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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, September 8, 2014

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

PAUL NARDOZZI, Vice President - absent

SAL VERRASTRO

TIMOTHY BURKE

CAROL SCRIMALLI

THOMAS HALLINAN

MICHAEL DEMPSEY

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Nardozzi.

Public comment on agenda items, there is one addition of the Comm Center part-time labor, Timothy Hopkins. And the Lackawanna County representative has to go first because of a prior engagement.

MR. MCHALE: Please.

MR. HETMAN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'm Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County Community Relations

1 Department. Good to see you and thank you for
2 accommodating the change in schedule. I have
3 to attend another meeting that was rescheduled.

4 Just to be very brief, two of our
5 key events come up during the month of
6 September for the community. First our annual
7 Public Safety Fair is the 911 Center. It takes
8 place Saturday, September 20th from 11 a.m. to
9 2 p.m. We have free tours of the 911 Center as
10 well as displays of various fire, police, EMS,
11 and public works equipment and vehicle items.

12 There will be free refreshments and
13 all activities are free. We should note that
14 we know this is the same day as the Race For
15 The Cure. We spoke to the race organizers and
16 asked when was the latest we can start this
17 without interfering with anything.

18 And they said start it after 10:00.
19 So it's 11:00. We had to have several
20 logistical factors to check off there. That
21 was the only day we can get that would work.
22 We wanted to start it after the race on that
23 day. That's what we'll be able to do. Several
24 folks including myself will be participating in
25 the Race For The Cure as well.

1 Second event takes place on the
2 following, Friday, September 26th. That's our
3 senior health fair. It takes place from
4 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at PNC field in Moosic. It's
5 the third year that we'll be doing this for
6 various exhibitors doing senior health and
7 wellness, blood pressure checks, vision,
8 hearing screens and also free flu shots.

9 There's no policy discrimination
10 with regards to age. Anyone that sees
11 themselves as senior citizens are welcome to
12 attend. We're not checking IDs or anything
13 like that. And they are more than welcome to
14 come out.

15 And we should note with these two
16 events we do work with the companies that
17 attend to raise sponsorships to help fund some
18 of our advertising and also some of the very
19 small expenses is table rentals that go into
20 these.

21 We don't pay for the advertising to
22 the newspaper or anything else from general
23 fund revenues. So we do thank the community
24 that help us cooperate to make these events
25 happen. And then just a few other items here,

1 the Arts and Culture Department with the Arts
2 Breakfast and also Park and Rec Departments
3 Cross County Invitational for high school teams
4 take place a little bit later this month.
5 We'll leave fliers on those.

6 And then coming up also as we head
7 into the fall, the county entered its budget
8 season for 2015. Last year, of course, we
9 thanked the Borough for having us here for
10 public budget hearing. We won't be back in
11 this room because we have to wait a few years
12 according to law before we can return to having
13 a hearing in a place where it recently had
14 taken place.

15 The locations for this year's
16 hearings will be advertised weekly and also the
17 county's website Facebook page. We'll make it
18 known when the meeting is when the budget
19 hearings come up in the fall and the public is
20 welcome to comment as are officials or anyone
21 else on the county's budget process for 2015.

22 So we thank you. Again, thank you
23 for accommodating me. Our summer schedule is
24 switched around and last month I couldn't make
25 it. And thank you for accommodating me this

1 month. We should be back on track in October.

2 MR. MCHALE: Thank you very much.

3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Other comments on
4 agenda items.

5 (No response.)

6 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Being none, number
7 four is motion to approve the minutes.

8 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that
9 motion.

10 MR. BURKE: Second.

11 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
12 second. On the question.

13 (No response.)

14 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor
15 signify by saying aye.

16 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
20 moved.

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item five motion to
22 approve and pay the open bills.

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

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

1 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a
2 second. On the question.

3 (No response.)

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

6 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item six is
12 personnel matter to appoint Timothy Hopkins,
13 part-time labor at the Community Center. And
14 per request of Dunmore Police Department
15 part-time crossing guard Frank Malinoski and
16 Patricia Aronica.

17 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that
18 motion.

19 MR. BURKE: Second.

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

22 (No response.)

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

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

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

5 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven
6 is a resolution of authorization in support
7 wherein the Borough of Dunmore will authorize
8 the Dunmore Historical Society to apply for a
9 grant. The grant will be their responsibility.

10 The purpose is renovation for a new
11 furnace, siding and insulation at their
12 headquarters in Dunmore. It's required that
13 the Borough issue a resolution of authorization
14 and support.

15 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that
16 motion.

17 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.

18 MR. MCHALE: We have a motion and
19 second. On the question.

20 (No response.)

21 MCHALE: All those in favor signify
22 by saying aye.

23 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
2 moved.

3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight
4 is a motion to authorize a purchase under the
5 COSTARS Piggyback Program of the Commonwealth
6 of Pennsylvania, purchase a 2014 310SK backhoe
7 loader and 2014 skid steer 320E from John
8 Deere.

9 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that
10 Motion.

11 MR. BURKE: Second.

12 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and
13 second. On the question.

14 (No response.)

15 MCHALE: All those in favor signify
16 by saying aye.

17 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so
21 moved.

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is
23 public comment on non agenda items.

24 MR. MCHALE: Anybody would like to
25 address Council tonight please come up to the

1 podium and state your name and address for the
2 record.

3 MS. HOFFMAN: My name is Trudy
4 Hoffman. I reside at 517 Williams Street,
5 Dunmore. I was at the meeting a month ago
6 enlightening you about the problem American
7 Water has caused on my property with the
8 curbing wasn't put in properly and I constantly
9 have water runoff.

10 I had my concrete contractor there
11 last week in an effort to try to remove the
12 stain. And he told me it is permanently
13 stained not only with oil but tar residue. But
14 you were supposed to look into it. So I'm here
15 today to find out how you made out.

16 MR. LORINCE: We put a call into the
17 water company. The guy -- Mr. Hooper who is in
18 charge at the water company he's on vacation.
19 He'll be back this week. And we'll send them
20 up --

21 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you very much
22 because I see they're around the area paving
23 the street.

24 MR. LORINCE: Yes.

25 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you. I'm so

1 grateful.

2 MR. HALLINAN: Me and the Mayor were
3 also up there. And we saw on the rain day --
4 we actually went up on a rain day. And it came
5 down and it actually seems like it's a couple
6 properties up and it starts jumping the curb
7 and comes down the sidewalk and then makes a
8 left out through the driveway.

9 MS. HOFFMAN: In front of the
10 Heil{sic} --

11 MR. HALLINAN: I don't know which
12 one that will be.

13 MS. HOFFMAN: There's a big
14 indentation that falls in there and swirls
15 right down in the -- but it's discolored my
16 sidewalk and they were brand new. I just had
17 them put in. I know they'll probably never do
18 anything about it.

19 MR. HALLINAN: I wouldn't know about
20 that. But I think the curbing had to be built
21 up all the way down because it does find its
22 way down to your driveway.

23 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you. Thank you
24 very much.

25 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

1 MS. HOFFMAN: Yep.

2 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

3 MS. SMITH: For people who don't
4 know me, my name is Alice Smith. And I was
5 here last month. And the issue --

6 MR. MCHALE: Can you just give your
7 address for the record, ma'am?

8 MS. SMITH: Oh, yeah, 1310 Adams
9 Avenue.

10 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

11 MS. SMITH: And I have one issue
12 still. It's about the lights on the pole. I
13 know Joe Lorince and Vito was down to see my
14 friend yesterday and the day before. They were
15 talking about the lights on the poles and
16 everything and the woods across the street and
17 so forth.

18 We were guaranteed that the lights
19 on the poles are going to be turned on as of
20 this week. Well, we haven't seen anything yet,
21 like, is it still in the standstill? What's
22 going on with that?

23 MR. RUGGIERO: I have a fax right
24 here that was faxed to PP & L on September 2nd
25 requesting again to turn the lights on.

1 brother Danny had the trees cut down on the
2 property that was condemned. But there is
3 still a tree that is at the corner where the
4 branches are going out in the street. They
5 only cut branches this way that's hitting
6 against the house.

7 Like are they supposed to come back
8 and finish that tree and what can be done about
9 it?

10 MR. LORINCE: We'll check on it. I
11 know PP & L went there, cut the trees off the
12 power lines. But as far as the trees hanging
13 over the road I'll take a look at it. I don't
14 know if it's interfering with traffic or -- I
15 know all the other trees were taken down.

16 MS. SMITH: Yeah, it's interfering
17 with the stop sign too.

18 MR. LORINCE: The property is being
19 renovated.

20 MS. SMITH: Yeah, that I saw. Thank
21 you.

22 MR. MCHALE: We'll keep following up
23 with PP & L on the light issue. We promise you
24 that. That's the best we can do.
25 Unfortunately, but we don't control the switch.

1 But Vito will keep following up and I'll send a
2 note to Chief Marchese to increase the patrols
3 down there at night for the time being.

4 MS. SMITH: Yeah, because it's
5 really black down there.

6 MR. MCHALE: Okay. We'll do what we
7 can. If you see anything, please call.

8 MR. HALLINAN: Please call the
9 police on anything.

10 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

11 MS. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. MCHALE: Please.

13 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 172 Barton
14 Street. You can pass one down -- first off, we
15 have a Dunmore Neighborhood Watch meeting a
16 week today in this room 7:00 so everybody is
17 welcome.

18 I'm passing out the minutes from the
19 last Dunmore Neighborhood Watch meeting. Vito,
20 I have to give him credit, got to me rather
21 promptly. I want to thank publicly Councilman
22 Dempsey who was at our meeting. And I know he
23 was probably overwhelmed with the amount of
24 information he got at our last meeting.

25 But I do have to say between him and

1 Joe Lorince and Vito, they did get back in
2 touch with me and I know spent a lot of time
3 between the four of us talking that week. So I
4 know a lot of things are in progress and in
5 process. So I just wanted to thank you
6 publicly for that.

7 And I pass this out tonight because
8 I'm sure you know which ones have already been
9 looked at. And, Joe, and I know, Vito, you're
10 here but if we can stay on top of it because at
11 least I'll have answers for the folks next
12 week. So I thank you for that.

13 And then just a couple questions
14 that I had from our last Council meeting that
15 we were at a month ago. I know at that time we
16 spoke about with the young lady was here the
17 architect who had the -- she gave us the little
18 demonstration of what the landfill looked like
19 and everything.

20 And I know at that time we had some
21 discussion about in regard to finding an
22 environmental lawyer. And I was just wondering
23 if we could get an update on that and where
24 we're at in terms of finding that person or if
25 we've reached out to other municipalities or

1 anything like that.

2 MR. MCHALE: Vito, do you want to
3 address that? I know we sent out an RFP to
4 five. I think a sixth it was at. I know that
5 we received one that they would not respond,
6 one with price quotes in it. Anything -- did I
7 miss anything?

8 MR. RUGGIERO: The second one in
9 that e-mail I sent there was two price quotes
10 on two different firms. One responded that
11 they had no interest. And we just recently
12 Councilman Burke and myself recently sent --
13 was that, Tim, Friday?

14 MR. BURKE: Thursday or was it
15 Friday?

16 MR. RUGGIERO: We sent out another
17 one late last week.

18 MR. MCHALE: But we're waiting for
19 responses from the other ones. And, of course,
20 Council will follow up as needed.

21 MR. DUNCAN: All right. Thanks a
22 lot.

23 MR. MCHALE: You're welcome.

24 MR. DUNCAN: And I appreciate you
25 being there last month. I certainly hope you

1 could come again and join us next week.

2 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll try.

3 MR. DUNCAN: We appreciate it.

4 Thanks a lot.

5 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mr. Duncan.

6 MR. DUNCAN: Thank you.

7 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

8 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.

9 Bob Bolus, 1445 East Drinker Street in Dunmore.
10 What I'm going to do is pass out some results
11 here that I had made for Council.

12 They are results of testing that I
13 supplied the DEP at the public meeting
14 regarding the landfill. There are carcinogens
15 in there, some were above the legal limit or
16 tolerable limits.

17 These samples came from containers
18 that were being utilized by Keystone Landfill
19 and rented from Adler Containers. We were
20 authorized by Adler to pick them up, brought
21 them to our facility for cleaning.

22 We have our own environmental
23 company. Prior to doing any cleaning on any
24 type of containers coming out of the landfill
25 we immediately take a picture of the container.

1 And on these here, you could smell a strong
2 stench of fuel oil and other type chemicals.

3 We immediately took a sample. And
4 we do the chain of custody report which you
5 could see there. Followed procedure, sent them
6 to a lab. Those are the results that came
7 back. I haven't heard a word from DEP or
8 anybody else. Yet they are still coming into
9 the landfill.

10 Now, my concerns -- and they should
11 be the concerns of everybody in this
12 neighborhood between here and Throop. I just
13 spoke at Throop prior to coming here. It's not
14 about money anymore. It's about the health of
15 everybody within this community and down valley
16 because when you got to take into consideration
17 people are worried about the water supply.
18 Well, your water supply is treated and
19 everything else.

20 But your airborne carcinogens if
21 happen to look out and see the dust blowing
22 across the valley go up at the mall and just
23 watch it on a windy day. That will tell you
24 what's going on here. Trucks are pulverizing
25 everything going into that landfill.

1 It's being commingled, mixed, and
2 then as the winds blows, it's being carried
3 airborne. That's number one problem.

4 The other problem you got to deal
5 with is as you bring in these containers, now,
6 I don't have information on that because I'm
7 not at the landfill. But are the trucks that
8 come in with the cuttings on them, do they go
9 across the scale first and they are tested or
10 do they go across the scale after they have
11 been mixed with the lime and a silo or whatever
12 the mixture is.

13 If they are being mixed afterwards,
14 you're not getting a true reading on anything
15 because as you know lime is an acid. And we've
16 done them at the sites when we were hauling it.
17 And you mix saw dust with it to solidify it.
18 But if you are mixing it and you're not getting
19 proper readings when they come back across you
20 could be mixing more and more contaminants that
21 you are not aware of.

22 So if you take a little out of each
23 one and you could consider the mass that is
24 going in there, you have a hell of a problem.
25 I'm not a chemist. But you need to get

1 somebody in here that knows a heck of a lot
2 more than what's going on. I don't want to be
3 insulting, gentlemen. This isn't about who is
4 buying a police car or building a new building.
5 It's not a personal issue. It's about a
6 serious issue concerning our health and
7 welfare.

8 As an environmentalist and a
9 environmental company, these are serious
10 concerns. There is 25 barrels of this
11 contaminated stuff that came out of those
12 containers. That's well documented. DeNaples
13 would not take them back.

14 Because their claim was, oh, we
15 don't know they came out of our container.
16 Well, we very well know because they are
17 photographed with the number of the container.
18 The container is documented from when it left
19 the sites coming to the landfill. And it
20 should be on their manifest so you know where
21 it came from.

22 But nobody will take it because we
23 can't get a manifest for it. So you tell me
24 what's going on. You cannot ignore this
25 anymore no matter what. Raising the height?

1 The higher you go -- I'm a pilot. I don't know
2 if anybody else flies planes in here, but go
3 ahead over there and get into the stream, you
4 could glide around here with the air all day
5 long if you want with the thermals.

6 All that air is blowing down over
7 all of us. And then let's take into account
8 the stench. Everybody wants to turn their head
9 the other way. But park a load of garbage
10 trailer in the Borough here and right away
11 everybody wants to tow it.

12 We went through that the other day.
13 One that was in for repairs and had DeNaples
14 come over and tow it out of our yard without a
15 search warrant, okay? That problem was
16 rectified. But this is what goes on. But yet
17 we can smell the landfill day in, day out and
18 everybody says, oh, it's okay.

19 And now we want to make higher and
20 smell more? And then let's talk about the last
21 thing on the landfill. What about the old
22 landfill -- the old Dunmore Landfill was never
23 permitted. Remember that. We dumped
24 everything in there. You name it. And it's in
25 that landfill.

1 Stop worrying about boring down and
2 see if we will have a mine subsidence, start
3 boring through it and see what the hell is
4 inside it. That's where you better concern
5 yourself because you're only taking 2 million
6 ton out of 3 million ton that's deposited
7 there.

8 What about the other million ton
9 that's laying on the bottom. As you disturb it
10 and move and commingle it with everything else
11 going on and mixing it -- oh, yeah, you could
12 seal it later on, but what's it doing to all of
13 us in the interim?

14 And these are serious concerns that
15 this Borough has control over. You talk about
16 dollars and cents. Don't give the town away
17 for pennies and then complain when Throop got
18 more money because this Borough should be equal
19 to what they're doing.

20 I know all the politics here. I've
21 been here. I've been in business in Dunmore
22 for over 35 years. So I'm not a newcomer here.
23 My one place used to be right across from the
24 landfill until the highway took it where we had
25 the truck dealership.

1 So we know what goes on and so does
2 everybody else. But turn a blind eye because
3 you represent all the people, not a couple.
4 And that's what's important.

5 The other part I have is as you all
6 know there's cars going along the old junkyard
7 along 81. People are saying it's okay, it's
8 D's U Pull It. Well, D's U Pull It has never
9 been grandfathered in to put cars there.

10 Go back to the original agreement
11 which unfortunately you can no longer find here
12 in Dunmore where DeNaples did agree -- DeNaples
13 Auto Parts agreed when they moved to Mill
14 Street that cars would be one side of the
15 building. It was the World's largest indoor
16 cut-up yard, junkyard, car parts recycler or
17 whatever and nothing would be outside.

18 That blew smoke and went away
19 because Dunmore permitted it. Then Dunmore
20 allowed them to continue to start putting cars,
21 start putting more junk all over the mountain,
22 trucks, everything else. They were never
23 there. He took virgin land that never had cars
24 on it.

25 And guess where they are now? Guess

1 what they're doing now? They're taking virgin
2 soil and they are bulldozing it and putting
3 cars there. They are in violation of that
4 permit.

5 People like Bob Mendola, Frank
6 Muraca were party to that when this agreement
7 was made and others. So it's not something
8 that could be swept under the rug. But he
9 creates in this community he could make all the
10 money God wants to give him and that's up to
11 them.

12 But the bottom line is, you don't
13 have the right to depreciate our values. I
14 have been chastised. Took me over a year to
15 get a building permit for a new building on
16 Drinker Street. He gets a building permit and
17 has a building up in four or five weeks because
18 he could get away with it here because he buys
19 a police car. He takes care of things.

20 We don't need somebody's money to
21 buy us police cars. Raise the rates where they
22 belong and we'll buy our own cars. The
23 question of impropriety has always arisen in
24 this borough. It happened in Scranton the
25 other day because the guy wanted to put a cell

1 tower on his land. Look how he got chastised.

2 And the city wasn't getting
3 anything. Yet he got chastised and he was on
4 the Council. And that was wrong, not what he
5 did but being chastised like he was. And
6 that's what happens in here. And I've watched
7 it --

8 MR. MCHALE: It doesn't happen in
9 here. I'm going to stop you there. That does
10 not happen here. You've said many accusations
11 towards this Council that are absolutely
12 untrue. But I'm going to let you finish out of
13 respect for you.

14 MR. BOLUS: That's right and I
15 respect that. But let me go back to prior --

16 MR. MCHALE: But that's false.
17 That's false.

18 MR. BOLUS: Okay, well --

19 MR. MCHALE: And then say that it
20 was false.

21 MR. BOLUS: You tell me --

22 MR. MCHALE: Because this Council
23 does not have any of that stuff done. You
24 throw these accusations that cell towers and
25 stuff and Council did that too. This Council

1 did not. You keep throwing that. There's all
2 these people here listening to you. So I take
3 offense to that.

4 MR. BOLUS: -- it's not the present
5 day. And I'm sorry about that. I'm not here
6 to offend.

7 MR. MCHALE: I accept your apology.

8 MR. BOLUS: I'm here to put stuff on
9 the table as I see it.

10 MR. MCHALE: You do. But you got
11 to be truthful too. You can't throw blanket
12 accusations here with the Scranton Times here
13 because inevitably that will be written.

14 MR. BOLUS: And I agree with you.
15 Now, I said something --

16 MR. MCHALE: I respect you
17 Mr. Bolus. And you know that.

18 MR. BOLUS: And that's why I brought
19 this up. I didn't have to come here. I didn't
20 have to do these samples. I didn't have to go
21 to the labs and pay to have this done. I did
22 this because it's required of us as an
23 environmental company.

24 But what it would say about me if I
25 ignored this and didn't present it to you

1 gentlemen.

2 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely. Likewise.

3 MR. BOLUS: Okay.

4 MR. MCHALE: Likewise.

5 MR. BOLUS: And what I'm bringing
6 out is about the cars on the landfill that's
7 going on right now. That's what the present
8 Council today. This is happening in present
9 day. And that's why I brought it up today.

10 MR. MCHALE: Understood.

11 MR. BOLUS: It's something that you
12 need to look into is why I'm raising the issue.
13 It's not saying you allowed it. But it's being
14 permitted by who or for whatever reason that it
15 shouldn't be there. And that's why I'm here
16 today. I'm not here to criticize you in any
17 way, shape, or form.

18 MR. MCHALE: And it came out like
19 that. And I apologize if I jumped at you but
20 you did say --

21 MR. BOLUS: No, no, that's okay.
22 Hey, I have big shoulders.

23 MR. MCHALE: I know you do. And I
24 have respect for you and you know that.

25 MR. BOLUS: And that's why I'm here.

1 And I'm here because some people won't speak up
2 about things. I've been in business here a
3 long time. I pay taxes. I've employed people.
4 We had the largest truck dealership on the east
5 coast right along Drinker Street and along 81
6 where we had the 10 acres that time that I sold
7 to Ryder. So, you know, I've been a principal
8 player in this Borough for a long, long time.

9 MR. MCHALE: Understood.

10 MR. BOLUS: And we're in the truck
11 parts business. I had more harassment over the
12 airplane that we brought in that's parked up on
13 property than this guy's putting thousands of
14 cars in. Yet I get chastised and a blind eye
15 here. So I want Council to understand what
16 we're talking about and look into the
17 situation.

18 MR. MCHALE: I understand.

19 MR. BOLUS: And correct it if it
20 necessarily has to be corrected. That's why I
21 came here.

22 MR. MCHALE: If we can. You know
23 that.

24 MR. BOLUS: That's why I brought
25 this up around here for you to understand where

1 I'm coming from and I'm sure most of the people
2 are. But Council is aware of it now by us
3 coming forward and rectify with it. Do you
4 know what I mean? Let's run a straight ship
5 here.

6 MR. MCHALE: And if you have been
7 here the last four years you know it's a
8 straight ship.

9 MR. BOLUS: I hope.

10 MR. MCHALE: And that's why we're
11 solvent and Scranton is in the trouble that
12 they are is because we've made the right
13 decisions, the hard decisions. And you're
14 saying we get cop cars and stuff like that. Go
15 to the Borough and see who pays for the cop
16 cars. We pay for the cop cars since we're
17 here.

18 MR. BOLUS: Right. Okay.

19 MR. MCHALE: But again, we throw
20 these accusations that everybody can hear.

21 MR. BOLUS: Okay, well, I apologize
22 to the public right now --

23 MR. MCHALE: This Council does
24 things the right way.

25 MR. BOLUS: -- that you're buying the

1 car with our own money. That's fine.

2 MR. MCHALE: That's right.

3 MR. BOLUS: Well, then let me bring
4 up the other question that I raised in Dunmore
5 that I raised in Scranton. The leachate line
6 that runs from Dunmore to Scranton. It comes
7 from the landfill, has a flow meter at the
8 landfill.

9 Turn the -- where the line goes
10 through the sewer authority does the charging
11 for cleaning the water and all. How about
12 making where the line goes through Dunmore and
13 Scranton is a host community to allow the line
14 to go through just as we do with the landfill
15 and get paid so much per gallon for the flow
16 just to go through there.

17 Don't worry about how much it pays
18 to clean it because it's not coming out of
19 their pocket because they just add whatever the
20 extra charge is to whoever is dumping there, no
21 more than if we go to a gas station tomorrow
22 and the price goes up 30 cents a gallon, we're
23 still going to buy the gas. That's a
24 suggestion I would like --

25 MR. MCHALE: Yep. I agree. And I

1 think this has been brought up before. It's a
2 great idea if we can do it. That's the
3 tackling --

4 MR. BOLUS: Well, I believe we can.

5 MR. MCHALE: -- the work we can do.

6 MR. BOLUS: I looked at this a long,
7 long time ago. And there's been kind of
8 manipulation with agreements, not with the
9 Borough here. But, you know, things change
10 from what the original context of the original
11 agreement was, which incidentally I have the
12 copy of way back before it was changed to show
13 you what changes were done. I could make that
14 available to you.

15 MR. MCHALE: I appreciate it.

16 MR. BOLUS: But this is between you
17 and Scranton to do and this is what would help
18 Scranton start getting out of the hole. You
19 know, we have an area around us. There is many
20 other things we can do here to make us solvent,
21 make us independent. That's what I'm asking
22 for.

23 MR. MCHALE: That's what we want.
24 That's what we're doing.

25 MR. BOLUS: You know, if everybody

1 cooperates here and elsewhere, we will become
2 independent no matter who we are politically or
3 otherwise.

4 MR. MCHALE: Right.

5 MR. BOLUS: And that's why I brought
6 this to your attention tonight. It may be a
7 little out of context in a sense. But what's
8 been going on there you have to be blind not to
9 see it. So that's why I'm here gentlemen to
10 say, okay, let's take the bull by the horn and
11 correct it before it gets out of control.

12 MR. MCHALE: I appreciate it.

13 MR. BOLUS: Okay?

14 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely. Thank you.

15 MR. BOLUS: If you need more
16 information on the environmental stuff I'll be
17 more than glad to supply it to you.

18 MR. MCHALE: Appreciate it.

19 Absolutely. Thank you.

20 MR. BOLUS: My last thing would be
21 is --

22 MR. VERRASTRO: I'm sorry, I have
23 one quick question for you.

24 MR. BOLUS: Sure.

25 MR. VERRASTRO: And I don't

1 understand -- you were saying they won't take
2 it back. Now, if the manifest was proper for
3 those drums, they would take it. So what's
4 difference between taking it and not taking it?

5 MR. BOLUS: We ask that it go back
6 to DeNaples where it came from. And he refused
7 to take it. We need where -- in other words,
8 you need the point of origination where that
9 came from whether it Cabot or whoever, any one
10 of the landfills out there or the drilling
11 companies that he brought it in from. We don't
12 know where it came from. And without knowing
13 its origin, you can't dispose of it.

14 MR. VERRASTRO: So it's safe enough
15 to dispose the way it is, you just don't --

16 MR. BOLUS: We don't know that. We
17 don't know that. But the hot samples there --
18 some of the places or only certain permitted
19 landfills will take this.

20 MR. VERRASTRO: And they are
21 permitted to take it through DEP?

22 MR. BOLUS: I talked to DEP about
23 it. And they can't do any more than we can
24 with it right now --

25 MR. VERRASTRO: No, I mean, the

1 levels themselves, are they permitted to take
2 these levels?

3 MR. BOLUS: Keystone, I don't know
4 if they are or not. That's not for me to
5 determine. I'm only telling you what was in
6 the containers and then what they read and why
7 a more extensive study should be made what's
8 coming in there, the real chemical context far
9 and above of what we gave you. And then you'll
10 have a full determination. I'm far from a
11 chemist.

12 MR. VERRASTRO: No, I'm just trying
13 to --

14 MR. BOLUS: And you know where I'm
15 coming from.

16 MR. HALLINAN: Question, Mr. Bolus,
17 this was presented -- this was forwarded to
18 DEP?

19 MR. BOLUS: Yes, it was.

20 MR. HALLINAN: And they never acted
21 on it?

22 MR. BOLUS: I have no idea what they
23 did. I called down there and I never had a
24 return call.

25 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, it's -- I mean,

1 I'm looking at the numbers but it's, you
2 know --

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Foreign to me.

4 MR. BOLUS: I can't tell you.
5 That's why we take them to a lab and you get
6 the results. But I think a more extensive
7 study of a container coming in, just pick one
8 at random. They're coming all day long and all
9 night long. Pick one at random, take some
10 samples and send them out to your own lab and
11 have somebody give you an honest opinion of
12 what's going on with them. Then you'll have a
13 better idea. Okay?

14 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

15 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you.

16 MR. BOLUS: Thank you.

17 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else? Please.

18 MR. KRANICK: Good evening, Council,
19 Francis Kranick, 227 Chestnut Street in
20 Dunmore. Just a couple questions. One was --
21 and I apologize if this is already done in the
22 past months. Is there any update on the
23 situation that developed in the gym with the
24 investigation as to the engineering issue
25 there?

1 MR. MCHALE: Yeah, and without --
2 I'm looking at Vito because without going into
3 the legal aspects of it, it is going very close
4 to a solution in our favor. We're hopeful of
5 that. We found areas where we think that we
6 now can collect several of them as a matter of
7 fact and our attorneys are working towards that
8 goal right now. But, yes, we're moving forward
9 on that.

10 MR. KRANICK: The next item was a
11 question on the Sewer Authority. I know it's
12 been reported in various locations that we are
13 in agreement with the Scranton -- City of
14 Scranton Sewer Authority.

15 If the sewer -- if Scranton opted to
16 sell or try to sell, they would have to
17 negotiate some kind of settlement with Dunmore,
18 would they not?

19 MR. MCHALE: Yeah, we own 20
20 percent, Tom? 19 --

21 ATTY. CUMMINGS: 20 is fair because
22 it's a five member board so each member has
23 presumptively 20 percent representation.

24 MR. MCHALE: So, yes, we're a part
25 of it, no doubt.

1 MR. KRANICK: Would Council be the
2 negotiators for that?

3 MR. VERRASTRO: The board is the
4 negotiators. We are just entitled to a certain
5 amount of money -- we're entitled to 20 percent
6 of whatever we --

7 MR. MCHALE: It's our asset.

8 MR. KRANICK: So the Sewer Authority
9 has sway over that.

10 MR. MCHALE: Full authority, yeah.

11 MR. BURKE: First time it happened,
12 Francis, American Water was leased. Dunmore
13 had to vote. That's when the rates went up.
14 Dunmore voted to lease the Sewer Authority.
15 Your rates went up 48 percent of that. As a
16 lease, Dunmore Council has a vote. Dunmore
17 Council has a vote could stop a lease. As a
18 sale, I don't know. A full out sale I don't
19 know.

20 But as a lease Dunmore Council has
21 one vote that could stop it if they tried to
22 lease it again. That I know because we already
23 went through that.

24 MR. KRANICK: Okay. And the last
25 item for me would be any negotiations with the

1 landfill would Council be the negotiators or
2 would there be a committee, some representative
3 of Council who would act on behalf of Dunmore
4 in any negotiations?

5 MR. MCHALE: Negotiations, financial
6 negotiations for expansion, things like that?

7 MR. KRANICK: Yeah, I guess across
8 the board.

9 MR. MCHALE: Well, the expansion I
10 could answer in two parts. The expansion end
11 of it in my opinion -- and anybody else could
12 speak. The expansion end of it is in DEP's
13 hands, whether or not we oppose it or yes,
14 no -- I don't even know if we need to vote on
15 that. But the expansion is with them.

16 They have applied to DEP. DEP takes
17 our feedback. But ultimately the decision is
18 going to come from them -- the expansion. Now,
19 the financial end of it, I've been told
20 recently that we have no standing to ever, you
21 know, like, this isn't causing us to
22 renegotiate. But we can negotiate at any time.

23 And I could tell you since I've been
24 on Council, the gentlemen all to my right and
25 Mrs. Scrimalli have constantly tried to get

1 more money. And we'll continue to do so. If,
2 in fact, it's going to be here, if it's here
3 for nine years or for 50 years, we're going to
4 do the best. And that continues to this day
5 literally.

6 MR. KRANICK: Fair enough.

7 MR. MCHALE: I know it's not black
8 and white that you needed, Mr. Kranick. That's
9 the best I could do in my mind. Timmy, do you
10 want to expand on that?

11 MR. BURKE: Yes. Some of you might
12 have our contract from '99 out there. I passed
13 it out. We got nothing. I have Throop's
14 contract here where they increased it a dollar
15 more to expand it. So that tells you we could
16 negotiate.

17 Scranton Times, Kyle could tell you
18 what they said to him when he talked to Mrs.
19 Connolly{sic} -- if Kyle wants to on how
20 negotiations might fair out or what would take
21 place. I don't know, you could probably say it
22 better than I could Kyle when you asked -- did
23 you say you asked Colleen Connolly from DEP?

24 SCRANTON TIMES REPORTER: Yeah, she
25 said if a host municipality makes a request

1 that at that point it sort of becomes part of
2 the application process. And DEP can act as a
3 mediator, you know, if a landfill refuses to
4 negotiate.

5 MR. BURKE: Okay. And as you see
6 other townships have done that all except
7 Dunmore. You can read this piece of crap
8 agreement that we had in '99. Newton Ransom --
9 even Old Forge -- I Googled Old Forge to look
10 at what they were trying to deal with
11 when -- Alliance is not even in their town.

12 And they were offered a \$1.20 a ton.
13 Okay. It's in Newton Ransom and Taylor. They
14 turned it down because they wanted the landfill
15 closed. I see this as our only time to
16 negotiate a contract.

17 I mean, this Council here has tried
18 to get something going -- and this is I believe
19 is our only time to do it now. We tried before
20 and it didn't work. But I believe now
21 expansion is the only time to do it. It's
22 going to be 48 years the longevity, another 48
23 years. Right now it's at 9 and a half.

24 They are looking at 48 years
25 longevity. And if we don't do it now, it will

1 be the same as last two Councils -- Bob, you
2 could blame them if you want, I have no
3 problem -- the last two Councils that passed on
4 this situation.

5 MR. BOLUS: I'm with you a hundred
6 percent on that.

7 MR. BURKE: Not me, I wasn't here.
8 But you read that agreement that I passed out,
9 we have absolutely nothing, okay? Look --
10 Google up the rest of the landfills in
11 Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania is the landfill
12 capital of the United States if you didn't know
13 that.

14 We have more landfills than any
15 other state in the country. They all have
16 contracts. We don't, okay? Last meeting I did
17 it first. I made a motion to hire an
18 environmental lawyer just like the rest of
19 these townships did.

20 Council voted unanimously yes to
21 hire an environmental lawyer to look into this
22 for us and hopefully we get one. I believe
23 that's the only one that could really negotiate
24 this contract. I don't think any of us are
25 qualify to do that. I know we're not qualified

1 to do that.

2 But I know these other landfills
3 that did hire environmental lawyers, you see
4 where they're at a buck forty, Newton Ransom,
5 2.04 Throop with other things added on, free
6 garbage dumping.

7 Like I says, we don't even have --
8 we don't have a contract. We have an agreement
9 that as long as the landfill follows DEP rules,
10 they keep on running. We don't have no -- we
11 have the 41 cents that's state mandated back in
12 '88 that we have to split with Throop. They
13 get 59 and we get 41.

14 That's because 59 percent is in
15 Throop, 41 is in Dunmore. But every other
16 municipality when they expanded advanced and
17 hired an environmental lawyer and that's why
18 they are getting more money and we're still
19 getting the same 41 cents the minimum since
20 1988 when the state passed the law that host
21 municipalities get a dollar per ton.

22 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Can you
23 elaborate when you say --

24 MR. MCHALE: Wait. You can't ask
25 questions. You can come up and ask questions,

1 ma'am. Forgive me, she'll kill me.

2 MR. KRANICK: I appreciate your
3 time. Thank you for your information. That's
4 more than I had when I walked in the door.

5 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks, Francis.

7 MR. MCHALE: Come on up.

8 MR. VERRASTRO: Michael, don't pick
9 on her down there. Be nice to her.

10 MS. CUFF: Sharon Cuff, 315 Spring
11 Street. I just wanted Tim to elaborate. He
12 said a few times it didn't work. What exactly
13 does that mean?

14 MR. BURKE: We asked if they could
15 negotiate the contract -- renegotiate the
16 contract and we were turned down.

17 MR. MCHALE: It's got to be two
18 ways.

19 MS. CUFF: So you've asked him and
20 you've been told no and that was the end of it.
21 And nobody at that point pursued an
22 environmental attorney.

23 MR. BURKE: Well, now this is --
24 this is when the other townships have advanced
25 when they expanded. Now they're expanding.

1 This is -- and I'm sure Throop is going to try
2 to get more money than the \$2.04 they get plus
3 a penny every five years added onto that.

4 I'm sure they're going to -- they
5 get \$90,000 for equipment every year. They get
6 free dumping. You could demolish your home if
7 you live in Throop and bring it in your own
8 truck and dump it for free if you live in
9 Throop.

10 We don't even have a contract just
11 that piece of paper -- those three pieces of
12 paper that I passed out if you read it. It's
13 just an agreement that the landfill has to
14 follow DEP rules.

15 MS. CUFF: Okay. I just want to
16 clarify that. Thanks.

17 MR. PERRY: Mark Perry, 1302 Green
18 Ridge Street. I just had a question on where
19 is the -- what is the procedural status of the
20 DEP application? In other words, where are
21 they? What time frame are they in? I don't
22 even know.

23 MR. MCHALE: Tom, do you know?

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: It's not yet been
25 deemed complete. There was a question on the

1 condition of -- if there was any voids beneath
2 the surface. So before DEP is going to say
3 it's a completed application to go forward
4 with, my understanding is they required core
5 borings per whatever engineering standards are
6 to identify if there were indeed voids. If
7 there were, what size were they.

8 My understanding is that in prior
9 applications not necessarily Keystone, but in
10 prior applications before DEP where voids were
11 discovered, they were compelled to backfill to
12 a certain degree, you know, a one inch void is
13 nothing; a 3 foot void is something. So the
14 application is not yet deemed complete which
15 would start the review clock.

16 MR. PERRY: And I apologize for
17 the -- I take it this is why you're looking
18 into getting an environmental lawyer so you
19 could get advised about these things. But just
20 in general, Tom, I mean, not to hold you to it,
21 what is the time frame for the application?

22 In other words, I take it Keystone
23 is filing application to expand. And is there
24 a period of time where the public or the
25 Borough can weigh in and put in, for example,

1 they can submit their own either -- Council can
2 submit its own report, if you will, or
3 something like that to give input into their
4 views as to whether it should expand or not
5 expand or anything like that?

6 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Yeah, once the
7 application is deemed complete, then there's
8 advertising in the journal as well as local
9 publications. And that I'm not precise in the
10 time frame but say, you know, a 60 day comment
11 period followed by a 90 day, you know.

12 And in that period, Borough
13 Council's already authorized -- actually
14 authorized now to have a public meeting for the
15 public to be informed of what exactly is in the
16 application. The one key issue here that kind
17 of has us hamstrung or limited, it is a
18 vertical permit modification.

19 And so there is certain things they
20 don't have to address because they are not
21 going beyond the board of the permitted site.
22 So things like, for instance, storm water,
23 etc., don't come into play as they did in prior
24 expansion that Throop that they had to identify
25 any creek, you know, storm water management and

1 everything.

2 But the long and the short of it,
3 nothing is done quickly, nothing is done
4 without public notice. Council will have a
5 meeting -- a public meeting for Dunmore and
6 anybody else who is interested for a full
7 explanation and so people can formulate
8 questions they may have.

9 MR. MCHALE: With DEP. DEP will be
10 here to address your questions, answer ours,
11 and hear our concerns as well.

12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: We've negotiated
13 from Martin and Martin which is an independent
14 qualified engineering firm to review the entire
15 application on behalf of the Borough of Dunmore
16 and the Borough of Throop.

17 MR. MCHALE: And they will be here
18 as well.

19 MR. PERRY: Thank you.

20 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Please.

21 MR. BARTOS: Joe Bartos, 110 Sunset
22 Drive. Speaking of lights burned out -- street
23 lights, the corner of Walnut and Chestnut have
24 been burned out a couple months. Do we know
25 about that?

1 MR. MCHALE: Did you call the
2 Borough Building?

3 MR. BARTOS: Right across from
4 the -- no, I didn't call anybody. I just heard
5 her talking about it. I don't know the number
6 of the pole.

7 MR. HALLINAN: By Yum Yum there,
8 right?

9 MR. BARTOS: Yeah, right across the
10 street from Walnut and Chestnut. It's been two
11 months at least.

12 MR. MCHALE: Yeah, when someone
13 calls we get them on it. We apologize. We'll
14 get someone right on it.

15 MR. RUGGIERO: Across the street
16 from Yum Yum's. I'll get the pole number
17 tomorrow.

18 MR. BARTOS: Okay. Meade Street,
19 it's starting to deteriorate again up on Naphin
20 Hill there were Charles Street starts going up
21 the hill. Meade Street there that right
22 shoulder is starting to deteriorate.

23 They dumped some gravel in there
24 last year. And we're tried to patch it up a
25 little bit. But it's starting to deteriorate

1 again. Like I said, if two cars come through
2 up and down at the same time, somebody has to
3 almost go off the road. Somebody is going to
4 get hurt or killed there. It has to be taken
5 care of pretty soon or it's going to get really
6 bad.

7 MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, last year we
8 patched that last year hoping to get the year
9 of it. Last year what we did was the Boulevard
10 was in worse shape than that. Probably by our
11 next meeting, we'll start -- we started to talk
12 about some of this stuff a month or two ago.

13 And now we're going to see where we
14 are budgetwise between our liquid fuels and
15 what we have left over. And that may be the
16 one that everybody says they want to have fixed
17 and it may be that and two or three small ones.
18 We're going to see where our dollars go with
19 that.

20 MR. BARTOS: More traffic on that
21 Meade Street area now than ever before. They
22 are taking shortcuts up and down. I know
23 people had a blowout. They went into the
24 shoulder.

25 MR. VERRASTRO: I don't know if you

1 know this, but the last two or three years this
2 Council what we did was we made sure we got
3 through the year and then whatever cash we had
4 we spent to fix roads instead of fixing roads
5 and then having to borrow money to get through
6 the year. So we're going to see where we're at
7 right now probably by the end of the month.

8 MR. BARTOS: You're probably only
9 talking 50 feet, you know, that one spot.

10 MR. HALLINAN: Maybe the shoulder
11 needs to be cut and refilled or whatever. But
12 I know we also did some pothole patching work
13 through there. Actually, I think it came out
14 very nice. It took a lot of bumps out
15 comparatively from, you know, what it was. So
16 it's not in the like a pave job but it
17 certainly saved on some flat tires.

18 MR. MCHALE: We'll keep it on the
19 agenda. Thank you though.

20 MR. BARTOS: Okay.

21 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

24 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Comments for public
25 officials.

1 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney, do you
2 have anything for us tonight?

3 MR. KEARNEY: No.

4 MR. MCHALE: Is Chief DeNaples here?
5 Chief Marchese? Vito?

6 MR. RUGGIERO: No.

7 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Cummings?

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: No.

9 MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

10 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you. I would
11 like to applaud and thank you all for coming
12 tonight. I appreciate your time. I have been
13 asked to just let you know that there is going
14 to be a fund-raiser in remembrance of Dom
15 Rinaldi who took care of St. Anthony's Park for
16 many, many years. The fundraiser is going to
17 be held at St. Anthony's. It will be on
18 October 18th. And it will be from 1 to 5 p.m.
19 And it is an Octoberfest. That's all I have.
20 Thank you much.

21 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

22 MR. BURKE: Yes, Vito, I was
23 wondering if you could try to get info on the
24 firm that Throop hired -- environmental lawyer
25 that they hired and just kind of get an idea

1 costwise if they'll give that information and
2 also the lawyer that represented Taylor. I
3 believe he's a Scranton lawyer and see if they
4 can give us any info on how they went about --
5 just to get an idea pricewise what we might be
6 paying.

7 MR. RUGGIERO: I'll call tomorrow.

8 MR. BURKE: Now, the landfill you
9 seen what I already said. I would rather see
10 the thing close just because, you know. But
11 Bob Bolus brought this up here. I've been
12 Googling and checking a lot of things in the
13 landfill.

14 That shale isn't a very healthy
15 thing going into our landfill. I know Sal says
16 it's an easy thing to say I'd like to see it
17 closed and -- but what do we do for money. And
18 he's right. It would be tough to make up the
19 money. There's no doubt about that.

20 But the safety of my family is more
21 important to me. There's other towns around
22 here that run without a landfill. Granted, it
23 would be hard to make it up this kind of
24 revenue even though it's only 41 cents. We're
25 the lowest paid in the state. We've given

1 Louie a pretty good deal throughout the -- and
2 we do have to look at the Borough end of it
3 financially if DEP passes which who thinks DEP
4 is going to stop him. We have to look out
5 financially for the Borough. And that's why I
6 believe only an environmental lawyer can handle
7 this for us.

8 We do need one bad. That's why I'm
9 asking Vito to check into see how Throop went
10 about this and Taylor because they did very
11 well. Newton Ransom did very well. And Old
12 Forge doesn't even have a landfill in their
13 yard was going to get a 1.20 and they turned it
14 down because they did not want the landfill
15 bringing that garbage into their vicinity.

16 I mean, Bob is right about the
17 valley. We're not the only ones affected us
18 and Throop. The whole area, if you -- he's
19 right. If you drive the highway, you see that
20 dust blowing over. You know where that is
21 coming, those papers, that dust where that is
22 coming from.

23 And now with that Marcellus shale in
24 there, the radioactive chemicals in there, it's
25 too early in research to know the harm to us.

1 And if you go another 165 feet vertical, that's
2 a lot of garbage. But that's my feelings on
3 it. I really believe we need an environmental
4 lawyer because we are not lawyers here. We are
5 not environmental lawyers. And we have to have
6 somebody who knows this that can give us -- can
7 lead us in the right direction on negotiations.
8 That's all I have for tonight. Thank you.

9 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.

10 MR. VERRASTRO: Again, thank you for
11 coming. I mean, thank you for your input on
12 your concerns. I don't know how to explain it,
13 I guess. What I'm trying to say -- and some of
14 it was quoted last week and Timmy mentioned it
15 again so I'll bring it up again.

16 I do want to have an environmental
17 lawyer tell me what we should be looking at. I
18 don't think that we should have a lawyer
19 negotiating for us specifically because we're
20 just paying him to do what we can do if we want
21 to do it and if we're allowed to do it.

22 By allowed, if he'll sit down with
23 us which I know he will. He's never refused to
24 at least talk to us. If he agrees with the
25 numbers that we throw at him that's another

1 thing. But we definitely need guidance on what
2 to ask for, what we should be looking for and
3 how we should do it, language, stuff like that.

4 My concern is -- and part of the
5 quote that was there by saying it's easy to
6 close the landfill, tomorrow if that landfill
7 closes, they don't take everything out of it
8 and move it to the new landfill.

9 The stuff that's in there we're
10 married to. We have it forever. So I think
11 that we should get paid for it for as long as
12 we possibly can. And if it shuts down in eight
13 years, our taxes are going to go through the
14 roof.

15 And I don't know if you remember but
16 when we raised taxes -- I think it was six
17 years ago or five years ago or whatever, our
18 tables were sitting that way. The first time
19 they raised them was 12 mills the first year.
20 They had to carry a lady out of here that --
21 two police officers literally had to walk a
22 lady out of here for 12 mills.

23 Imagine what 30 mills the first year
24 will be. They'll have to carry us out probably
25 in body bags if we come here and say we're

1 going to raise your taxes 30 mills this year,
2 which we can't anyway. We would just go under.
3 So there's a happy medium there. We have to
4 find it. Obviously, there's concerns
5 healthwise. We can only ask those questions.
6 DEP gives us those answers and DEP is the one
7 that decides what's safe and what's not safe,
8 not anybody up here, not any of you.

9 When we have this meeting you can
10 ask all the questions you want. And they're
11 going to have to answer them. But DEP decides
12 if that landfill is going to stay open for
13 another 48 years, 12 years, how high they can
14 go, how high they can't go, not us.

15 All we can do is try to figure out
16 how we can get the most money as we can out of
17 it to ease the pain for us for as long as we
18 possibly can. And as far as people -- and I
19 could be wrong with this. But I begged to buy
20 my first house in this town.

21 I was going up to family members and
22 asking aunts and uncles are you going to move
23 out of your house I want to buy it. The
24 landfill was here then. It's here now. So a
25 landfill in our backyard doesn't deter people

1 from buying a lot in Dunmore.

2 There is some very expensive homes
3 in this area. And from the bigger hills that
4 you could see them from, they stare at the
5 landfill as their view. And they are still
6 willing to pay \$700,000 for that house.

7 I want the health issues to be taken
8 care of. And I want it to be safe for you, for
9 me, my children, and my grandchildren and the
10 rest of my family for as long as the Verrastros
11 decide to stay in this area. But we also have
12 to think of financially if we're going to be
13 able to afford to.

14 The last thing I want to do is take
15 our property values and lessen them. But the
16 landfill is here. And our property
17 values -- people would rather live here than in
18 most places. So I don't think that will deter
19 us if we get another expansion or not. But
20 thank you for coming.

21 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

22 MR. HALLINAN: I'd bring up the
23 landfill again, I'm sure you have heard
24 everything. The only thing I'm looking at if
25 we get to negotiate and if -- you know, there's

1 a lot of ifs out there. And the only thing I
2 keep looking at is if we can raise money off
3 Mr. DeNaples is, I'm not looking for a flat
4 rate. And I've said this before. I'm looking
5 for percentages out in the future because
6 nobody knows what 20, 30 years down the road
7 and we can all say, whoopie, we just got a
8 dollar ten or we got two bucks.

9 What's does that mean? If anybody
10 has a crystal ball here and tells me the
11 next apple, I'm on board because that's what it
12 is. I don't know what \$2, \$3, is going to get
13 us. So I'm glad to look at some kind of
14 percentage on the tonnage rather than a flat
15 rate. And that's where I'm coming from if this
16 does or even if we can.

17 I mean, we might turn around and get
18 told, no, you can't negotiate which I don't
19 think is fair to the people of Dunmore. But
20 that is a whole other subject and I don't want
21 to put the cart before the horse. I just want
22 to -- let's hear -- play out and see what we
23 can do.

24 And obviously my heart is with the
25 people of Dunmore first more than anything.

1 I'd like to also add that we had a
2 catastrophe -- a near catastrophe. I mean, it
3 was just amazing what our police, fire, EMTs,
4 Joe Lorince did up at that Best Western because
5 that could have been -- I was up there. I
6 looked around. I don't know how nobody died.

7 It was just an amazing thing that
8 our guys did, the EMTs to be alert enough to
9 get in contact with everybody because I think
10 if it was in the middle of the night and
11 something more happened, we could have possibly
12 looked at multiple deaths up there. And it was
13 just I want to -- congratulations to all our
14 police, fire, EMTs, and, Joe Lorince, what a
15 great job you did up there. Thank you. That's
16 all I have. Thank you, Mr. McHale.

17 MR. MCHALE: Attorney Cummings --
18 I'm sorry, Attorney Dempsey. I apologize. Too
19 many of you around here. Mr. Perry.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: The only thing I have
21 is, Carol, I don't know if you mentioned it the
22 fundraiser that is on October 18th, I can't
23 hear because of the air. It's to benefit St.
24 Anthony's the basketball court to replace the
25 basketball court.

1 If anybody's ever been up there,
2 it's in horrible condition. And that's what
3 the money is to go to. I just want to thank
4 everybody for coming. That's all I have.

5 MR. MCHALE: I sat in your seat
6 quite a bit the first three years. And
7 everybody speaks about everything before you
8 get there so I apologize. I'll be brief. Just
9 to -- Mr. Bolus, just to -- I don't necessarily
10 want to apologize to you but to more explain
11 that I take offense to -- you have not been
12 here in these five years that this town has
13 turned around. If you were -- and I know you'd
14 speak up, you would be very proud of what we've
15 done here.

16 We've done the right things. I made
17 a lot of enemies sitting up here because I said
18 and did the right things. So we'll continue to
19 do so on behalf of the taxpayers, whether it's
20 with the landfill getting out of here or
21 getting more money. I guarantee you we're
22 going to work towards a goal is doing the right
23 thing for the taxpayers.

24 I'm not a politician. I'm not
25 running again. And he's going to yell at me

1 for saying that yet again. But I sat up here
2 out of -- you know, at great expense to my
3 family. My son was just playing over there. I
4 apologize for my dress tonight. I came from
5 New Jersey from an outing at my firm. I
6 thought it was more important to get here than
7 to be dressed for the occasion. So I
8 apologize.

9 MR. BOLUS: Well, if I can --

10 MR. MCHALE: No, honestly you can't
11 go back and forth with her. You could talk
12 with me after the meeting. But she'll kill me.

13 MR. BOLUS: Okay. I wanted the
14 public to hear this. I brought that up tonight
15 hoping to God you would say what you said to
16 set everybody straight that there is no game
17 playing with this Council and Dunmore toward
18 the landfill or the junkyard. And I thank you
19 for -- I apologize the way I went around it.
20 But I got the answer I was hoping for.

21 MR. MCHALE: And again, a lot of the
22 gentlemen from the familiar faces that I could
23 see here, again, they may not agree with me all
24 the time. And lord knows the seven people on
25 this Council, Paul included, don't agree. We

1 all don't agree all the same time.

2 But the common goal is getting the
3 right thing done. You may not agree with what
4 I think is the right thing. But I'm doing the
5 right thing in my mind and not for political
6 purposes. You talk to me next May when my name
7 is not on the ballot. That's what I mean. And
8 sorry, Tom. He keeps yelling at me for -- I
9 keep saying that. But I get heated and --

10 MR. HALLINAN: Only because you
11 don't realize what an asset he is to this
12 Borough.

13 MR. MCHALE: I appreciate that. On
14 the landfill, I think everything was said that
15 I really can't add to. I agree with a lot of
16 what Sal said. The DEP is -- I don't want to
17 say the bad guy here but we got to -- the
18 people here tonight to talk about the landfill
19 show up that at that meeting.

20 We'll be here for hours. I know it.
21 But our engineers that we hired will be here.
22 If this lawyer works out that Mr. Burke speaks
23 of and Sal spoke of, he'll be here. We're
24 going to ask the DEP the questions and we're
25 going to bring out what we feel.

1 And I think it's all in agreement
2 with you. Yes, we want the environment taken
3 care of "A" number one. And if it closes in
4 ten years, we'll adjust. That's what we've
5 done. That's what Dunmoreans do. But if it's
6 not, we got to get the best deal for the
7 taxpayers too.

8 So we walk a thin line. The
9 financial end I think is in our hands. The
10 environmental end is in DEPs hands in my
11 opinion. That's all I have for tonight. I do
12 appreciate everybody for coming. Keep coming
13 to the meetings and keep bringing your
14 questions to us. We appreciate it. All I'll
15 look for a motion to adjourn.

16 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that the
17 motion.

18 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

19 MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.
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