COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:
Monday, February 13th, 2017

TIME:
7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MICHAEL MCHALE, President
MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President
TIMOTHY BURKE
CAROL SCRIMALLI - absent
THOMAS HALLINAN
VINCE AMICO
SAL VERRASTRO
THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
(Pledge of Allegiance.)

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

Mr. Burke.

MR. BURKE: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

MR. AMICO: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Here.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public comment on agenda items.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address any agenda items tonight?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve the minutes.

MR. BURKE: I'll make a motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Second.
MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question.

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

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

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that motion.

MR. BURKE: Second.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so moved.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is a presentation by Pennsylvania Ambulance.

MR. MCHALE: Do you want to handle it?

MR. RUGGIERO: I want to introduce Mike McCormick from Pennsylvania Ambulance. They were so nice and kind enough to -- they are going to donate 2 ADDs to the Borough of Dunmore. As some people may know, we already have four or five down at the Community Center.

So at the Borough's discretion, Pennsylvania Ambulance is giving us these to utilize at our discretion. We'll probably place one or both here at the Borough Building for now. Mike, do you want to present them to Council?

MR. MCCORMICK: Sure.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

MR. MCCORMICK: And, members of Council, these two units are ready to go. Any servicing, any battery updates will be provided by Pennsylvania Ambulance as well as training. Wherever you see fit to deploy these two units, we'll be glad to come up and schedule training, anyone who needs CPR training or CPR
certification we can do that. I could schedule that through Vito.

    ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

    MR. MCHALE: Thank you. We really appreciate it.

    MR. RUGGIERO: Thank you.

    ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 7 is personnel matters.

    MR. MCHALE: Do we have any personnel matters this evening?

    MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, I'm sorry. Yes, I'd like to have a motion to accept ex-trooper -- retired trooper James Seamon as a part-time police officer with the Dunmore Borough to be used as needed.

    MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second that motion.

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

    (No response.)

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

    ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

    MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

    (No response.)
MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so moved.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight is a motion to approve the 2016 AG-385 Form showing a 99 percent Paid Protection, 1 percent Volunteer Protection for fire protection for the Borough of Dunmore.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

MR. BURKE: Second.

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

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is a motion to approve the purchase of one VERTICAL Summit IP Telephone System configured with 12 lines and 24 stations. This purchase will include 18 P/N VS 9030, 30 button speak phones for the Borough Building, Fire, and
Police Departments.

The purchase includes installation, programing, and a two year warranty on parts and labor. The purchase price will not exceed $10,000.00.

MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that motion.

MR. AMICO: I'll second it.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question. Just for the audience, this is to upgrade all of our phones and obviously in the line of business both our fire and police are in and our office for that sake, we have the most antiquated phones that you could probably could imagine. So this is well needed and long overdue. Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number is 10 is a motion to appoint Michael A. Dempsey, Esquire, Dunmore Borough Council Vice President as Dunmore's representative for the Scranton Sewer Authority Board.

MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that motion.

MR. AMICO: I'll second it.

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

MR. BURKE: On the question, nothing against, Mike, I was just going to vote no on this just for the reason I thought I would rather vote outside of the Council. That is nothing against Mike because I would put any one of these guys on the board as Mike McHale did a good job. I know Mike Dempsey would too. But I just wanted to go in a different direction. That's all.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

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

MR. AMICO: Aye.
MR. HALLINAN: Aye.
MR. MCHALE: Aye.
MR. VERRASTRO: Aye.
MR. MCHALE: Opposed?
MR. BURKE: Opposed.
MR. DEMPSEY: Abstain.
MR. MCHALE: 4, 1, 1, Tom.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Got it. Item number 11 is a motion to appoint Murphy, Dougherty & Company, Certified Public Accountants, Moscow, PA as the Borough Auditor for a period of three years. The proposed audit fees are as followed: 2016 - $17,925; 2017 - $18,425; and 2018 - $18,925. Just for clarification, the years are correct. It would be the following year that the audit was performed for the prior year with the date and the amount.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.
MR. BURKE: Second it.
MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question.
(No response.)
MR. MCHALE: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 12 is a motion to advertise for applications for the Dunmore Zoning and Dunmore Planning Boards to fill expired terms. All interested residents, including current members of the Board are encouraged to apply.

MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

MR. AMICO: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. On the question. Just quickly on the question, this is brought up by Mr. Amico, which I think everybody on Council agrees with. We haven't filled a lot of zoning and planning boards with other than the current members which we do appreciate and ask them to reapply as well.

But we kind of want to open up to
everybody, all the taxpayers in the town and
see if anybody would be interested in serving.
And we'll fill the boards -- the expired terms
in that regard. So I think everybody on
Council appreciates the idea by Mr. Amico.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the
question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 13 is a
motion to advertise for an RFP that would be a
Request for Proposal regarding the Dunmore
Borough Building Security Updates. This
project will include installation of new doors,
including steel frames, collection windows, and
a wireless keypad/badge door access control
system and associated hardware.

MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that
MR. MCHALE: I have a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. BURKE: Second.

MR. MCHALE: On the question.

MR. HALLINAN: On the question, just so everybody knows that there's been a few incidents where our office staff and what's going on more and more in this world today they are not feeling safe behind our little flimsy doors and windows.

So we're just going to look to make the place more safely for our employees which handle cash all day long and I think it's about time we're doing this. Thank you, Mr. McHale.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the question?

(No response.)

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

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so moved.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number 14 is public comment on other items.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address Council tonight? If you could, just please stand and state your name for the record. We don't have a podium tonight. So if you just stand and state your full name I'd appreciate it.

MS. CUFF: Sharon Cuff, 315 Spring Street. First off, I was just wondering how do you go about applying for the positions like is there --

MR. MCHALE: That's a good question, Mrs. Cuff. I think probably we'll ask for a letter of interest. We'll put it out onto the website and Facebook. And we'll accept letters of interest both here and electronically. We'll set up something on line. Is that what you have in mind too?

MR. AMICO: Yeah, one thing I think we should mention is do we have an end date as to when we are accepting? We need to come up with a date, whatever is proper. I'm new to this too. I don't know the exact procedure.

MR. MCHALE: Tom, do you have --
ATTY. CUMMINGS: You can take them up until the time of appointment. If you would rather avoid confusion you could set a date certain prior to the meeting.

MR. MCHALE: Your thoughts, Vince?

MR. AMICO: I think we should have an end date, whatever --

MR. DEMPSEY: I agree.

MR. AMICO: Two weeks, four weeks, whatever we all agree upon, whatever you guys think.

MR. DEMPSEY: Are you going to do it for the March meeting?

MR. MCHALE: That's what I was thinking too. So do you want to say -- so we can put them out to everybody, February 28th.

MR. AMICO: That's fine.

MR. MCHALE: We'll put it onto February 28th to accept until that point.

MS. CUFF: To accept until February 28th?

MR. MCHALE: Yes.

MS. CUFF: So that's just two weeks. Do you think that's long enough to get word out to the public?
MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, we want to appoint in two weeks in March so we'll take applications for two weeks and go through them.

MS. CUFF: There will be like maybe a form on the website to fill out or something online?

MR. MCHALE: We can. We can put something together or just a letter of interest --

MR. DEMPSEY: A letter of interest or resume.

MR. MCHALE: Yeah.

MS. CUFF: Okay. And the other question I have, I was wondering if Council received a notice of violation dated January 26th, 2017, from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection related to the Keystone Sanitary Landfill.

MR. MCHALE: I have not. Vito?

MR. RUGGIERO: No, not to my knowledge. What was that date, Sharon?

MS. CUFF: So it's January 26th, 2017, is the date of the letter. The letter is regarding the October 1st leachate spill that I think we had talked about on a few occasions.
So the letter says on or about -- I'm just going to summarize -- October 1st, 2016, a discharge of approximately 7,019 gallons of treated leachate -- treated landfill leachate effluent leaked from a drywell at the facility.

An undetermined portion of this landfill leachate discharged to waters of the Commonwealth, storm water channel to Eddy Creek in violation of 25 PA Code 92a.1. This code provides a person may not discharge pollutants from a point source into surface waters except as authorized under NPDES permit.

Please be advised that discharging industrial waste without a permit is violation of Section 301 of the Clean Streams Law of Pennsylvania and subjects Keystone Sanitary Landfill to appropriate enforcement action including but not limited to civil penalty assessment. And it just goes on.

So my concern is we've gone over this a few times with DEP. I know, I, myself have spoken to them. Council has spoken to them about this whole issue of not receiving these notice of violations.

I'll take it a step further and let
you know regarding the Clean Air Act violation that we've been talking about too when I've been here, I had a lengthy telephone conversation January 23rd with the air quality department and kind of straightened out a little bit of it in the sense that that November 30th violation truly was just an error in the database when it just recorded the March violation twice.

So we have confirmed there was only one violation. And was it administrative in nature, which by that it still was considered a high priority because it was a compliance issue so even though it was regarding paperwork, paperwork is very important because you have to show you are in compliance.

So we got it down to one date of the violation. So I took it a bit further and I asked if they are required to notify Borough Councils of this Clean Air Act violation. As it turns out, nobody has to be notified for a Clean Air Act violation.

But because it falls under the Municipal Waste Regulations, they are required. So they have now changed everything with DEP.
Everybody was aware. They said they should have sent you guys a notice in March. They did not.

They were going to send that one and then regarding to also send the notice of violation from April because I told them you still had not received that even though we've talked about it and so they said then they were sending both of those.

And that this at that point this violation was not completed. But yes, in fact, Council would get it. So I guess I just wanted to let everybody know that I think it's clear for some reason you're not getting these notice of violations.

MR. DEMPSEY: Are we CCd on that one too?

MS. CUFF: Yep. I'm sure you are. I have a copy. I'll give you guys that one. Yep, Dunmore Borough and Throop Borough.

MR. RUGGIERO: Sharon, I'll contact DEP tomorrow. And I don't know why they refuse to send them electronically read receipt requested and we can abolish all of this paperwork stuff. But I will contact them
tomorrow and ask them again.

MS. CUFF: Okay. Yeah, I agree. I really -- I can't understand --

MR. DEMPSEY: Vito, maybe send a letter that we formally request to be notified.

MR. RUGGIERO: Yeah, I will contact them.

MS. CUFF: Well, I think that was discussed sending the letter with our letterhead before. So I guess, you know, follow up with that. The other -- if I can address you directly?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yeah.

MS. CUFF: One of the other issues that was talked about in the December meeting when I was here, a gentleman got up and he spoke about the problem with -- near his car wash that he owned with the mud and all of that. I know at that time I think, Vito, you were supposed to go up and have a conversation.

MR. RUGGIERO: We've had a few conversations with Mr. Edwards from G&S car wash. The end result is he wanted to request a traffic light there to reroute the traffic. I
did send a letter on behalf of Borough Council to PennDOT with no avail.

And I believe they said that that was visited many times before. There was a Golden Corral I believe was the food chain that was going to put up there and they wanted a light and the study didn't show that it was warranted. So that letter was sent back in December.

MS. CUFF: Okay. So that letter was sent to?

MR. RUGGIERO: PennDOT.

MS. CUFF: Okay. But regarding -- I think the minutes from that meeting were talking about you going up to talk to Mr. O'Brien about the issue.

MR. RUGGIERO: Oh, I did talk to Mr. O'Brien. He's aware of Mr. Edwards' complaints from the mud.

MS. CUFF: Okay. I'm only asking because I went and got my car washed and took notice of this lovely little sign.

MR. RUGGIERO: That was authored by Mr. Edwards, I believe.

MS. CUFF: Right. I'm sure it was.
But I felt very sorry for the owner of that car wash because he really shouldn't have to have that. And that was a while after the last meeting so I kind of just wanted to ask about that again. And other than that, I think that's about it.

So if Council again could please just follow up with DEP just like I do and make sure because there is no way you guys can act on anything if you're not made aware.

MR. BURKE: Sharon, would you be able to give that letter for Vito so he could make a copy for all Council?

MS. CUFF: Yep, I have.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mrs. Cuff.

MS. CUFF: Yep.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. McGraw, you could sit down she said if it's more comfortable.

MR. MCGRAW: Jim McGraw, Delaware Street, question in regards to PennDOT. It seems to come up every month there is who is responsible for -- do the sidewalk that they temporarily put in at Rite Aid? They put about a 3 foot walk in that's blacktop.

And I would assume that Rite Aid,
it's not theirs. And it's a part of the PennDOT project that PennDOT, the contractor or somebody should have to clean it. And I'm bringing it up tonight because, you know, it might snow next week or next month and nobody seems to know who is supposed to clean it.

MR. HALLINAN: I would imagine Rite Aid is still in charge of that.

MR. MCHALE: Technically your sidewalk in front of your house technically is --

MR. MCGRAW: Well, I've called PennDOT. And the problem that I see is you have four corners there. And the four corners you can't walk on. You come down on the right side. You have construction right on the corner that's been there for three, four months and you go across.

And then a couple of them, they're plowing their driveway -- or parking lots right into the sidewalk that there's no way for, you know, there are people that don't have automobiles that want to access the drug store or go the cleaners and nobody seems to know.

MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, Joe, would you
talk to Rite Aid tomorrow morning, please?

MR. LORINCE: I will.

MR. HALLINAN: Thank you very much.

MR. MCGRAW: Then the potholes, you know, there's a joke around that they are filling them with snow, you know, and that's about it. Every time you go up and down Blakely Street, you lose the front end.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. McGraw --

MR. MCGRAW: I know you can't resolve --

MR. MCHALE: No, no, to that end, I think all of us have felt -- literally felt the pain of Blakely Street the past couple weeks. And, Didge, was it Saturday or Sunday that I called Didge. I had several calls about right across from Cal-Ideas was -- you could put a body in there.

And Didge we had to call in our guys on a state road because we couldn't get in touch with anybody, two tons --

MR. JUDGE: Two tons.

MR. MCHALE: Two tons of cold patch he had to put in. And we had to pay overtime. So Mr. Ruggiero sent a letter to PennDOT today
demanding to be reimbursed for all their time
and our stuff. It's -- we're up to here with
it as well.

It's terrible in front of Cal-Ideas
but there is 20 other places all the way up to
Burger King and past that are just as bad and
we're not getting answers. So I know Joe has
been yelling as much as he can. Now, Vito also
is as well. Didge meets with guys. We're
going to keep yelling. I promise you that.

And Rite Aid is horrible, horrible.
And it's been like that for months. I've never
seen a project take so long in my life. But
we're going to keep on top of it.

MR. MCGRAW: The second question
that I asked PennDOT, what's the criteria for a
contractor to come in and do this work. There
seems to be about a dozen. I said, one should
be they should have a broom to start with and a
shovel because it appears to me that at 4:00
they just leave it any way they want.

If there's stone on it, dirt, mud,
whatever, and if it's supposed to be a
sidewalk, it should at least be swept, you
know, it's they're responsible and the
contractor to clean it up.

And you had the crosswalk at the Dunmore Corners. It's loaded with pebbles from one of their potholes. And I don't think it's incumbent on the Borough to have DPW do PennDOT's work or the subcontractor.

MR. MCHALE: We agree, yeah. This weekend -- Didge when he got there he said it was terrible. I mean, literally we could have lost a front end.

MR. MCGRAW: I see Mr. May on TV quite often with PennDOT. I suggest that he take a picture along side one of our grand canyons on the roadway. And, you know, maybe somebody will give us a little more attention on Blakely Street. And once the weather breaks --

MR. MCHALE: You hope.

MR. MCGRAW: Yeah, we're hoping for a miracle. But that's it.

MR. MCHALE: We'll keep on top of it. I promise.

MR. HALLINAN: Joe, can you get a timetable on anything when they plan on starting up and when they move forward with
MR. LORINCE: I will call them tomorrow and ask them when's the next --

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to address Council tonight?

MS. O'DONNELL: Kristen Dempsey O'Donnell, I'm here tonight representing Dempsey Uniform and Linen. I had presented an agreement to Mr. Ruggiero. And I was just hoping that you guys might be voting on that tonight so that I could start to get some savings through for the Borough under that new agreement.

MR. MCHALE: To be honest with you, that's not on our agenda for tonight. I don't think anybody had a chance to read all the documentation you sent. But we were very pleased that -- the reduction that was given in the contract.

I had a few questions, the length of the contract to me was a little long. But I'm one person. I don't think we as a group had a chance to discuss but that's up to the group.

MR. DEMPSEY: We didn't have an
executive session prior to this meeting.

MS. O'DONNELL: I did try to make
sure that it came, you know, plenty of time
beforehand. I know Vito is pretty good about
sending everything out right away. I'm happy
to answer any questions you have tonight. But,
you know, given the -- given what happened over
the community center, you know, I do feel a
great uncertainty about my other accounts.

And so that's why I presented the
documents to Vito hoping that -- the savings to
the Borough and knowing that you would not have
any concern about any claims or anything going
forward that you would be able to vote on that
tonight so that I had the certainty going
forward of the status of our services.

MR. HALLINAN: Kristen, in all
honesty, I was there at the meeting with Vito
and you. And it was a great presentation. If
anybody dropped the ball, Vito sent everything
out to everybody. And I would say that it was
probably my fault not asking for an executive
session to talk about it.

So, I'm sorry, I apologize for that.
I think it's a great deal for the Borough.
It's a 30 percent cut you were talking about, new mats and everything like that. And you were more than accommodating to the Borough. But again, I never asked for an executive session on that. So if there is anybody going to take the blame, it will be me. I'm sorry for that.

MS. O'DONNELL: I'd be happy to answer any questions, you know, it just seems like it would be a long time to get around to it again.

MR. MCHALE: We have a meeting in two weeks.

MS. O'DONNELL: Yeah, still. Is there anything that I could answer for you tonight that would bring it able to --

MR. MCHALE: Would you take your contract down from five years?

MS. O'DONNELL: What I had it was for the remainder of the term that it --

MR. MCHALE: Well, we didn't think that the term rolled over. I mean, I don't want to talk about a contract. We had advice that it didn't roll over. And that's where you come with the claims on, you know, you won't
have claims on the community center. Well, we had our advice too. I'm not -- I'm just -- you asked for questions.

MS. O'DONNELL: No, which I think is fair enough. I think it's something that had always been done. I think you guys were fine with doing a longer term contract with Cintas, somebody you weren't even familiar with. And I'm not asking for that much longer than them, really the same term that you had always done with us before, a little bit less.

MR. MCHALE: Again, I'm going to speak for myself. I would rather sit and talk as a group before we come to a decision. It's only two weeks away. I'm appreciative you were very aggressive on the pricing. And we've always been happy with your service. But it's my opinion that we meet. But again, one person.

MS. O'DONNELL: It didn't seem like anybody else had any concerns with it. I would be happy to answer anything they had.

MR. DEMPSEY: I don't have any questions.

MR. HALLINAN: I thought it was a
wonderful presentation.

MS. O'DONNELL: So would anybody feel comfortable voting on it tonight so that we can be able to put that savings through?

MR. DEMPSEY: I would rather wait until next meeting until we have a chance to talk about it. It's only two weeks away and we can have it on the agenda if everybody agrees in two weeks.

MR. VERRASTRO: I'm comfortable with that as well.

MR. BURKE: I will make a motion to put it on the agenda because we didn't have it. Nobody in the audience didn't have time to review it either not being on the agenda. I'm fine with the contract, I'll tell you that. I'm just saying to make it legal, put it on the agenda. That way the audience can speak on it too. But it will be officially on the agenda.

MR. MCHALE: Anything else, Miss Dempsey?

MS. O'DONNELL: That's it.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to address Council?

MS. ZANGARDI: Beth McDonald
Zangardi. I'm not good at public speaking. But I would like to ask Council to consider sponsoring a Heroin Hits Home Program at a Council meeting in the future. The state and the county District Attorney's Office is doing presentations throughout the county.

And I would like to see if Dunmore Council would consider having one at a Council meeting or at the community center.

MR. BURKE: I would definitely be interested at the community center where we can hold more people obviously.

MR. DEMPSEY: I know Shane Scanlon very well. I would be happy to call him and ask him if he would be interested in -- I think that's who you are referring to.

MS. ZANGARDI: Right. Right. Well, actually I called them and asked them if they would be interested and then they asked me to come here and present it to you and, you know, go from there.

MR. DEMPSEY: I don't see a problem with that. I'd be happy to do that.

MR. VERRASTRO: I think it's a great idea.
MR. DEMPSEY: Do you want to give me your phone number before you leave and I'll contact you and let you know how we make out?

MS. ZANGARDI: Great. Perfect. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Sure.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

MS. ZANGARDI: And the other thing is, I'm currently on the Planning Commission. And I would like to stay. Do you think I should reapply?

MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

MS. ZANGARDI: All right. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Anybody else tonight?

MS. CUFF: Can I just say --

MR. MCHALE: If it's quick.

MS. CUFF: Just to follow up with Beth, I went to one of the presentations. They did a terrific job. It was very, very good. And one of things on my list that I forgot to bring up had to do with that.

And it was just to something that they talked about at that was that the fire
trucks -- a lot of the fire trucks now are
carrying, you know, the over dose medication
Narcan. I was wondering our fire department
had it on the trucks.

CHIEF DENAPLES: To answer that
question, the police department does. Captain
Rinaldi is our person who takes care of our EMS
portion of it. He's been actively trying over
the last six months to get Narcan and that
depends on the -- he hasn't reached a lot of
success.

As a matter of fact, I actually --
he asked me about it today. I actually put a
call into the District Attorney's Office. I
didn't get a return call back. So I was
actually going to ask Attorney Dempsey --

MR. DEMPESEY: Can you see me after
this?

CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah, absolutely.

MR. HALLINAN: Chief, they are on
the ambulances.

CHIEF DENAPLES: They are on the
ambulances and the police department has them
on each police vehicle. We have been trying to
for about six months now.
MR. MCHALE: It would make more sense that you would have them.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Absolutely.

Scranton actually -- Scranton fire was just presented with them I saw that in the paper maybe about a month ago. So we've been trying.

MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

MR. MCHALE: Chief, do you have anything else?

CHIEF DENAPLES: The only other thing I wanted to say is that we were awarded the State Fire Commissioners grant. Last week we got the award. It was $14,940. That's going to cover upgrading some equipment as well as pay the cost for the elevator operations class, rescue operations class we are having March 16th and 17th down at Marywood.

So Lieutenant Shiago applied for that. He did a great job. He put a lot of his own time into that. So I just wanted to thank him, you know, for putting all of that time into it.
He also applied for the FEMA Safer Grant which took even more time. He actually had to go through Borough Council meeting minutes from back in 2002 and 2001 to took up some figures for budgets before the QuickBooks were being operated in the Borough.

So he put a lot of time into that.

So I just wanted to put that on the record.

He's been doing a lot with grants for us over there and putting a lot of his own time into. This paid off. We were awarded one. It's a non matching grant. That's all I had for tonight.

MR. MCHALE: Kudos to him, Chief.

Please pass it along from all of Council.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Thank you. I will.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, do you have anything tonight, buddy?

MR. JUDGE: Nothing.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince?

MR. LORINCE: Nothing.

MR. MCHALE: Quickly, I'll go first.

Two things, Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Cummings, I'm no longer with the Sewer Authority. But prior to my leaving, Tom will know how many times that I
screamed and yelled about having an accounting of the money coming in. I know Scranton has asked formally to do so.

I would like, you know, our Council to be on record as well to make sure that we get an accounting of every dollar that goes out from here on end. I know you're at every meeting. I know you'll be a loud voice as well. So if we can do that, I think everybody would agree with that.

Number two, I'd like to -- we as a Council have talked about it for quite a while. And not that I expect to use any of the money set aside from the Sewer Authority sale, but I would like to try to formalize a plan to put a paving program together.

Even if it's to the point where Didge and his men identify our roads and we get Mr. Ruggiero and our engineer involved where we could put a bid package out to see where we come in, whether it be, you know, different levels of where we think they need based on Didge's judgment, our engineer's judgement and try to get a plan together in the very near future.
You know, I would like to put an aggressive ending on this if we can do it within a month. At least identify the roads and get them to Mr. Lopatka where he can get a bid package out and we can try to get some numbers in by April. So if everybody is okay with that we'll move that along as well. Mr. Ruggiero, you'll take the lead on that?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. MCHALE: I think that's all I have. I apologize for going first tonight. Mr. Burke, do you want to chime in?

MR. BURKE: Good luck, Mike, with the Sewer Authority. But these are just questions that Scranton Council asked. I guess we deserve the same answers as they do.

MR. MCHALE: Agreed.

MR. BURKE: So if you can ask the same questions.

MR. DEMPSEY: I'll write the same letter.

MR. BURKE: I don't see the budget on there for them. If you could add there that we would like to see their budget. Didge, good work on the streets. Chief, good work with
the grants.

   CHIEF DENAPLES: Thank you.

   MR. BURKE: And, Sharon, good work
   on keeping up on the landfill. Thank you for
   your hard work on that. That's all I have
   tonight.

   MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Tim.

Mr. Verrastro.

   MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, I'd also want
   to say thank you to our fire and DPW. Snow
   removal's been fantastic. And those grants
   sound excellent. Thank you.

   MR. MCHALE: That's all you got?

   MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

   MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey.

   MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, quickly, I want
   to -- a quick thank you to Pennsylvania
   Ambulance for the two defibrillators.
   Obviously you could never have too many of
   them. With regard to my appointment to the
   Sewer Authority, I appreciate my colleagues'
   confidence in me.

   I promise you I will be a loud voice
   there, make sure that we get an accounting of
   the money. I'm glad I have Tom Cummings with
me. I don't think there is a lot of people
that have more knowledge of that operation than
Tom. So I look forward to sitting with him
before the first meeting and getting up to
speed.

Chief, you'll see me after the
meeting with regard to the Narcan.

CHIEF DENAPLES: Absolutely.

MR. DEMPESEY: Didge, I called you
earlier on that North Webster -- 1600. There
is another one -- a worse one on the 15.

MR. JUDGE: You know what they are?
They're all pave cuts. And we're not even
supposed to do them. If you want them --

MR. DEMPESEY: Can you find out or
Joe, whoever.

MR. JUDGE: They are either gas or
water.

MR. LORINCE: The one there on the
corner of Webster and Delaware Tom called me
today. That's filled already.

MR. DEMPESEY: The one that I just
hit coming here.

MR. JUDGE: He's talking about the
1600 block, Joe.
MR. DEMPSEY: I thought I saw one on your block.

MR. HALLINAN: That's 15. The 16 I called you on this morning out at Delaware.

MR. LORINCE: Yeah, he fixed that today. I didn't know there was another one.

MR. DEMPSEY: I didn't either. I did about 6:45 I found out about it.

MR. LORINCE: I just want to tell you what happens with them, they fill most of the potholes up. And actually when we go out and we get snow and we get ice and we plow the streets, most of the stuff comes out of the holes and they have to go back and fill them again. That's why you get them filled and they empty, you got to go back and fill them again.

MR. DEMPSEY: That's all I have.

MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

MR. HALLINAN: Just again, one of the biggest problems we have is we have a lot of streets that need paving. But also the pave cuts by these contractors are killing us. And I want to make sure that when, you know, the time comes March, April when the weather breaks that they are done correctly, filled in
correctly and, you know, they are taken care of. And I would love a letter sent to the companies telling them that we're waiting for them to fix them properly and not waiting until August or sometime and be put on the back burner because really, they are all over the place. They are wreaking havoc on all the travelers. That's all I have. Thank you very much.

MR. AMICO: I love going last for this. I reiterate what everybody says as far as thanking your guys for their hard work. And, Mike, good luck on your new position with the Sewer Authority. You have my total confidence. I know you'll do a great job.

And I would like to formally thank Mike McHale for all the hard work that he did for our Borough as far as the Sewer Authority's concerned. I think we're in a much better position than we would be if Mike and Mr. Cummings weren't there. So they have my sincere gratitude and I'm sure everybody on this Council's gratitude. So thank you very much. That's all. Thank you.

MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Vince. Vito, I
didn't mean to skip over you.

MR. RUGGIERO: No, I have nothing.

MR. MCHALE: You have nothing. Tom?

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.

MR. MCHALE: Anything else?

(No response.)

MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

MR. BURKE: Motion.

MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a second. All in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.
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