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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, April 13th, 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
- MICHAEL DEMPSEY - Vice President - absent
- 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.

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: Here.

7 MR. WOLFF: Mr. O'Malley.

8 MR. O'MALLEY: Here.

9 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Dempsey is absent.

10 Mr. Hallinan.

11 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

12 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Mackrell Oven.

13 MS. OVEN: Here.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. McDonald Zangardi.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: Here.

16 MR. WOLFF: Mrs. Brier.

17 MS. BRIER: Here.

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

20 MR. HALLINAN: Would anybody from
21 the public like to speak about agenda items
22 only? Seeing none, next, Greg.

23 MR. WOLFF: Number four, motion to
24 approve the minutes from the March 9th, 2026
25 meeting.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Can I have a motion
2 to approve the minutes from the March 9th
3 meeting?

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

5 MS. ZANGARDI: I'll second.

6 MR. HALLINAN: On the question?
7 Seeing none, all in favor?

8 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. HALLINAN: No opposed.

10 MR. WOLFF: Number five, motion to
11 approve and pay open bills.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Can I have a motion
13 to approve and pay open bills?

14 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

15 MS. ZANGARDI: Second.

16 MR. HALLINAN: On the question? All
17 in favor.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. WOLFF: Number six, motion to
20 approve the road closing of the 1400 block of
21 Monroe and 1600 block of Clay for Jog for Jude
22 on April 18th, 2026.

23 MS. BRIER: Greg, sorry. I just
24 have one quick question for Mark on the bills.
25 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission six

1 grand.

2 MR. BURTON: Greg, do you want to
3 handle that one?

4 MR. WOLFF: Sure. There was
5 basically a fine for a violation for call for
6 before you dig which is one the reasons we
7 needed DPW to do that.

8 MS. BRIER: To do what, Greg?

9 MR. WOLFF: They now do the 811
10 work, the computer work to log it to check it
11 off now.

12 MS. BRIER: Okay. How about Tristar
13 24 grand?

14 MR. BURTON: That's workers' comp.

15 MS. BRIER: Oh, great. Okay.

16 Thanks. That's all I have.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. There's a
18 motion to close the roads for Jog for Jude.

19 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

20 MS. OVEN: Second.

21 MR. HALLINAN: On the question?

22 Seeing none, all in favor?

23 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MR. WOLFF: Number seven, motion to
25 award Gary Podunajec of Wayco, the Chestnut

1 Street 2026 paving project in the amount of
2 \$31,765.

3 MR. HALLINAN: Can I have a motion
4 to approve the Chestnut Street paving project
5 right by Sal's there? It's from the corner to
6 Willow?

7 MR. WOLFF: Corner to Ambrose.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Ambrose, sorry.

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

11 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

12 MR. HALLINAN: On the question?

13 MR. WOLFF: That will be covered by
14 the liquid fuels. We did a competitive bid
15 process. So we meet all our criteria for
16 liquid fuels.

17 MR. HALLINAN: All in favor?

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Seeing none, next.

20 MR. WOLFF: Motion to award HPCI,
21 the 2026 Dunmore Community Center Flooring
22 Replacement Project in the amount of \$41,674.

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

25 MS. OVEN: Second.

1 MR. HALLINAN: On the question?

2 MR. WOLFF: That is LSA grant money
3 that Councilwoman McDonald Zangardi worked with
4 the county for. Again, a competitive bid
5 process. We have like \$44,000 available. So
6 the bid came in a little bit low. So maybe we
7 could get a little extra done.

8 MR. HALLINAN: All in favor?

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. Next,
11 Treasury Report.

12 MR. BURTON: Good evening, Council.
13 Report for the month March, we had a net income
14 for the month of \$640,000, which brings our
15 year-to-date net income to \$744,000.

16 As far as income was concerned,
17 business licenses and permits, we received
18 28,000 on the Adams billboard lease, state
19 shared revenue 405,000 from the liquid fuels
20 funding, miscellaneous revenue 44,000 from our
21 Express Scripts 4th quarter 2025 rebate.

22 Expensewise, it was just the
23 standard operating expenses with the exception
24 of insurance premiums \$77,000, our quarterly
25 installment of our auto liability payment.

1 That's it.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

3 MS. BRIER: Mark, do you sometimes
4 give us, like, a comparison between '26 and
5 '25? Don't you give us that?

6 MR. BURTON: I have the budget, but
7 I haven't finished. It's usually year to date.
8 I'll have it next time. I'm almost done with
9 it.

10 MS. BRIER: Oh, okay. Thank you
11 very much.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you, Mark.

13 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

14 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Kearney.

15 MR. KEARNEY: In the past several
16 weeks we continued hosting parties here on the
17 weekends. In the gym we currently have two
18 weekly rentals with Riverfront. They have an
19 AAU, a bunch of AAU teams here and also a group
20 called Electric City Blitz who also does AAU.

21 Riverfront is here until the end of
22 April and Electric City Blitz is here until the
23 end of May. And they'll bring in -- Riverfront
24 I think is \$3,150 and Electric City is like
25 \$2,600. We also have a Dunmore Youth Coach who

1 has a weekly practice with younger kids trying,
2 like, an enrichment program.

3 This weekend marks the annual Jog
4 for Jude event. We're going to close the gym
5 on Thursday afternoon because they start
6 bringing in all of their tables and chairs
7 setting up the gym for registration.

8 One thing we probably could do -- I
9 don't know, Greg, if this is a -- maybe Friday
10 night have a police car out here because there
11 is people back and forth. I don't know, have
12 them come by. I mean, they're crossing back
13 and forth.

14 MR. WOLFF: The Friday before?

15 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, the Friday
16 evening everybody is picking up stuff and they
17 are parking over in Price Chopper's lot and
18 they're just -- and people fly down this road.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Mayor, can we have a
20 car assigned there?

21 MAYOR CONWAY: Yep.

22 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

23 MR. KEARNEY: So Friday registration
24 and packet pickup. Saturday, the race is at
25 6:30. But they do like stuff in the afternoon.

1 I'm not exactly sure what time that kicks off.
2 But it's usually like around 4:00 where they
3 have, you know, stuff out here.

4 I'm not sure. I think they lost
5 some of their rides that they used to have
6 carnival rides and stuff out there. I don't
7 think they are doing it. It seems to me from
8 the meeting the numbers are scaling down a
9 little bit.

10 A couple years ago they had 2,900
11 registered. This year I think it's 1,100. It
12 may be a little bit smaller. I'm not positive
13 on that. Saturday, the race is at 6:30. And
14 then Sunday we have cleanup and getting the
15 place back in order. So that's all I have.

16 MS. BRIER: You know, we're talking
17 about the flooring. They said it's going to
18 happen in May. I'm just concerned about people
19 going --

20 MR. WOLFF: They could come in as
21 early as May, yes.

22 MS. BRIER: I just think we need
23 to --

24 MR. KEARNEY: Do we know how long it
25 would take?

1 MR. WOLFF: It will be broken out.
2 But, I mean, I'll talk to you on that. We'll
3 definitely --

4 MR. KEARNEY: My concern is, we
5 already have parties booked here. If they are
6 going to be here for however long, then we got
7 to get --

8 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, we'll have to
9 coordinate with them, especially with the
10 library.

11 MR. KEARNEY: Okay, yeah. Thank
12 you.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Chris, thank you for
14 all your hard work with Jog for Jude. We know
15 it's not easy. Thank you.

16 MR. WOLFF: Mr. Judge is absent.
17 Chief Marchese is absent. And Chief DeNaples
18 is off today. He's absent as well. Number 11,
19 public comment.

20 MR. HALLINAN: Does anybody in the
21 audience have public comment? John, welcome
22 back.

23 MR. CUMMINGS: Hi. My name is John
24 Cummings, 133 Williams Street in Dunmore. The
25 last time I talked to Mr. Perry you called and

1 said it was settled.

2 ATTY. PERRY: I said that he had
3 complied with what we asked him to do.

4 MR. CUMMINGS: To clean the alley?

5 ATTY. PERRY: No, to keep his
6 equipment off our property.

7 MR. CUMMINGS: Yeah. It's still
8 there.

9 MR. WOLFF: On our property?

10 MR. CUMMINGS: Yes.

11 MR. WOLFF: Last time I drove by he
12 was not on it.

13 MR. CUMMINGS: And then after, I
14 talked to Mr. Perry last time after the
15 meeting, he brought another truck in. I
16 believe he talked to you about it, I think.
17 Somebody talked to him about it, one of the
18 neighbors told me that they -- somebody from
19 the Borough came to talk to him to move it.

20 And he also had added snow plows
21 afterwards. And every time that he has
22 complied so far, he just pushes it further and
23 further. I believe that was what you said last
24 time. He'll just keep pushing it.

25 MR. HALLINAN: John, can I interrupt

1 you for a moment?

2 MR. CUMMINGS: Sure.

3 MR. HALLINAN: This problem has been
4 going on a very long time.

5 MR. CUMMINGS: A couple years.

6 MR. HALLINAN: So again, I talked to
7 Council in executive before this. And we're
8 discussing making the one side going in on
9 Taylor Avenue no parking side, no parking this
10 side. And then we're also going to propose and
11 we're going to ask you and the other party to
12 come to the Borough Building and sit down and
13 hash this out together.

14 MR. CUMMINGS: I would love to.

15 MR. HALLINAN: And I would think
16 this is what we have to do because I think
17 everybody face-to-face and we could straighten
18 this problem out. It's been going on way too
19 long. And I don't want to waste your time
20 anymore.

21 You're not wasting our time, but I
22 just want to do the right thing, okay? So I
23 think if, Greg, can you get in touch with the
24 other person? It was suggested to me by
25 Mr. Loughney, you shouldn't meet face to phone

1 or phone to phone.

2 You have to meet face-to-face so
3 everybody gets a true read of what's going on
4 and what's going to happen. And we have, you
5 know, Greg there or somebody from Council and
6 even a police officer to get this all
7 straightened out.

8 MR. CUMMINGS: Okay.

9 MR. HALLINAN: You're in agreement
10 with that?

11 MR. CUMMINGS: I would love to.

12 MR. HALLINAN: Well, thank you for
13 your time and let's hope we could move on from
14 this. Let's see if we can accomplish something
15 here, okay?

16 MR. CUMMINGS: And, Greg, in the
17 back I think we have a homeless guy in the
18 woods.

19 MR. WOLFF: Oh, yeah, I wasn't aware
20 of that.

21 MR. CUMMINGS: Do I have permission
22 to just take -- one of the neighbors pointed it
23 out to me if we just get rid of -- they have
24 plywood. They're building a little --

25 MR. WOLFF: No, I can't give you

1 permission to do anything.

2 MR. CUMMINGS: No, to just clean it.
3 It's just plywood and you can tell it's tarps.

4 MR. WOLFF: Is it on our property?

5 MR. CUMMINGS: Yeah.

6 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, let me so you
7 don't get involved. We'll send someone.

8 MR. CUMMINGS: I said to the
9 neighbor, we don't know who's in there to go
10 into a tent.

11 MR. LOUGHNEY: Mr. Hallinan, if we
12 could hold off on the no parking signs until
13 after that meeting takes place --

14 MR. CUMMINGS: Perfect. I think
15 that's the best thing.

16 MR. LOUGHNEY: This way, it doesn't
17 set a tone for anybody, okay?

18 MR. HALLINAN: Okay, fair enough.

19 MR. O'MALLEY: -- we went up there
20 after the one meeting and there's a lot of
21 stuff.

22 MR. CUMMINGS: There's a lot. He
23 added a few more after the last meeting he
24 added a few more. And then he has piles of
25 stone in the alley. It's not -- excuse me, on

1 Taylor Avenue. And it's just taking the entire
2 block up. So every time -- it's -- well, you
3 know, everybody knows it.

4 MR. HALLINAN: We'll put everything
5 together. Thanks, John.

6 MR. CUMMINGS: Thank you very much.
7 I appreciate it.

8 MS. BRIER: John, take pictures for
9 the meeting.

10 MS. ZANGARDI: Take pictures.

11 MR. CUMMINGS: Oh, for the meeting.

12 MS. BRIER: When you're face-to-face
13 with him.

14 MR. CUMMINGS: Sure. Thank you. I
15 thank everybody. Sorry for wasting your time.

16 MS. ZANGARDI: You're not, John.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. O'MALLEY: It's not a waste of
19 time.

20 MR. HALLINAN: Anybody else from the
21 public want to speak to Council? Seeing none,
22 public officials.

23 MR. WOLFF: I have nothing.

24 ATTY. PERRY: Nothing.

25 MAYOR CONWAY: I have nothing.

1 MR. LOUGHNEY: I'm good.

2 MR. O'MALLEY: So, first of all,
3 we're going to have a boroughwide cleanup on
4 Saturday, May 2nd from 10 a.m. to noon. We're
5 going to meet in the Fidelity Bank parking lot.
6 I contacted DJ2 Landscaping. They helped us
7 last year with all the refuse and going to dump
8 it.

9 I contacted PennDOT as well. And
10 I'll get all the gloves and the vests and the
11 bags and all of that. So I highly encourage
12 people to get out and help clean up our
13 borough. And if you can't make it, maybe just
14 clean up on your block or in front of your
15 property.

16 MS. BRIER: What time, Trip?

17 MR. O'MALLEY: From 10 to 12,
18 Saturday, May 2nd with a rain date of May 3rd.
19 Okay, so if it gets rained out, I'll have you
20 do a robocall on the alert system. And then
21 also, Jog for Jude this weekend. Hopefully
22 we'll have good weather and a good turnout for
23 a great cause. That's all.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Janet.

25 MS. BRIER: Yeah, I got a complaint

1 about tires at the bottom of Poplar Street,
2 like, on the Dunmore side. Can you picture
3 that? You know where you make the turn, yeah.
4 So there is a bunch of tires. It's one of
5 those deals where there was one and now
6 there's, you know, it keeps growing. It's like
7 a tire dump.

8 MR. O'MALLEY: I saw them, yeah.

9 MS. BRIER: You did? And that's
10 Dunmore. It's Dunmore, I'm pretty sure. So do
11 you think we could pick those up?

12 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, I spoke with Didge
13 about some on Meade Street today. But I could
14 tell him get somebody out there.

15 MS. BRIER: Okay. Thank you.
16 That's all I have, Tom.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Beth?

18 MS. ZANGARDI: I'm good. Jog for
19 Jude and just a great cause and thank everybody
20 for coming.

21 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. Kathryn.

22 MS. OVEN: I just have I want to
23 acknowledge a couple facilities that helped us
24 out with a recent issue that we had with people
25 abandoning some animals at their property,

1 three snakes, a bearded dragon and two cats.

2 Mike Brazil and I were able to get
3 assistance through Griffin Pond, St. Cats from
4 Nay Aug and an exotic pet place in West
5 Pittston. So I just wanted to thank them. I
6 did talk to Council about giving them donations
7 as well.

8 And we were able to rescue a couple
9 kittens from a deaf school. And they were
10 instrumental in helping us care for them and
11 place them as well. So I just wanted to thank
12 those institutions.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Do you think we
14 should make a little donation to the guy with
15 the exotic because he's not -- I think we
16 already make a donation to Humane Society every
17 year or --

18 MR. WOLFF: Griffin Pond, yeah.

19 MS. OVEN: The one in -- the exotic
20 one, he drove up from West Pittston and picked
21 up three snakes and the bearded dragon. So I
22 would like to -- and then Nay Aug took one of
23 the cats. The vet from Griffin Pond checked
24 all the cats out. So it was a collaborative
25 effort.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Do you think \$250
2 would be a nice donation to the guy?

3 MS. OVEN: Yeah, I think anything.
4 At least -- they really run on donations. So
5 anything would be helpful.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Is everybody in favor
7 with a \$250 donation to the exotic animal guy?

8 ALL MEMBERS: Yeah.

9 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. Anything
10 else, Kathryn?

11 MS. OVEN: No, I'm fine.

12 MR. HALLINAN: I'm last. I have
13 nothing. Thank you, John, for, you know,
14 trying to move forward with this problem. And
15 you've been patient for two years. And I want
16 to thank the Dunmore Fire Department. We had a
17 false alarm at our house next door.

18 And we're only two blocks away, but,
19 boy, they were there within seconds. And the
20 professionalism of watching them in action.
21 It's one of those old sayings. You don't know
22 how much you need them until you see them in
23 action. And they were fantastic.

24 You know, a lady across the street
25 saw a candle flickering. The lady is kind of

1 bedridden. She thought the house was on fire.
2 And it was really nice of the lady to call, but
3 they responded like professionals and
4 everything worked out and nobody got hurt.

5 I want to give kudos to the Dunmore
6 Fire Department and that gang that was there.
7 Other than that, I'll look for a motion to
8 adjourn.

9 MR. LOUGHNEY: So moved.

10 MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

11 MR. HALLINAN: All in favor.

12 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you. Thank you
14 all for coming.

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