

COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

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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

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GREG WOLFF, Borough Manager

MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. WOLFF: Roll call, Mayor Conway.

MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney.

MR. LOUGHNEY: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

MS. BRIER: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

MS. OVEN: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mrs. McDonald Zangardi.

MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

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

MS. BRIER: Does anyone have any
comment on agenda items only?

MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to
approve the October 13th, 2025, meeting
minutes.

1 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to
2 approve the October 13th, 2025, meeting
3 minutes?

4 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

5 MR. LOUGHNEY: Second.

6 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
7 second. Anything on the question? All those
8 in favor?

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to
15 approve and pay the open bills?

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

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

18 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
19 second. Anyone on the question? I have one
20 question, sorry. It was a \$33,000 payment for
21 coke -- Ford -- was that a repair?

22 MR. BURTON: That was a purchase
23 of -- we used the money that we received from
24 the insurance proceeds, so 20,000 and 33 were
25 covered.

1 CHIEF MARCHESE: Two cars that were
2 totaled. So we bought --

3 MS. BRIER: Right. Oh, that's a
4 car, okay. We just wondered -- we were just
5 wondering if that was maintenance. I'd rather
6 it be a car.

7 MS. OVEN: I was going to say that's
8 a lot of maintenance.

9 MS. BRIER: Anyone else have a
10 question? All those in favor.

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to
15 introduce and approve the first reading of the
16 proposed 2026 budget and the 2026 tax
17 ordinance:

18 Proposed, General Obligation 30
19 mills; Debt Service, 19 mills; Pension
20 Services, a half a mill; Public Street
21 Lighting, 1 mill; Fire Equipment Training, 2
22 mills; Firefighter Services, 1 mill; Rescue
23 Services, a half a mill for a total of 54
24 mills.

25 MS. BRIER: All right. May I have a

1 motion to introduce and approve the first
2 reading of the proposed 2026 budget and the
3 2026 tax ordinance?

4 Proposed, General Obligation 30
5 mills; Debt Service, 19 mills; Pension
6 Services, a half a mill; Public Street
7 Lighting, 1 mill; Fire Equipment Training, 2
8 mills; Firefighter Services, 1 mill; Rescue
9 Services, a half a mill for a total of 54
10 mills.

11 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

13 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
14 second. Anyone on the question? I know just
15 for the record, that Mark Burton has spent an
16 awful lot of time on this, the proposed budget.
17 It's a balanced budget. He met with Greg and
18 I. We had extensive talks about it.

19 We feel it's a good approximation of
20 what's going to happen in 2026. And Mark -- I
21 would like to thank Mark for his hard work on
22 it. It's not an easy job. And all those in
23 favor.

24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to
3 approve Resolution 13 of 2025 to allow address
4 change from 106A Willow Street to 96 Willow
5 Street.

6 MS. BRIER: May I have a motion to
7 approve Resolution 13 of 2025 to allow address
8 change from 106A Willow Street to 96 Willow
9 Street?

10 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

12 MS. BRIER: I have a motion and a
13 second. Anyone on the question?

14 MR. WOLFF: Just a quick
15 explanation. About a month or so ago we did
16 have a resolution. There was two 106 Willow
17 Streets in Dunmore. The resident called and
18 was having some issues.

19 So we tried to address it the
20 simplest way we thought possible making it
21 106A. The 911 Center cannot accommodate that
22 request. They actually already had it in the
23 system as 96 Willow Street. So that's why we
24 have a second resolution.

25 MS. BRIER: Okay. All those in

1 favor?

2 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to
6 approve sale of unnamed alley adjacent to 428
7 East Drinker to Lisa Calciano of Drinker Street
8 Towers in the amount of -- the appraisal value
9 of \$2,000.

10 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to
11 approve the sale of unnamed alley adjacent to
12 428 East Drinker to Lisa Calciano of Drinker
13 Street Towers in the appraisal value of \$2,000.

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

16 MS. OVEN: I'll second.

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

20 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to
24 approve Calvin Street one way.

25 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to

1 approve Calvin Street one way?

2 MR. HALLINAN: Madam President, I'd
3 like to table that motion until we get further
4 studies from our traffic engineer, also, until
5 the other building is built. So I'd like to
6 table that now.

7 MS. BRIER: Right.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make a motion to
9 table that.

10 MS. BRIER: Okay. I have a motion
11 to table. A second?

12 MS. OVEN: Second.

13 MS. BRIER: Okay. I think for the
14 reasons Tommy stated, we should table this
15 particular motion. All those in favor?

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. WOLFF: Number 10, motion to
20 approve repairs to William Drive in the amount
21 of \$10,500 to Conte Paving.

22 MS. BRIER: Can I have a motion to
23 approve repairs to William Drive in the amount
24 of \$10,500 to Conte Paving?

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

1 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

2 MS. OVEN: Second.

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

5 MR. WOLFF: Just a quick
6 explanation, a resident reached out. It's a
7 steep hill off of Mount Margaret. The side of
8 the road completely washed out. Essentially,
9 it's emergency repair. It was approved through
10 the liquid fuel process. So we will be
11 reimbursed through liquid fuels.

12 MS. BRIER: Great. Anyone else?
13 All those in favor?

14 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MS. BRIER: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. WOLFF: Number 11, Treasurer
18 finance report, Mark.

19 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
20 A brief report for the month of October. We
21 had a net income of \$108,000 which brings our
22 year-to-date net income to \$729,000. As far as
23 revenues are concerned, state capital grants we
24 received \$12,000 for our 2024 recycling
25 performance grant; \$100,000 for the LSA Dunmore

1 School District Grant which will be reimbursed
2 in November.

3 Special assessments, we received
4 680,000 for the third quarter landfill fees.
5 Expensewise, 21,000 for '24 audit fees. Solid
6 waste, we had another \$26,000 in repairs. And
7 our insurance premium \$76,000, our fourth and
8 final installment for our auto liability
9 insurance premiums. That will be it.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Mark.

11 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney.

12 MR. KEARNEY: Good evening. The
13 month of October -- I haven't seen you guys
14 since then, we had those two large gatherings
15 for the Indo American Community and the purse
16 bingo for the senior community. That was like
17 three weekends in a row.

18 We continued hosting parties on
19 weekends. And we have biddy basketball
20 starting. There are games this weekend.
21 During the week we have biddy practices and
22 school team practices are going on now.

23 Last week we had the election here.
24 And we recently completed our annual gym floor
25 finish. And it came out pretty nice. So other

1 than that, that's all environment.

2 MS. BRIER: Thanks, Chris.

3 MR. HALLINAN: One question. We had
4 no complaints about the heat.

5 MR. KEARNEY: No. I do an annual --
6 I get Valley Air Conditioning up here at the
7 end of October to just check our units before
8 because you don't want to be up there in the
9 middle of January. So he went up there and did
10 whatever he did. And it's 72 in there. So
11 they were all thrilled.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

13 MS. BRIER: Thanks.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge.

15 MR. JUDGE: Well, we started getting
16 the Christmas decorations up today. We're
17 missing three poles though. So it's going to
18 look a little, you know, with that new
19 building, they took three of those poles out.
20 We'll make up for it next year, you know, we'll
21 get them all straightened out. And I don't
22 know, a lot of patching, the plows, the plow
23 trucks.

24 MR. HALLINAN: I think -- I don't
25 mean to speak for Mr. Judge. But I think

1 tonight there's a chance of flurries. So we
2 should have a truck ready up on the mountain
3 because if anybody gets hit, it's going to be
4 up there rather than anywhere else in the town.

5 MR. JUDGE: Yeah, we're having
6 trouble with these trucks. We only have three.
7 I usually have six, one in each ward. But the
8 other ones aren't going to make it. They're 10
9 years old. They're up Morgan's. And I was up
10 there today. We won't have them back for this
11 week. But we'll have three trucks. We'll have
12 the two 550s and the 10 ton.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Did they give you a
14 timetable on the other trucks?

15 MR. JUDGE: No, he said he couldn't.
16 He said the one might have to be sent back out
17 to the dealer because he can't figure it out.

18 MR. HALLINAN: Let's do that.

19 MR. JUDGE: Yeah, I'll stay with it.

20 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. Didge, as
21 Councilman O'Malley just to remind you while
22 we're here, the Pocket Park now is ours. So
23 when it snows, we have to have guys shovelling
24 that sidewalk.

25 MR. JUDGE: Okay.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Okay? Put that on
2 your notes.

3 MR. JUDGE: We'll get that.

4 MR. LOUGHNEY: Thanks, Didge.

5 MR. WOLFF: Chief Marchese.

6 CHIEF MARCHESE: The report for
7 October of 2025, calls for service, we
8 responded to 1,148 calls for service for the
9 month. It's down 41 calls from the previous
10 month. Arrests for the month, 12 criminal, 10
11 nontraffic, 53 traffic arrests and 43 traffic
12 warnings.

13 Part-time officer Andrew Fazio,
14 Officer Eric Williams and Officer Michael
15 Carroll have all completed their field training
16 and have been released for full duty as
17 part-time officers.

18 Newly hired part-time officer,
19 Charles Basey{phonetic} started our training
20 program but left for full time employment in
21 Wilkes-Barre. Eight overtime shifts went out
22 for the month for overtime. The rest were
23 filled with part-time officers.

24 Officer Burgette took part in his
25 monthly SWAT training October 14th and 27th.

1 All officers took part in our yearly use of
2 force training. This included the
3 implementation of the new use of force policy.
4 From the start of the year to the end of
5 October, we have collected \$9,455, including
6 coin, credit card, and pay by phone
7 transactions.

8 For the month of October we
9 collected \$50 in parking tickets. Four
10 citations were sent out for failure to pay.
11 During the month Captain Springer and Barth
12 took part in a state grant to combat aggressive
13 driving.

14 Officers have been assisting with
15 traffic control on a daily basis outside of the
16 school since the first day of school. Officers
17 assisted with the Trunk or Treat events at
18 Price Chopper, YMCA, and also the Dunmore
19 School District.

20 Officers also assisted with traffic
21 control for Halloween events at the Dunmore
22 School, St. Mary's School, and also Leigh Ann
23 Perry's daycare. And that's all I got.

24 MS. BRIER: Chief, we're hearing
25 that the parking meters aren't getting emptied.

1 CHIEF MARCHESE: I'll make sure they
2 get that taken care of. When they get them,
3 sometimes if the weather is bad he forgets; but
4 I'll make sure he's on it.

5 MS. BRIER: Who's he?

6 CHIEF MARCHESE: Captain Barth and
7 Ray --

8 MS. BRIER: Is he the only one who
9 does it?

10 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yes.

11 MS. BRIER: You know, if you could
12 give us a report like month to month, like,
13 last month we got 100 bucks, this month we got
14 200. Then we could see if, you know, if it
15 stayed consistent.

16 CHIEF MARCHESE: Absolutely.

17 MS. BRIER: Thank you.

18 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples is
19 absent. That moves us onto number 13, public
20 comment.

21 MS. BRIER: Anyone in the public
22 have a comment tonight? Can you just state
23 your name and address? And there's a five
24 minute limit.

25 MR. CUMMINGS: My name is John

1 Cummings, 133 Williams Street. I was here
2 about a year ago -- just about a year ago. I
3 think it was just about a year ago about a
4 problem with 141 Williams Street.

5 There is a landscaping business on
6 the side throughout the alley and back of
7 Schautz. I was told the trucks and everything
8 would be moved out. Everything is still there.
9 There is a wood chipper, two backhoes, two dump
10 trucks, several other plows that he has all
11 cones blocking everything off. And it's been a
12 year now. And I think I kind of deserve an
13 answer.

14 MS. BRIER: So I thought it was on
15 his property, Greg.

16 MR. WOLFF: So, yes. He ignored
17 our letter. So that went on for a while.
18 Solicitor Perry sent him to the magistrate. I
19 believe he took action. His attorney contacted
20 Mr. Perry. And that's when he moved the stuff.

21 We can't make him move -- like, get
22 rid of his stuff, just keep it on his property.

23 MS. BRIER: Is it on his property?

24 MR. CUMMINGS: It's not on his
25 property.

1 MS. BRIER: So we need to go up and
2 take a look at it again.

3 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, so there's been
4 some back and forth. He did initially put it
5 on his property. He, you know, he has branched
6 out once again. And we are continually
7 monitoring the situation and have been in
8 contact with Mr. Perry and some different
9 actions that we may end up having to take.

10 MS. BRIER: Recently, Greg?

11 MR. WOLFF: Yes.

12 MS. BRIER: Okay.

13 MR. CUMMINGS: Did it go to the
14 magistrate?

15 ATTY. PERRY: No, his lawyer, Pat
16 Lavelle, agreed to have him move the stuff onto
17 his property which this was quite a while,
18 which he did.

19 MR. CUMMINGS: No, it's still in the
20 alley.

21 ATTY. PERRY: No, no, but he did
22 temporarily. After we talked to his lawyer, he
23 moved it back temporarily. But I understand
24 now that it's back.

25 MR. WOLFF: He's spreading out

1 again.

2 MS. BRIER: What will we do?

3 MR. WOLFF: That's -- I mean,
4 there's -- we're discussing different options
5 to take care of it.

6 MS. BRIER: Could we talk to his
7 lawyer again?

8 ATTY. PERRY: I could. That will
9 probably end up with another temporary relief.

10 MS. BRIER: Sounds like we need to
11 take it to the magistrate.

12 MR. LOUGHNEY: Didn't we agree here
13 to put no parking signs or a --

14 MR. HALLINAN: Couldn't we just
15 delineate out property? I don't want to put
16 Jersey barriers up, but I don't know if that
17 would be an answer. Somehow delineate the
18 property from our property line from his
19 property line.

20 MR. LOUGHNEY: Can Mike Brazil check
21 it out? The guy shouldn't be allowed -- once
22 he's told it's over you can't park there, he
23 shouldn't be allowed to sneak stuff back on and
24 us let him go until John comes in again and
25 says we got a problem.

1 It should be -- here's the
2 situation. You're not parking there. If you
3 do, you get cited.

4 MR. HALLINAN: Another question, are
5 we positive it's our property?

6 MR. WOLFF: Yes.

7 MS. BRIER: Can we remove it?
8 Remove anything that's on our property?

9 ATTY. PERRY: You should cite him
10 for trespassing before you do that.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: Can we put maybe
12 Borough property, no parking?

13 ATTY. PERRY: Sure you can.

14 MR. LOUGHNEY: We did. I thought we
15 agreed to put signs up.

16 MR. CUMMINGS: There's no signs.
17 That was a while ago.

18 MR. LOUGHNEY: I thought that was
19 one thing we talked about.

20 MS. BRIER: Maybe we could have Mike
21 Brazil do that.

22 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, we can -- Mickey
23 and I talked about it. I don't think signs are
24 going to work.

25 MR. LOUGHNEY: I think reasonable

1 time to get it out of there, maybe a couple
2 weeks to get it out. But once it's out, it
3 should be done. I know it's easier said than
4 done.

5 If it was somebody parking on one of
6 our streets like that, we would be the first
7 ones bitching. So -- I mean, I can't see where
8 you have to keep coming every so often to tell
9 us that here's a problem that we all thought
10 was rectified.

11 MR. WOLFF: It was for a while.

12 MR. LOUGHNEY: I don't know. Does
13 anybody else know it wasn't?

14 MS. OVEN: No, I thought it was done
15 too, yeah. So what's the next course of action
16 then?

17 MR. CUMMINGS: He never moved
18 anything out of the alley.

19 MR. WOLFF: Well, we can't make him
20 move his -- people are allowed to park there.
21 I mean, he has to get it off our property. We
22 can't -- I understand. I know what exactly
23 what he has.

24 MS. ZANGARDI: Excuse me, may I? If
25 he's a problem to the entire neighborhood and

1 he's refusing to let all the other neighbors
2 park on the street or in the alleyway or up at
3 Schautz, it's kind of a little bit of an issue.
4 Correct, he could park there.

5 But number one, his business is not
6 there. Number two, it's not commercially zoned
7 to have his business there. His business is in
8 Archbald. So for storage reasons, shouldn't he
9 be -- have to store all of that equipment
10 somewhere?

11 MR. WOLFF: I'll tell you what,
12 we'll put up Jersey barriers. I'm tired of
13 fighting with the guy too. I'm more frustrated
14 than you guys. He's literally been in the
15 Borough Building looking to fight --

16 MR. LOUGHNEY: People understand
17 when you have to pay money. You cite him. You
18 put up Jersey barriers. And if he destroys
19 them, then we cite him and we fine him.

20 MS. BRIER: Then we arrest him.

21 MR. WOLFF: Nothing against you or
22 anybody, I'm exhausted by the guy.

23 MR. CUMMINGS: I've dealt with him
24 for years.

25 MR. WOLFF: I had his mother-in-law

1 call me yelling at me. I'm not lying.

2 MR. CUMMINGS: I've had the police
3 called on me for walking my dogs. He's called
4 the neighbors for playing at music at 2:30 in
5 the afternoon. We've had them for someone --
6 police were called for one of the neighbors
7 working on his car on supposedly his property
8 but it's not.

9 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, I'm --

10 MS. BRIER: What's his name?

11 MR. WOLFF: Tony.

12 ATTY. PERRY: Massina{phonetic.}

13 MR. LOUGHNEY: John, thanks for
14 waiting a year.

15 MR. CUMMINGS: He doesn't go there.
16 He doesn't pay taxes. He doesn't live there.
17 He doesn't live there. It was his
18 father-in-laws's.

19 MR. WOLFF: Chief, tomorrow we'll
20 talk about getting notices out to him so he has
21 everything cleared out of there. Now, I can't
22 make him get out of the alley.

23 MR. CUMMINGS: There's plows in the
24 alley. There's cones out in front so it's kind
25 of hard -- I've seen people trying to drive

1 through to go to Schautz. And then he has a
2 trailer on the other side with cones around
3 that. So you -- he has it figured out that
4 nobody could go in there but him.

5 MR. WOLFF: The stuff parked off
6 the road, I don't know how --

7 MS. BRIER: Wait a second. Chief,
8 don't we have -- I know when there was a guy
9 parking a huge trailer on our street and the
10 police said you can't park things that are over
11 10 tons or something.

12 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah, there's a
13 certain weight limit that's in one of the
14 ordinances.

15 MS. BRIER: Maybe these things.

16 MR. CUMMINGS: Two backhoes, two
17 dump trucks, a wood chipper.

18 MS. BRIER: They're too heavy to be
19 parked on the --

20 CHIEF MARCHESE: I'll look at it
21 tomorrow. I'll meet with Greg tomorrow.

22 MR. HALLINAN: Commercial vehicles
23 shouldn't be parked on --

24 MS. BRIER: No, we do have an
25 ordinance. I think there's a certain tonnage

1 where you can't park on Monroe Avenue or
2 William Street or --

3 MR. LOUGHNEY: The guy is in the
4 right or he's in the wrong. If he's wrong cite
5 him. That's all. We got to put an end to it.
6 He's here all the time -- not all the time, but
7 since last year.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: Years ago, my brother
9 had to move his trucks off his property because
10 it was commercial and he was a landscaper. But
11 also Bob Urban has his separate lot. Bistran
12 has a separate lot.

13 MS. BRIER: They are not on public.
14 They are not on public.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: Right.

16 MS. BRIER: Yeah, I think we should
17 use that ordinance that we already have on the
18 books that you can't park those big machines on
19 a public street. We can make him move it out
20 of the alley.

21 MS. ZANGARDI: Yes.

22 MR. CUMMINGS: Thank you.

23 MR. O'MALLEY: Thanks, Joe.

24 MS. BRIER: Anyone else like to
25 address Council tonight? All right. Seeing

1 none.

2 MR. WOLFF: Public officials.

3 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

4 MAYOR CONWAY: I just want to thank
5 Chief Marchese for his work the other day when
6 we had an incident with ICE here. I thought
7 the Chief handled it great. A little girl was
8 involved and Dunmore Police really did a great
9 job with that.

10 I also want to thank Bob Urban from
11 Lawn and Order for all the work with the pocket
12 park up in the corners. It looks great. I
13 also want to thank Al Fonella for donating the
14 fence and Tom King for installing it. They did
15 a great job and Greg and Mike Brazil as well.
16 That's all I have.

17 MR. LOUGHNEY: Madam Chair, I would
18 just like to commend the Mayor and the Chief.
19 That was an excellent write-up for the paper on
20 it on how that was handled, a touchy situation
21 like that and we probably should have been on
22 national news. And the way it was handled from
23 our police department and yourself with the way
24 it was handled and how that young girl was
25 reassured and put with her -- reassigned with

1 father, so thank you for that.

2 Also, I would like to congratulate
3 the Mayor and the three counsel members that
4 were just reelected. And I'd like to commend
5 Mayor and Council and especially
6 Mrs. Mackrell-Oven for the food drive that was
7 orchestrated within a matter of I'm guessing
8 two or three days and the amount of people that
9 got the message out.

10 Everyone here helped and our
11 residents all helped. And I don't know how
12 many hundreds of pounds of food they said we
13 collected. So that was a big plus. And then
14 just happy Veterans Day to all the veterans and
15 thank you for service. That's all.

16 MS. BRIER: Mike.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: I'm not going to give
18 you any more congratulations or the Chief.

19 MAYOR CONWAY: No, I'm good. I had
20 enough.

21 MR. DEMPSEY: But really well done
22 with that and the food drive was fantastic.
23 Thank you to everybody that helped. I think
24 we have a long list that we're going to -- I'm
25 not going to do it tonight.

1 But we have a long list of people
2 that volunteered time, volunteered money,
3 volunteered food, volunteered billboards and
4 everything like that. So we'll get a thank you
5 letter out to everybody and a good public thank
6 you that they deserve.

7 Also, with regard to the pocket
8 park, I have a meeting tomorrow with Marywood.
9 They're going to be donating \$5,000 to the
10 pocket park project. And that was Mary Teresa
11 Patterson and Jean Ann Greco who both work
12 there and both drove that \$5,000 donation home.

13 MS. BRIER: That's a big deal.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: It's a lot of money.
15 I don't know what we could put it towards. But
16 we'll put it to good use, so thank you to them.
17 Happy Veterans Day, especially Greg.

18 MS. BRIER: Tripp.

19 MR. O'MALLEY: I also just want to
20 say thank you to Mayor Conway and Chief
21 Marchese for the compassion that they showed to
22 that little girl. It had to be just a terrible
23 situation. I appreciate how you guys handled
24 it.

25 I also want to talk about the

1 election day food drive. So again, thank you
2 for the great idea for Councilwoman
3 Mackrell-Oven. Mrs. Brier and I were here
4 helping to sort it and Councilman Dempsey. And
5 it was a lot.

6 And thank you to the DPW for your
7 work and getting everything here from the
8 polling places. And thanks to the community
9 for getting involved in helping our most
10 vulnerable residents. It's going to go on
11 through the rest of this month and December
12 right here at the DCC.

13 MS. BRIER: Yeah, we don't have the
14 December stuff up yet but we will.

15 MR. O'MALLEY: And finally, happy
16 Veterans Day to all our veterans, including Mr.
17 Wolff and my favorite veteran, my dad who is a
18 Vietnam veteran. That's all that I have.

19 MS. BRIER: Thanks. Tom.

20 MR. HALLINAN: I'm running out of
21 thank yous. But thank you to you guys. That
22 was an excellent job. If that didn't break
23 your heart what happened to that little girl.
24 It was, you know, simply through the whole
25 community, you guys handled that excellently.

1 Thank you for your service, Greg,
2 and all the veterans. Great job on the food
3 collection. The pocket park is absolutely
4 beautiful. I just have a little idea there.
5 If you wouldn't mind, Friday afternoons during
6 summer months just to have like a guitar player
7 in there for lunch, you know, maybe from 12 to
8 1.

9 Conway fest, you know, just
10 something, you know, we could do something
11 there. It's nice. And if you do something
12 with benches, I think that would be great for,
13 you know, fund-raising or something. Memorial
14 benches is something I think a lot of people
15 would be interested in there.

16 Thank you for all the good you do
17 for the community and thanks everybody for
18 that -- I think it was a 100 percent Council
19 and Mayor, DPW, anybody associated with the
20 Borough that pitched in for that food
21 collection. It was fantastic. So thank you
22 guys for everything. Have a happy thanksgiving
23 and Happy Veterans Day.

24 MS. BRIER: Beth.

25 MS. ZANGARDI: Ditto for everybody

1 else, you know, great job on the food drive. I
2 didn't really do -- I did very minimal. It
3 was really Kathryn, Janet, Tripp and Mike, so
4 very good. Even the marques and everything all
5 over town, great job. Happy Veterans Day
6 everybody.

7 Thank you everyone for your service.
8 Greg, thank you for your service. That's all I
9 have. Happy Veterans Day, everybody. Thank
10 you.

11 MS. BRIER: Thank you. Kathryn.

12 MS. OVEN: I would like to first
13 congratulate Max on the pocket park. I think
14 it's a beautiful addition to the Borough. I
15 think it will get a lot of really good use. I
16 would like to thank Chris Kearney.

17 I don't know if Chris is still here.
18 He was orchestrating election night. And then
19 we threw these massive containers for food
20 contributions into the mix, so thank you. And,
21 Dige, thank you for helping with moving it.

22 It was a great turnout. Janet was
23 actually the brains behind doing it on Election
24 Day, not me. So I would like to give her
25 credit for that and to everyone who helped. It

1 was just wonderful. The community jumped right
2 in.

3 Council was right on it from the
4 get-go. So it was a community effort and
5 hopefully we helped lots of people who are
6 not -- who have a tough time. So that's all I
7 have. And, Greg, thank you for your service
8 and Happy Veterans Day.

9 MS. BRIER: Yeah, so I just need to
10 address that situation that we were actually
11 blindsided just as that man on the bike was and
12 his daughter. The whole community grieved for
13 them.

14 We, you know, we were questioned,
15 whether we had an agreement with ICE. We do
16 not and we won't. I think it was handled in
17 the kindest way it could have been handled
18 because it was a brutal situation. And that
19 man needed to be united with his daughter and
20 she needed to be with him.

21 So I really, really appreciate what
22 you guys did because that was heart-wrenching
23 that whole situation and it still is.

24 I'd also like to talk about the food
25 drive which, you know, just came together

1 very, very quickly. And we had quite a few
2 people in the community. It was a huge
3 community effort, two the banks, Peoples and
4 Fidelity.

5 We had Kevin Joyce do his. And then
6 we had Jay Sensi at Turcotti's. We had Linda
7 Sabia. We had Jerry's For All Seasons,
8 Universal Printing printed the posters and also
9 delivered the bins because the bins were too
10 big to put in our cars.

11 They used their van to bring it to
12 all the polling places. Nicky Gillette,
13 actually donated all the refrigerator boxes
14 that we used. Noreen Roland and Sharon Quinn
15 helped us to sort it. The Lady Bucks came.
16 The Lady Bucks basketball team came to sort the
17 food.

18 We had about 1,500 pounds of food
19 here. Every single table in the place was
20 filled with food. And the kids put like the
21 peanut butter with peanut butter and the soups
22 with the soups.

23 So otherwise, I don't know what we
24 would have done. But after that, it needed to
25 be packaged. And Sharon and Noreen knew how to

1 do that because they have a food pantry at St.
2 Clair's and St. Paul's that they work at.

3 Also, we wouldn't have been able to
4 get those really, really heavy bins down there
5 without DPW department doing that for us,
6 getting -- actually physically getting all the
7 food in one spot so that we could sort it and
8 package it.

9 And lastly, certainly, Chris, Chris
10 worked -- I'm here quite a bit anymore because
11 I do things here and which is also -- like this
12 is an amazing building. He's juggling 5,000
13 things all of the time. And to throw those
14 bins in at the end and your boys helped us too,
15 the staff, you know, the young guys helped us
16 move stuff because they're strong and we're
17 not.

18 So it was truly a community effort.
19 And we have quite a bit of food in there right
20 now. People are still donating. And this is
21 huge, huge, huge need. The night we were
22 packaging it, Noreen said they get about 30
23 families. And the next day, 69 families showed
24 up, so more than double.

25 So people are hurting and primarily

1 because they don't have SNAP benefits which is
2 another mind-boggling thing besides the ICE
3 situation.

4 So thanks, everyone. Happy Veterans
5 Day. We're closed tomorrow -- not here, but up
6 at the Borough Building. DPW is still picking
7 up. Thank you.

8 MR. JUDGE: We're working.

9 MS. BRIER: All right. That's all I
10 have.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Janet.

12 MR. WOLFF: Just need a motion to
13 adjourn.

14 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

15 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

16 MS. BRIER: Okay. All those in
17 favor?

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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