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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, February 9, 2015

TIME:

7:00 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 :

MICHAEL MCHALE, President

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TIMOTHY BURKE

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MARIA McCool, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings.

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ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

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MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

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ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

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MR. BURKE: Present.

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ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

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MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

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ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

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MR. HALLINAN: Here.

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ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

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MR. NARDOZZI: Here.

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ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

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MR. DEMPSEY: Here.

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ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sorry about that.

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Mr. McHale.

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MR. MCHALE: Here.

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ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public comment on

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agenda items.

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MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to speak

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on any agenda items tonight?

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(No response.)

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MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

1 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve
2 the minutes.

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

5 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second.

6 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
7 second. On the question.

8 (No response.)

9 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
10 signify by saying aye.

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
15 moved.

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve
17 and pay the open bills.

18 MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Chairman, I'll
19 make that --

20 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.

21 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
22 second. On the question.

23 (No response.)

24 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
25 signify by saying aye.

1 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
5 moved.

6 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is
7 a motion to approve acquisition of Arc View
8 Software from Environmental Systems Research
9 Institute, Inc., for the Zoning Office to
10 modernize the Borough's mapping system that
11 will link to the Lackawanna County Assessors
12 System.

13 This 2015 version will replace the
14 presently used 1992 version. The Purchase will
15 not exceed \$1,400 which will include a single
16 user license and will be paid for out of the
17 Code account. It does not impact the general
18 budget.

19 MR. MCHALE: I'm looking for a
20 motion.

21 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make the
22 motion.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second.

24 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
25 second. On the question.

1 MR. VERRASTRO: On the question,
2 Vito, for the single user license, what does
3 that being that I'm --

4 MR. MCHALE: Only one computer.

5 MR. VERRASTRO: Should we have this
6 for more than one computer?

7 MR. RUGGIERO: No. It will be on
8 Joe's computer. If you want it on multiple
9 computers, you need multiple licenses.

10 MR. VERRASTRO: I was just thinking
11 a while back when we were talking about doing
12 it in conjunction with the Tax Office, this way
13 if they were going in or they would know if
14 there was a bunch of liens on the property,
15 stuff like that. Will this system -- or is
16 this a different system we're thinking about
17 doing now?

18 MR. RUGGIERO: This is just keeping
19 up-to-date with the county. I guess it would
20 benefit if the Tax Office had currently -- if
21 our Tax Office has any questions they would ask
22 Mr. Lorince. So you could explore that option
23 as well.

24 MR. VERRASTRO: If we are, we can
25 always add it later.

1 MR. RUGGIERO: Absolutely.

2 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the
3 question?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
6 signify by saying aye.

7 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
11 moved.

12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven
13 is a motion to advertise RFPs for Design,
14 Content Management and Custom Application
15 Development and Site maintenance of the new
16 Borough website. The project will include all
17 Borough departments, functions, messaging
18 boards, and payment capabilities for user
19 friendly interface with Borough residents.

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

21 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll second.

22 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
23 second. On the question.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, on the question,
25 this is a request for proposals for those who

1 visit our website often or not so often, it's
2 not very user friendly. There's not a lot on
3 there. So this is to get the proposals from
4 different companies to completely revamp, you
5 know, hopefully we can pay taxes on it, parking
6 tickets, you know, get our calendar up, get
7 minutes up, you know, like that. Vito would
8 have that access to it. So that's what we're
9 looking for with this motion.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Would it also -- on
11 the question here, would it also be able to
12 interact with citizens? Would they have like
13 an area say if they had a complaint or
14 something?

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Anything is possible.
16 I don't know a ton about computers. That's why
17 we're requesting --

18 MR. RUGGIERO: Councilman Hallinan,
19 on that question the way I envision it is each
20 department would be on the home page of the
21 Borough -- a little bit of history of the
22 Borough and an offsite -- or each department or
23 each office would have their own separate
24 pages, i.e., police department would be able to
25 request reports. If there's a fee, pay for

1 them there, pay parking tickets, pay fines
2 there.

3 Have Council and elected official
4 areas that would be able to get in touch with
5 elected officials, so on and so forth.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Who would be
7 administrator, you, Vito?

8 MR. RUGGIERO: Well, it depends.
9 We're asking for site maintenance and
10 administration cost and how much that would be.
11 I would like the Borough to have an
12 administrator to update on the fly if we needed
13 to and respond to requests and things of that
14 nature.

15 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

16 MR. MCHALE: I think it was -- I
17 know the frustration you had too especially
18 when we were having all the landfill meetings
19 trying to get stuff on to the website. You
20 don't have that capability right now. And that
21 was a huge deal to -- a lot of the people
22 wanted the stuff it kind of looked like we were
23 delaying getting stuff which it couldn't be
24 further from the truth.

25 MR. RUGGIERO: Well, what sparked

1 this is I believe Mr. Clark when he and I or
2 Mr. Duncan were talking, there was -- I was
3 trying to get the information requested on
4 there and requested it numerous times. And
5 there was a big lull or a big lag in time
6 period that it would show up. This would allow
7 the Borough the capability at any point to put
8 up anything that is requested or chosen at the
9 strike of a key.

10 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

11 MR. NARDOZZI: Vito, it says on the
12 payment capabilities, are we also talking about
13 the property taxes?

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Well, the payment
15 capabilities, anything that would be payable to
16 the Borough, i.e., property taxes, parking
17 fines, whatever that may be, request for
18 proposal if there is a cost per page, anything
19 and everything would be payable right on line.

20 And, you know, in today's society
21 people like the convenience of their own home
22 doing these things. You know, prime example is
23 Christmas time. They have Cyber Monday I
24 believe it's called. So people like to stay in
25 the comfort of their own homes and do things,

1 so why not offer that amenity -- not saying
2 we're going to close the Tax Office window or
3 not accept payments at the bank, but just
4 another avenue that a resident could have to
5 explore these possibilities.

6 MR. NARDOZZI: And that's something
7 we've talked about the last several years
8 anyway about doing -- exploring. Thanks,
9 Vito.

10 MR. RUGGIERO: You're welcome.

11 MR. VERRASTRO: And the way that
12 it's set up though is they are all the things
13 we can potentially do with it. We're not
14 actually doing all of them --

15 MR. RUGGIERO: No.

16 MR. VERRASTRO: Because we don't
17 have a lot of things set up to do that.

18 MR. MCHALE: Depending on costs.

19 MR. RUGGIERO: It's going to be
20 costs and this is actually the infancy or
21 inception phase of this. And I would ask for
22 Council's input or anybody else, Borough
23 resident's input what they feel the need to
24 have on there is and we can explore that
25 expense and do that to make everyone's lives

1 easier.

2 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the
3 question? I just quickly want to thank
4 Mr. Dempsey for taking the lead on this and
5 putting some work in with Vito to bring it to
6 at least to this point and drawing up a pretty
7 detailed proposal what they're looking for. So
8 thank you guys. All those in favor signify by
9 saying aye.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
14 moved.

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight
16 is report from Lackawanna County Community
17 Relations Coordinator Gerard Hetman.

18 MR. HETMAN: Good evening as always,
19 ladies and gentlemen, Gerard Hetman from
20 Lackawanna County Community Relations
21 Department.

22 Just the one item that we have
23 that's new this evening and the Borough offices
24 may have already received a letter that comes
25 from our Arts and Culture Department. The

1 County's Municipal Arts and Culture Grant
2 Program is up and running for the 2015 calendar
3 year as normal.

4 And this program -- I use the term
5 as normal because this has been done over many
6 years now and provides funding for art and
7 culture programming that takes place in this
8 case in the Borough of Dunmore. And that grant
9 could be up to the amount of \$500.

10 Again, we talk about arts and
11 culture programming, it's used in many
12 different projects across that realm in
13 different communities in the county. Some
14 places use it for concert series in one of
15 their parks. Others use it for festivals,
16 sometimes to support an art exhibit maybe in a
17 municipal building or somewhere else in the
18 community.

19 There's a broad range of
20 possibilities. All that we ask is that Borough
21 apply for it at some point during the year
22 because we do like to see the funds used to
23 make a difference in the community. And if
24 anyone needs suggestions, we can get the lists
25 of projects and point to you some examples that

1 have been used in the past.

2 MR. NARDOZZI: One quick question on
3 that.

4 MR. HETMAN: Sure.

5 MR. NARDOZZI: The overpass -- the
6 railroad bridge up in Jessup by Jessup Pizza in
7 that area, I notice there were murals painted.
8 Was that not this same grant?

9 MR. HETMAN: That wasn't this grant.
10 That was provided through different arts and
11 culture funding. But if you wanted to do -- if
12 you had an artist who wanted to do something
13 like that, I'm sure it would be possible. I
14 know it's possible to apply for it.

15 And that may very well be an
16 applicable fit for it if you had a project that
17 wanted to be done. It could be for something
18 that's like a series, you know, some
19 communities use it for again let's say a
20 concert series or a drama festival every year.

21 It could be used for let's say a
22 community improvement type of art project.
23 Like if someone wanted to do a mural or if
24 someone wanted to do a sculpture somewhere in a
25 place that would benefit the community as a

1 whole.

2 I believe those projects have been
3 done in the past. And it would be applicable.
4 So if anyone has any questions on it you can
5 talk to me. And we could also put you in touch
6 with Maureen McQuigan who is our Deputy
7 Director for Arts and Culture. Her office
8 handles the applications.

9 And there's no bad ideas. We'll
10 certainly be willing to talk about anything
11 that you would like to consider. And again,
12 the only stipulation is that we ask that the
13 application be submitted approximately 30 days
14 before any program could take place.

15 And that just allows time for the
16 paperwork to be processed and for the checks to
17 be cut once it's approved. Again, if there's
18 any hangups or it needs to be refined if you
19 meet the criteria, we can work with you on that
20 to make it correct. So that's all we have.
21 We'll leave a copy of the letter.

22 I think it should have gone to the
23 Borough Building. But we'll make sure we have
24 one here for you just in case. And then also
25 the second one that we have last month

1 Mr. Nardozzi mentioned the county's annual
2 winter golf clinic.

3 That takes place again late February
4 through late March at South Scranton
5 Intermediate School. I do have the flyer for
6 that now. I did drop a few off at the Borough
7 office at his request. But we'll leave the
8 flyer for all of Council to see.

9 That is the first of many programs
10 and leagues and clinics that take place under
11 our Parks and Recreation umbrella during the
12 year. We should have a master schedule of
13 those soon. Normally we have it around this
14 time of the year.

15 So if not now, it will certainly be
16 by your next meeting. And we'll leave that as
17 soon as we have it also. The only other
18 program they have ongoing it's not camp or a
19 clinic. McDade Park has a designated area for
20 the second straight year now for sledding,
21 sleigh riding, whatever you want to call it,
22 saucer riding, etc., etc.

23 And over the years that from my
24 understanding was against the park rules to
25 engage in sledding and sleigh riding. Many

1 individuals did so. And last year our Parks
2 and Recreation Department managed to carve out
3 an area where it's a designated designed slope
4 to engage in again, sledding, sleigh riding,
5 that type of stuff.

6 It's open. It's getting great use.
7 It's completely free. We just ask that
8 visitors obey all the park's rules and
9 regulations in doing so. And, of course, if
10 they come on a snow day just be careful on the
11 roads.

12 Don't take any big risks. But it is
13 open when there is snow on the ground. And
14 that's all we have. Thank you always.

15 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

16 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney -- Chris,
17 real quick. The \$500 grant that he's speaking
18 of, maybe for the Summer Program you do do an
19 arts program within the Summer Program?

20 MR. KEARNEY: Yeah, we did it last
21 year.

22 MR. MCHALE: Did you get the 500?

23 MR. KEARNEY: We got the 500.

24 MR. RUGGIERO: Yes, I got it last
25 year.

1 MR. KEARNEY: I was in contact with
2 Miss McQuigan.

3 MR. MCHALE: Good. All right.
4 Thank you.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine,
6 Gary Duncan, report from Dunmore Neighborhood
7 Watch.

8 MR. DUNCAN: I'll be real quick.
9 Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street, Dunmore. Just
10 a few things. I talked to Vito. And I talked
11 to Didge. The lights at 1339 Adams and
12 Ferguson Place and Didge is going to help us
13 out with this one.

14 But Ferguson Place has been out for
15 two months now. 1339 Adams, I drove by there.
16 And it looks like parts of the light aren't
17 even put on. And I just talked to Vito and
18 Didge. So they assured me they would get back
19 to me on this one.

20 I went through there the other day
21 that block on Adams Avenue that is an awful
22 long block. It's real dark in the middle.
23 It's right in front of Miss Shane's house. I
24 saw it on your's too. It's on three or four
25 social pages. I get three or four phone

1 calls --

2 MR. NARDOZZI: I just want to let
3 you know that I personally called Urban
4 Electric too about that. I gave them the
5 address. Mrs. Shane contacted me.

6 MR. DUNCAN: I know. Believe me, I
7 know everybody she contacted because I hear her
8 too. But anyway and so thanks, Didge, and
9 thanks, Vito and everybody else. And that's it
10 with the last thing. Vito, thanks for the
11 prompt responses on three pages and then some.

12 And thanks to all of those that
13 helped you do that. We're having another
14 Dunmore Neighborhood Watch a week tonight, 7:00
15 right here. And I certainly hope the weather
16 is better. And I know you -- Councilman
17 Dempsey has been at the last few.

18 So we appreciate that. But
19 certainly everybody is invited. And also,
20 Gerard, thanks for your card tonight. And you
21 and I have to get together. Thank you,
22 everybody.

23 MR. VERRASTRO: When is that meeting
24 again?

25 MR. DUNCAN: A week tonight, 7:00.

1 MR. VERRASTRO: And also, Didge,
2 that light on Sixth Street, did that ever get
3 taken care of?

4 MR. JUDGE: I talk to them every
5 week. I don't know what's up.

6 MR. VERRASTRO: Okay. Because I
7 know that's been out for two months or longer.

8 MR. JUDGE: At least. I talked to
9 them personally.

10 MR. VERRASTRO: Okay.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number ten,
12 public comment on other items.

13 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to speak
14 to address Council tonight?

15 MR. CLARK: Pat Clark, Jefferson
16 Avenue. I'm not on Council but I almost stood
17 up clapping for the website thing. Just one
18 question I want an update. On December 19th,
19 did we ever get a report back from Martin and
20 Martin? It was due back on the 19th of
21 January. Did they ever send anything to us?

22 MR. MCHALE: I e-mailed -- let me do
23 it so I'm accurate, Pat. I received an e-mail
24 at 6:10 p.m. with a draft copy of it. I didn't
25 know it was coming.

1 MR. CLARK: Will that be publically
2 available when it's done?

3 MR. MCHALE: Yes. It has to be,
4 Tom, correct? Is a draft copy public?

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: At Council's
6 discretion.

7 MR. MCHALE: I'll send you a copy,
8 Pat. I don't have a problem sending it to you.

9 MR. CLARK: All right. Great. And
10 then one more update for anyone here and all of
11 Council. It's not related to the actual fee
12 agreement. Friends of Lackawanna is having a
13 public community meeting this Thursday night
14 from 6:30 to 9 in this room.

15 You're all invited. Please attend
16 if you want to. It won't be -- nothing to do
17 with the fees. It will be about the community
18 and the future and what the pros and cons of
19 the expansion would be. So it's an open
20 community meeting.

21 Everyone is invited. So if you're
22 available Thursday night, please stop by. It's
23 open from 6:30 to 9.

24 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Pat.

25 MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks, Pat.

1 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

2 MS. TEEVAN: I have a quick
3 question. Joanne Teevan, Spring Street. Snow
4 removal, do we have an ordinance of some sort?

5 MR. NARDOZZI: Sidewalks?

6 MR. TEEVAN: Yes.

7 MR. NARDOZZI: Yes, we do.

8 MS. TEEVAN: A couple places come to
9 mind because I walk dogs. The side of Green
10 Street Beverage the Green Street side, I don't
11 think it's been done all winter. And the bus
12 stop across from the Borough Building.

13 MR. NARDOZZI: In front of St.
14 Joe's?

15 MS. TEEVAN: Around the corner,
16 yeah. They do the front. Nobody does around
17 the corner. Some places you're forced out on
18 the street.

19 MR. HALLINAN: If I'm not mistaken,
20 I saw there's a bus stop there that's
21 maintained by the company that -- I saw them
22 shoveling just the other day because I come up
23 that street.

24 Like, you know where the -- are you
25 talking the glass enclosure where the people

1 that are waiting for the bus?

2 MS. TEEVAN: Yes.

3 MR. HALLINAN: They were shovelling
4 that.

5 MS. TEEVAN: When you go around that
6 corner, it's usually not done.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Okay, we'll check
8 with St. Joe's to make sure.

9 MR. VERRASTRO: I'm sorry, Tommy, do
10 we own that piece over there -- the Borough?
11 Isn't there something with the parking lot or
12 do they just let us use that?

13 MR. NARDOZZI: They just let us use
14 that.

15 MR. VERRASTRO: They just let us use
16 that?

17 MR. RUGGIERO: Where on Green Street
18 are you talking about? On the side of --

19 MS. TEEVAN: Yes.

20 MR. MCHALE: Adjacent to where we
21 park, Vito, walking into, you know, accessing
22 where they allow us to park.

23 MR. VERRASTRO: It would be from
24 where the parking lot stops to the corner.

25 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

1 MR. FAZIO: How are you doing,
2 Council? Andy Fazio. I have a couple things
3 to address tonight about the towing. I was
4 here last year about it. Things improved a
5 little bit. But I had a problem the past two
6 weeks.

7 I had two of our customers come to
8 our shop asking why we didn't tow their car
9 when they broke down in Dunmore. And I guess
10 I'm not going to mention any names. A woman in
11 Dunmore had her car stolen and it was over the
12 weekend. And Dunmore Police recovered the car.

13 I guess they didn't contact the lady
14 to have the car -- like, they found the car.
15 And DeNaples actually ended up having the car
16 which is neither here nor there.

17 MR. NARDOZZI: Can I answer that
18 real quick for you?

19 MR. FAZIO: Absolutely.

20 MR. NARDOZZI: They are our impound
21 lot. So whenever a car is recovered that's
22 stolen --

23 MR. FAZIO: No, I understand that.

24 MR. NARDOZZI: Just so you know -- I
25 don't know the particulars of what you're

1 you saying something?

2 CAPT. SPRINGER: I didn't say
3 anything.

4 MR. MCHALE: Could you please? You
5 can stay there, Bill.

6 CAPT. SPRINGER: First of all, the
7 stolen vehicle I absolutely called her. So
8 that's a fallacy. They give us a house number
9 what they want to call, the cell phone number.
10 We can only call the number that they give us.
11 Absolutely contacted. That's as far as it
12 goes.

13 Now, when we make an arrest, many
14 times we maybe get a search warrant or
15 something for the car. It goes to DeNaples.
16 And it is very pricey. But it does -- that's
17 where it goes because they have a secured
18 impound facility there.

19 As far as that lady, we did call
20 her. She just -- it was two days later I made
21 the call personally and so she called two days
22 later wanting to know --

23 MR. FAZIO: Right. It was something
24 like that. Right. Yeah, she told us that.

25 MR. NARDOZZI: And, Billy, it's the

1 same thing with a DUI arrest. The car is going
2 to get impounded. The driver does not have the
3 choice of where the car goes. None.

4 MR. FAZIO: Yeah, but that was
5 before the police officers even got there
6 though.

7 CAPT. SPRINGER: I can't second
8 guess what those guys did. That was the first
9 I'm hearing about it.

10 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Bill.

11 MR. FAZIO: I guess, whatever
12 happened there, you know, the guy broke down
13 and they called us before the cops were even
14 there. And when we got there the police
15 officer was there. Like I said, I don't know
16 if the car was obstructing or what.

17 But the cop was there and told my
18 driver you could leave. We got our own. It's
19 being impounded.

20 MR. NARDOZZI: And it goes right
21 back to what Billy and I said. It's going to
22 be towed and impounded incident to the arrest.
23 That's procedure. You don't have a secure
24 impound lot.

25 MR. FAZIO: Yes, I do.

1 MR. NARDOZZI: Where?

2 MR. FAZIO: We can put whatever is
3 impounded in the garage. Everything is
4 secured.

5 MR. NARDOZZI: DeNaples has been
6 getting all of them whenever there is an
7 arrest. Billy, is there an indoor? Do they
8 have an indoor?

9 CAPT. SPRINGER: Yeah. This
10 particular -- I don't want to speak out of turn
11 because the Chief is not here. But the -- one
12 of the issues that came up with the Chief the
13 other day was the cost of that particular car
14 that you were talking about.

15 So he was looking -- the Chief was
16 looking for some way to defer the amount of
17 money that it costs people to get their cars
18 back. The best thing to do would be to call
19 him and say, hey, listen, what can we do here?

20 MR. MCHALE: Yep.

21 CAPT. SPRINGER: Maybe there is
22 something that you could work out with the
23 Borough that makes it cheaper.

24 MR. FAZIO: Absolutely.

25 CAPT. SPRINGER: I don't know. And

1 I don't want to step on Chief Marchese's toes.

2 MR. FAZIO: No, I understand.

3 CAPT. SPRINGER: He had some issues
4 with the cost and that was what that particular
5 lady had complained about was how much -- the
6 cost.

7 MR. FAZIO: Yeah, I remember. She
8 came to the garage.

9 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Bill.

10 MR. FAZIO: I forget what number it
11 even was. But, you know, she did say it did
12 cost a pretty penny.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Let me ask you a
14 question, Billy, just to help this gentleman
15 out. If I was going to have a lot and I told
16 you it's secure, does that mean anything to the
17 District Attorney's Office, the police
18 department?

19 Do you have to do something to
20 inspect that area to make sure, okay, this goes
21 through the hand off of --

22 CAPT. SPRINGER: It has to have a
23 lock and key. The good thing with DeNaples is,
24 they could put -- they put that car inside the
25 building for us. So there's really -- and it's

1 on video. There's no way if someone tampers
2 with that car or the defense or something wants
3 to make an accusation the car's been tampered
4 with, we have certifiable chain of custody that
5 this car, you know, been here. And if you had
6 video or whatever, that --

7 MR. FAZIO: No -- yeah, we do. But
8 I picked up that car at AAA the next day.
9 Billy, I don't know if they told you what that
10 car was. It was in the Borough wreck area
11 outside.

12 CAPT. SPRINGER: Yeah, because I --
13 once I released it, that's where they put it.

14 MR. FAZIO: Oh, okay. All right. I
15 didn't know if you knew that or not.

16 CAPT. SPRINGER: Once we released
17 it, that's where they put it.

18 MR. FAZIO: All right. All right.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Just a suggestion,
20 why don't you put some kind of proposal to --

21 MR. FAZIO: I definitely want to put
22 a proposal together to try to make it -- you
23 know, there's two towers in Dunmore -- big
24 towers in Dunmore, DeNaples and Andy's. Why
25 can't we get on a rotating list or something to

1 make it all even to everybody?

2 MR. MCHALE: Since I've been here I
3 know you've been here ten times since I've been
4 sitting here. And I personally made ten phone
5 calls. And I know these guys have as well.
6 Mr. Springer is right.

7 We'll get the Chief together, get
8 you in the room, DeNaples in the room. We'll
9 figure something out. It's tough to sit here.
10 And, Billy, knows what he's talking about.

11 MR. FAZIO: No, I understand that.
12 There's a handful of cops that actually ask
13 people if they have AAA or not. The newer cops
14 they really don't -- they're under protocol to
15 the Chief call DeNaples which is fine. I
16 understand that.

17 MR. MCHALE: Don't say that the
18 Chief says that because we don't know. He's
19 not here to defend himself.

20 MR. FAZIO: No, I understand that.
21 Whoever, you know, whoever officer is on scene
22 that is -- has been around the bush a couple of
23 times they know what's going on.

24 MR. HALLINAN: I would also say not
25 to start pointing fingers. But the police also

1 ask who do you want to tow it. And if
2 sometimes, you know, in an accident people are
3 just, oh, my God, just tow my vehicle. So you
4 have the right to whoever you want to tow your
5 vehicle. Let's not make it seem like, you
6 know --

7 MR. FAZIO: No, no, I'm not making
8 it seem that way at all.

9 MR. HALLINAN: Oh, I'm sorry. I
10 misunderstood you.

11 MR. FAZIO: I didn't mean it to
12 sound that way.

13 MR. NARDOZZI: Except, Tom, with the
14 exception when there's an arrest involved.
15 They do not have a choice.

16 MR. HALLINAN: I've never met you.
17 I never heard this argument before.

18 MR. FAZIO: We have a secured lot.
19 We have a garage that we can put a vehicle in,
20 you know, if it's impound or it's a recovered
21 theft, whatever the case may be. We have the
22 room to do what we need to do.

23 We've done it before. We can do it
24 again. And if, you know, a gate needs to be
25 put up after we see that we're getting calls

1 that we could actually put a fence up, we'll
2 put a fence up. And it will be all lock and
3 key and no big deal.

4 Our whole facility inside and out is
5 all cameras. So we know who's in there and
6 who's not in there. There's only three people
7 that are allowed in the garage, me, my father,
8 and my brother. That's it. They are the only
9 people that have a key to that place right on
10 Blakely Street.

11 MR. MCHALE: Like I said, I'll sit
12 with Vito tomorrow morning and we'll get the
13 Chief involved, Mr. Springer. And we'll see
14 what we can come up. Unfortunately, that's the
15 best we can do for you. Every time you come
16 here we tell you we make phone calls and we do.

17 MR. FAZIO: I understand.

18 MR. MCHALE: It's just a matter of,
19 you know, we got to keep reenforcing what we
20 ask. And I promise you we will.

21 MR. FAZIO: Thank you.

22 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

23 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

25 MR. FAZIO: Thank you.

1 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else tonight?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

4 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

5 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney?

6 MR. KEARNEY: Nothing.

7 MR. MCHALE: Didge?

8 MR. JUDGE: No.

9 MR. MCHALE: Vito?

10 MR. RUGGIERO: I just want to let
11 Council know and everybody know that we are up
12 on salt. For the last six weeks we ordered
13 about 880 ton. They are using it on the
14 streets and the roads are showing it.

15 I'd like to thank the DPW and the
16 Sewer Authority for Saturday night. They
17 cleaned the corners of the snow. And that's
18 about it.

19 MR. MCHALE: Attorney Cummings?

20 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.

21 MR. MCHALE: Attorney Dempsey, would
22 you like to start off tonight?

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, you know, just
24 thank the DPW and Sewer Authority for cleaning
25 that up. It looks great. Didge, glad you're

1 all right. Glad to get that call from you.
2 And, Vito, thank you for putting that RFP
3 together on the website. You did a great job.
4 I appreciate that. That's all I have.

5 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Nothing, just glad
7 Didge is okay. We've been in touch with
8 PennDOT on that right, Buddy? So we know
9 you're good. That's it. The streets are
10 great. I'm, you know, you're doing the best
11 you could with these little rinky-dink things
12 and now buckle up for the cold weather that's
13 coming this weekend. Thank you everybody for
14 coming. Thank you.

15 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Nardozzi.

16 MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you. Mr.
17 Chairman, just one thing on what Mrs. Teevan
18 brought up something about people not shoveling
19 their sidewalks. And there's somewhat of a
20 minor epidemic in this town.

21 I'm not going to mention a certain
22 businessman, but people came to me in the
23 neighborhood complaining about their sidewalks
24 not being done.

25 And it was addressed. And the

1 response I got back was if I want it done, you
2 do it yourself. So I've instructed Mr. Lorince
3 to move forward with it. Vito is aware of it
4 today. But it is, it's more commonplace than
5 anywhere.

6 I know you picked out a couple
7 places that you saw. But there is more than
8 just what Miss TEEVAN said and what I've seen.
9 And unfortunately our Code Office only has one
10 full time and one part time. And it's tough
11 because there's been a lot going on, especially
12 with the request for proposals.

13 I know they are helping Tom out and
14 Vito. There's so much going on that they can't
15 always get out around town. But what I'm
16 asking for if anyone sees any places, you could
17 call me. I have a forum on Facebook. You
18 could inform me where. And I'll carry the ball
19 and bring to Joe's attention and Vito's
20 attention to have it enforced.

21 I know a lot of people are sometimes
22 afraid to speak out. But I'll be their voice
23 for them and do it. So if you know anyone that
24 they are not shovelling their sidewalks and
25 I've seen it. I've seen a few places. And I'm

1 very surprised at some of the owners of the
2 properties that they are not seeing it through.
3 But just let us know. We'll follow up on it.
4 That's all I have.

5 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Paul.

6 Mr. Verrastro.

7 MR. VERRASTRO: Just a couple of
8 quick things. Vito and Didge, I don't know
9 with the fire hydrants are we checking to make
10 sure they are cleaned out or are we going to
11 send somebody around to make sure they're --

12 MR. RUGGIERO: I could mention it to
13 the Fire Chief if he could send somebody. I
14 know Didge looks every time that he goes out to
15 see if they are buried.

16 MR. JUDGE: I told the drivers of
17 the garbage trucks any of them that they see
18 buried, write them down. A lot of times the
19 neighbors do it.

20 MR. VERRASTRO: They get hidden
21 because we're plowing everything to the sides
22 and we're going to forget it and have a
23 problem. Secondly, there's a pothole. It's
24 enormous at this point. It's right before you
25 go to the reservoir the stop sign there next to

1 where the hotel is. Can we get something
2 temporary in there now? I know it's going to
3 happen no matter what.

4 MR. JUDGE: You know why? That's
5 where all the trailers stop at that stop sign.
6 Do you know how many times we filled that?
7 We'll get something in there.

8 MR. VERRASTRO: I'd appreciate it.
9 It's really big at this point, yeah.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Sal, like I said,
11 back to my days with PennDOT, that's been there
12 forever. I think there's got to be some kind
13 of void or something there. It really has to
14 be probably dug out and really done right.

15 MR. VERRASTRO: It's probably
16 whatever they are putting it onto is bad at
17 this point. It's going to have to be cut out.
18 At this time of year whatever we do isn't going
19 to be permanent anyway. But we got to get
20 something in it.

21 Now it's like a small lake there's
22 so much water in it today when I drove by.
23 Other than that, I'd like to thank everybody
24 for coming tonight and drive safely because the
25 roads are spotty. Thank you.

1 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

2 MR. BURKE: I'd just like to thank
3 Didge and DPW and Sewer Authority for helping
4 us out at the corners and down by the school.
5 And I got one pothole too, Didge, on Potter
6 Street near Tom Pic's that big one in the
7 middle of the road.

8 MR. JUDGE: We filled that, Tim, the
9 plow probably pulled it out. We'll get up on
10 it this week. There's a few of them. One near
11 Burger King they all pulled out.

12 MR. BURKE: And then if there is any
13 other side streets where you get caught up, if
14 you guys could work on them, on maintenance
15 when you get caught up on the other stuff.
16 That's all I have. Thank you.

17 MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

18 MS. SCRIMALLI: I too want to thank
19 everyone for coming. And I want to thank the
20 DPW Department and Didge for doing such a great
21 job clearing the corners and the school and
22 whatnot. I got a lot of nice phone calls.
23 People appreciate that. And also today it was
24 so icy out today. You guys did a great job
25 salting and removing, you know, getting that

1 ice taken care of.

2 MR. JUDGE: I'd like to maybe bring
3 them in at 4 in the morning because all of this
4 slop that is left is going to freeze tonight
5 and get a jump on it if I could.

6 MR. HALLINAN: I'd say so.

7 MR. MCHALE: I don't know.

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: I would say yes.

9 MR. VERRASTRO: Do we have any
10 chains for any of the trucks?

11 MR. MCHALE: I'm kidding.

12 MR. VERRASTRO: We should probably
13 get a set for the hills or the mountains.

14 MR. JUDGE: That would be a good
15 idea, not on all of them.

16 MR. VERRASTRO: We could designate
17 one truck. But I think we should get a set of
18 chains.

19 MR. JUDGE: I think you're right.
20 Yeah.

21 MR. VERRASTRO: I don't know if you
22 want to get with Dom tomorrow and see what we
23 need to order to have them. I think they need
24 to be --

25 MR. JUDGE: Good idea.

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: And, Didge, there's
2 just one pothole that I would ask you to be
3 aware of and maybe if you could fill it. It's
4 over by Burger King.

5 MR. JUDGE: Yeah, I saw it.
6 Tomorrow we'll get it.

7 MS. SCRIMALLI: That's a big one.
8 All right. Thank you. I appreciate it. And,
9 you know, thank Gary Duncan, you're doing a
10 great job. Thank you so much. And, Gerard,
11 appreciate you. And again, thanks everyone for
12 coming and have a very safe night.

13 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mrs.
14 Scrimalli. I really -- other than reiterating
15 Didge to all of your guys everything that
16 you've done, I got a pleasant phone call from
17 Didge on Saturday or Sunday thanking for
18 everything we've done to get them the equipment
19 that they have right now.

20 MR. JUDGE: 30 years this is the
21 best equipment we've ever had.

22 MR. MCHALE: It's nice to hear.
23 It's, you know, what you guys are doing is
24 great. What you guys did Saturday night as
25 Carol said I got a lot of phone calls

1 especially down near the school that you guys
2 did. There's a lot of people complaining the
3 views coming out of the school you couldn't see
4 anything. So thanks for knocking down that
5 pile. I have nothing else. I'll look for a
6 motion to adjourn.

7 MR. HALLINAN: Can I just ask one
8 question?

9 MR. MCHALE: Please.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Billy, community
11 service, do we have like kids maybe help shovel
12 elderly people's sidewalks or something? I
13 know we're always looking for something for the
14 community service kids to do or something. I
15 don't know if that would be --

16 CAPT. SPRINGER: Chief Reese was
17 working on that. And he had -- last I knew
18 there was like a waiver that he wanted and that
19 was the last we did anything with it. So I
20 know Tom approved a waiver. Right? You
21 approved that? I mean if you guys wanted to do
22 that, it's feasible.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Like, if there's
24 somebody we know, you know, without going into
25 advertising and somebody we know that is an

1 elderly person that has a problem that we keep
2 going back to because their sidewalks and we
3 realize there's a problem there, why can't we
4 have that be done by community service. And
5 even the walkway over Drinker Street, you know,
6 over 81 have that shovelled or something.

7 CAPT. SPRINGER: We've been turning
8 community service away.

9 MR. HALLINAN: I'm not bringing back
10 the chain gang.

11 CAPT. SPRINGER: It's certainly
12 feasible.

13 MR. HALLINAN: I'm done. I'm done.

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Council, Magistrate
15 Ware actually scheduled six or eight over the
16 last four months to go up and help with DPW for
17 their hours needed. What I could do is contact
18 Magistrate Ware and if he has any to schedule,
19 to schedule them here. They could actually dig
20 out the fire hydrants that we need dug and they
21 could be utilized on the sidewalks that maybe
22 need some extra attention.

23 MR. VERRASTRO: Thank you, Vito.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

25 MR. VERRASTRO: Can I make a motion

1 to adjourn?

2 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second that.

3 MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.

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