

COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, December 8th, 2025

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L      M E M B E R S :

JANET BRIER - President via zoom

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 MR. WOLFF: Roll call, Mr. Ruddy.

4 MR. RUDDY: Present.

5 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Genovese.

6 MR. GENOVESE: Present.

7 MR. WOLFF: Mayor Conway.

8 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

9 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney is absent.

10 Mr. Dempsey.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

12 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

13 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

15 MS. BRIER: Here.

16 MR. WOLFF: By video call. Mrs.

17 Mackrell Oven.

18 MS. OVEN: Here.

19 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. McDonald Zangardi.

20 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

21 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan.

22 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

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

25 MS. OVEN: Does anyone from the

1 public want to comment on agenda items only?

2 MR. WOLFF: Okay. Number four,  
3 motion to approve the November 10th, 2025,  
4 meeting minutes.

5 MS. OVEN: Can I get a motion to  
6 approve the November 10th, 2025, meeting  
7 minutes?

8 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

10 MS. OVEN: On the question? All  
11 those in favor?

12 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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

15 MS. OVEN: Can I get a motion to  
16 approve and pay the open bills?

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

18 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

19 MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?  
20 All in favor?

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to  
23 adopt final 2026 budget as published.

24 MS. OVEN: Can I get a motion to  
25 adopt the final 2026 budget as published?

1 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
2 motion.

3 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

4 MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?  
5 All those in favor?

6 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to  
8 adopt Resolution No. 14 of 2025 for the 2026  
9 tax ordinance:

10 General Obligation 1.8 mills; Debt  
11 Service, 1.1 mills; Pension Services .03 mill;  
12 Public Street Lighting .06 mill; Fire Equipment  
13 Training .12 mill; Firefighter Services .06  
14 mill; Rescue Services .03 mill for a total of  
15 3.2 mills.

16 MS. OVEN: Can a get a motion to  
17 adopt Resolution No. 14 of 2025 for the 2026  
18 tax ordinance:

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21 Public Street Lighting .06 mill; Fire Equipment  
22 Training .12 mill; Firefighter Services .06  
23 mill; Rescue Services .03 mill, total of 3.2  
24 mills.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: So moved.

1 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

2 MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?

3 All in favor?

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. WOLFF: Number eight, motion to  
6 authorize borrowing in the amount of up to 1  
7 million dollars at the best available market  
8 rate for the 2026 Tax Anticipation Note, TAN.  
9 Approval will authorize the President of  
10 Council, the Financial Chair and Solicitor to  
11 take all necessary actions to bring the matter  
12 to fruition.

13 MS. OVEN: Can I get a motion to  
14 authorize borrowing in the amount of up to 1  
15 million dollars at the best available market  
16 rate for the 2026 Tax Anticipation Note.  
17 Approval will authorize the President of  
18 Council, the Financial Chair and Solicitor to  
19 take all actions necessary to bring the matter  
20 to fruition.

21 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

22 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

23 MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?

24 All in favor?

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, motion to  
2 waive the refuse fee for 2026.

3 MS. OVEN: Can I get a motion to  
4 waive the refuse fee for 2026?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. WOLFF: Seeing none.

7 MS. OVEN: Seeing none.

8 MR. WOLFF: We will move along.  
9 Motion to approve Ordinance No. 5 of 2025  
10 amending the nonuniform pension.

11 MS. OVEN: Greg, you do want to  
12 elaborate on that?

13 MR. WOLFF: Sure. So we made some  
14 changes. We had an actuarial study done as  
15 required by law, minimal increase in cost for  
16 one of the changes, zero change. It's cost  
17 neutral for the other changes. The one major  
18 change is that retirees for the clerical,  
19 nonuniform pension can have a joint and  
20 survivor benefit as well as a 10-year certain  
21 payment.

22 So that comes cost neutral because  
23 the -- their benefit is reduced to accommodate  
24 those benefits. The other thing is it's listed  
25 as early retirement. There will be -- you're

1           vested after five years in nonuniform pension.

2                     If you reach age 55, you could get a  
3           prorated amount. And that one does have a  
4           minimal cost. But based off our Solicitor's  
5           recommendation and the actuary, they are good  
6           to go with this.

7                     MS. OVEN: Can I get a motion to  
8           approve the Ordinance No. 5 of 2025 amending  
9           the nonuniform pension?

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

11                    MR. HALLINAN: Second.

12                    MS. BRIER: I just have a question.  
13           How come it's Ordinance No. 5 when we just  
14           passed Ordinance No. 14?

15                    MR. WOLFF: That was Resolution 14.

16                    MS. BRIER: Oh, that's resolution,  
17           okay. Thank you for the clarification.

18                    MR. WOLFF: Yep.

19                    MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?  
20           All in favor.

21                    ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22                    MR. WOLFF: Number 11, motion to  
23           adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2025, Scranton  
24           Abingtons Planning Association  
25           Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation

1 Agreement.

2 MS. OVEN: Can I get a motion to  
3 adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2025, for the  
4 Scranton Abingtons Planning Association  
5 Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation  
6 Agreement?

7 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

9 MS. OVEN: Anyone on the question?

10 MR. WOLFF: I'll just add there  
11 quickly this is our zoning agreement, our SAPA  
12 that we're involved with the Scranton Abington  
13 Planning Association. Every -- I think it's  
14 every 10 years it has to be renewed. So it's  
15 up this summer.

16 Mary Liz Donato from the County put  
17 these resolutions out to try to get them  
18 accomplished so we could get back to where, you  
19 know, update our zoning ordinance.

20 MS. OVEN: Okay. All in favor.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. WOLFF: Number 12, motion to  
23 adopt Resolution No. 16 of 2025 Scranton  
24 Abingtons Planning Association, SAPA, funding  
25 agreement in the amount of \$6,526.22.



1 MS. OVEN: Can I get a motion to  
2 adopt Resolution No. 16 of 2025, Scranton  
3 Abingtons Planning Association funding  
4 agreement in the amount of \$6,526.22?

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

7 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

8 MS. BRIER: Anyone on the question?

9 MR. WOLFF: Just briefly, so the  
10 resolution -- the prior resolution is part of  
11 the SAPA. We have to contribute. So our  
12 contribution is the \$6,526 which is a bargain  
13 for zoning.

14 MS. OVEN: Okay. All in favor?

15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. WOLFF: Number 13, motion to  
17 adopt Resolution No. 17 of 2025 deputizing  
18 Berkheimer, Incorporated, of Bangor,  
19 Pennsylvania through Tax Collector Michael  
20 Ruddy to collect real estate taxes for both the  
21 Borough of Dunmore and Dunmore School District.

22 MS. OVEN: Do you want to elaborate  
23 on that, Michael or Greg?

24 MR. WOLFF: Sure. Michael Ruddy is  
25 obviously our Tax Collector. We have a clerk

1           that collects the taxes in the office. She is  
2           retiring. So we reached out to Berkheimer to  
3           see -- Berkheimer already does our income tax  
4           as well as our LST to see if they could  
5           accommodate us with the real estate taxes as  
6           well, the collection of them.

7                     They can. And for the cost saving  
8           measures, this would deputize them to do the  
9           tax collection.

10                    MS. OVEN:    Okay. Can I get a  
11           motion to adopt Resolution No. 17 of 2025  
12           deputizing Berkheimer, Incorporated, of Bangor,  
13           Pennsylvania through Tax Collector Michael  
14           Ruddy to collect tax -- real estate taxes for  
15           both the Borough of Dunmore and the Dunmore  
16           School District?

17                    MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that  
18           motion.

19                    MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

20                    MS. OVEN:    Anyone on the question?  
21           All in favor?

22                    ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

23                    MR. WOLFF:   Number 14, Treasurer  
24           financial report. Mark is out of town. So  
25           he's not here. Mr. Kearney.

1 MR. KEARNEY: Good evening. The  
2 past several weeks we continue to host weekend  
3 parties in here. With the holiday season we  
4 have stuff going on in here every weekend. In  
5 the gym biddy basketball and school team  
6 activities have kept the place extremely busy.

7 And we have a lot of demand for  
8 court time. So I had to get ahold of some of  
9 the coaches today and said we have to  
10 streamline this schedule here because there's  
11 just too much going on here. I mean, it's not  
12 that there's too much, it's just things are  
13 overlapping and people are standing around. So  
14 they are working with me on that. That's all I  
15 have for that.

16 On a personal note, I would like to  
17 thank Chief DeNaples and the fire department.  
18 Friday night there was an issue at my parents'  
19 house, carbon monoxide issue. Lucky, I had  
20 spoken with former fire employee Jack Sohns who  
21 informed me and said you better get them down  
22 there.

23 So I texted Chief and he sent his  
24 guys right over. They couldn't have been more  
25 professional, friendly, and helpful. We had to

1           leave the house for a while. My mom had to  
2           leave and my brother. They aired the place  
3           out, squared everything away.

4                       And we had to get a plumber in there  
5           this weekend. I had to text Chris again. You  
6           know, they want you to come down and check  
7           again. And my mother is apologizing. And  
8           these guys are saying this is our job. So I  
9           want to thank Chris and the department for how  
10          well they handled the situation.

11                      And, you know, we're lucky to have  
12          them. I mean, you don't realize it until you  
13          have a personal experience. You know, if we  
14          have a volunteer fire department, who knows.  
15          So I just want to thank you and thank the  
16          department.

17                      ALL MEMBERS: Thank you, Chris.

18                      MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge is absent.  
19          Chief Marchese is absent. Chief DeNaples.

20                      CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,  
21          Council. We only have a couple things on the  
22          report for this month. As far as expenditures,  
23          projected expenditures, we got our cascade  
24          system annually serviced in December. So it  
25          cost approximately \$900 provided nothing is

1 found out of the ordinary when they're going  
2 over and inspecting it.

3 And as far as the overtime  
4 scheduled for this month when this report was  
5 prepared on December 5th, it's 600 hours of  
6 overtime. So we have two firefighters, two  
7 full timers that are out on injury.

8 They recently went out this month.  
9 Hopefully they will be back sometime in the  
10 near future hopefully. If everything goes  
11 right with their medical conditions. As far as  
12 part-time shifts, we had 49 shifts put out  
13 again when this report was prepared.

14 As far as events that the fire  
15 department participated in and are scheduled to  
16 participate in for the month of December, we  
17 had them up at the Christmas at the corners.  
18 They passed hot chocolate out. The fire union  
19 provided the hot chocolate and the cups and  
20 that. They purchased that through a fund that  
21 they have.

22 And Mr. Kearney let us use thermoses  
23 from down here that we just returned tonight.  
24 So that worked out good. Firefighter Campbell  
25 gave us a tent to bring down. So that was

1 good. That was good that they participated in  
2 that.

3 Firefighter Jacob Valvano is going  
4 to be graduating from the Harrisburg Area  
5 Community College this Friday, the 12th. He  
6 did well going through that academy program. I  
7 just spoke with the director today and he  
8 really gave him high regards and said from day  
9 one he's been at the top of the class. He  
10 really did well.

11 When he comes backs, he has about  
12 two weeks of orientation approximately before  
13 he's counted as staffing. And then here in  
14 January he will start his EMT training. That  
15 is scheduled to be done in April if everything  
16 goes right with that.

17 And that is the last part of formal  
18 training -- initial formal training, I should  
19 say, that he has to go through. So that is  
20 pretty much our report as far as that goes.

21 The call numbers for last month  
22 November I'll go through. So we have a new  
23 system that's broken down a little bit  
24 different. So fire type calls we had three,  
25 hazardous situations -- that's hazardous

1 material type calls, we had seven.

2 Medical calls we had nine. Calls  
3 that turned out to be nonemergencies once we  
4 got there were 15; public service was 20;  
5 rescue was 10; and incidents of unidentified  
6 type was 1. So that was a total of 65 calls  
7 for that month.

8 And again, this is a new reporting  
9 system. So it's broken down a little bit  
10 different than the last one. So them are  
11 pretty much our report for December if there is  
12 no questions. Thank you.

13 MS. BRIER: Chief, I have a quick  
14 question, Chief. The two firefighters that are  
15 out, are they out because of employee-related  
16 injuries or just something else?

17 CHIEF DENAPLES: So the two of them  
18 are out with employment-related injury, yes.

19 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.

20 MR. WOLFF: Thanks, Chief. Number  
21 16, public comment.

22 MS. OVEN: Would anyone from the  
23 public like to comment?

24 MR. CUMMINGS: My name is John  
25 Cummings, 133 Williams Street. And I am

1           wondering how far we've gone on the -- it's  
2           been over a year now since I've been at the  
3           meetings talking about the problem up there.

4           MR. WOLFF:    I haven't been able to  
5           secure Jersey Barriers right now -- as of right  
6           know just to give you an update.

7           We agreed upon that.  I don't have  
8           Jersey Barriers.  I have to procure those.

9           MR. CUMMINGS:  How about the trucks  
10          in the alley?

11          MR. WOLFF:  I know -- Sal's not  
12          here, Chief Marchese is not here.  I know I had  
13          conversations with them.  There was some back  
14          and forth.  Were we ever able to get a final  
15          decision on that?

16          ATTY. PERRY:  We have to wait on the  
17          Chief.

18          MR. WOLFF:  Okay.

19          MR. CUMMINGS:  It is over a year.  I  
20          just want that on record.  It's been a year  
21          I've been here asking about the same thing.  
22          That will be all.  Thank you.

23          MS. OVEN:  Thank you.

24          MS. ZANGARDI:  Can we get some maybe  
25          trucks -- borough trucks down there not in use



1           parked there to block it -- at least block it  
2           from -- is that a solution until we get the  
3           Jersey Barriers?

4                   MR. WOLFF: Anything that is not in  
5           use is broke down. Do you know what I mean?  
6           So I don't know -- I could look around. I  
7           could ask.

8                   MS. OVEN: Greg, how long will it  
9           take to get the Jersey Barriers?

10                  MR. WOLFF: I don't really know.  
11           I'm trying, just with the budget we have a lot.  
12           So I wasn't able to -- like I said, we don't  
13           have them available. So I'm going to have to  
14           get ahold of somebody and try to get some  
15           there.

16                  MS. OVEN: Okay.

17                  MS. ZANGARDI: Just one other quick  
18           question. How much do they cost? I know we  
19           got them for our wall at our rental property.  
20           I don't remember the cost though.

21                  MR. WOLFF: It depends. I'm not  
22           sure because I haven't had to get too many of  
23           them so I really don't know. I wish I had a  
24           better answer.

25                  MS. ZANGARDI: Yeah, that's all

1 right. No big deal. Sorry, John, it is a big  
2 deal when you live in the neighborhood. So  
3 we'll stay on it, okay?

4 MR. CUMMINGS: Thank you.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you for coming.

6 MR. WOLFF: Anyone else?

7 MS. ZANGARDI: There is one more.

8 Go ahead, Frank. Come up.

9 MR. SENOFONTE: Frank Senofonte, 620  
10 Shirley Lane. It's been a year my property has  
11 been damaged by Gigapower and nothing has been  
12 done to rectify it. Sidewalk's broken. My  
13 driveway has sunken.

14 They hit my sewer line. That was a  
15 big thing back then. They denied it. Three  
16 days later we got the camera in and they  
17 discovered that they did break it, but they  
18 denied it. And their supervisors come out and  
19 they said to me, "Well, if my men said they  
20 didn't do it, they didn't do it." They did it.  
21 They lied.

22 If you -- I don't know who brought  
23 these people on board but if you Google  
24 Gigapower --

25 MS. BRIER: Don't we have a company

1           to reimburse people?

2                   MR. WOLFF: Yes, there is an  
3           arbitration process. Myself and Mr. Senofonte  
4           have been trying. We miss each other quite a  
5           bit. And we have spoken a few times. I have  
6           reached out to Gigapower. We could -- I talked  
7           to Mr. Senofonte to reach out for the  
8           arbitration process.

9                   I'll speak with Mickey and that is  
10          what we were just discussing. We could point  
11          him in the right direction on how to get that  
12          accomplished.

13                  MR. SENOFONTE: There's a situation  
14          there where my blacktop is about three-quarters  
15          of an inch lower than the sidewalk. Now, the  
16          Borough knows about it. The contractor knows  
17          about it because they were up there when they  
18          were doing it.

19                  They said don't worry about it.  
20          We'll take care of everything. Well, if  
21          somebody trips, am I liable?

22                  MR. WOLFF: I'm not qualified to  
23          answer that.

24                  MR. SENOFONTE: Well, someone has to  
25          answer the question. I pass the ball to the

1           Borough. The Borough passed the ball to the  
2           contractor. I made them aware of the situation  
3           and they know about the situation.

4                   ATTY. PERRY: Everybody is  
5           responsible for their own property, whether or  
6           not somebody else would be responsible because  
7           of what they told you, that is potentially in  
8           that situation. But there is an arbitration  
9           process to go through against these guys.

10                   So it's available to everybody in  
11           the Borough who said they have problems with  
12           what they did.

13                   MR. SENOFONTE: They are brutal.  
14           They were brutal.

15                   ATTY. PERRY: Well, that is why we  
16           established the arbitration process so people's  
17           complaints could be rectified.

18                   MR. SENOFONTE: They came on my  
19           property to do their work. I know there's an  
20           easement. And they could do whatever they have  
21           to do within that easement. But they came on  
22           my driveway and they dug a whole in my driveway  
23           to search for a waterline.

24                   And they fixed it all right. They  
25           backfilled and threw a cold patch in it. My

1 driveway never had a patch in it before. This  
2 guy named Ed -- I don't know his last name is.  
3 He was up there probably in March, looked at  
4 all the damages. And I told him, I said, "This  
5 is not acceptable."

6 He said, "Well, we'll come up.  
7 We'll dig 3 feet right along side of your  
8 driveway into the sidewalk and we'll just  
9 resurface it." I said, "No. You're not going  
10 to put a patch in the driveway. There was  
11 never a patch there before. I want a topcoat,  
12 the whole driveway. That's it. I'm not going  
13 to stand for no patching."

14 The sidewalks -- 40-year-old  
15 sidewalk, perfect sidewalk they smashed. I  
16 have pictures of them with their equipment  
17 coming across the sidewalk without pads or  
18 plywood down, which is probably the way you're  
19 supposed to work.

20 And they ignored that because it  
21 took extra time to lay that stuff down. Now,  
22 I've been pretty patient. This has been going  
23 on for a long time. My main concern right now  
24 is to get it done. And who the hell is going  
25 to be liable?

1                   ATTY. PERRY: Well, you should take  
2                   them to arbitration if you are not satisfied  
3                   with their response, then you have to take them  
4                   to arbitration. It's established. It's --  
5                   you're free to do it. That's what I would do  
6                   if they didn't do it the way I wanted it.  
7                   That's what you should do.

8                   MR. SENOFONTE: How do I do it? How  
9                   do I go about it?

10                  MS. OVEN: Greg has a phone number.

11                  ATTY. PERRY: Talk to Greg. He'll  
12                  guide you through it.

13                  MR. SENOFONTE: Greg, I got to talk  
14                  to you.

15                  MR. WOLFF: Yeah, I'll be in touch.  
16                  I'll cover with Mickey to make sure and we'll  
17                  be in contact.

18                  MR. SENOFONTE: How soon?

19                  MR. WOLFF: In the next couple days.

20                  MR. SENOFONTE: Next couple of days,  
21                  got that? The wheels are turning, but they're  
22                  spinning. That's the problem. They're  
23                  turning, but they're spinning. They're not  
24                  going anywhere.

25                  MR. WOLFF: I know.

1 MR. SENOFONTE: Please Google  
2 Gigapower, please. Apparently no one did it,  
3 but whoever brought them on --

4 MR. WOLFF: We'll, we have that  
5 process, yep.

6 MR. SENOFONTE: They are brutal.  
7 All right. That's all I have for now.

8 MS. BRIER: Are they finished up  
9 there, Greg?

10 MR. WOLFF: To my knowledge, yes.  
11 There's a lot to Mr. Senofonte's story that  
12 we'll guide him through that process. We'll  
13 point him in the direction where he needs to go  
14 for that arbitration process.

15 MS. BRIER: Okay, but they are  
16 finished with the job.

17 MR. WOLFF: To my knowledge, yes.

18 MS. BRIER: I was going to say, we  
19 could suspend the job again until they fix  
20 this.

21 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, there's a lot here  
22 in this particular matter. So to the best of  
23 my knowledge, they are done working.

24 MS. BRIER: Okay.

25 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, Frank.

1 MR. WOLFF: Anyone else? Okay,  
2 move on, Public officials. Mr. Ruddy.

3 MR. RUDDY: I'm Mike Ruddy, Dunmore  
4 Tax Collector. I came here tonight to share  
5 some information regarding impact of the new  
6 2026 property assessments on the residents'  
7 Borough bills.

8 So I spoke with Pat Tobin who I --  
9 connected me with some people in the IT  
10 Department of Lackawanna County. And they were  
11 going to provide me with the property values  
12 for both 2025 and 2026 for all the residential  
13 in the Borough.

14 Using those figures, I calculated  
15 each residential property bill for 2025 based  
16 on the 54 mills that they are currently being  
17 charged this year and then calculated their  
18 2026 bills using their new values and the  
19 proposed 3.2 mills that Greg shared with me.

20 After comparing the two years, this  
21 is how the 4,840 residential properties broke  
22 out:

23 37.8 percent of the residents will  
24 see a decrease on their bills; 22.1 percent  
25 will see an increase of \$100 or less. And then



1 the remaining 40.1 percent will see an increase  
2 of \$100 or more based on the values that I  
3 received from the county for both years.

4 Now, my goal is just to provide this  
5 because I know there was a lot of information  
6 in the paper about a third will go up, a third  
7 will stay roughly the same and a third will,  
8 you know, go down.

9 So all in all, they are pretty close  
10 with what the county said would happen. And as  
11 the week comes now that they are going to  
12 publicly have voted on the new 3.2 mills, Greg  
13 and talked. We're going to put together some  
14 Facebook posts similar to how the Scranton  
15 Times did an article explaining to you how you  
16 could calculate your bill. We're going to do  
17 the same bill.

18 Folks could take the letter they  
19 received from the county and then calculate  
20 based on 3.2 mills and know where they are  
21 going to see -- and they could be like my  
22 father as well just calling me up and saying  
23 how is this going to look.

24 MS. OVEN: Should we give your cell  
25 number out?

1 MR. RUDDY: Yes. Are there any  
2 questions for me?

3 MS. OVEN: Thanks for doing that.  
4 It's great to see those numbers.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Can you repeat the  
6 numbers again, please?

7 MR. RUDDY: Yeah, and I can send  
8 this to you too.

9 MS. ZANGARDI: Oh, okay.

10 MR. RUDDY: 37.8 percent -- so  
11 almost 38 percent are going to see a decrease  
12 on their bill; 22 percent will see \$100 or more  
13 per their Borough bill. And then 40 percent  
14 will see more than \$100 increase.

15 So when I go from \$100 to \$200,  
16 that's 19.4 percent. So then 200 to \$300 we're  
17 looking at another 12 percent. And then it  
18 gets -- people that will see greater than \$500,  
19 that's 2.2 percent of the population.

20 And I played around and looked at  
21 some of these properties and they are  
22 substantially more valuable than what the old  
23 assessment data had on that. And everyone had  
24 their opportunity to appeal the assessment.

25 And Pat Tobin also made a point when

1           he met with all the county tax collectors  
2           saying that just because you didn't appeal it  
3           this year, doesn't mean you can't appeal it  
4           next year for 2027 bill.

5                     You could appeal every year if you  
6           wanted to. Oh, and happy holidays while I'm  
7           here as well.

8                     MS. BRIER: Do you know how many  
9           people have appealed so far in Dunmore?

10                    MR. RUDDY: I don't have those  
11           figures. But I know Pat said they had less  
12           people appeal than they expected. They  
13           expected more appeals.

14                    MR. WOLFF: Janet, we're receiving  
15           them in the Borough office. I would say we  
16           probably have maybe six or seven, not a whole  
17           lot.

18                    MS. BRIER: Okay. And you have a  
19           list of the -- every single household and  
20           what's going to happen taxwise?

21                    MR. RUDDY: Yeah, I have what I  
22           calculated based on the county file. And  
23           assuming nothing changes between now and when  
24           we send the bills out, that would be what the  
25           new printed bills when we go through Berkheimer

1           would come out with.

2                       And that's another item -- just to  
3 point out that since we're changing to  
4 Berkheimer, we will be changing what our bills  
5 look like. We'll no longer be using GSS.  
6 Berkheimer is going to do the printing where  
7 before we contracted with GSS for our printing.

8           MS. BRIER: Great. Thank you.

9           MR. RUDDY: Yep.

10          MR. WOLFF: Mr. Genovese.

11          MR. GENOVESE: Nothing at this time.  
12 But I would like to wish everybody a happy  
13 holiday as well.

14          MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

15          MR. WOLFF: I have nothing except  
16 happy holidays.

17          ATTY. PERRY: Merry Christmas.

18          MAYOR CONWAY: Just thank you to  
19 everybody who made the event yesterday. It  
20 doesn't happen without the support of the whole  
21 community, so just thank you to everybody.

22          MR. DEMPSEY: I'm good. I don't  
23 have anything.

24          MR. O'MALLEY: I just want to say it  
25 was such a huge success. I want to thank Mayor

1 Conway, the Dunmore Business Association, all  
2 the volunteers. My wife and I took the kids  
3 down. They had a blast. I also want to wish  
4 everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.  
5 That's it.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Great job, Max, with  
7 you and your committee up there. It was  
8 fantastic. A lot of happy children because of  
9 the things that you did. That's all I have.  
10 Merry Christmas, everybody.

11 MS. ZANGARDI: A couple of things.  
12 With the assessment, Mike, one -- well, a few  
13 complaints. But one complaint was one  
14 resident, his increased -- doubled while it's  
15 only -- you're going by increases of \$100 or  
16 more.

17 He paid, let me just say, a thousand  
18 dollars and now he's paying \$2,000. So the  
19 percentages are correct. However, his doubled  
20 now. And I'm using a thousand as an example.  
21 And that's where it's hitting people is not so  
22 much the increase of \$200 or \$400, but doubling  
23 some of them.

24 And he is a newer homeowner. That  
25 is just my example. I agree with the

1           assessment, long overdue. But I just wanted to  
2           put that out there.

3                   MS. OVEN: Did he appeal it?

4                   MS. ZANGARDI: Well, that's what I  
5           said to him. And he will appeal it next year.  
6           He didn't do it this year because -- I talked  
7           to him about the appeal, but, you know, he has  
8           the right to appeal.

9                   But his was double and where I'm  
10          going with that is, yes, the increase is 22.1  
11          percent and so and so forth. That's what I  
12          wanted to put out that some of them are  
13          doubled. That is where they are getting hit.

14                  Another issue I had numerous  
15          neighborhood complaints about a property on Elm  
16          Street in Dunmore where they're slaughtering  
17          goats and lambs.

18                  I would like to suggest we hopefully  
19          try to address an ordinance of not doing --  
20          being able to do that in a residential  
21          neighborhood or --

22                  MS. OVEN: I thought we were doing  
23          that.

24                  MS. ZANGARDI: I want it on the  
25          record that we have to do -- I mean, it's a

1 nuisance. They had to get Roto-Rooter there to  
2 clean out the sewer lines from the basement  
3 where it's going on.

4 And so I just wanted that on the  
5 record for the neighborhood's sake. Great,  
6 great night last night. I volunteered again  
7 and I keep saying I'm never going to do it  
8 again.

9 But it's just such a great, great  
10 Dunmore event. It's just awesome. And thank  
11 you, everybody, for going above and beyond.  
12 You know, it was awesome. It was just a great  
13 night. It's a great thing for Dunmore. But,  
14 Max, thank you and the whole committee.

15 And, you know, a lot of those people  
16 who volunteered are not business owners. They  
17 are just on the committee. So that's just a  
18 great thing for Dunmore. Merry Christmas,  
19 Happy New Year, and Happy Hanukkah. Thank you,  
20 everybody, for coming. Thank you.

21 Chris, awesome thank God for your  
22 mother's situation. God bless her. Thank you.  
23 That's all I have. Thanks, everybody, for  
24 coming.

25 MS. OVEN: I just want to

1           congratulate Max and the association and the  
2           volunteers for the Christmas in the corners.  
3           It was a wonderful evening, great to see all  
4           the smiling kids. And thank you, everyone, for  
5           coming and Merry Christmas, Happy New Year,  
6           Happy Hanukkah. Motion to adjourn?

7                     MR. WOLFF: And Janet.

8                     MS. OVEN: Oh, sorry.

9                     MS. BRIER: That's okay. I just  
10           want to say happy holiday season and thanks so  
11           much for putting up with this remote  
12           connection. Thank you.

13                    MS. OVEN: Motion to adjourn?

14                    MR. O'MALLEY: Motion.

15                    MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

16                    MR. HALLINAN: Second.

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