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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, February 9th, 2026

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 :

THOMAS HALLINAN - President - absent

MICHAEL DEMPSEY - Vice President

KATHERINE OVEN

JANET BRIER

ELIZABETH ZANGARDI

WILLIAM O'MALLEY, III

PATRICK LOUGHNEY

GREG WOLFF, Borough Manager

MICHAEL P. PERRY, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCool, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. WOLFF: Roll call, Mayor Conway.

4 MAYOR CONWAY: Here.

5 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Loughney is absent.

6 Mr. O'Malley.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

8 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

10 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Hallinan is absent.

11 Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

12 MS. OVEN: Here.

13 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. McDonald Zangardi.

14 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

15 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

16 MS. BRIER: Here.

17 MR. WOLFF: Number three, public
18 comment on agenda items. Before we move on,
19 Chair, I do want to make mention we do have an
20 amendment to the agenda, which we'll call 6A.
21 That will be a motion to appoint Christopher
22 Brazen as a part-time police officer.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Would anyone from the
24 public like to comment just on agenda items
25 only at this time? Seeing none.

1 MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to
2 approve the minutes from the January 12th, 2026
3 meeting.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a motion to
5 approve the minute?

6 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

7 MS. OVEN: Second.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
9 second. Anyone on the question? On the
10 question? All those in favor.

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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

14 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a motion
15 to pay open bills.

16 MS. BRIER: I'll make it.

17 MS. OVEN: Second.

18 MS. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
19 second. Anyone on the question? All those in
20 favor signify by saying aye.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed? The ayes
23 have it and so moved.

24 MR. WOLFF: Number six, Jonas Crass
25 from DCED.

1 MR. CRASS: Good evening, Council,
2 members of the public. It's great to see a
3 wonderful turnout at a local municipal meeting
4 here tonight. My name is Jonas Crass. I'm a
5 local government specialist at the Governor's
6 Center for Government Services at the
7 Pennsylvania Department of Community and
8 Economic Development.

9 It's a very long title. Essentially
10 we're a one stop shop for local government
11 questions. I have 14 counties in the
12 northeast. Over 400 municipalities I cover.
13 And I really don't see a lot of good turnout
14 like this for local council meetings. So I'm
15 very happy to see that.

16 I have been meeting with Borough
17 Manager Greg Wolff to discuss the strategic
18 management planning program. There are
19 recommendations in that program. I would love
20 for Council to review those recommendations to
21 come in for our next grant funding in June.

22 The Borough is able to get those
23 recommendations funded up to \$200,000 a year at
24 a 10 percent match, so \$20,000 for \$200,000
25 from the state for those recommendations.

1 So I just wanted to stop by tonight
2 to speak with Council to see if there are any
3 recommendations that they would be interested
4 in learning more about discussing. I'm happy
5 to stop by to meet in person at the Borough
6 Building, a lifelong resident of Scranton here
7 in East Mountain, so not far of a drive for me.

8 I know Greg and I have been
9 discussing ERP programs to municipalities to
10 move towards what's called True Government
11 Accounts Funds software. So that one option.
12 Again, there is still a large amount of funds
13 available through that grant for Council to
14 look at.

15 All we would need from Council is to
16 pass a resolution to enter into what's called
17 the phase three of the strategic management
18 planning program. Again, that would have to be
19 done by June. I will send over a copy of that
20 resolution verbiage for you guys to review as
21 well.

22 But between now and May, it would be
23 a good time to sit down and look at those
24 recommendations, get a game plan going for
25 which funds you all would be interested and

1 coming in for funding.

2 And I'm just here tonight to bring
3 that up to you guys to see if you have any
4 questions about those recommendations.

5 MS. BRIER: I have a couple
6 questions DCED. I applied for this grant. It
7 started. It's been wonderful, really, really
8 wonderful.

9 MR. CRASS: I'm glad to hear that.

10 MS. BRIER: Thank you very much.
11 I've been trying to for a number of years to
12 get -- and this might not be in your purview,
13 but a recycle grant for recycling bins. They
14 are very expensive. They are like 300 grand.

15 But there's a process by which you
16 have to have -- a guy name Barrett approve it.
17 And I have been in touch with him numerous
18 times. I'm just wondering if that cycle, that
19 grant cycle is coming up again if you're aware
20 of that or not.

21 MR. CRASS: Off the top of my head,
22 I'm not aware of when the cycle is. But I will
23 leave my contact information with you. If you
24 could just send me an e-mail with that question
25 in writing, I'll be happy to get it to the

1 correct person.

2 MS. BRIER: And how about LSA --

3 MR. CRASS: LSA, that is not done
4 through our office. It's done through DCED.
5 But the next round should be opening up shortly
6 though.

7 MS. BRIER: So thanks for -- I'll
8 e-mail those questions.

9 MR. CRASS: Yeah, please. I'll give
10 you my card. Most municipalities we're seeing
11 consistently applying multimodals and LSAs
12 every year. So I do ask that you do get in for
13 those. There are two rounds for multimodal.
14 That's important to keep in mind.

15 The DCED multimodal is a 50 percent
16 match. So it is lucrative to go for ours and
17 then PennDOT's as well. You go for those
18 after. If you don't get ours, you would like
19 that 50 percent match most likely, right? So
20 make sure you apply for both.

21 And again, those recommendations are
22 fundable up to \$200,000. So look through those
23 and see which ones may interest you guys. But
24 we also do offer studies for police, fire, EMS,
25 regionalizations, mergers, consolidation.

1 But I'm also meant to be your local
2 gov specialist for any questions regarding
3 local government, whether it's something about
4 resolutions, municipal code, anything like
5 that. So I'll leave my contact information for
6 you guys to read it.

7 MS. BRIER: Thank you so much.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

9 MR. WOLFF: I can't speak highly
10 enough of Jonas. He's been very helpful. He's
11 helped me through a couple things and he will
12 be helping me through more. So Jonas has been
13 doing a great job and very patient with me too.

14 MR. CRASS: Thank you.

15 MR. WOLFF: Thank you, Jonas.

16 MS. BRIER: -- STMP phase one, STMP
17 phase two and we have to apply for STMP phase
18 three.

19 MR. CRASS: Yeah, so you have up to
20 five years from the presentation of the final
21 report to come in for that funding. And you
22 could come in for \$200,000 per year within
23 those five years every single year.

24 So this next grant fund round is
25 June. Right now the ERP software program,

1 we'll probably have 150,000ish left on the
2 table for that grant. I would love to see
3 Dunmore to take advantage of all those funds.

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

5 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you.

6 MR. WOLFF: Number 6A, motion to
7 appoint Christopher Brazen as a part-time
8 police officer.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a motion
10 to appoint Christopher Brazen as a part time
11 police officer pending Chief Marchese's
12 approval.

13 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll make that
14 motion.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

16 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
18 second. Anyone on the question? Just on the
19 question quickly, we're just hiring
20 preliminarily a part-time police officer.
21 We're running low on police officers. So if
22 anybody knows a part-time police officer
23 looking for work, send him our way.

24 MS. BRIER: Or anyone that wants to
25 take the test -- the Civil Service Test. It's

1 a hard job.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: So I have a motion and
3 a second. Anyone on the question? All those
4 in favor signify by saying aye.

5 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed? The ayes
7 have it and so moved.

8 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, Treasurer
9 Financial Report, Mark.

10 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
11 A brief report for the month of January. We
12 have a net income of the month of \$154,000,
13 which obviously brings our year to date net
14 income \$154,000 as well.

15 We had limited operating income,
16 special assessment \$622,000 for the fourth
17 quarter landfill fees. Tax anticipation, we
18 drew \$400,000 on the note to cover payroll,
19 which on the expense side, there was three
20 payrolls this past January.

21 I have another \$20,000 in repairs
22 with solid waste and highway maintenance. Snow
23 and ice, we purchased \$82,000 worth of rock
24 salt. That's all I have.

25 MS. BRIER: Mark, do you know when

1 is the next three payroll month is?

2 MR. BURTON: There's usually two per
3 year.

4 MR. O'MALLEY: I think it's July.

5 MS. BRIER: Okay. I was just
6 wondering how that would line up with our tax
7 collection.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye. Thanks, Mark.

9 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney is absent.
10 He's on vacation. Mr. Judge.

11 MR. JUDGE: What's going on? We got
12 the -- what do you call it with the snow --

13 MR. DEMPSEY: The plows.

14 MR. JUDGE: One came in. They're
15 nice.

16 MS. BRIER: Greg sent a picture
17 around.

18 MR. JUDGE: And the other two I
19 think he said would be within a month. They're
20 nice. So that will help us. That will be a
21 big help.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Are we good on garbage
23 collection?

24 MR. JUDGE: What's that?

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Are we good on garbage

1 collection?

2 MR. JUDGE: We're on schedule with
3 the garbage. The recycling we missed a day.
4 But we'll make that up by the end of the week.
5 Every day we'll get a little more. I just
6 didn't have the guys.

7 MS. BRIER: They did a beautiful job
8 with the snow.

9 MR. JUDGE: What's that?

10 MS. BRIER: You guys did an
11 unbelievable job with the snow. I mean, it's
12 been brutal.

13 MR. JUDGE: It was. Tough winter.
14 We went through a lot of salt. But I got salt
15 ordered. I got 10 loads of salt ordered. I'll
16 probably get that tomorrow. And then I'll
17 backorder another 10. We'll be all right.
18 Okay?

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Thanks, Didge.

20 MR. JUDGE: Okay?

21 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes, sir.

22 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Didge.

23 MR. WOLFF: Chief Marchese.

24 CHIEF MARCHESE: Monthly report for
25 January. We responded to 1,082 calls for

1 service. The number is up by 300 calls from
2 the previous month. Arrest for the month, we
3 have 9 criminal arrests, 7 nontraffic, 71
4 traffic arrests, and 41 written traffic
5 warnings.

6 Four candidates also tested and
7 passed the physical portion of the entry level
8 civil service exam and will be moving on the
9 written portion in early February. That was
10 actually this Saturday. We're waiting for the
11 result to come back.

12 Scheduling, we had five overtime
13 shifts went out for the month. Part-time
14 officers worked a total 372 hours, which is 46
15 shifts. Training, Officer Lydon took part in
16 his voice stress analyzer recertification. New
17 business, from the start of the year until then
18 of January we have collected \$363, including
19 coins, credit card, and pay by phone
20 transactions.

21 For the month of January we
22 collected \$210 in parking tickets, one citation
23 was sent down for failure to pay. We have
24 begun a major overhaul of our evidence room and
25 implemented the new barcode scanner for better

1 evidence management.

2 The Lackawanna County District
3 Attorney's office is assisting us in the
4 overhaul. Captain Springer and Barth took part
5 in the state click it or ticket grant which
6 targeted motorists for not wearing seatbelts.
7 That's all I got.

8 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

9 MR. WOLFF: Chief DeNaples.

10 CHIEF DENAPLES: Good evening,
11 Council. For the February report as far as
12 expenditures projected, the ladder truck will
13 be due for its annual full service. That will
14 be done at fire headquarters, \$4,851 provided
15 there is nothing else found besides for the
16 normal service when they go through it.

17 There will be station backup
18 electric generator service done in February.
19 That will be done on the 17th. That is \$350.
20 The only other expenditure we had when this
21 report was written was replace the thermal
22 imaging camera. That's about eight or nine
23 years old.

24 He sends it out for repair. And it
25 was going to cost more to repair than to

1 purchase a new one. So that was \$729.60. As
2 far as overtime scheduled when this was
3 prepared, it was 252 hours of overtime for
4 February.

5 Thirty-nine part-time shifts put out
6 for February. We received the Pennsylvania
7 American Water Company grant for \$500. That is
8 a nonmatch grant. We're able to buy a couple
9 updated hand tools, pry bars, essentially with
10 that.

11 We also received the State Fire
12 Commissioner's Grant award. However, the funds
13 were not deposited yet. Mark is going to keep
14 me posted on that for \$14,485.63. Again,
15 that's a nonmatch. That's just if you apply
16 for it and if you get it, the Borough doesn't
17 have to contribute anything to that.

18 We'll buy some new updated nozzles
19 and stuff of that nature with them funds that
20 are desperately needed. One firefighter come
21 back that was off. We still have two out on
22 heart and lung. Hopefully they will be back
23 within the next couple of months.

24 We've been shovelling hydrants out
25 with this heavy snow the last week or two. We

1 got most of them that were buried shovelled
2 out. A lot of residents did them on their own.
3 They did a 3 by 3 area around them and a path
4 from the street. So we appreciate that help.

5 If anyone knows anybody that needs
6 smoke detectors, we have them available. All
7 they need to do is call fire headquarters. And
8 we'll come out and put them in free of charge
9 as many as they need.

10 As far as call volume for the month
11 of January from January 1 to the 31st, there
12 was 7 fire type calls, 17 hazardous situation,
13 two unidentified calls. They were probably
14 assist other agencies. Medical calls was
15 eight.

16 Nonemergent type calls was 13.
17 Public service calls, that's a lot of smoke
18 detector installs and stuff of that nature was
19 19. And 7 rescue type calls with a total of 73
20 calls for January. That's pretty much all I
21 have if there is no questions.

22 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, Chief.

23 MR. WOLFF: Number nine, public
24 comment.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Before public comment,

1 I'm just going to remind everybody -- we do
2 have a lot of people here. So I just want to
3 remind everybody we do have a five minute time
4 limit. And we'll give you a warning when you
5 are running close. So with that being said, do
6 you have something? Yeah, just state your name
7 and address for the record.

8 MS. IGOE: Good evening, everyone.
9 My name is MJ Igoe. And I'm a former Dunmore
10 resident. And I recently moved back to the
11 Borough and I live in the Bucktown Center
12 building.

13 What we're noticing, first of all,
14 is that there is a safety issue with speeding
15 on Drinker Street and Apple. And I know that
16 the crosswalks were put in. But drivers
17 apparently don't understand that when someone
18 is in a crosswalk you need to stop. You need
19 to stop.

20 I mean, I have more than once stood
21 there and said are you going to come and hit
22 me? And I don't like to be like that. But
23 that's an issue. And when I grew up here,
24 that did not exist on Drinker Street in
25 Dunmore. No one had to be worried about a car

1 speeding from Dunmore Blakely Street on up.
2 And after 6:00 that's an issue.

3 All the people that are in this
4 building are, I'm going to say, on fixed
5 incomes, some are handicap, more handicap than
6 others with walkers, oxygen, etc. And they may
7 not be the quickest ones crossing the street.

8 There is a sign on the sidewalk to
9 watch the pedestrians when they are in the
10 right-of-way. But that's on the sidewalk in
11 front of Doma's store. And that doesn't help
12 anybody. So that was one thing we wanted to
13 mention that we would really appreciate either
14 some more signage and/or restore the light that
15 used to be there.

16 And I want to thank Chief DeNaples
17 and Marchese for the services that they have
18 provided. As a new building, you would not
19 think there were many issues but we've had a
20 couple freak issues up there. I do also want
21 to add that there is an abandoned car on Calvin
22 Street.

23 And it has been there since July of
24 2025. And I reported it three times. And the
25 inspection sticker is expired. And I don't

1 understand why it's not attended, why it hasn't
2 been cited. And I understand there's paperwork
3 involved, but I think seven months is an
4 unreasonable amount of time for an abandoned
5 car.

6 And I realize there are people in
7 the rental off Calvin Street. And they must
8 have just been sent back to jail and left the
9 car there. But it should not be on the street.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: What kind of car is
11 it?

12 MS. IGOE: It's a black -- it's a
13 black, I want to say, Galant, G-A-L-A-N-T,
14 license plate KYJ8707, Pennsylvania tags.

15 MR. BRIER: Who did you report it
16 to, MJ?

17 MS. IGOE: I called the Borough
18 Office. And I talked to two different police
19 officers. And I spoke to a police officer in
20 person on Drinker Street about it. And it
21 seemed to be like when I first found out about
22 the tenants that live in the back of the
23 Bucktown Center building -- and I knew there
24 was another issue with the United States
25 Marshal being up there last week.

1 And there's a lot of odd things
2 going on up there. And it seems to me that
3 seniors coming and going should not have to be
4 worried about what's behind them. And I
5 understand it's not the Borough's problem. It
6 is the person who owns the property.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: One minute. Chief,
8 can you look at that vehicle tomorrow?

9 CHIEF MARCHESE: Yeah, after the
10 meeting I'll get the actual thing -- I'll give
11 it to Captain Barth.

12 MS. ZANGARDI: It's a rental
13 property on Calvin Street that it also you're
14 thinking is a nuisance property?

15 MS. IGOE: Well, it faces Drinker
16 Street. It has the pet shop in it and the
17 jewelers and then the back down that court and
18 the shoemaker -- or the -- between John
19 Gregory's vacuum that there are problems.

20 MS. ZANGARDI: Okay.

21 MS. IGOE: Thank you very much.

22 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Greg, maybe we could
24 look at those crosswalk signs.

25 MR. O'MALLEY: I stopped to let a

1 pedestrian go and a lady was yelling at me. I
2 said it's state law. She said, no, it's not.
3 The lady was on the other side of the street
4 and I stopped to let the lady go so she was
5 forced to stop and she yelled at me.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else like to
7 address? Just state your name and address for
8 the record, please.

9 MS. FLYNN: My name is Corinne Flynn
10 and I live at 620 Boulevard Ave., in Dickson
11 City. Good evening, my name is Corinne Flynn
12 and I was raised at 141 Williams Street and I'm
13 speaking today on behalf of my family for
14 transparency to our perspective and to
15 respectfully ask the Borough to consider a fair
16 and consistent resolution to the ongoing issues
17 we've been having.

18 For more than 50 years this property
19 was first home to my grandfather's and then to
20 my father's, Tony Messana's Garage. Our family
21 has worked out of this garage for decades. In
22 2019 during the Schautz Stadium project, our
23 driveway became a two-way road.

24 And the former Borough Manager at
25 that time invited us move our equipment onto

1 Borough land. We did so in good faith
2 believing this was part of an understanding in
3 exchange for losing our driveway.

4 That understanding remained in place
5 until 2024 when a neighbor threatened to shut
6 us down after an altercation and suddenly the
7 Borough that had invited us onto their land who
8 never had any issues with us with whom we had a
9 very good relationship with, suddenly no longer
10 welcomed our presence.

11 Since then, communication has been
12 vague and contradictory. We have learned that
13 the Borough plans to spend thousands of dollars
14 on a fence that may prevent my father from
15 safely accessing the garage on what is already
16 a narrow and dangerous road. And it would
17 serve no purpose other than hindering him.

18 Yet we have received no clear
19 communication about where it will be placed,
20 when it will be built, or what equipment must
21 be moved even after repeated written requests.
22 This is a trend that has made compliance
23 extremely difficult for my family this past
24 year.

25 And it had fed a false narrative

1 that we are aggressive and noncompliant. More
2 so, we're trying to comply. But it's been
3 difficult to do so. Please understand that the
4 Borough has taken our driveway, buried our
5 survey stakes, raised the pavement so high now
6 that our garage floods. And they failed to
7 drain the sewers outside of my gram's house for
8 five months causing immense flooding.

9 I'm not here to complain honestly.
10 But I want to provide some context. Because
11 despite all of this, we have never attended
12 these meetings before. We have never publicly
13 complained. We've never pursued any legal
14 action because we are quiet, hardworking people
15 who want to be cooperative and be good
16 neighbors.

17 When we received our first eviction
18 notice in October of 2024, my father called the
19 Borough repeatedly. And after weeks of silence
20 and no response, we were forced to seek legal
21 counsel because we had no explained boundary
22 lines or expectations. We moved our equipment
23 three times receiving Borough approval, only to
24 be told later we were not compliant, which
25 speaks to how nebulous this boundary actually

1 is.

2 And the Borough almost put us at
3 risk of default by failing to cancel our
4 hearing. This past year alone, we've moved our
5 equipment five times. We were first told
6 Taylor Avenue was public and we could park
7 along it, especially if loading and unloading.

8 Later we were told it was private
9 and were trespassing. When my father went in
10 person seeking clarity, he was labeled as
11 aggressive. Meanwhile, neighbors park anywhere
12 along the road regularly blocking both
13 emergency access for vehicles and also access
14 to the cemetery so that family members cannot
15 visit their dead relatives without so much as a
16 citation.

17 So this feels discriminatory in
18 nature. Recently we were told this is about
19 insurance liability. This has nothing to do
20 with the disgruntled complaint from a neighbor.
21 But if that's so, I want to know why it was not
22 an issue before 2024 and why no action has been
23 taken regarding other neighbors who have
24 property on Borough land.

25 If it is truly about liability, then

1 it should be addressed consistently. And those
2 other property owners with physical structures
3 on the land should be evicted. Otherwise, this
4 does not appear to be fair. I cannot fully
5 express in five minutes how devastating this
6 has been for my family or all of the strange
7 discrepancies and communication from the
8 Borough.

9 But we're here tonight with all of
10 our documentation and are willing to answer any
11 followup questions. I may no longer live in
12 Dunmore, but I am a Dunmore girl who married a
13 Dunmore boy and I don't understand to how 10 to
14 20 feet of unused land has become such an
15 issue.

16 I really struggle to understand how
17 my hometown can threaten to tow my
18 grandmother's car or suggest arresting my
19 father simply for trying to work safely out of
20 his garage as he's always done, rather than
21 attempting to meet us halfway and issue some
22 sort of compromise so that we could go back to
23 having a good relationship.

24 Thus, we are asking for a fair
25 resolution that allows us to safely continue

1 working at 141 Williams Street as we have for
2 decades. We have taken steps to understand our
3 rights and responsibilities. We are committed
4 to resolving this in a fair and lawful way.

5 And like you, we want the situation
6 to end, especially since we are the ones who
7 have been bearing the financial and emotional
8 costs. Thank you.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. I'll take
10 your contact information after the meeting.

11 MS. FLYNN: Okay.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone else like to
13 address? Sally?

14 MS. JUDGE: Sally Judge, Dunmore.
15 Hi everyone.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Hi, Sally.

17 MS. JUDGE: Everybody knows --
18 mostly knows who I am. I've worked for the
19 Borough for 30 years, retired just a year about
20 now, which I'm loving, by the way. Just a few
21 things, I'm actually here sort of for my
22 friends, my niece who works in the office now.

23 I understand Berkheimer is now going
24 to collect our taxes. How that became a
25 part -- how that became a part of why you're

1 doing it, I really don't understand. I don't
2 want to go to town to pay my taxes. I don't
3 want to pay the 3 percent online to pay my
4 taxes.

5 I don't want to pay a dollar and a
6 quarter for a check to do. I want when I go
7 pay my taxes, I want a stamped receipt then. I
8 don't want to wait a month before Berkheimer
9 comes and sends it back and says, okay, you're
10 now paid.

11 I don't understand. Was there ever
12 an issue in the office that that happened? I
13 understand Donna is retiring or another
14 employee is retiring. But now you are taking
15 another person out of the office. You're
16 leaving two individuals to answer telephones,
17 deal with 5,000 residents -- or 14,000
18 residents, mind you.

19 I just don't know how we came about
20 this. Can somebody tell me -- okay, you're
21 saying you want to do it to save money. What
22 is Berkheimer charging you to do it? They are
23 going to collect over 4 million dollars for
24 you. How much of that is going to go to
25 Berkheimer? Does anybody have a figure for

1 that?

2 MR. WOLFF: It's roughly -- with the
3 allowing the payments it's roughly \$2.50 a tax
4 bill.

5 MS. JUDGE: Okay, so 5,500 tax
6 bills. So what does the figure come to? Now I
7 know when I worked there they collected our
8 taxes, the income taxes. You have to pay for
9 postage. You have to pay for any fees that
10 they might incur. You have to pay for anything
11 that they mail out, everything like that. So,
12 like, do you have a figure of what Berkheimer
13 is going to charge you for one year?

14 MR. WOLFF: Roughly \$9,000.

15 MS. JUDGE: That's it?

16 MR. WOLFF: That's it.

17 MS. JUDGE: Nine thousand dollars.
18 I find that hard to believe, but, okay. I'll
19 go with it.

20 MR. WOLFF: That's what it is. It
21 was 1.50 a tax bill. But after we added -- I
22 have to look up the exact number. But after we
23 added the payments, you know, we wanted to keep
24 that -- it's right around 2.50 a tax bill. So
25 if you say \$6,000 tax bills, you're roughly

1 around 9 or 10,000 if you do the math real
2 quick.

3 MS. JUDGE: So when I left the
4 Borough, they did not replace me. The girls --
5 whoever was left in the office had to take up
6 all the other work including Olana over in the
7 police department.

8 Now when Donna leaves the office, do
9 they have to pick up all of her work as well?
10 Is it possible you might hire somebody part
11 time? Is it possible you might have another
12 full-timer in there, but then you are taking
13 back what you're saying. You don't want to
14 spend the money for another full-timer, which
15 it's not going to be true.

16 When I left, I was told, yes, you
17 are being replaced. Yes, you are being
18 replaced until the day I left. No, you are not
19 being replaced. Everybody is picking up your
20 work. I feel for the girls in office. You're
21 going to have two girls answering that phone
22 with people going crazy with their new
23 assessments.

24 I can't even imagine what the new
25 bills are going to be like, the phone calls

1 they're going to get, the people stopping in
2 the office. I'm saying that you are going to
3 put a drop box in the office. Who's going to
4 take that money into town? Who is going to
5 take that bag of money to town?

6 You're not going to give it to one
7 of those girls, I hope. It should be a police
8 officer or somebody who has --

9 MR. WOLFF: There will be no cash.

10 MS. JUDGE: Okay, no cash. But
11 there's still checks. So somebody comes to the
12 office here, I give it Donna and it's in the
13 drop box. How do I know it's going to get to
14 Berkheimer? How do I know it -- it could get
15 lost. Anything can happen from the time you
16 drop it off until the time it gets down there.

17 And regardless, it's money. Donna
18 is no longer bonded, I understand. She told me
19 she's no longer bonded. She shouldn't be
20 touching anything, going anywhere. I just -- I
21 just -- these girls are going to have so much
22 work on their plate. It's crazy you're going
23 to have two people taking the bunch.

24 At one time we had 10 people that
25 worked in this office. They are down to two.

1 The Treasurer, he has his own work. Mike
2 Brazil has his own work. Faith works primarily
3 for him. So that leaves one person. She's
4 already overworked.

5 Work that I did still doesn't get
6 done. It's still sitting there. The flags on
7 the Borough, they look terrible. I just think
8 taking another position out of that office is
9 just a shame. And I don't understand why there
10 was never a problem. And you're trying to save
11 money?

12 What about every other department?
13 Every time someone leaves the Borough, you
14 don't replace them. I just think it's wrong.
15 And to not even let the girls know, that was
16 even the best. The day they found out is the
17 night of the meeting. That's when they found
18 out there would be no more collecting the
19 taxes.

20 That is just so wrong, so wrong, so
21 disrespectful. I saw -- I dealt with a lot of
22 disrespect from the Borough and it's still
23 happening. I just think it's a shame. That's
24 all I have to say.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Sally.

1 Anyone else like to address the public tonight?
2 Mark?

3 MS. ZANGARDI: Hi, Mark. Happy New
4 Year.

5 MR. CORDELLI: Happy New Year,
6 everyone, Mark Cordelli, Lackawanna County.
7 What I'd like to do is share with everybody
8 some of the events that have already launched
9 and there will be more to come. Look forward
10 to sharing all of these with everybody.

11 First is our Lackawanna County
12 Library System. They are running this program.
13 They started on the second and will go through
14 the end of this month of February. It is
15 Reading Starts a Revolution winter challenge
16 for all ages.

17 Participate at your library,
18 complete reading and activity challenges to win
19 a prize. So go to the library. Who knows.
20 They didn't list the prizes so I can't reveal
21 what you guys might win, but have fun.

22 Next this weekend, President's Day
23 weekend, four days, February 13, 14, 15 and
24 16th is the 27th annual winter meet of the
25 Pennsylvania Garden Railway Society. Again,

1 it's open this weekend. You could come see a
2 live steam model trains along with electric G
3 scale and other assorted large gauge
4 electric --

5 MS. BRIER: When will that be?

6 MR. CORDELLI: It will be held at
7 the Electric City Trolley Museum. They will
8 have all kinds of railroads set up throughout
9 the whole facility. It will be a wonderful,
10 wonderful event. I will leave this fliers here
11 for everybody.

12 Council, just like yourselves if you
13 have any events, please let me know. I'd be
14 happy to just like I'm about to read, for
15 example, Archbald Borough is having their
16 winter carnival this Saturday, Valentines Day
17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

18 They're going to have all kinds of
19 fun activities. I'm not going to go through
20 everything here. But it's a winter carnival,
21 games, crafts, horses, carriage rides and also
22 free popcorn and hot dogs will be included in
23 this. It will be a nice -- take my wife there.

24 Friday, February 20th, Marywood is
25 holding on Veterans Service Fair. The service

1 fair is going to be from 9 a.m. to 11. The
2 fair itself it will be at Nazareth Student
3 Center in the Fireplace Lounge.

4 They are going to have a guest
5 speaker make a presentation between 11 and 12.
6 The feature presenter is going to be Brigadier
7 General Keith Graham. There is more
8 information here if anybody is a veteran. They
9 have all kinds of services to be able to help
10 those who might need some assistance.

11 As the song says, baby, it's cold
12 outside and it's white outside. But guess
13 what, pitcher and catchers are reporting,
14 ladies and gentlemen. Spring season is around
15 and so are the RailRiders. They launched their
16 schedule for home games and away games if you
17 are a faithful -- the guy down in Punxsutawney
18 didn't see his shadow.

19 Next, Electric City Trolley Museum,
20 not only do they have a wonderful exhibit of
21 historical things here in northeast
22 Pennsylvania, is the perfect place of Electric
23 City Trolley throughout the United States.
24 Amazing. So some people haven't seen it yet.

25 If you want to hold yours and/or a

1 child's birthday up there, they are
2 entertaining the opportunity. The room, the
3 party room can hold up to 50 people and you get
4 a time slot between 9:30 to 3:30. So it's
5 basically six hours so you could have that
6 party. There's a trolley ride and museum group
7 rates. The room rate is here. You could
8 decorate it anyway you want, but just feel free
9 to reach out and contact them.

10 And lastly, this one is a little
11 serious, appreciate you enjoying my little
12 sense of humor here, but this one is
13 unfortunate with what is happening in our world
14 and society that thieves have gone from not
15 only taking our credit card information and
16 using to buy alcohol or electronics and other
17 things, but now thieves have upped their game.

18 Now they are actually going after
19 our property. You probably seen or heard
20 commercials on TV with regards to this. Our
21 Recorder of Deeds, Evie Rafalko McNulty and her
22 staff found this program. It's called Protect
23 Yourself Against Property Fraud.

24 This is a free opportunity for you.
25 It's not like Lifelock. It's not going to stop

1 them. But it will alert you if somebody is
2 trying to take your name, your information and
3 steal your property. How do they steal your
4 property? Great question. Thank you.
5 Appreciate you asking that.

6 What they're doing being that it's a
7 digital society, they are taking out mortgages
8 in our name. But we're left with the bill
9 paying for it and also the possibility of
10 losing your home. Because being in a digital
11 world, they could take your ID, our
12 information, create their own driver's license,
13 passport, whatever the case may be and pursue
14 this.

15 Last year over 20 people here in
16 Lackawanna County were affected by this. This
17 is just trying to help educate everybody here
18 to be proactive and protect yourself and your
19 property. This is free to sign up on the
20 website. Evie Rafalko is an elected official
21 so you could go to Lackawanna County website,
22 go to the drop down government section where --
23 elected officials and you will find Recorder of
24 Deeds information here.

25 Sign up online. It's free. It

1 doesn't cost you anything. But what they
2 wanted me to share with everybody is, please do
3 not use your name when signing off on this.
4 Why? Again, it's digital. It's electric.
5 Once you enter your name in there and it gets
6 saved, they have -- this is way beyond my scope
7 of how they do these things. But it will send
8 a red flag notifying them that you signed up
9 for this.

10 Everybody's home and/or properties
11 has a unique and individual locator number,
12 okay? It's on your tax bill -- that address --
13 that number there and your coordinates. You
14 could use your iPhone and just do a pin drop at
15 your location. It will give you the horizontal
16 and latitude coordinates to put in.

17 They ask you to use that as your
18 name for that. That will come up. You'll be
19 able to find that at the Recorder of Deeds when
20 they have that. I have to stress upon you all
21 the importance of this. Myself, if I may share
22 with you, I was a patient of Delta Medics here
23 in downtown Scranton. They got hacked.

24 My information is compromised.
25 Geisinger, I am a patient of Geisinger.

1 Information has been hacked. It's not a matter
2 of if. It's a matter of when. And so please,
3 please, please, I'm going to leave several of
4 these here with Greg and/or Council if anybody
5 is interested.

6 And also, there is a fraud
7 notification instruction sheet. So again,
8 please, please protect yourself. That's a
9 wonderful, wonderful part of this program. And
10 I hope everybody stays safe. Happy Valentines
11 Day to everybody.

12 MS. BRIER: We may be able to put
13 that on our website, right, Greg?

14 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, it would probably
15 just be a link.

16 MR. CORDELLI: Yes, sir.

17 MS. BRIER: Thanks.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody else from the
20 public like to address Council tonight? Seeing
21 none.

22 MR. WOLFF: Public officials, I have
23 nothing.

24 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

25 MAYOR CONWAY: I just want to say

1 thanks to Captain Springer and Sergeant
2 Richardson. It's was great story on WNEP a
3 couple days ago about how they acted quick and
4 saved a guy's life who was out shovelling. So
5 I just want to say congratulations to them. It
6 was a really cool story about them. That's all
7 I have.

8 MR. O'MALLEY: First, I'd like to
9 start by thanking Mr. Judge and the guys at the
10 DPW for all of their hard work with the
11 snowstorm and for being out there in this
12 brutally cold weather.

13 Mrs. Flynn, I know that we spoke a
14 few times about your situation. And I just
15 really hope that we can come to some type of
16 resolution. We'll keep hopefully working on
17 that.

18 I'd also finally just like to
19 congratulate Dunmore High School senior Brayden
20 Canavan on his recent appearance on ESPN with
21 the number one play of the night reaching half
22 quarter buzzer beater against Old Forge to win
23 the game for the Bucks. That's all I have.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Janet.

25 MS. BRIER: I just want to thank

1 everyone for coming. MJ, it was great to see
2 you. I didn't know you were back in the
3 Borough. Good stuff. It is. Thank you for
4 your comments as well.

5 Our municipal officials, again, it's
6 been a rough winter, a really rough winter for
7 all of you, for the fire department, the police
8 department and particularly DPW. We have a
9 great group. We're really lucky.

10 And, Mrs. Flynn, you know, we could
11 come to some compromise, I'm sure.

12 MS. FLYNN: I'd appreciate that.

13 MS. BRIER: And I do appreciate you
14 writing that up because we did need to hear
15 both sides.

16 MS. FLYNN: And I'm so sorry I
17 didn't do it sooner. But I really thought that
18 compliance meant no speaking up. I thought
19 that if you were quiet, it would show everyone
20 you just want to get along. So I apologize.

21 MS. BRIER: It's okay. Thanks for
22 coming.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Go ahead, yeah.

24 MS. ZANGARDI: Thank you, everybody,
25 for coming. And again, Canavan, great buzzer

1 beater. That was awesome. Nice Dunmore proud
2 moment. Also, for Captain Barth and Sergeant
3 Richardson, great -- another Dunmore proud
4 moment.

5 And, Didge, thank you and all the
6 guys for cleaning up our Borough. We
7 appreciate you and everybody. So thank you,
8 everybody. Have a good night.

9 MS. OVEN: I'd like to thank
10 everyone for coming. And also, Didge, and your
11 crew for keeping us safe with the streets. And
12 it's been a long winter so hopefully it's over
13 soon. But we appreciate all you do.

14 MR. DEMPSEY: Okay. I guess I'm
15 last. I'll just echo what everybody else is
16 saying. Miss Flynn, I'll be in contact with
17 you. We'll talk after the meeting. I'm at
18 Schautz every single day. So I could certainly
19 meet you guys to see if we could figure
20 something out, okay?

21 Also, Brayden Canavan, unbelievable
22 buzzer beater, but also the 1,000. And also,
23 Cayden Reynolds who is the son of patrolman Ray
24 Reynolds received about -- Greg, were you at
25 the banquet? I was there. He received four

1 or five awards from the football team. So
2 congratulations to him too. With that, I would
3 look for a motion to adjourn.

4 MS. BRIER: Mike, I just want to
5 thank Jonas for coming as well and Mark as
6 well. You had a lot of good information.
7 Thanks so much for taking the time to come to
8 the meeting.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, thank you both.
10 Anyone else? I'll look for a motion to
11 adjourn.

12 MR. O'MALLEY: Motion.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?

14 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

15 MS. OVEN: Second.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
17 signify by saying aye.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: We're adjourned.
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