that did the paving?

19 MR. BONACUSE: Yeah, it's not our  
20 problem. We didn't do that. It's the water  
21 company's problem. It's the gas company's  
22 problem. It's the Borough's problem. And the  
23 patch guy was up there says, no, it's not in  
24 our budget. We're not getting paid to do that.

25 But they did -- this particular



1 picture here is from when they replaced the gas  
2 line to my back building, they filled it with  
3 modified when it was a big pit.

4 MS. BRIER: That's UGI, sir?

5 MR. BONACUSE: Yeah, UGI. And  
6 that's what it grows into. That's right after  
7 the rain.

8 MR. HALLINAN: I got you. And this  
9 is coming in off of Center Street. So the  
10 curb --

11 MR. BONACUSE: There's no curb. My  
12 neighbor, a contractor, he put a nice curb in  
13 concrete and blacktop. We need a -- what do  
14 you call it -- a drain like a -- for the water  
15 to go under the ground to get into the storm  
16 drain. I mean --

17 MR. HALLINAN: You never had this  
18 problem before they paved it.

19 MR. BONACUSE: Right. We had  
20 problems but not like this.

21 MR. HALLINAN: So it obviously was a  
22 problem with the paving. So they didn't pitch  
23 it the right way.

24 MR. BONACUSE: Right.

25 MS. BRIER: Right. They have to

1 restore to the --

2 MR. BONACUSE: I have been to the  
3 office out here just a couple times.

4 MS. BRIER: UGI's?

5 MR. BONACUSE: No, here. So I  
6 talked to Chris and he said I should come down  
7 here and talk to you guys.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Do you know was it a  
9 water -- probably the water replacement up  
10 there. So it's probably the water company that  
11 paved the road.

12 MR. WOLFF: They're kind of both  
13 blaming each other.

14 MR. HALLINAN: But it's really  
15 still -- if anybody knows, it's the same  
16 entity. But they go by two different names.  
17 It's the same company.

18 MR. WOLFF: It's gas and water, not  
19 the sewer.

20 MR. HALLINAN: I'm sorry, water and  
21 sewer. So it's gas. They are different then.  
22 Greg, can you get in touch with them -- don't  
23 have you a meeting --

24 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, I have a meeting  
25 with them tomorrow I think it is.

1 MS. BRIER: And they are required to  
2 restore the roadways.

3 MR. HALLINAN: Maybe Greg can show  
4 them the pictures too.

5 MR. BONACUSE: We're all sandbagged  
6 up there now. I'm going leave them and paint  
7 them green like the grass.

8 MS. BRIER: Thank you, sir. Thanks  
9 for coming in.

10 MS. OVEN: Thank you.

11 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Bonacuse, what's  
12 your address again?

13 MR. BONACUSE: 315 Jabez Place.

14 MR. WOLFF: No, the property.

15 MR. HALLINAN: 511 and 513 Center  
16 Street.

17 MR. BONACUSE: Thanks.

18 MS. BRIER: Anyone else? Sure. But  
19 we really have to hold you to five minutes.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. I did most of  
21 my work with Attorney Perry already.

22 MS. BRIER: Okay, great.

23 MR. CAMPBELL: I have a lawyer  
24 that --

25 MS. BRIER: You have to come up here

1                   and state your name and address. Thank you.

2                   MR. CAMPBELL: Hello, my name is  
3 James Campbell. I live at 214 Helen Street in  
4 Dunmore. I hired Attorney Paul LaBelle to talk  
5 to Attorney Perry. He talked to him last week  
6 and he was going to talk to him again today.

7                   And I didn't get a response back  
8 from my lawyer today that that they talked or  
9 if they -- what the result was for the alley on  
10 the side of my house that I need to get paved.  
11 It's -- I went to the Globe Store in the county  
12 and I did the work that he would -- that the  
13 attorney was going to do with me.

14                  And there's nothing on the record  
15 that shows that the people that live on the  
16 alley own the alley itself. They told me that  
17 the alley is owned by the Borough of Dunmore.  
18 And that's how I left it with my attorney and  
19 my attorney talking to Attorney Perry. That's  
20 what --

21                  MS. BRIER: Attorney Perry's son is  
22 here today. So, Matt, would you like to  
23 address that?

24                  ATTY. PERRY: Yeah, sure. If your  
25 attorney does, in fact, have evidence by way of

1 documentation that the Borough does, in fact,  
2 own the alley, there could be a conversation  
3 about what can be done. Without that  
4 conversation happening, we really can't say  
5 anything of a definitive nature on the issue.

6 So once the conversation between  
7 your attorney, Mr. LaBelle and Michael Perry  
8 happens or our office happens, we could have a  
9 more informed conversation about if it is, in  
10 fact, a Borough owned road, okay?

11 MR. CAMPBELL: And from the time of  
12 my grandparents, it was a Borough owned alley  
13 in Dunmore.

14 ATTY. PERRY: Okay. Well, if that's  
15 the case, there should be some documentation  
16 out there supporting that. And if that  
17 document exists, please provide it to your  
18 attorney or he could get it and get to us and  
19 we could talk about it, okay?

20 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, I gave him  
21 everything that I had.

22 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Mr. Campbell.  
23 We'll wait to hear from him then. Thank you  
24 very much.

25 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. I thought they

1           were going to talk and have something for you  
2           today.

3                   MS. BRIER: Yes, we haven't heard  
4           anything, I'm sorry. But we will if they talk,  
5           sure.

6                   MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Didge said he  
7           was going to look to see if he could do  
8           something for the holes that's in the road and  
9           the edge of the alley where it intersects with  
10          Helen Street. The water is coming from Helen  
11          Street and going down the alley. So he's going  
12          to check to see what he could do to put some  
13          stuff down in.

14                   MS. ZANGARDI: Okay. That's good  
15          because I'm sure if Didge said he would, he  
16          will. So we'll touch base on the next meeting  
17          about that, okay?

18                   MR. JUDGE: Is it our road?

19                   MS. BRIER: It's not our road.

20                   MR. WOLFF: Yeah, we're not sure.  
21          We don't think it's ours.

22                   MR. JUDGE: I can't do it until I  
23          find out if it's our road.

24                   ATTY. PERRY: Mr. Campbell, he's not  
25          going to do anything until we hash it out with

1           your attorney. And then, you know, even in  
2           that case, we'll -- if it is -- if there's a  
3           determination that it actually is -- there  
4           could be additional conversations about if  
5           anything can be done. Until then, we can't  
6           make any further comment on it, okay?

7                   MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, there's no --  
8           there's nothing that says it's owned by the  
9           people.

10                  ATTY. PERRY: Yeah, there is nothing  
11           that says it's owned by the Borough apparently  
12           either. So until that happens, there is really  
13           nothing we could do, okay?

14                  MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Got it.

15                  MS. BRIER: Thanks, Mr. Campbell.  
16           Would anyone else like to address Council this  
17           evening? Okay, how about public officials  
18           then?

19                  MR. WOLFF: The only thing I have is  
20           great job you, guys. I know what it's like,  
21           hectic there. So great job that night going  
22           from 0 to 60 and getting Brenda, getting her  
23           out. Great job. Thank you, guys.

24                  MS. BRIER: Mayor?

25                  MAYOR CONWAY: Same. Great job by

1           our Fire Department. I heard from the owner of  
2           the building who is incredibly thrilled about  
3           how they responded. And also, congratulations  
4           to our new sergeants. I really think it's  
5           going to make a big improvement for the police  
6           department. That's all.

7                   MS. BRIER: Mike?

8                   MR. DEMPSEY: Same thing for me.  
9           Thank you, guys, for the Fire Department,  
10          Lieutenant Stanton, Firefighter Waters,  
11          Firefighter Pierre and Firefighter Menichetti.  
12          I think there were a couple officers, Tom, that  
13          you mentioned?

14                  MR. HALLINAN: Dan.

15                  MS. BRIER: Dan.

16                  MR. HALLINAN: Dan Evancho. He's a  
17          part-time officer. He was first on the scene.

18                  MS. BRIER: And Dave Aronica too.

19                  MR. DEMPSEY: Thank all you guys.  
20          You all did a fantastic job. But, you know,  
21          saving a life is something different, so really  
22          proud of you guys. Thank you for all your hard  
23          work. Congratulations to -- is Burgette here  
24          too?

25                  MS. BRIER: Yeah, he's over here.



1 MR. DEMPSEY: Congratulations to  
2 Sergeant Burgette, Sergeant Richardson, and  
3 Sergeant Igoe. Fantastic, we're lucky to have  
4 five awesome candidates. Unfortunately, we had  
5 to make a difficult decision up here. There  
6 was only three spots, but, you know, guys, keep  
7 up the good work and appreciate everything --  
8 all five of you do for the Borough.

9 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Mike.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: I want to first  
11 start, my cousin Katie and her husband Dennis  
12 lost their young daughter Erin in a tragic  
13 accident a few weeks ago on Jefferson Avenue.  
14 They are so thankful for the support of our  
15 community has shown them during an incredibly  
16 difficult time.

17 I ask that you continue to please  
18 keep this family in your prayers. My cousin  
19 specifically mentioned Michael Igoe who  
20 performed CPR on their daughter, Billy  
21 Bonavoglia, Anthony Cali, Fireman Mike Rinaldi  
22 were all there. I'm sure there were others.  
23 But those were the names that my cousin gave  
24 me.

25 So again, if would you please

1           continue to keep them in your prayers. Also,  
2           our fire department and police department and  
3           the Drinker Street fire, you're the bravest and  
4           the finest that we have. So thank you for your  
5           work. You do incredibly hard jobs. And our  
6           community is very grateful for what you do for  
7           us.

8                       And finally, I want to congratulate  
9           Nicholas Dunda and Joseph Nemeth with the DPW,  
10          Jonathan Mclee, Katia Harris, Dontae Edwards  
11          and Peter Hilburn joining our police force as  
12          part-time officers. I also want to  
13          congratulate our new sergeants, Stephon  
14          Burgette, Tom Richardson, and Michael Igoe.  
15          Congratulations. I know that you'll continue  
16          to do a fine job for our community. And that's  
17          all.

18                      MS. BRIER: Thanks. Tommy.

19                      MR. HALLINAN: I'm going to echo  
20          what everybody else has been saying. But, you  
21          know, until we need you, nobody gets it. And  
22          you guys are the first one to run in when  
23          everybody else is running out.

24                      We thank you for what you did and  
25          your bravery is -- I don't even have the words

1 to say how brave you guys are. Thank you for  
2 what you do every day, the police department  
3 also. You guys are the best.

4 I'd like to thank the summer camp  
5 counsellors for an outstanding job they did  
6 this year. I'd like to thank the new officers  
7 that got appointed to sergeants.

8 Like we said, it's difficult. You  
9 guys, well deserved and everybody is great.  
10 It's just a hard choice, I guess, you know, to  
11 come up with three names. I'd also like to  
12 thank a couple names I want to get on the  
13 record for providing free pizza and ice pops  
14 and ice cream trucks to all the parks.

15 These are just regular ordinary  
16 citizens that just step up in Dunmore when you  
17 put out a call. And I've actually turned  
18 people down this year for, you know, if you  
19 could believe that, like, wanting to donate to  
20 the kids in our community.

21 But we had Brian Loughney, Judy  
22 Cosgrove, D'Marie's Consignment and Calabria  
23 Pizza, Tommy DePietro and Two Brothers Pizza,  
24 Brian and Deanna Leo Prime Cut Landscaping,  
25 Gene and Kevin Metschlate, electrical

1 contractors and Gold Crown Pizza.

2 We had Joe Tomko and Kelly Doherty  
3 Laird from Fidelity Bank and Magistrate Paul  
4 Ware and Nina's Pizza. I mean, any time we  
5 ask, people just step up in this town and it's  
6 greatly appreciated. It makes -- I think what  
7 we all -- why we love being part of Council,  
8 sometimes it's 95 percent of the time and this  
9 gentleman tonight said we did a great job. I'm  
10 still in shock over that.

11 But it's a pleasure serving. And  
12 these people are just another example of  
13 Dunmoreans being Dunmore citizens. Thank you.  
14 That's all I have.

15 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Tom. Beth.

16 MS. ZANGARDI: Again, same thing,  
17 thank you to the Dunmore Fire Department and  
18 the Dunmore Police Department. Congratulations  
19 to the sergeants. You know, same thing. It's  
20 difficult decisions on all of these decisions.

21 I want to say thank you to the DPW  
22 as well. You're always here and always out  
23 rain, snow, sleet and rain. Just a couple  
24 things off the -- Karen McCool walk is a  
25 fundraiser for the McCool family. They lost

1           their sister. So they are doing a fundraiser  
2           on September 1st, 9:00.

3                     It's a walk up at St. Anthony's  
4           park. They are taking donations for baskets.  
5           And for walks, it's \$10. Everything is  
6           donated. That is on September 1st at 9:00 at  
7           St. Anthony's Park. There is also a purse  
8           bingo here to benefit the Senior Center.

9                     And if anybody wants to participate  
10          in that and they are also accepting donations  
11          for basket. And again, thank you to the Fire  
12          Department, the Police Department and the DPW  
13          workers. Thank you, everybody.

14                    MS. BRIER: Thanks, Beth. Kathryn.

15                    MS. OVEN: So I'd first like to  
16          thank Lieutenant Stanton, Firefighter Waters,  
17          Firefighter Pierre, and Firefighter Menichetti  
18          for the bravery in the recent fire that we had  
19          on East Drinker Street. We really appreciate  
20          you guys putting yourself in harm's way to  
21          protect us.

22                    I would like to congratulate the new  
23          sergeants, Officer Burgette, Richardson, and  
24          Igoe. I had the pleasure of helping with the  
25          interviews. And they are five tremendous

1 applicants. So it was a tough decision. But  
2 we appreciate you guys taking the sergeant's  
3 test and for all the work you do.

4 MS. BRIER: Thanks. I just wanted  
5 to mention again Chief DeNaples mentioned it  
6 but Tommy Richardson does our National Night  
7 Out and that's tomorrow night. We're starting  
8 at 6:00, Warren and Blakely. We are supposed  
9 to get good weather. I'm just hoping everybody  
10 could make that.

11 And then we end up back here and  
12 it's a party. So I tell everyone to make sure  
13 they do the National Night Out and thanks for  
14 spearheading that and for the Fire Department,  
15 it's always on hand for the festivities.

16 I would like to echo, you know, as  
17 Tommy said, part of the reason we're here is,  
18 you know, we love this town. And we are so  
19 appreciative of the folks that work here every  
20 day to make it safe for us, for our kids, for  
21 the school, for the playgrounds.

22 And it's just -- there are no words  
23 to express how much -- everyone in Dunmore  
24 appreciates the work you do. So thanks again.  
25 Okay.

1 MR. WOLFF: Just need a motion to  
2 adjourn.

3 MS. BRIER: We need a motion to  
4 adjourn.

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

7 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

8 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a  
9 second. All those in favor.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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