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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, April 13, 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 - absent

PAUL NARDOZZI, Vice President

SAL VERRASTRO

TIMOTHY BURKE

CAROL SCRIMALLI

THOMAS HALLINAN

MICHAEL DEMPSEY

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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4 MR. NARDOZZI: To start tonight's  
5 meeting, we're going to start off -- I'm sorry,  
6 roll call first.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

8 MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

10 Mr. Verrastro.

11 MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

15 MR. HALLINAN: Present.

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale. Mr.

17 Nardozzi.

18 MR. NARDOZZI: Present.

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: You may commence  
20 with the hearing on the Department of Economic  
21 Development.

22 MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Petrini.

23 MR. PETRINI: Thank you. My name is  
24 John Petrini. I'm with Lackawanna County  
25 Department of Economic Development. We are the

1            administrating agency of the CDBG Program. We  
2            administer the program for 38 communities  
3            within Lackawanna County.

4                            This one in particular is for  
5            Dunmore Borough and for the 2015 federal fiscal  
6            year grant funds. We're looking at  
7            approximately \$130,000 to use towards a new  
8            program next year. And in the packet there I  
9            left in front you, it does have a list of the  
10           eligible activities that these funds could be  
11           used for.

12                           It ranges from water, sewer  
13            improvements, street improvements, park  
14            improvements. Just to give you an example of  
15            some of the ones we've recently done within the  
16            Borough, we're applying for the handicap ramp  
17            here for in front of McHale Park and doing the  
18            storm water improvements on Laurel Street and  
19            the street improvements on Larch Street.

20                           Those are all going to be done  
21            probably within this year. There is also a  
22            list of the ineligible activities there that  
23            wouldn't be -- that wouldn't qualify for the  
24            program, different fundability requirements  
25            that the state requires is -- this is all

1 stuff that you guys can look over on your own  
2 time.

3 There is going forward for your 2015  
4 projects a needs assessment. These are the  
5 current need assessments that we have on file  
6 within our office. We can either go through  
7 these now -- I don't want to take up too much  
8 of your time or you guys could go through it  
9 yourselves, decipher which one is most  
10 important.

11 If you want to remove any or you  
12 want to add any, I mean, that's completely up  
13 to you guys. There is also a blank one within  
14 that packet that if you guys wanted to add or  
15 remove anything. And that's really all I have.  
16 Is there any questions on the program?  
17 Anything that we're doing currently?

18 MR. VERRASTRO: The Laurel Street  
19 project and the handicap ramp are coming out of  
20 the funds that are already --

21 MR. PETRINI: That was part -- the  
22 Laurel Street is part of the 14 funding as well  
23 as McHale Park. So that application just went  
24 in on January 1st. So we should have a letter  
25 from the state sometime this year hopefully to

1 get that funding.

2 MR. VERRASTRO: So the money that is  
3 available to us doesn't include those projects  
4 that are already being --

5 MR. PETRINI: Yeah.

6 MR. VERRASTRO: That money is  
7 already technically spent. And the money we're  
8 talking is future money.

9 MR. PETRINI: For a future project,  
10 yeah. So like I said, you'll have roughly  
11 around I think it's 125, 130 somewhere around  
12 there for the project.

13 MR. VERRASTRO: And we can spread it  
14 out over as many projects as we want or we can  
15 hold it until 2016 if we wanted to do a bigger  
16 project, correct?

17 MR. PETRINI: If you want to do a  
18 bigger project, you have to spend the money  
19 within three years. We can ask for an  
20 extension of that three years up to five years.  
21 To be honest try to spend the money within the  
22 three.

23 The most you would be looking at is  
24 probably, you know, 400,000 if you want to do a  
25 bigger project.

1 MR. NARDOZZI: Anybody else have  
2 anything for Mr. Petrini?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks, John. I  
5 appreciate you coming.

6 MR. PETRINI: Thank you.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: We'll return to the  
8 regular portion of the meeting. Number three,  
9 public comment on agenda items.

10 MR. NARDOZZI: If anybody has any  
11 comments on the agenda items, come up, state  
12 your name and your address for the record,  
13 please.

14 (No response.)

15 MR. NARDOZZI: Seeing that there's  
16 none.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number four,  
18 motion to approve the minutes.

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

20 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll second it.

21 MR. NARDOZZI: We have a motion and  
22 a second. Any question?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. NARDOZZI: Roll call.

25 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

1 MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

3 Mr. Verrastro.

4 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

10 MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item is a  
12 motion to approve and pay the open bills.

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

15 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll second. Any  
16 question on the motion?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. NARDOZZI: Roll call.

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

20 MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

22 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

23 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

25 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

1 MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

3 MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

4 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is  
5 a motion to accept ordinance 2015-2 ratifying  
6 membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal Health  
7 Insurance Cooperative. This was approved at a  
8 prior meeting. This is formality of the  
9 ordinance.

10 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that  
11 motion.

12 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second it.

13 MR. NARDOZZI: We have a motion and  
14 a second. Any question on the motion?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. NARDOZZI: Roll call.

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

18 MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

19 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

20 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

23 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

25 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

1 MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven  
3 is a motion to appoint Northeast Inspection  
4 Consultants as additional third party building  
5 inspectors for the Borough of Dunmore.

6 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that  
7 motion.

8 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

9 MR. NARDOZZI: Before we get into  
10 that, we have representatives from Northeast  
11 Inspection if one of you gentlemen want to come  
12 up to the podium?

13 MR. MARINO: Hello, ladies and  
14 gentlemen, my name is John Marino  
15 from Northeast Inspection Consultant. We're a  
16 third party agency that does building  
17 construction inspections here in the County of  
18 Lackawanna.

19 We also have five other counties  
20 that we work in. But we're primarily  
21 Lackawanna County. A couple weeks ago we sent  
22 brochures to the Council to request to work  
23 within the municipality, not as a substitute  
24 agency but as an agency that will work along  
25 side the existing agency.

1                   Currently most of the other  
2 municipalities in the county are starting to  
3 have two agencies who will enforce the Act 45  
4 UCC Building Code. Reason being, it backs up  
5 the other agency or it helps out the town if  
6 the other can't do the job.

7                   Plus it gives the owners and  
8 operator a choice of what agency they want to  
9 use. So we put a proposal to the Borough and  
10 they gladly brought us down to vote on it to  
11 bring us into the town. We currently are in  
12 30 municipalities.

13                   Out of 30 we're in 18 of them within  
14 Lackawanna County. Out of the 18, 10 share us  
15 and another agency. So we brought that venue  
16 to Dunmore to see if they will accept the terms  
17 as all the other towns. So that's what we're  
18 here for.

19                   MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you.

20                   MR. MARINO: Any questions?

21                   MR. VERRASTRO: On the question,  
22 when you were speaking briefly we were talking  
23 about if there's a difference in rates. You'll  
24 use the rates that we currently have --

25                   MR. MARINO: Correct.

1 MR. VERRASTRO: -- in effect right  
2 now. So there won't be any increases or any  
3 changes. It will be uniform with what we have,  
4 correct?

5 MR. MARINO: We'll adapt to whatever  
6 you have right now so there's no discrepancy  
7 within town so there is no hiccup.

8 MR. VERRASTRO: Thank you. And they  
9 could be less they just can't be more.

10 MR. MARINO: Exactly. Any other  
11 questions?

12 MR. VERRASTRO: I'm fine. Thank  
13 you.

14 MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you,  
15 Mr. Marino. We have a motion and a second.  
16 Any questions, Council members? Any other  
17 further questions?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. NARDOZZI: Tom, roll call.

20 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

21 MS. SCRIMALLI: Yes.

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

23 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes.

1 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Yes.

3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

4 MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next item is report  
6 from Gerard Hetman Coordinator from Lackawanna  
7 County.

8 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, ladies  
9 and gentlemen, Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna  
10 County Community Relations Department. John is  
11 a tough act to follow but I'll do my best here.

12 First a reminder that our annual --  
13 third annual children's Bike Safety Fair takes  
14 place on Saturday, April 25th, 11 a.m. to  
15 1 a.m. at PNC Field in Moosic. Again, each  
16 child in attendance gets a free bike helmet  
17 compliments of PNC Bank.

18 We'll also have law enforcement  
19 officers present from the Lackawanna County  
20 Sheriff's Office, Scranton Police Department,  
21 and Pennsylvania State Police to do free bike  
22 safety checks and adjustments and also bike  
23 helmet fittings.

24 So each child will go home with a  
25 helmet for his or her appropriate head size.

1           Again, it's a free event. The first of the  
2           year in terms of the community outreach events  
3           our department organizes. So come one, come  
4           all. We'll hope to see it be a success.

5                        Second, the county's Arts and  
6           Culture Department is conducting -- I think  
7           this is a first since we've been on the job  
8           what they term intellectual property workshop.

9                        This is geared towards artists,  
10          entrepreneurs and others who may develop items  
11          that constitute intellectual property. It's  
12          being held on Wednesday, April, 29th from 5:30  
13          to 7 p.m. at Electric City Trolley Museum on  
14          the grounds of Steamtown National Historic  
15          site.

16                       It will feature presentation from an  
17          attorney who is involved with the Philadelphia  
18          Volunteer Lawyers for the arts, which is part  
19          of the arts and business culture of greater  
20          Philadelphia speaking specifically on  
21          intellectual property laws and regulation.

22                       And also features a panel of  
23          discussion of local artists and entrepreneurs  
24          regarding how to protect individual's  
25          intellectual property. We just got this today.

1           It looks like a pretty neat program.

2                     The third thing we always get  
3           questions on this as the year goes on  
4           especially as baseball season begins, we have  
5           the excursion schedule here from the Electric  
6           City Trolley Museum for the trollies that run  
7           from the museum to the RailRiders baseball  
8           games year.

9                     They have dates running from May  
10          10th through August 23rd. It's not every game.  
11          But they have looks like nine or ten games here  
12          the trolley does run for. I believe they are  
13          all Saturday and Sunday dates. It explains  
14          here how the pricing works.

15                    If you already have your ticket for  
16          the game, you could buy a ticket just for the  
17          trolley run. Or if you want to buy a ticket at  
18          the same time as the trolley ticket purchase  
19          you can do that as well. It just affects the  
20          price a little bit.

21                    Secondly, the first of our two  
22          fishing derbies on the county's Parks and  
23          Recreation Department. It takes place at  
24          McDade Park on Saturday, May 9th. It's open  
25          for children ages 4 to 12. There's two

1 different time slots there so we don't have the  
2 younger children fishing the same time as the  
3 older children. It's just a five dollar cost  
4 for child that covers the bait that's provided.  
5 They don't allow spinners or outside bait to be  
6 used.

7 This is the first of two. There  
8 will be a second one later at Merli Sarnowski  
9 Park later in the year typically early October.  
10 And then lastly, this is a first time event.  
11 But it looks like it's pretty exciting. Penn  
12 State Extension in Lackawanna County is holding  
13 an event, Earth Day Is Your Day.

14 It's kind of a kick off and  
15 celebration of Earth Day and of the month of  
16 April with all the good environmental focus on  
17 it. It takes place Saturday, April 18th, this  
18 coming Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. at the  
19 Mall at Steamtown. It's basically a walk  
20 around the fair type of event and everyone is  
21 welcome.

22 Last item I will mention I've been  
23 meaning to follow up on this this time of year.  
24 Sometimes we see it at different times. But  
25 Councilman Nardozzi had asked in the past

1 months about tire collection that our office of  
2 Environmental Sustainability has held in the  
3 past. We haven't heard yet if there's going to  
4 be one this year or when it will be.

5 We've gotten a few requests for that  
6 and we're waiting for some information to see  
7 when that will be. It's been in the fall  
8 sometimes. Last year it was late May. I think  
9 it was the week before Memorial Day. So we'll  
10 try to let you know as soon as that comes up  
11 and as soon as the office that runs that plans  
12 it if they do it this year, I will pass along  
13 the information. And that's all we have.

14 MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks, Gerard.

15 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard.

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine,  
17 Gary Duncan, Dunmore Neighborhood Watch.

18 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton  
19 Street if you need it. I just got -- I'll be  
20 very brief. I'm going to run through. We had  
21 a Dunmore Neighborhood Watch Saturday. So  
22 first and foremost I have to thank the people  
23 that came out. It was a cool brisk day.

24 So I really want to thank Councilman  
25 Burke's not here tonight. He was nice enough

1 to join us. I want to thank Tom Hallinan. And  
2 I have to give credit. Mayor Loughney came out  
3 with us and probably about nine-tenths of the  
4 walk he covered with us.

5 It really -- I have to tell you as  
6 somebody who lives in the town, there's nothing  
7 nicer than seeing the Mayor of the town and  
8 Council come out and participate in a  
9 neighborhood walk like this.

10 And we covered quite a few blocks.  
11 We covered the area of Grove, Prescott,  
12 Buezli, Williams, Monroe, and Clay Avenue. So  
13 we took in a pretty fair sloth of this section  
14 of the town. I'm just going to run through  
15 some of the things that we picked up during  
16 it -- and, Didge, I'll get you a copy after  
17 this. I will get everybody an e-mail.

18 I got it typed up late. And I got a  
19 copy today. So I'll get folks' e-mails. I  
20 think I have enough here for everybody who  
21 wants a hard copy. And I'll e-mail it and the  
22 same to you, Solicitor, we'll get you a copy.

23 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Thank you.

24 MR. DUNCAN: Anyway Grove, Prescott  
25 the signs are respray painted with WOH0. And

1 we have a neighborhood watch meeting next week.  
2 And we'll have Captain Springer and I'm sure  
3 Patrolman Richardson will be with us. But  
4 these are signs that were replaced last year.

5 And they are resprayed -- and I  
6 swear at some point last year somebody we knew  
7 who W.O.H.O. is who sprays this. And I believe  
8 we were informed that that person was spoken  
9 to. But this was freshly sprayed again.

10 And it's a shame. And it's just  
11 ugliness on the town. Tom, you certainly were  
12 with us. You could verify what we're saying.  
13 Some of the stop signs over at the Grove and  
14 Prescott are faded.

15 Where the old grove house -- grove  
16 warehouse is the old silk mill and everything,  
17 all of those signs on that block are either  
18 rusted or faded. And really, I don't even know  
19 if they are in use anymore if we needed them  
20 since the warehouse for all intents and  
21 purposes is down to nothing.

22 Blocked storm drains, the one storm  
23 basin at Prescott and Grove is totally sunken  
24 in. And Nibs honest to God we walked over to  
25 it. He said that is very similar to the

1 situation where the child went into the storm  
2 drain last year. We have cones in it -- the  
3 red cones, you know, Didge, the orangish cones,  
4 they're -- it looks like cars hit them. They  
5 are just like crushed down in that storm drain.  
6 That was a serious issue.

7 They have broken -- the cones  
8 essentially covering it. But 116 Grove Street  
9 and this thank God for Tom Hallinan because he  
10 picked up on it. It was -- the sidewalk was  
11 dangerous if you remember where I'm speaking  
12 about because that was your observation.

13 Grove and South Grove, Blakely the  
14 stop signs are graffiti. We have a home at 109  
15 East Grove. Again I have to give Nibsy credit.  
16 He went with me. We went behind the bushes in  
17 the house. There's a hole in the side of the  
18 house that's wide open so animals can get into  
19 it.

20 God Bless him. He went in up in the  
21 street. It looked like the house was  
22 abandoned. And I'll give people copies and we  
23 can notify Joe or whomever and get people  
24 involved in this. The 400 block of East Grove  
25 Street Tom was with me. That whole block is

1           ruttet pothole heaven. Remember we were  
2           talking about --

3                     MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

4                     MR. DUNCAN: -- you helped me with  
5           that one. North Webster and Grove another one,  
6           the stop sign's in bad shape; Clay and Grove,  
7           blocked storm drains; West Grove and Clay the  
8           same thing. The storm drains are blocked. The  
9           stop sign was tagged Luna on that one.

10                    The island by Sibo's on Grove --  
11           I keep looking at Tom because he was right  
12           there with me. He stayed with me for the whole  
13           walk -- but totally whited out the do not enter  
14           sign. You couldn't even see it. It serves  
15           little or no -- literally no function where it  
16           was posted.

17                    But Tom picked it up. It looked  
18           like somebody took a paintbrush because even  
19           the white is above it on the telephone pole.  
20           So they had to work to totally obliterate the  
21           sign. And then Tom brought up a good point  
22           about maybe some type of a beautification  
23           project after the rotted trees were taken out  
24           there.

25                    It looks like termites had a field

1           day. They must have got -- they must have fed  
2           half of Africa in termites in those couple of  
3           trees. They're rotted out. Yet, they're  
4           budding. And Tom mentioned maybe about Dave  
5           Lopatka getting an engineering study done in  
6           that area, correct?

7                       MR. HALLINAN: Yeah.

8                       MR. DUNCAN: Okay. 200 East Grove,  
9           signs are in bad shape, 1209 Monroe Avenue it  
10          looked like about a 3 or 400 pound piece of  
11          steel that they had a large metal plate  
12          covering a section of the road down there; 1205  
13          Monroe, one side of the house looked  
14          deteriorated so we don't know what's going on  
15          there.

16                      Taylor and Williams, blocked storm  
17          drains; Buezli, I went through there today  
18          because I continue to get messages from the  
19          people in that particular neighborhood. It was  
20          interesting. We went up Williams Street and  
21          two people told us the neighborhood was great.

22                      And we jeepers creepers we made a  
23          right to Buezli Court and we got a  
24          tonsillectomy. So we looked great and then  
25          within a half a block we had a tonsillectomy.

1           So Buezli we have a garage is collapsing. A  
2           roof was caving in. It was open on one side.  
3           The caution -- not the police tape, the caution  
4           tape is up around and around that one; 1109  
5           North Irving in the rear of the house.

6                        When I was in the alley looking at  
7           other things, we looked up there's a second  
8           floor enclosure over a porch. When you look at  
9           the garage, the enclosure is pulled away from  
10          the chimney about this much (indicating.)  
11          It's pulling away.

12                       There's two beams holding it up.  
13          You could see clear through the beams they're  
14          rotted straight through. We saw squirrels  
15          going up and down through the bottom side of  
16          that porch. So there is vermin in there as  
17          well.

18                       And then one of the neighbors came  
19          out to see what I was looking at and proceeded  
20          to tell me that there's children that live on  
21          the first floor of the house with the second  
22          floor collapsing; 111 North Irving there was a  
23          question about potential drugs in that house  
24          from a neighbor.

25                       114 Buezli, we went through this

1 last year with this house. Apparently they are  
2 back. The landlord lives in the house but he's  
3 out of there in the afternoons. A neighbor  
4 come out to tell me that other people, friends  
5 of his go into the house. They drink in that  
6 alleyway. There were syringes found across the  
7 alleyway from this residence last year.

8 And then we came down Prescott after  
9 we made our huge loop. And the wooded lot  
10 which is next to 1201 Prescott it's right  
11 across from Schautz Stadium but that wooded  
12 lot, it looked like trees were taken down in  
13 there. But the trees that fell, they're just  
14 laying there. They're rotting out.

15 And as much as the area behind  
16 Nina's looked loaded with liter, that area  
17 across from Schautz Stadium, that wooded area  
18 it's -- looks like it's five times worse than  
19 the area behind Nina's with liter. And if you  
20 look down behind -- Francis, you and I, we  
21 looked down the hill behind it. There's a  
22 gigantic Interstate 81 road sign down in there  
23 that somebody hauled back in there.

24 Last -- and so that's everything.  
25 But I hope you agree with me that when you

1 drive through a neighborhood it's one thing.  
2 But when you walk through, we picked up on just  
3 so many things just with the power of  
4 observation and using our bifocals at least in  
5 my case.

6  
7 (Councilman Burke enters the  
8 meeting.)

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10 MR. DUNCAN: So I want to thank  
11 Timmy Burke. I want to thank Tom Hallinan.  
12 And I want to thank Patrick Loughney for taking  
13 the time to come out and join us. It was a  
14 cold brisk day. We have our next neighbor  
15 watch meeting a week today, 7:00.

16 If anybody wants copies of this I  
17 could give it to you. But I will definitely  
18 e-mail everybody and I'll get it to you as soon  
19 as I get home tonight.

20 MR. VERRASTRO: If you could get  
21 Vito a copy of that, we'll set something up  
22 with the Sewer Authority. He will get the  
23 storm water drains.

24 MR. HALLINAN: Didge, do you know  
25 why that plate is down on Monroe Avenue -- I'll

1 talk to you after. That big steel plate, it  
2 has to be like a --

3 MR. JUDGE: That has to be the Sewer  
4 Authority.

5 MR. HALLINAN: It has to be like a  
6 four by eight.

7 MR. JUDGE: That's not ours.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Okay.

9 MR. JUDGE: I saw it. I'll find out  
10 tomorrow.

11 MR. HALLINAN: Have them pick it up  
12 and look at it. If it's not theirs we'll take  
13 it and we can use it. It's a nice piece of  
14 metal.

15 MR. NARDOZZI: We can only have one  
16 person talking at a time. Poor Maria is trying  
17 to get everything. Next.

18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number ten,  
19 Mr. Valvano from Representative Farina's  
20 Office.

21 MR. VERRASTRO: I just had a text  
22 from him.

23 MR. NARDOZZI: As did I.

24 MR. VERRASTRO: He's having car  
25 trouble. He asked me to share with everybody

1           that the shredding program is going on at his  
2           office -- I'm sorry, Frank's office here Friday  
3           from 10 until noon. And all the shredding is  
4           free, I believe.

5                       MR. NARDOZZI: Yes.

6                       MR. VERRASTRO: Anything you want to  
7           bring down is free shredding for any documents  
8           you need to have shredded.

9                       ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 11 is  
10          public comment on non agenda items.

11                      MR. NARDOZZI: Anyone in the  
12          audience have public comment? Please keep in  
13          mind you're limited to five minutes. Please  
14          state your full name and address for the record  
15          for Maria.

16                      MR. MCGRAW: Jim McGraw, 2028  
17          Delaware Street in Dunmore, resident on that  
18          street for over 50 years. I started out there  
19          on Brook Street and now it's Delaware Street.  
20          So I've been there a long time and noticed the  
21          improvements.

22                      But we still need more. And one is  
23          on the top of Delaware Street where it runs  
24          into Blakely. I've asked a number of times on  
25          the left-hand side going up the right coming

1 down that there should be a 25 foot marked off  
2 section for no parking, period.

3 Because when you go to make the turn  
4 into Delaware Street, sometimes I think I have  
5 cars in the back of my car. I mean, they are  
6 so close coming down. If you slow up for a  
7 pothole, somebody is going to get hit. And  
8 there's enough potholes for people to stop at.

9 And it's strictly a safety hazard  
10 that shouldn't exist. They are parked on the  
11 sidewalk and some have been out as far as  
12 Blakely Street. And I travel that area every  
13 single day.

14 And the other area if we're going to  
15 have the state working on Blakely Street, they  
16 will be backed up to Moosic Street if we don't  
17 get a cop at the Dunmore Corners during the  
18 daytime because what happens, traffic comes  
19 down Drinker Street and if they can't make the  
20 turn they block the turn.

21 I've waited for three lights to make  
22 a turn left to go to Throop. And I travel it  
23 five times a day. You people are working. You  
24 don't see what is taking place. And if a buddy  
25 comes into fill a pothole if they don't notify

1 the Borough in advance, it's a disaster.

2 They're backed up to Throop. And if  
3 they don't notice you -- don't notify you, what  
4 if there's an accident at the corners? A  
5 police car is there in five minutes. If  
6 something unexpected happens if they're going  
7 to repair a pothole that you didn't think they  
8 were going to repair, then get a cop there, you  
9 know, unless they're out at an accident or they  
10 are needed elsewhere.

11 But there should be no excuse to  
12 say, well, the state didn't notify us. We  
13 didn't think they were coming until the middle  
14 of June. Well, if they come the 1st of June,  
15 there should be a cop at the corners. I don't  
16 know if you could put a part-time policeman on.

17 But there should be somebody there.  
18 And every Friday -- I don't know if you drive  
19 Blakely Street, it's backed up down to the tank  
20 whether it's payday and everybody goes to the  
21 corners I don't know. But the traffic is  
22 there. And it's just waiting for an accident  
23 and it's up to you people to cure the illness.

24 And there is an illness on the top  
25 of that street. And I heard complaints at the

1 neighborhood watch. People on the sidewalk,  
2 you know, in my neighborhood down a few houses,  
3 they're on the sidewalk because every week  
4 there is somebody's car that's struck with the  
5 passing vehicle taking a mirror off.

6 And it's so narrow. I have friends  
7 that say it's a very narrow street. It's hard  
8 to drive up. Well, don't drive up it at 25  
9 miles an hour. Use Green Ridge Street. And  
10 they are all people in the sixth ward that  
11 should know better.

12 If you go up there it should be  
13 15 miles an hour. There's not a sign going up  
14 since somebody hit the pole down at Webster  
15 Avenue. And we do have a sign in front of my  
16 house that's been there for years. Paul had it  
17 put up when, you know, Stanley Golden was down  
18 there.

19 But since then, it is a narrow  
20 street. There's maybe about 30, 40 young  
21 children that will be playing there. And it's  
22 just waiting for an accident. So it's up to  
23 you people. You have to get it done.

24 MR. VERRASTRO: Is the speed limit  
25 already 15 miles an hour there?

1 MR. MCGRAW: What's that?

2 MR. VERRASTRO: Is the speed limit  
3 already 15 miles an hour there and it just has  
4 to be posted.

5 MR. MCGRAW: There's nothing coming  
6 up.

7 MR. VERRASTRO: That's what I'm  
8 asking you. It's already been --

9 MR. MCGRAW: There's one that I  
10 believe it was 10. And then we said 10 or 15.  
11 You know, generally a parking lot on military  
12 basis and government agencies it's 10 or 15,  
13 you know, they give you a little leeway. And  
14 that is a parking lot.

15 MR. VERRASTRO: No, what I'm trying  
16 to figure out is if it's already 10 or 15 or if  
17 you're asking for it to be changed to 10 or 15.

18 MR. MCGRAW: One is ten and there is  
19 15 coming up.

20 MR. VERRASTRO: So you're just  
21 asking for the signs.

22 MR. MCGRAW: Right. Right in front  
23 of my house there's --

24 MR. NARDOZZI: Didge, can you see --

25 MR. VERRASTRO: Can you order two

1 new signs with proper speed limit?

2 MR. JUDGE: Yeah.

3 MR. MCGRAW: And I thank you for the  
4 stop sign in the alley. You were a lifesaver  
5 there.

6 MR. VERRASTRO: My other question  
7 because it confuses -- I always thought you  
8 were talking about the parking on the bank  
9 side. Are you talking about the parking across  
10 from the bank?

11 MR. MCGRAW: Across from the bank  
12 where the B and B --

13 MR. VERRASTRO: Because the last  
14 couple times you were up, you were saying that  
15 you didn't want parking on the bank side.

16 MR. MCGRAW: Oh, no, as far as the  
17 parking on the bank side it was allowed after  
18 they took out the concrete barriers that 14  
19 cars can pull directly out onto that street  
20 which when that was approved, there was a  
21 barrier -- little concrete blocks that you  
22 couldn't pull out on Delaware.

23 You had to use the alley or go out  
24 onto Blakely. So they were removed over the  
25 years. And now because they don't park there

1           because of the parks -- the availability for  
2           them to pull out. But I'm talking on the far  
3           side --

4                       MR. VERRASTRO: You're talking  
5           across the street from there.

6                       MR. MCGRAW: Across the street  
7           coming down. That's where the 25 feet should  
8           be marked off, whited out. We have problems  
9           with them parking too close to the alley. But  
10          that's -- that will take another meeting. But  
11          thank you.

12                      MR. NARDOZZI: All right, Mr.  
13          McGraw.

14                      MR. BURKE: Thanks, Mr. McGraw.

15                      MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

16                      MR. NARDOZZI: Anyone else?

17                      MS. SHANE: Good evening, Council,  
18          Jane Shane, 1343 Adams Avenue, life-long  
19          resident. I'm here to again ask for something  
20          to be done between New York Street and Ferguson  
21          Place across the street from where I live there  
22          is abandoned railroad property.

23                      I think now part of the property is  
24          owned by two individuals. I think Maccioccos  
25          own part of it down so far because there is

1 markers on trees that were put there when  
2 surveyors were there a couple years ago.

3 So far nothing has been done there.  
4 It's a dumping ground. Trust me. Okay, we  
5 have a lot of windy weather lately. Nobody  
6 takes care of that property. When we have  
7 wind, you step off my front porch, I have two  
8 steps. You can't find them.

9 There's so many leaves there and we  
10 have to wind up cleaning them, bagging them,  
11 and getting rid of them. Now, I've addressed  
12 this particular issue many times. I think  
13 those trees were trimmed down because now some  
14 of the branches are hanging over onto cars that  
15 park onto Adams Avenue on the other side of the  
16 street.

17 There are tires. There's garbage.  
18 There's soda cans, bottles, you name it. It's  
19 there.

20 MR. VERRASTRO: I don't mean to  
21 interrupt you. Is this the empty lots you're  
22 talking about? Because I thought last time you  
23 were here you were talking about a dumpster  
24 that was parked across the street.

25 MS. SHANE: That wasn't me.

1 MR. VERRASTRO: I'm confused then  
2 because I don't remember you talking about the  
3 empty lots there.

4 MS. SHANE: Oh, well, maybe I didn't  
5 talk about it when you were here. It might  
6 have been at a neighborhood meeting. But this  
7 has been an ongoing thing for years. I've  
8 lived in this house all my life. It's  
9 abandoned railroad property.

10 And it's owned by Mr. DeNaples.  
11 Now, that's all well and good. If that  
12 property -- my property was abandoned and  
13 looked that way, you could darn well be sure  
14 that somebody would, you know, send me a  
15 letter. All I want is someone to come down and  
16 clean up the debris that's there.

17 And I don't know if the Borough is  
18 responsible for that. I think the people who  
19 own property are the ones responsible.

20 MR. VERRASTRO: See me afterwards.  
21 We'll get that.

22 MR. BURKE: The property owner is  
23 responsible.

24 MR. NARDOZZI: Mrs. Shane, we'll  
25 have Joe Lorince contact the property owners

1 and get them down there and tell them what  
2 happened at the meeting tonight and we need  
3 that cleaned up. And if it's feasible for  
4 those trees to be trimmed.

5 MS. SHANE: If they would trim those  
6 trees, we wouldn't have so many leaves because  
7 with all the snow -- now the leaves that were  
8 there from last fall are still there. And  
9 every time we have a windy day, we get them.  
10 So I would appreciate anything that the Borough  
11 can do.

12 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll speak with  
13 Mr. Lorince tomorrow.

14 MS. SHANE: Thank you.

15 MR. NARDOZZI: One good news, would  
16 you tell us about the 1330 the lit street  
17 light?

18 MS. SHANE: Yeah, well, the street  
19 light is back on after all of those months.

20 MR. NARDOZZI: It took long enough,  
21 didn't it?

22 MS. SHANE: Yeah. But you have to  
23 keep tugging away at it. Thank you.

24 MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you.

25 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

1 MR. NARDOZZI: Anyone else in the  
2 audience have anything tonight?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. NARDOZZI: With that we'll move  
5 onto number 12, Tom.

6 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

7 MR. NARDOZZI: Let's start with  
8 Mr. Dempsey.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: The only thing just an  
10 update on the website. They apply for the dot  
11 gov the new website I guess it's called the  
12 domain name, I don't know, web address. So  
13 they applied for that.

14 They're currently in the process of  
15 designing different looks of the website for us  
16 to look at and choose from. So still moving  
17 forward. It's still plugging away. It's a  
18 process but making some good strides. And  
19 that's all I have tonight.

20 MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you. Mr.  
21 Hallinan.

22 MR. HALLINAN: Didge, do we have any  
23 graffiti paint removal? Do we have anything  
24 like that?

25 MR. JUDGE: Yes.

1 MR. HALLINAN: So can you hit some  
2 of those signs? I mean, there's some brand new  
3 ones. And again, I'm new to Council for  
4 less -- well, a year now. But I don't know,  
5 were there any grants for sign -- our signs in  
6 this town and to buy them singly I think is  
7 ridiculous.

8 Is there something out there where  
9 we can get a grant or something? I wish  
10 Mr. Valvano or somebody was here to get us some  
11 kind of money to really overhaul the whole town  
12 with stop signs. It's ridiculous.

13 MR. NARDOZZI: Tom, aren't we in the  
14 middle -- isn't there state grants that have  
15 been lingering?

16 MR. VERRASTRO: They said that  
17 wasn't -- it wasn't part of the scope.

18 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yeah.

19 MR. HALLINAN: I mean, I remember a  
20 Congressman running for office here saying we  
21 can get you money for signs. Yet we have --  
22 nothing's changed. And it's really, you know,  
23 if you're from out of town and you're driving  
24 these streets, there is no reflectivity at all  
25 on any of these stop signs.

1                   And I just would like that addressed  
2                   somehow, someday. And because I say buying  
3                   them singly is ridiculous. It's, you know, we  
4                   should somehow we should be able to get them  
5                   wholesale with a grant. That's all I have.

6                   MR. NARDOZZI: Mrs. Scrimalli.

7                   MS. SCRIMALLI: I'd like to thank  
8                   everyone for coming. Gary, thank you so much  
9                   for your participation with the neighborhood  
10                  watch. That is fantastic. I do want to  
11                  mention that next Sunday here starting I  
12                  believe at the Community Center we're having a  
13                  5K run. What time? Does anybody know?

14                 MR. NARDOZZI: Registration --  
15                 Carol, registration is at 8:00 and the run  
16                 starts at 9.

17                 MS. SCRIMALLI: So just please be  
18                 aware that some of the roads will be blocked.  
19                 I'm not sure exactly. Paul, do you know what  
20                 roads will be blocked?

21                 MR. NARDOZZI: There's going to be a  
22                 lot of them around there because I'm coming  
23                 down here. I'm working it too for Olyphant PD.

24                 MS. SCRIMALLI: Okay, so just to let  
25                 you know there that some of the roads will be

1 blocked. And I think that's it for me. Thank  
2 you so much.

3 MR. NARDOZZI: Mr. Burke.

4 MR. BURKE: Yes. Didge, will you be  
5 able to get a stop sign for up Dunham Drive, a  
6 few of them? I don't think there's any -- or  
7 not stop signs, I'm sorry, speed limit signs --  
8 25. I don't think there is one on the road.  
9 And we do have a school bus that travels there.

10 MR. JUDGE: All right. On Dunham  
11 you want them?

12 MR. BURKE: Yeah.

13 MR. JUDGE: I'll check tomorrow. I  
14 don't even know what the speed limit is there.

15 MR. BURKE: I'd say it's got to be  
16 25 or below. There's a house there with --  
17 where children are picked up for school.

18 MR. JUDGE: All right. I'll check  
19 with Sal tomorrow.

20 MR. BURKE: Okay. I can't see it  
21 being any higher than 25.

22 MR. JUDGE: I'll check with him in  
23 the morning.

24 MR. BURKE: Tommy, I was wondering  
25 if you got the info on the Sewer Authority if

1 we have --

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yeah, the -- under  
3 the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act,  
4 it deals with the disposition of property but  
5 not the contracting out of services. And with  
6 the disposition of property, it would be an  
7 anomaly because the plan would be I think  
8 jointly owned.

9 But the lines would go back to each  
10 municipality. So that's not a scenario I think  
11 would work. Under the original articles of  
12 corporation from the Sewer Authority, I don't  
13 see limitation as far as the majority or  
14 unanimous vote to take out contracts and/or  
15 leases.

16 And I don't see anything in the  
17 ordinance when Dunmore conveyed its lines. So  
18 as of right now, I don't see anything where  
19 Dunmore could totally control the situation as  
20 a unique entity. Naturally if the authority  
21 took an avenue which wasn't appropriate under  
22 their powers or under state law, Dunmore would  
23 be in the same seed as anybody else to take  
24 action.

25 I am going to go through the

1 original American Anglian file to see if  
2 there's any limitations in there by stipulation  
3 where Dunmore was allowed to control the entire  
4 matter with their 120th vote.

5 It's also my understanding although  
6 I haven't seen any documentation yet that  
7 everybody not just Scranton but a lot of the  
8 sewer authorities and municipalities are on  
9 hold to see what the Governor's program will  
10 entail as far as financing with bonds.

11 But as of right now, I don't see a  
12 way for Dunmore's singular vote to hold up a  
13 conveyance or lease hold or a contract. But  
14 I'm hoping maybe if I go through the American  
15 Anglian file I may find something.

16 MR. BURKE: So legally there's  
17 nothing Dunmore -- you believe there's nothing  
18 Dunmore could do to stop the sale of the Sewer  
19 Authority or the lease of the Sewer Authority?

20 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Well, we have a  
21 one-fifth vote. And we can -- if Council voted  
22 outside of our representation there, we could  
23 take, you know, legal action for injunction  
24 relief to try to stop it. But I thought my  
25 assignment was I don't see anywhere it says

1           that the one-twentieth percent could control  
2           whether or not if there's a lease hold.

3                         In the Municipality Authorities Act  
4           it doesn't address leases, holds, or contracts.  
5           It addresses once the debt is defeased, which  
6           happened I think eight years ago then in that  
7           event the incorporated municipalities could  
8           just take their property back and liquidate the  
9           authority.

10                        MR. BURKE:   Okay.   And last time --  
11           is privatization and leasing, is that the same  
12           thing or no?

13                        ATTY. CUMMINGS:   It depends on what  
14           the -- you could own it and contract for the  
15           service.   You could own it and lease it out.  
16           So there's varying degrees.   It depends on what  
17           you want to privatize.   Do you want to  
18           privatize the operation, do you want to private  
19           the control.

20                        Normally privatization is a complete  
21           sale.   You take the authority and give us  
22           X-dollars.   And then the Public Utility  
23           Commission would come in and monitor and  
24           give -- much like with Pennsylvania American  
25           Water, they get a percentage profit day in and

1 day out --

2 MR. BURKE: I mean, excuse me --

3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Sure.

4 MR. BURKE: If -- okay, when this  
5 happened last time we did find out that Dunmore  
6 had a vote. Is there any possible way of  
7 finding out if we have a vote?

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: We have a vote.

9 MR. BURKE: So what I'm getting at  
10 when it happened last time privatization we  
11 already know what could happen with  
12 privatization Dunmore could out vote it and  
13 shut it right down. We know that.

14 Is there any possible way of finding  
15 out if Dunmore's vote could shut down a sale or  
16 a lease?

17 ATTY. CUMMINGS: That's what's I  
18 have to look at the American Anglian file to  
19 find out what language they use. I haven't  
20 found anything in the Municipal Authorities  
21 Act. I haven't found anything in the original  
22 articles of corporation of the Sewer Authority.

23 I haven't found anything in the  
24 Dunmore ordinance where we joined the Sewer  
25 Authority and conveyed over our lines.

1 MR. BURKE: Maybe as being a member  
2 of the Sewer Authority of Dunmore, maybe if we  
3 could send them a letter and ask their lawyer  
4 what is their legal opinion?

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Okay.

6 MR. BURKE: Because let them pay for  
7 it since we're part of the Sewer Authority and  
8 they have their own legal -- they have their  
9 own lawyers. Let them look up the information  
10 and ask them for an answer.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I think you have to  
12 direct them to American Anglian because I have  
13 discussed it with solicitors from four other  
14 authorities and nobody was aware of any vehicle  
15 for one-fifth vote to stop it. So I'll  
16 certainly send a letter tomorrow to Mr. Barrett  
17 to direct him to have their solicitors and  
18 attorneys look at the American Anglian file  
19 because if it's anywhere, that's where it would  
20 be.

21 MR. BURKE: Right. If you remember  
22 last time when this happened when it was  
23 privatized nobody knew for quite a while --  
24 actually they did know that Dunmore could have  
25 stopped it.

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: I wasn't here. I  
2                   don't know that.

3                   MR. BURKE: I know that for a fact  
4                   because it happened and Dunmore voted to  
5                   privatize last time.

6                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Right.

7                   MR. BURKE: And they couldn't do it  
8                   without Dunmore's vote. So I would think they  
9                   have the lawyers they've been going over this  
10                  for a year. They must be -- I mean, they must  
11                  have found out what Dunmore's -- if Dunmore  
12                  could stop it or not.

13                  I can't see them going through this  
14                  for almost two years now and then all of a  
15                  sudden, wait a second. We forgot about  
16                  Dunmore. So I --

17                  ATTY. CUMMINGS: I agree with you.

18                  MR. BURKE: The lawyers has to know  
19                  whether we could stop it or not. And I just  
20                  think that they -- it's long enough for them,  
21                  you know, they have to let us know because if  
22                  our rates are going to go up in Dunmore to bail  
23                  out Scranton, Dunmore's rate payers have a  
24                  right to know this and the sooner the better.

25                  They are -- if you read the

1 newspaper, Courtright's been saying this for  
2 over a year now they are going to sell it.  
3 It's part of -- that Amorosa said it's part of  
4 their plan to save the city. But Dunmore still  
5 has no clue and this is over a year now.  
6 Dunmore still has no clue if we have a say.

7 We only know we have a say in  
8 privatization. But I think the Sewer Authority  
9 owes us that answer so if --

10 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'll call  
11 Mr. Barrett tomorrow and have him put it in  
12 writing.

13 MR. BURKE: Okay, can we e-mail him  
14 so it's on record?

15 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yeah. Oh, no, I'll  
16 send him a letter and I'll call him also.  
17 Yeah, that's what I'll do and I'll send you a  
18 copy.

19 MR. VERRASTRO: I would feel more  
20 comfortable -- excuse me, Timmy, I don't mean  
21 to interrupt you, if Tommy still researched it  
22 because we're asking their attorney that's --  
23 that doesn't make sense to me -- their attorney  
24 to give us direction on the direction that  
25 they're taking.

1 MR. BURKE: I still want Tommy to  
2 research it too but I've been asking this  
3 question since last year.

4 MR. VERRASTRO: No, the way you just  
5 put it you told Tommy to have their attorney do  
6 it.

7 MR. BURKE: Right, because I want  
8 that on record too because we're rate payers  
9 too.

10 MR. VERRASTRO: I'm not -- I'm just  
11 saying you didn't --

12 MR. BURKE: I don't want Tommy to  
13 stop searching.

14 MR. VERRASTRO: Okay. What you said  
15 was we might as well have the Sewer Authority's  
16 attorney pay for it. It sounded like you were  
17 taking him off it. That's what I'm trying to  
18 get at.

19 MR. BURKE: No. I think they would  
20 have told us by now. But maybe if we put  
21 pressure on them -- if we put pressure on them  
22 to give us an answer --

23 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'll get a written  
24 response one way or the other.

25 MR. BURKE: Right. I asked this

1 question back in June and I still haven't found  
2 anything different. I appreciate that, Tom.  
3 Thank you.

4 MR. NARDOZZI: Tom, can you make  
5 sure that we all get copies of whatever you do  
6 too --

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: What I usually do  
8 is I send to Vito and then it's on the Borough  
9 server and it goes out to everybody. He'll  
10 send it to you.

11 MR. NARDOZZI: This way --

12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: I'll send it to  
13 Vito and he'll send it to you.

14 MR. BURKE: It would be a shame to  
15 read it in the paper that we were sold and this  
16 whole time we didn't know. Like I said, I  
17 brought these questions up in June and we still  
18 don't have an answer.

19 MR. NARDOZZI: I agree with you,  
20 Tim. I agree with you.

21 MR. HALLINAN: I agree with you.  
22 But I don't think that could happen, Tim. But  
23 I don't think they could go through the  
24 process. We have a representative and we have  
25 our attorney. I'm just thinking --

1 MR. BURKE: I'm saying we don't have  
2 an answer though.

3 MR. HALLINAN: I understand where  
4 you're coming from.

5 MR. BURKE: I have an answer on  
6 privatization. We went through it. I know it.  
7 But Tommy says he doesn't know it and he's a  
8 lawyer.

9 ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, I said I  
10 haven't found what you're looking for. I found  
11 what happens if it's privatized. I think it  
12 has to go back to the city and the borough for  
13 them to actually handle the sale.

14 I have not found a way for the  
15 Borough of Dunmore as a one-twentieth interest  
16 one of five votes to freeze out what the city  
17 wants to do. That's what I haven't found yet.  
18 I have found what we can do. I have found what  
19 our authority is.

20 And I think you're referencing the  
21 deal with the American Anglian. And the next  
22 step would be to direct Mr. Barrett to have his  
23 people research that file and show me where  
24 either Dunmore can or cannot stop a  
25 privatization or a lease hold.

1 MR. BURKE: Right. I know we could  
2 have stopped the privatization. I know that.  
3 A lease and sale I don't know because we did go  
4 through that. Thank you.

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: You're welcome.

6 MR. BURKE: That's all I have, Paul.

7 MR. NARDOZZI: Okay, Tim. Sal?

8 MR. VERRASTRO: I have a couple  
9 things. First, Didge, is our street sweeper  
10 working now?

11 MR. JUDGE: Yeah.

12 MR. VERRASTRO: It's on the road?  
13 We can start using it?

14 MR. JUDGE: Every day.

15 MR. VERRASTRO: Great. Thank you.  
16 I mentioned the shredding. Tom, there is a  
17 house on Drinker Street that nobody has lived  
18 in now for probably I'm going to go back as far  
19 as four or five years. It's on the right-hand  
20 side going through Sport Hill. The porch roof  
21 literally collapsed on it.

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Where the two are  
23 for sale?

24 MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, one of those  
25 two. And it's the house next to it there is

1           somebody living in. Did Joe or did we look  
2           into those at all or is it just empty? Like,  
3           is there something we can start to do on --

4                    ATTY. CUMMINGS: I could have Joe go  
5           up and inspect it tomorrow and condemn it.

6                    MR. VERRASTRO: Please. I'm saying  
7           not even saying it has to be condemned. But at  
8           least get that debris cleaned up. It's  
9           everywhere. It's on both properties. It's in  
10          the front -- it looks terrible. It's  
11          definitely a safety hazard.

12                   Also, Councilman McHale asked me to  
13          put out there that he's sorry that he missed  
14          tonight's meeting. It couldn't have been  
15          helped. It's tax season. He has a couple days  
16          left. And he's still working on my way down  
17          here when I was talking to him.

18                   So he apologizes for not making  
19          tonight's meeting and wanted to thank everybody  
20          for taking over tonight. All right. Other  
21          than that, have a good night. Thank you.

22                   MR. NARDOZZI: Thank you. Tom, I  
23          meant to ask you, do you have anything else?

24                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: No, sir.

25                   MR. NARDOZZI: I have a few items.

1 First of all, thank Gary for the continued  
2 effort you do with your organization. You  
3 know, it brings to light to us a lot of things  
4 that we don't see, especially I think Mrs.  
5 Shane mentioned we work a lot, you know, so  
6 there's a lot of things we don't get a chance.

7 And I apologize for not being able  
8 to but I was on duty on Saturday and  
9 unfortunately had to work, you know? A couple  
10 other things, Vito asked me to bring to  
11 people's attention and myself also with yard  
12 waste we're going to starting to be picking up  
13 yard waste now.

14 People are putting them out in  
15 plastic bags. They have to be put in either an  
16 empty can or biodegradable bag. That's the  
17 only way the Recycling Center will take them.  
18 Am I correct, Didge, with that? If they are  
19 plastic bags, we're not going to pick it  
20 because the Recycling Center is not going to  
21 take it.

22 So if we can get that out there and  
23 maybe, Tom, if we can have Vito put that on the  
24 website. Although I think it was addressed on  
25 there if I'm not mistaken. We're also the

1           advent of garage sale and yard sale signs that  
2           seemed to be plastered all over the -- not only  
3           our town but others. In the past people in  
4           Dunmore who have put yard sales up are pretty  
5           good in taking them down.

6                   I see the majority of the issues are  
7           from people who don't live in Dunmore. Old  
8           Forge, Scranton they put signs up and I know,  
9           Tom, we addressed this before.

10                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: They have 24 hours  
11           after the event to remove the sign or be cited.  
12           The difficulty is if it's outside the Borough,  
13           it's a little bit difficult to collect on the  
14           violation.

15                   MR. NARDOZZI: Or find out who  
16           actually had it. But if anybody knows anybody  
17           with yard sale signs -- I don't think anybody  
18           is going to care if you put a yard sale sign  
19           up on a pole for a day or two whenever you're  
20           having your sale. But please take them down.

21                   It it's very unsightly. And if you  
22           drive up and down Green Ridge Street starting  
23           now, you're going to start seeing them all over  
24           the place. There's some guy from Binghamton  
25           that comes down and does music and CD sales in



1 I think we've had the police department address  
2 it on the 2000 block of Green Ridge Street. I  
3 don't understand it why people park on  
4 sidewalks and block the passage -- safe passage  
5 for people.

6 Gary, I'd appreciate it on your  
7 walks or when you're around, you know, your  
8 group if you could address and let us know if  
9 there is any continuing problems that you may  
10 see. I have addressed it. I've given it to  
11 the police chief already.

12 MR. DUNCAN: On Grove Street. We'll  
13 let you know.

14 MR. NARDOZZI: Yeah, it's  
15 becoming -- it's a problem. The other thing we  
16 have to do, I got four or five reports in the  
17 last week of people -- if we pick their garbage  
18 up today, they're putting garbage out on the  
19 curb the next day.

20 Now, I know we addressed three  
21 properties on Monroe Avenue last week down by  
22 the cleaners. So that should not happen again.  
23 And one last thing I have is just announce Mike  
24 asked me to ask or announce is that I'm sure  
25 everybody is aware that DEP is having an open

1 house up in the Throop Community Center on  
2 Monday, April 27th. They're having two  
3 sessions concerning the landfill.

4 One is from 11 in the morning until  
5 2 in the afternoon. The second one is from  
6 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. And that's an open house  
7 concerning the landfill up at the Throop  
8 Community Center. With that, I have nothing  
9 else.

10 MR. VERRASTRO: The award we got  
11 today.

12 MR. NARDOZZI: Oh, jeez. I forgot  
13 about that. That's right. Do you want to --

14 MR. VERRASTRO: You're the President  
15 tonight. You're the Vice President.

16 MR. NARDOZZI: We were given an  
17 award. I'm not sure what was the  
18 organization -- O'Della -- it was a state  
19 organization. But they ranked the 40 top towns  
20 in Pennsylvania as far as commuters. I don't  
21 know where they got their information but we  
22 did get it.

23 We're ranked number 17 in the state  
24 out of the 40 top towns in the whole state as  
25 far as people using -- commuting to work and,

1           you know, using -- I guess a lot of people work  
2           in Tobyhanna so they car pool. Car pool was a  
3           big value with this award that we got today.  
4           So I just wanted to make everybody aware of it.  
5           But 17th out of the top 40 here. I think Sal  
6           might have it here. And here's what it reads:

7                         It says Dunmore is a great place to  
8           live if you're looking for the best mix of big  
9           city amenities, job opportunities, small town  
10          charm -- and we know we have that -- more perks  
11          of calling Dunmore home including low crime,  
12          high graduation rates and an affordable cost of  
13          living.

14                        Dunmore earns our praise for its  
15          high percentage of car poolers. Almost 12  
16          percent of Dunmore residents share a ride to  
17          work which is 20 percent more than the average  
18          city on our list. So that's the award we  
19          received today. Thank you, Sal. That's all I  
20          have. Anyone else on Council?

21                        (No response.)

22                        MR. NARDOZZI: Call for adjournment?

23                        MR. BURKE: I'll make the motion.

24                        MR. NARDOZZI: Timmy.

25                        MR. HALLINAN: Second.

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MR. NARDOZZI: We're adjourned.

Thank you.

(Whereupon, meeting concluded.)

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