

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

IN RE: REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD:

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

OLD FORGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
310 South Main Street  
Old Forge, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

RUSSELL RINALDI, President

JIM HOOVER, Vice President

ANDREW BUTLER

MICHAEL KOMENSKY

MIKE LETTIERI - absent

ALLISON McCAWLEY

DALE MIKOLACZYK

MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, Borough Manager

ROBERT LEGG, Mayor

WILLIAM RINALDI, Esquire, Solicitor

MICHELLE SMOLSKIS  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 MR. RINALDI: Good evening, ladies  
2 and gentlemen. I'd like to call the meeting to  
3 order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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7 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please,  
8 Marylynn.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
10 Mikolaczyk.

11 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Here.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
13 McCawley.

14 MS. McCAWLEY: Here.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
16 Komensky.

17 MR. KOMENSKY: Here.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri  
19 is absent. Councilman Butler.

20 MR. BUTLER: Here.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

22 MR. HOOVER: Here.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

24 MR. RINALDI: Here. Once again,  
25 ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the regular

1 meeting of the Old Forge Borough. Tonight is  
2 Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

3 The purpose of our meeting will be  
4 to go through a few housekeeping motions.  
5 We'll then hear from our department heads,  
6 we'll hear from our mayor, Council members,  
7 assistant fire chief, our chief of police.

8 We have a public sign-in sheet. If  
9 anyone from the public would like to address  
10 us, we'll give you a few minutes.

11 But before we go into our regular  
12 business, we have Joe Rovinsky from Lackawanna  
13 County. Joe, we'd like to bring you up first.  
14 You could give us a little bit of your reason  
15 for being here, your presentation, and then  
16 we'll let you be on your way.

17 MR. ROVINSKY: Yes. First, I'm here  
18 tonight to go over the community development  
19 block grant program for Lackawanna County in  
20 terms of Old Forge Borough.

21 The Old Forge Borough is one of  
22 eleven town communities which meets the  
23 standards of hitting 4,000 or more population  
24 and receives federal funding from the community  
25 development block grant program.

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Currently, Old Forge is one of the easier boroughs to talk to because we currently have a balance of zero in Old Forge money. The money has been spent on the senior center project which is scheduled to be open fairly soon.

Having said that, in 2025 and 2026, Old Forge will be getting \$115,689 in CDBG funds, and that will be available probably around this time to be used next year.

Having said that, as well, that funding expires in 2030. So, Old Forge Borough will have until 2030 to spend that funding and any subsequent year funding for CDBG projects.

CDBG projects are limited in scope. They have to meet national objectives, the project has to be low to moderate individuals. A project either has to address a certain meet group, such as senior citizens, people with ADA accessibility, or address reduction of slums or blight as defined by the State.

So, right now we're in the process of soliciting ideas for projects potentially. Old Forge is no urgent matter looking to find a project, because we have completed or soon to

1 be completing the senior center renovation.

2 In addition, it's important to note  
3 that in the current federal budget, the current  
4 administration has zeroed out the program  
5 completely.

6 So there's a very good chance that  
7 there will not be a 26/27/28 allocation if the  
8 federal budget passes as defined currently by  
9 the current federal administration.

10 So, '25 may be the end of the  
11 program after 52 years. I'm hoping that's not  
12 the case, but that's really what I'm here to  
13 sort of speak about.

14 And, again, like I said, the most  
15 recent project is the senior center, which  
16 should be done fairly soon.

17 So, do I have any questions? Again,  
18 there's really not much more I can speak about  
19 because the funding right now is at zero.

20 MR. RINALDI: Any of the members  
21 have any questions for Joe?

22 MR. KOMENSKY: No.

23 MR. RINALDI: Anyone from the public  
24 have any questions for Joe?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. ROVINSKY: I also failed to  
2 mention, we also recently -- two years ago we  
3 did the elevator, as well, through CDBG funds.  
4 So, this building has received a lot of federal  
5 funding, and hopefully we'll be able to have  
6 more funding available going forward after the  
7 '26 budget. We say this hopefully.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: I'd just like to  
9 add to what Joe's saying, because you did  
10 mention about the elevator and the senior  
11 center. In the past we were able to save up a  
12 few years at a time of the CDBG funds, and  
13 that's how we were able to do the project,  
14 but now they're not allowing that anymore, so  
15 we --

16 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: -- a smaller  
18 budget.

19 MR. ROVINSKY: Well, the reason  
20 being is they're unsure about the '26 budget,  
21 and if there is, the '26 budget is changed  
22 where the program is extended, then we could go  
23 into the building like we did in the past to  
24 fund these large scale projects, because,  
25 obviously, in many cases, many boroughs and

1 municipalities will never be able to fund a  
2 massive infrastructure or senior center  
3 improvements without a buildup of years.

4 So, we're just waiting basically on  
5 the federal government passing, not passing, to  
6 see what happens next.

7 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

8 MR. ROVINSKY: But the State is very  
9 happy with Old Forge. They've spent their  
10 funds in a timely manner and projects have been  
11 approved.

12 And we have a lot of municipalities  
13 who are not in good shape, and Old Forge is on  
14 the good side of things.

15 So, the Borough's always spent their  
16 funds in a very timely and professional manner  
17 and the State is very happy with that.

18 MR. RINALDI: Appreciate that. That  
19 has a lot to do with Marylynn.

20 MR. HOOVER: That has a lot to do  
21 with Marylynn. Right.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thanks, Joe. Thank  
23 you for always being so helpful with  
24 everything. I appreciate it.

25 MR. ROVINSKY: I try my best.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: And I think the  
2 senior center, so far, is very fantastic.

3 MR. ROVINSKY: We're very excited  
4 for that project. I know it's a big one for  
5 the community and look forward to opening it  
6 up.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Absolutely.

8 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Joe.

9 MR. ROVINSKY: Thank you.

10 MR. RINALDI: We really appreciate  
11 it.

12 MR. ROVINSKY: Have a good night.

13 MR. RINALDI: You too. We'll move  
14 into our housekeeping. First item is item  
15 number one will be a motion to approve the  
16 minutes from the prior meeting.

17 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that  
18 motion, Mr. Chairman.

19 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
20 Councilman Komensky.

21 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

22 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman  
23 Butler. On the question?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

4 Mikolaczyk?

5 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

7 McCawley?

8 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

10 Komensky?

11 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

13 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

15 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

17 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number two

18 would be a motion to approve the treasurer's

19 report. Please note this does not include the

20 sewer account.

21 MS. McCAWLEY: I'll make that

22 motion.

23 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

24 Councilwoman McCawley.

25 MR. MIKOLACZYK: I'll second that.

1 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman  
2 Mikolaczyk. On the question?  
3 (No response.)  
4 MR. RINALDI: Public input?  
5 (No response.)  
6 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.  
7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
8 Mikolaczyk?  
9 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Yes.  
10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
11 McCawley?  
12 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.  
13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
14 Komensky?  
15 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.  
16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?  
17 MR. BUTLER: Yes.  
18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?  
19 MR. HOOVER: Yes.  
20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?  
21 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Third item is  
22 motion to approve invoices for payment. Please  
23 note, once again, this does not include the  
24 sewer account.  
25 MR. BUTLER: I'll make the motion.

1 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
2 Councilman Butler.  
3 MS. McCAWLEY: I'll second it.  
4 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by  
5 Councilwoman McCawley. On the question?  
6 (No response.)  
7 MR. RINALDI: Public input?  
8 (No response.)  
9 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.  
10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
11 Mikolaczyk?  
12 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Yes.  
13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
14 McCawley?  
15 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.  
16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
17 Komensky?  
18 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.  
19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?  
20 MR. BUTLER: Yes.  
21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?  
22 MR. HOOVER: Yes.  
23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?  
24 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Fourth item will  
25 be a motion to approve the treasurer's report

1 for the sewer department.

2 MR. HOOVER: I'll make that motion.

3 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
4 Councilman Hoover.

5 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

6 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman  
7 Butler. On the question?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
13 Mikolaczyk?

14 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
16 McCawley?

17 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

19 Komensky?

20 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

22 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

24 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

1 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number five  
2 will be a motion to approve sewer department  
3 invoices for payment.

4 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that  
5 motion, Mr. Chairman.

6 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
7 Councilman Komensky.

8 MS. McCAWLEY: I'll second.

9 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by  
10 Councilwoman McCawley. On the question?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
16 Mikolaczyk?

17 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
19 McCawley?

20 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
22 Komensky?

23 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

25 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

2 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

4 MR. RINALDI: Yes. We'll move into  
5 our department heads. First department head is  
6 DPW manager Joe Lenceski. Joe, good evening.

7 MR. LENCESKI: Good evening.

8 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
9 for the meeting this evening?

10 MR. LENCESKI: Nothing for the  
11 meeting tonight.

12 MR. RINALDI: Any of the members  
13 have any questions for Joe?

14 MR. HOOVER: Joe, there's a pile,  
15 just in the Borough alone, there's a pile of  
16 small cuts like the one up on Edgewood Drive,  
17 you know, that got painted white, there's some  
18 cuts down on Grace Street, what do we have to  
19 get Russo to do? The roads are --

20 MR. BUTLER: It's like it's washed  
21 away. There's, like -- the one road is about  
22 12 inches deep.

23 MR. HOOVER: I mean, just to dig  
24 them out and put -- I don't know if we want to  
25 just put base in there or just top in there. I

1 don't know.

2 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah, I looked at  
3 that one. It's borderline Arcaro & Genell's  
4 sidewalk and our road. It's a combination of  
5 the two of them.

6 But that's not a problem. I'll talk  
7 to Marylynn about it, get together and get  
8 prices.

9 MR. HOOVER: Because Russo's, he's  
10 painting some cuts in the town now white.

11 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah.

12 MR. HOOVER: So he's gonna be here  
13 shortly, so maybe we could get him a quick list  
14 of it.

15 MR. LENCESKI: Okay. Not a problem.

16 MR. HOOVER: There's a couple that I  
17 saw, too. I can't remember where, but --

18 MR. LENCESKI: I did receive PA One  
19 calls for all the repairs, the roads on the  
20 15th. There's probably about a dozen of them.

21 MR. HOOVER: Okay. That's all I  
22 have.

23 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have  
24 any questions for Joe?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Joe.

2 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

3 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

4 Engineer, Dave Lopatka. Dave, good evening.

5 MR. LOPATKA: Good evening.

6 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
7 for this evening for the meeting?

8 MR. LOPATKA: Nothing for the  
9 meeting.

10 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any  
11 questions for the engineer?

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Dave, DPW.

13 MR. LOPATKA: So, I know that we  
14 were kind of holding off a little bit on  
15 finalizing a footprint.

16 I know that Marylynn had a couple --  
17 I think she had mentioned she had some ideas on  
18 what we could do with that, or how you wanted  
19 to do it. Didn't you --

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: The DPW?

21 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. We had  
23 talked about trying to possibly get two grants,  
24 and when I explained it to Council, we were  
25 back and forth with the fact that the grants,

1 if you applied this year, we won't even get  
2 notified for a year. So, it's pushing it off  
3 another year, so --

4 MR. LOPATKA: All right. So, do we  
5 want to just move forward with getting --

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: So, it's, you know,  
7 I think we have to go back and revisit that  
8 once we have all the, you know, if we have the  
9 plan, then I think we can start to --

10 MR. LOPATKA: All right. We'll get  
11 it finalized then.

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

13 MR. LOPATKA: We were kind of  
14 holding off because I know that there was  
15 some --

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Because I'm sure once  
17 you get that done, we'll probably want to go  
18 back down there and make sure it's what we  
19 wanted.

20 MR. LOPATKA: Oh, yeah.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

22 MR. LOPATKA: Absolutely.

23 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

24 MR. HOOVER: Pagnotti Park.

25 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

1 MR. KOMENSKY: Thanks, Dave, by the  
2 way.

3 MR. HOOVER: Where are we at with  
4 that?

5 MR. LOPATKA: Pagnotti Park contract  
6 has been issued, all the agreements were  
7 signed, we have all their insurances.

8 I talked to them last week, we  
9 issued the notice to proceed last week, and  
10 he's going to get me a schedule in the next  
11 couple of days.

12 MR. HOOVER: Who's doing it, Lindy?

13 MR. LOPATKA: It's Lindy. The same.  
14 Yep. So I should have a start date and a  
15 schedule shortly.

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Is that for the  
17 seeding?

18 MR. HOOVER: No, it's not for the  
19 seeding. It's for the --

20 MR. LOPATKA: No. That's getting  
21 sodded.

22 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. Lindy's doing  
23 that?

24 MR. LOPATKA: Well, it's gonna get  
25 regraded, irrigation.

1 MR. HOOVER: Regraded and the  
2 infield's gonna be all redone, irrigation,  
3 everything.

4 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

5 MR. RINALDI: Joe?

6 MR. LENCESKI: They were up there  
7 surveying.

8 MR. RINALDI: Lindy?

9 MR. LENCESKI: Yes.

10 MR. HOOVER: Oh, good.

11 MR. LOPATKA: And the other one is  
12 Marion Street Park lighting project. That was  
13 awarded. We have all their agreements.

14 I did get submittals from them for  
15 all the lighting fixture, those were all  
16 approved and everything's on order.

17 So, as soon as they get everything,  
18 he's going to get me the same thing, a start  
19 date and a schedule.

20 MR. RINALDI: Dave, the Marion  
21 Street Park, are they looking to starting that  
22 this year?

23 MR. LOPATKA: That'll be done this  
24 year.

25 MR. KOMENSKY: I'm sorry, what did

1           you say, Dave, it will be done?

2                   MR. LOPATKA: The lighting will be  
3 done this year.

4                   MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. Thank you.

5                   MR. HOOVER: We're not going to have  
6 the building up this year, Mare, are we, for  
7 the security?

8                   MR. LOPATKA: We're going to get  
9 that out, too.

10                  MS. BARTOLETTI: We're trying, yeah.

11                  MR. LOPATKA: We're going to add the  
12 building.

13                  MR. HOOVER: Because I hate to put  
14 lights up and then find out, you know,  
15 somebody's smashing them or something. We have  
16 to get security up there.

17                  MR. LOPATKA: Well, no, the lights  
18 themselves, so the way you guys accepted the  
19 alternate, which was the controller, so all  
20 that will be -- will have the panel inside the  
21 building, but then the lights will end up being  
22 you could actually do them remotely, turn them  
23 on and off, you could schedule it, do whatever  
24 you need to do remotely right on a computer, a  
25 cell phone.

1 MR. HOOVER: All right.

2 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have  
3 any questions for Dave?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Dave.

6 MR. LOPATKA: You're welcome.

7 MR. RINALDI: Police chief, Jason  
8 Dubernas. Good evening, Chief.

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Good evening.

10 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
11 for the meeting tonight?

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The only thing, I  
13 just want to bring you up to date. Myself and  
14 the mayor and Attorney Rinaldi have been  
15 involved with the lady at 303 South Keyser  
16 Avenue. She's having an issue again with the  
17 addressing.

18 So, we've been working with comm  
19 center and the county. We have it back on our  
20 end on the emergency service side, but she's  
21 still having all kinds of issues with it  
22 because her deed is saying South Keyser at  
23 Milwaukee, and the deed on the other homes say  
24 Keyser Avenue, and the other 303 is saying  
25 Keyser Avenue at Sibley.

1                   So, the 911 system that does that  
2                   addressing goes off the tax pins, and majority  
3                   of the homes in the northern part of our North  
4                   Keyser Avenue, their tax maps are just saying  
5                   Keyser Avenue. They're not addressed to South  
6                   Keyser, North Keyser. They're just saying  
7                   Keyser Avenue. So that's what the big issue  
8                   is.

9                   So, I know she reached out to  
10                  Mr. Flynn and a bunch of other state  
11                  representatives. She's actually trying to get  
12                  Harrisburg involved with the addressing, that  
13                  does the addressing now, because the post  
14                  office does not do the addressings, so --

15                 MR. RINALDI: So, 911 and all the  
16                 emergency services are aware of her address?

17                 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yes. I had them  
18                 all change.

19                 MR. RINALDI: Okay. So, that's  
20                 first and foremost. As long as the emergency  
21                 services know where to get to it if they ever  
22                 have to.

23                 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We sent a letter  
24                 back in '17. In 2020 the county did an update  
25                 and they updated to have all their addressing

1 done off their pin maps for the tax maps. So  
2 that's why it was all screwed up. So they had  
3 to go back in and readjust that.

4 MR. RINALDI: So she's having  
5 problems with mail and delivery, things like  
6 that?

7 MAYOR LEGG: They're getting ready  
8 to do some remodelling, and a washer and drier,  
9 a couple weeks ago, went to Sibley Avenue. It  
10 didn't go to her.

11 So they're afraid that the materials  
12 that they're going to use to remodel the house  
13 is not going to get to where they belong. It's  
14 a nightmare. It's a nightmare.

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Her house is under  
16 foreclosure.

17 MAYOR LEGG: Yeah.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The other one was  
19 tax things on it. She keeps getting all these  
20 different letters for three other -- two other  
21 303s.

22 So, she's getting stuff for 303  
23 South Milwaukee, 303 Milwaukee, and now the 929  
24 Sibley/303 North Keyser.

25 The other day a real estate agent

1 was there taking pictures of her house. She's  
2 like, My house is not for sale. It's the one  
3 on South Milwaukee that's actually for sale.  
4 So, I just want to keep you up to date on  
5 that.

6 MR. RINALDI: Did she inform you if  
7 she got ahold of any of the reps that she  
8 contacted?

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: She said she spoke  
10 to them all and they told her first to get a  
11 real estate attorney, and, second, to contact  
12 Harrisburg because that's where the geo  
13 addressing comes out of now.

14 MR. RINALDI: So, did they tell her  
15 to contact Harrisburg herself?

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Uh-huh.

17 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's my  
19 understanding.

20 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Anything else,  
21 Chief?

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The only other  
23 thing right now I'm still working on an  
24 electric scooter thing and the signs for the  
25 fire department will be out Thursday.

1 MR. RINALDI: Any of the members  
2 have any questions for the Chief?

3 MR. GAWEL: There's no security  
4 here. I mean, we all walked in here, nobody  
5 checked anybody.

6 Shouldn't we get a wand, maybe, for  
7 metal detectors for guns? It happened not that  
8 long ago in the Poconos.

9 COURT REPORTER: Sir, I need your  
10 name for the record, please.

11 MR. GAWEL: Frank Gawel, G-A-W-E-L.  
12 You know, you might think I'm nuts, but it's  
13 gonna happen. Protect yourselves.

14 MR. RINALDI: So, what are you  
15 suggesting? Are you suggesting to be wanded or  
16 are you suggesting --

17 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

18 MR. GAWEL: -- have the people walk  
19 through it like --

20 MR. RINALDI: Metal detector  
21 possibly or --

22 MR. GAWEL: Pardon?

23 MR. RINALDI: Maybe put up a metal  
24 structure, a metal detector --

25 MR. GAWEL: No. Just at the door

1 here where we come in.

2 MR. RINALDI: Right. That's what I  
3 mean, when you enter.

4 MR. GAWEL: What do you think,  
5 Chief?

6 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's why I sit  
7 right here.

8 MR. GAWEL: Yeah, but I'm in the  
9 back, I mean, you can't see.

10 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I know. I  
11 understand that.

12 MR. GAWEL: That's the only  
13 observation I made just -- I don't come to  
14 meetings very often. I haven't been here in  
15 years.

16 MR. RINALDI: It's not a bad  
17 observation at all, to be honest with you.

18 MR. GAWEL: And I'd hate to see it  
19 happen in Old Forge.

20 MR. RINALDI: I'm sure all of us  
21 would. It's actually a pretty good suggestion.  
22 I think we should think about it. It's  
23 actually a good suggestion.

24 MR. KOMENSKY: I will address it  
25 with the Chief on the public safety committee.

1 Thank you for the information.

2 MR. RINALDI: Thanks for bringing it  
3 up, Frank. Any other members have any  
4 questions for the Chief?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Chief.  
7 Assistant Fire Chief, Bill Stull. Bill, good  
8 evening.

9 MR. STULL: Good evening.

10 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
11 for this evening?

12 MR. STULL: Yes. I don't know if  
13 this is for Dave, Mr. Hoover or who, the  
14 problem that we're having over in the parking  
15 lot of the fire department, since July the  
16 11th, on three occasions when we get downpours,  
17 we get inundated with all that gravel and  
18 sediment that comes off of Keyser Avenue into  
19 our parking lot. Are we working on that?

20 MR. LOPATKA: I actually have  
21 someone working on it today. So I should  
22 have a cost estimate for the next meeting.

23 MR. STULL: Okay.

24 MR. HOOVER: Bill, we were there the  
25 other day, me, Dave and Joe were there looking

1 at some suggestions, you know, coming down  
2 Franklin Street. Again, it's another flooding  
3 problem we have to deal with to do the right  
4 thing.

5 We came up with some temporary  
6 solutions, but to spend the money and do a  
7 temporary solution, I think you're just wasting  
8 money. We could do a permanent solution.

9 So he's working on it. He's  
10 surveying, doing some surveying, seeing if we  
11 can get that pipe through the grass, out the  
12 end past the pond into the crick.

13 MR. STULL: Okay. On the --

14 MR. LOPATKA: Inside of the field.

15 MR. STULL: Inside of the field.

16 MR. HOOVER: Yeah. Not on the  
17 parking lot. In the grass portion.

18 MR. STULL: Between the parking and  
19 the fence?

20 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, and the fence.

21 MR. STULL: Okay.

22 MR. HOOVER: No. Between the fence  
23 and --

24 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

25 MR. HOOVER: -- run the pipe right

1 down close to the fence, but down. A rather  
2 large pipe.

3 And, again, a rather large pipe,  
4 like a 36-inch pipe. Because I hate to put  
5 something in there and then find out it's not  
6 big enough.

7 MR. STULL: We never had this  
8 problem until they made us put those islands  
9 in, so --

10 MR. HOOVER: Right. We're working  
11 on it. I know you don't want to hear working  
12 on it, but --

13 MR. STULL: Well, at least it's in  
14 motion.

15 MR. HOOVER: There's so many things  
16 that happened over the last --

17 MR. STULL: I know the past storm  
18 was --

19 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

20 MR. STULL: So, I would think by now  
21 all that gravel should be washed away. I don't  
22 know where it's coming from, you know?

23 Okay. That question. And my second  
24 one is is it possible to get a meeting with the  
25 safety committee and the fire department?

1 MR. KOMENSKY: Yep.

2 MR. STULL: Whenever you guys want  
3 to set it up, just give myself and Chief Tag a  
4 call and --

5 MR. KOMENSKY: What you were talking  
6 to me about today?

7 MR. STULL: Yes.

8 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. Yep. I'll  
9 talk to Russell and Jimmy after the meeting.

10 MR. STULL: Okay. That's all I  
11 have.

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Thank you.

13 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have  
14 any questions for Bill?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill.

17 Attorney Rinaldi, solicitor's report.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: Just a follow up on  
19 what the Chief said. I did speak to the  
20 husband and wife at 303 South Keyser, and I  
21 spoke to the county assessor, so I told them go  
22 down to see him with their driver's licenses  
23 and they could change their address so that on  
24 the assessment reports it shows up the way they  
25 want.

1                   As to the other neighbor, we can't  
2                   change addresses. That person has to go there  
3                   to do it. So I don't know if they went down or  
4                   not, Chief, but I at least helped them out the  
5                   best I could.

6                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah. Same thing,  
7                   I was trying to help them.

8                   ATTY. RINALDI: Because they have  
9                   one location and then they have a mailing  
10                  address for the tax bill, which is different.  
11                  So, that's probably part of the confusion right  
12                  there.

13                  And the only other thing I have is  
14                  tonight the only thing you have left on the  
15                  agenda is a resolution for the subdivision land  
16                  development fees.

17                  So, we put it together with Mike,  
18                  and Planning Commission reviewed them, and now  
19                  it's sent to Council for approval.

20                  MR. RINALDI: Any members have any  
21                  questions for the solicitor?

22                  MR. HOOVER: Bill, where do we stand  
23                  with the ordinance for the skill games? Was it  
24                  three or four?

25                  ATTY. RINALDI: I think I put what

1           you guys wanted, which was three. It's  
2           attached to my report I just did.

3                   MR. KOMENSKY: And we're gonna do  
4           that next month, right?

5                   ATTY. RINALDI: To make the  
6           advertising deadline. So, yeah, three.

7                   MR. HOOVER: Yeah, three. Next  
8           month.

9                   MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

10                  MR. HOOVER: And then the other one  
11           was the speed limit in the Borough.

12                  ATTY. RINALDI: Which I did the ad  
13           for 15 miles an hour, but I think there's been  
14           some discussions with the Chief, so that'll be  
15           next meeting.

16                  MR. HOOVER: 15 or 20? If you go  
17           15, they're gonna go 20. If you go 20, they're  
18           gonna go 25. I don't like to drive 15.

19                  CHIEF DUBERNAS: I know. That's why  
20           I sent the conversation for you guys.

21                   (Inaudible crosstalk.)

22                  MR. RINALDI: Any other members have  
23           any questions for the solicitor?

24                   (No response.)

25                  MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill.

1 MR. KOMENSKY: Oh, I have one.

2 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

3 MR. KOMENSKY: Bill, could we have  
4 an executive in reference to the litigation  
5 notes that you have?

6 ATTY. RINALDI: Sure.

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Right after the  
8 meeting?

9 ATTY. RINALDI: Sure.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Thank you.

11 MR. RINALDI: Borough manager,  
12 Marylynn Bartoletti. Good evening, Marylynn.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Good evening.

14 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
15 for this evening?

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Well, first, does  
17 anyone have any questions on our financial  
18 reports?

19 MR. KOMENSKY: I do, but it's in  
20 reference to the budget, so I'll come and see  
21 you on Friday.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay.

23 MR. KOMENSKY: Because it's rather  
24 lengthy.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: A couple things.

1 Just to bring up the fact that the sewer bills  
2 are actually finally mailed out using our new  
3 software that we had designed.

4 And Joe and I have been working on  
5 some ideas for recycling, since the costs have  
6 been raising higher and higher, and we hope to  
7 have a report for our next meeting for the work  
8 session to give to you and possibly for passage  
9 in the following meeting.

10 And this is for the MS4 committee,  
11 we're going to have a DEP MS4 meeting on August  
12 27th at 9:30. So that's for Joe, Dave, myself,  
13 and anyone from the MS4 committee that could  
14 make it.

15 MR. KOMENSKY: What day is that?

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: August 27th at  
17 9:30.

18 MR. HOOVER: Here, right?

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Correct. And I  
20 know Mike just brought it up, but I'm going to  
21 ask for an executive after this for a personnel  
22 matter. That's it.

23 MR. RINALDI: Any of the members  
24 have any questions for the borough manager?

25 MR. HOOVER: Mare, I want to thank

1           you for all the work you did with the building  
2           flooding the other day. It was horrible when I  
3           came in here. I couldn't believe it. It gets  
4           worse and worse and worse. By the way, Dave,  
5           where are we at with that?

6                     MR. LOPATKA: I have a plan. I sent  
7           it to Joe.

8                     MR. HOOVER: I don't want to hear  
9           plans.

10                    MR. LOPATKA: So I sent it to Joe.  
11           I also sent it out to another contractor just  
12           to get some pricing, and, I mean, they could do  
13           it as soon as we get numbers back, I guess.

14                    MR. HOOVER: Because, I mean, this  
15           building has been flooded twice since it's been  
16           done.

17                    MS. BARTOLETTI: Right. So, so far  
18           we have --

19                    MR. HOOVER: And you have to go  
20           crazy. You got to be lifting computers off the  
21           ground. These guys got other work to do, you  
22           know? I don't have to tell you.

23                    MS. BARTOLETTI: Well, after putting  
24           \$2,000,000 into the building, we shouldn't be  
25           having these problems.

1 MR. HOOVER: No.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: And so our  
3 insurance is involved right now, and  
4 fortunately we have a good staff where  
5 everybody kind of jumped in to try to help with  
6 the situation that was going on.

7 And with Dave's plan, hopefully  
8 we'll, you know, we'll be in good shape.

9 MR. HOOVER: Okay.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: So, Dave, you said  
11 you gave it to Joe?

12 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: I have it, as well,  
14 Mike, if you want --

15 MR. KOMENSKY: Please. Thank you.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: You're welcome.

17 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have  
18 any questions for Marylynn? Joe?

19 MR. LENCESKI: Mike and I, before we  
20 left today, went over Dave's drawings with the  
21 plan, and I think it's a very easy solution.  
22 It's not very complex.

23 We started measuring this evening --  
24 this afternoon, trying to figure out the pipes  
25 and whatnot. As soon as you see it, you'll

1 understand. It's a simple plan. It'll  
2 definitely mitigate the problem.

3 MR. HOOVER: All right. Thanks,  
4 Joe.

5 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Joe.

6 MR. LENCESKI: You're welcome.

7 MR. RINALDI: Before we go into new  
8 business, we'll go into public comment. John  
9 and Sandy Yesnowski.

10 MR. YESNOWSKI: Good evening, folks.  
11 First of all, I'm not here to complain. I've  
12 got too many friends that are sitting in front  
13 of me right now.

14 I just would like to let the Council  
15 know that the drains on Upper Bubernak have to  
16 be addressed. The drain in front of 108, which  
17 is one house up from where I am right now, the  
18 drain takes nothing.

19 The pitch on the road is so severe  
20 that the water from the four houses up from us  
21 and the four houses across the street from us  
22 all flow through 108's front yard right into my  
23 front yard and our front yard, and we're the  
24 only ones with a severe pitch driveway down in  
25 the entire Street.

1 MR. RINALDI: So, John, is the water  
2 running past the drain, not even making it to  
3 the drain?

4 MR. YESNOWSKI: The drain is here,  
5 the curb is here, the water runs in between the  
6 both of them.

7 MR. HOOVER: There's about an  
8 eight-inch difference between the manhole at  
9 Ray's house, which is before John's, and the  
10 curb.

11 If you go down next to Richie's  
12 house, you see, he's here, he's got about ten  
13 inches. And you go down to the last house on  
14 the corner, it's about twelve inches. It just  
15 keeps getting wider out.

16 I mean, that's where they put the  
17 sewer. What happened with the road back then,  
18 I don't know why, you know, what they did, but  
19 that's what happens.

20 There's three of them there and  
21 they're all against the curb, and I just spoke  
22 to you about it --

23 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. Like I said,  
24 you put a bigger box --

25 MR. HOOVER: -- and you mentioned to

1 take those boxes out and put a bigger box  
2 there, which would go to the curb. Then you  
3 could adjust it to the curb. So, it has to be  
4 done, we just have to do it.

5 MR. RINALDI: So, all three boxes  
6 would be extended to the curb?

7 MR. HOOVER: All three boxes would  
8 be extended to the curb line, and then the curb  
9 would have to be -- get some hot stuff, and the  
10 curb would have to be picked up a little bit,  
11 even in front of John's house, his driveway and  
12 his sidewalk --

13 MR. YESNOWSKI: And also Ray's,  
14 because that's where the water is coming  
15 across.

16 MR. HOOVER: And Ray's, and maybe  
17 the house even before that.

18 MR. LOPATKA: What are the  
19 addresses?

20 MR. YESNOWSKI: 108 Bubernak. We're  
21 106, and the water is coming across 108 by the  
22 drain. It's not even in the drain.

23 MR. LOPATKA: Okay.

24 MR. YESNOWSKI: So, I mean, actually  
25 it would -- it was an act of God. I mean,

1           what's in the past is in the past, but, I mean,  
2           when we get a normal thunder storm, the water  
3           from these houses all comes across, goes into  
4           Ray's front yard, into my front yard, down my  
5           driveway. Thank god I've got a French drain in  
6           front of my house.

7                       MR. HOOVER: But Billy drains his  
8           pool, that water comes across the street, as  
9           slow as it is, it comes across the street and  
10          goes in front of John's house and goes right  
11          down the curb line.

12                      MR. YESNOWSKI: Or now since the  
13          road is paved, there's no lip in front of my  
14          sidewalk now. He actually feels bad, Billy  
15          feels bad because the water goes right into my  
16          front yard. I mean, he actually feels bad that  
17          it's happening, but --

18                      MR. HOOVER: Yeah, we'll have to go  
19          look at that, Joe, see.

20                      MR. YESNOWSKI: The hump that used  
21          to be in front of our driveway used to be  
22          probably about four inches. Now, since it's  
23          been paved, it's probably two inches, and that  
24          water just came right over.

25                      MR. RINALDI: So, when they paved

1 it, John, they took the hump away?

2 MR. YESNOWSKI: Oh, absolutely. And  
3 they left it loose.

4 MR. HOOVER: That's not the road we  
5 just paved.

6 MR. RINALDI: Oh, years ago when  
7 they paved it?

8 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

9 MR. YESNOWSKI: Well, 15 years ago,  
10 God rest his soul, Joe Ferry (phonetic) was the  
11 one that had the drains put in. He was the one  
12 that addressed it to Council. They had the  
13 drains put in.

14 What they did was up by Lauren  
15 Kerry's house, which is three houses up from  
16 ours on the opposite side of the street, he  
17 actually took a basketball and rolled it and  
18 just watched it go across the street through  
19 Ray's front yard, right down my driveway  
20 underneath my garage door.

21 So, I'm actually getting all the  
22 water, and whatever's excess coming off of my  
23 driveway is going to Frank's.

24 MR. GAWEL: Yeah, because our drain  
25 is about two feet up to the street. It catches

1 nothing at all.

2 MR. HOOVER: There's three of them  
3 they have to fix.

4 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

5 MR. YESNOWSKI: The drains are just  
6 misplaced. That's all there is to it.

7 MR. RINALDI: So those are the three  
8 we're gonna have to look at, address them by  
9 stretching them out to the curb.

10 MR. YESNOWSKI: And, Russell, before  
11 this even happened, before these roads were  
12 paved this past time, there was a pitch where  
13 it did take some of the water, not all of it,  
14 some of it. I still did get water. The French  
15 drain in front of the driveway took care of it.

16 Now, when they raised it, the pitch  
17 was still there. God knows who complained  
18 about it, they came and they raised the grade  
19 to flat with the road. Does nothing. Nothing  
20 at all.

21 MR. RINALDI: They've raised the  
22 grade recently?

23 MR. YESNOWSKI: Yes. Right after  
24 the road was paved.

25 MR. KOMENSKY: When was it paved,

1 John?

2 MR. LENCESKI: Last year.

3 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

4 MR. YESNOWSKI: So, somebody said  
5 that their car was bottoming out, so somebody  
6 came, they lifted -- they actually, you could  
7 see it, they lifted the drain maybe about three  
8 inches, which alleviated him going 20 miles an  
9 hour out his driveway to all the water coming  
10 into my house.

11 MR. RINALDI: Is this one of the  
12 drains that should be extended?

13 MR. YESNOWSKI: Yes.

14 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

15 MR. YESNOWSKI: This is a main one.  
16 The ones two down from me, I mean, they could  
17 speak for that.

18 This one here, we just lost  
19 everything in our basement over this one. But,  
20 I mean, it's an act of God, but I just don't  
21 want it to happen again with normal thunder  
22 storms.

23 MR. RINALDI: We're going to send  
24 Dave and Joe up. Although, Joe's already aware  
25 of it, correct?

1 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah.

2 MR. RINALDI: Not aware of it, but  
3 you know through conversation what should be  
4 done. And then like Jimmy said, if they have  
5 to be extended, we're going to have to extend  
6 them.

7 MR. YESNOWSKI: I appreciate it. I  
8 really do. I mean, because every time it  
9 rains, I don't want to be three hours away  
10 thinking is my house being washed away again.

11 I mean, we tore everything out of  
12 our downstairs, and the worst thing about it,  
13 insurance doesn't cover it. So we lost just  
14 about everything downstairs. Anything that was  
15 on the floor is gone.

16 Thanks. Thanks for listening to me.  
17 I appreciate it.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Thanks, John.

19 MR. RINALDI: Joanne Schneider. Hi,  
20 Joanne. Good evening.

21 MS. SCHNEIDER: Hi. How are you  
22 guys?

23 MR. RINALDI: Good. Thank you.

24 MS. SCHNEIDER: So, I have the  
25 similar problem that they have, only I don't

1 have a storm drain and I don't know why. I  
2 don't know why they covered it up. There's no  
3 storm drain on the corner of Moosic Road and  
4 1st Street. I live at 203 Moosic Road.

5 So, there's handicap sidewalks all  
6 the way down Moosic Road, and all that water  
7 comes like a river, and there I am. I'm the  
8 first property that's lower on Moosic Road, and  
9 it hits my property.

10 On the other side, all the water  
11 comes down Barber Street. I have no storm  
12 drain there either. And, again, it splits  
13 around Louis Ciuccio's garage and comes  
14 straight at me.

15 So, then also the last time 1st  
16 Street was paved, and that was when Paul Poppi  
17 (phonetic) was with the DPW, the same thing,  
18 it's higher than the curb.

19 He was down, they said they would do  
20 something, nothing was ever done. So, my house  
21 has been flooded a couple times, twice in the  
22 last four weeks.

23 In 2018 it was flooded, the  
24 basement, where we had to put in a new floor  
25 and everything, and then a couple years before

1           that.

2                         So I'm just -- I have sandbags. I'm  
3           sandbagging my property. And maybe that'll  
4           help me, but that water is looking to go  
5           somewhere, and somebody else is going to be in  
6           trouble, and I'm pretty sure a lot of people on  
7           Moosic Road are already in trouble.

8                         MR. RINALDI: Joanne, two quick  
9           questions. First one, although, I know about  
10          your problem, we went back and forth through  
11          messages the past couple days, but I didn't  
12          know about the drain you said that's missing,  
13          where was the drain, on 1st or on Moosic?

14                        MS. SCHNEIDER: It was on the corner  
15          of Moosic Road and 1st Street.

16                        MR. HOOVER: It's front of the old  
17          house?

18                        MS. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. It's gone.  
19          They covered it over.

20                        MR. RINALDI: So it would have been  
21          on 1st Street?

22                        MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, right on the  
23          corner there. It's gone. Like, I have nothing  
24          for that whole block, and all the water just  
25          comes on my property.

1 MR. LENCESKI: Well, if there was  
2 one, the solution would be for us to camera the  
3 line.

4 MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, there was one.

5 MR. LENCESKI: Well, we'll camera  
6 the line, that line that is on the corner of  
7 1st and -- has to go to the system.

8 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

9 MR. HOOVER: I mean, it's the  
10 perfect spot for one, where it's supposed to  
11 be. I mean, per this picture she has here.

12 MS. McCAWLEY: We just pulled up on  
13 Google Maps so we could see.

14 MR. HOOVER: We just pulled up on  
15 Google Maps. I mean, there's some kind of  
16 indention there.

17 MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, I have  
18 pictures of my property here, and before I came  
19 I took pictures, I went out and took pictures  
20 of the corner, and I have them on my phone if  
21 anybody needs to see those.

22 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. Let's see  
23 those.

24 MS. SCHNEIDER: So, I have extended  
25 water coverage on my policy, so they are going

1 to send in Servpro and they're going to replace  
2 my floor.

3 MR. KOMENSKY: So, would you say  
4 when that was paved, how many years ago, it was  
5 there, the drain was there? A couple years?

6 MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, I don't know  
7 when they put the handicap sidewalks in. That  
8 was around the same time. But I've always  
9 lived on that property, so as far as I could  
10 remember.

11 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

12 MS. SCHNEIDER: Until they -- I  
13 think it was around the time of the handicap  
14 sidewalks.

15 MR. KOMENSKY: That's probably  
16 three, four years ago.

17 MS. SCHNEIDER: But if you go by,  
18 I'm the first house, lower than anybody else's,  
19 and it just comes right at me, and, you know,  
20 like, whatever I could do and whatever you guys  
21 can help me with, like, I need advice. I need  
22 help.

23 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

24 MR. HOOVER: Well, if that catch  
25 basin is there and it's paved over, all we have

1 to do is take the asphalt off if Joe can find  
2 it and --

3 MR. LENCESKI: If it's there.

4 MS. SCHNEIDER: It's there.

5 MR. LENCESKI: All I have to do is  
6 contact the water company, see if they could  
7 give me --

8 MR. HOOVER: Because the State would  
9 have made them pave 40 feet in, and that's  
10 covered 40 --

11 MR. LENCESKI: Right.

12 MR. RINALDI: So, Joanne, we could  
13 send Joe down, and, first of all, have him  
14 locate that drain. And if it's there, which  
15 you're saying it is, hopefully it is, then all  
16 we have to do is just contact them to --

17 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

18 MR. RINALDI: Well, why don't you  
19 give Joe your number, Joe could even meet you  
20 there, and then you could show him where it was  
21 or where it is.

22 MS. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

23 MR. RINALDI: And then he could  
24 contact the water company, and if it's there,  
25 and I believe you it's there, but if they find

1           it there, then we could have them take the  
2           macadam out. Correct?

3                   MR. LENCESKI: Yeah. I've done that  
4           before for buried manholes.

5                   MR. RINALDI: Right. Why don't you  
6           give Joe your number and then you could set a  
7           time up to meet you there and then you could  
8           show him it?

9                   MS. SCHNEIDER: All right. Thank  
10          you guys. Anything you could do, I really  
11          appreciate it.

12                   MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

13                   MR. RINALDI: Kathy McGarry. Hi,  
14          Kathy. Good evening.

15                   MS. McGARRY: I live at 105 Rosalie  
16          Street and I am interested in purchasing a  
17          piece of property the Borough owns, which is  
18          addressed Rear 105 Rosalie Street. I think it  
19          might have been brought up at the Council  
20          before.

21                           It's a landlocked piece of land. My  
22          neighbor next to me on the right already has  
23          the chunk in his chain of title. My chain of  
24          title took a different map. There's two deed  
25          maps, and one has different figures than the

1 other.

2 MR. RINALDI: One has what?

3 MS. McGARRY: Different lengths.

4 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

5 MS. McGARRY: So, that's what I'm  
6 interested in.

7 MR. RINALDI: You're interested in  
8 purchasing the piece?

9 MS. McGARRY: That's right. It's a  
10 landlocked piece of land right behind me that's  
11 addressed -- for years I thought it was  
12 Verrastros who owned it.

13 I actually went up to them and they  
14 came back and they said they couldn't tell if  
15 they really did or not. They never got back to  
16 me. This has been a long process for me trying  
17 to find out who owns it.

18 MR. RINALDI: Is this the piece that  
19 we had surveyed?

20 ATTY. RINALDI: Is Dave Cherundolo  
21 your attorney?

22 MS. McGARRY: Yes.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: I just e-mailed him  
24 this week. I told him that we were gonna do an  
25 appraisal. I told him there's probably gonna

1           need an easement if Council wants to sell it,  
2           and --

3                       MS. McGARRY:   Okay.

4                       MR. HOOVER:   There is a pipe there,  
5           right, Bill?

6                       MS. McGARRY:   Maybe I can show you,  
7           also.  It doesn't have --

8                       ATTY. RINALDI:  I have exactly where  
9           it is and --

10                      MS. McGARRY:  No, the difference in  
11           the two maps.

12                      ATTY. RINALDI:  I have that map.

13                      MS. McGARRY:  Right.  And how my  
14           neighbor's chain of title has a different  
15           length than one of the maps.

16                      ATTY. RINALDI:  Yep.

17                      MR. RINALDI:  So, Bill, you sent her  
18           attorney the information?

19                      ATTY. RINALDI:  The last meeting I  
20           said order the appraisal.

21                      MR. RINALDI:  Right.

22                      ATTY. RINALDI:  And I let him know  
23           that we're going to do that, you're going to  
24           get that, and we'll make a decision what you're  
25           going to do.

1 MR. RINALDI: Okay. So, then we're  
2 going to wait for the appraisal to come back,  
3 you'll get the information that our attorney  
4 sent Dave, and then once we get the information  
5 back, as well, this information you're going to  
6 get, we'll know what the appraisal came back  
7 at.

8 MS. McGARRY: Okay.

9 MR. RINALDI: And then you're going  
10 to have the choice if you would like to  
11 purchase it or not.

12 ATTY. RINALDI: It'll have to go up  
13 for public auction and --

14 MS. McGARRY: Okay.

15 ATTY. RINALDI: He'll know what  
16 needs to be done.

17 MS. McGARRY: Is the public auction  
18 held here? Somewhere else?

19 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah, you could have  
20 it here. They usually are.

21 MS. McGARRY: Okay. Thank you.

22 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.  
23 Jeffrey Shults. Hi.

24 MR. SHULTS: I live on Franklin  
25 Street and my front of my house there's a ditch

1           that runs the whole way, and I would like to be  
2           able to access, like, a driveway-type thing  
3           from the front of Franklin Street.

4                     My driveway now is on Gaylord  
5           Street, which it's weird, it's a weird setup,  
6           and I would just like to be able to get a  
7           driveway-type thing on the right side.

8                     MR. RINALDI: On Franklin, you said?

9                     MR. SHULTS: On Franklin, the ditch,  
10          yeah.

11                    MS. McCAWLEY: What's the address?

12                    MR. SHULTS: 1200.

13                    CHIEF DUBERNAS: Corner of Gaylord  
14          and Franklin.

15                    MR. SHULTS: Yes.

16                    CHIEF DUBERNAS: Left-hand side.

17                    MR. RINALDI: Jeff, would you mind  
18          coming up here for a quick second?

19                    MR. SHULTS: Sure.

20                    MR. RINALDI: Is this yours right  
21          here on the corner?

22                    MR. SHULTS: Yes.

23                    MR. RINALDI: And you want to access  
24          it from --

25                    MR. SHULTS: The right side.

1           Actually, I got a bigger picture.

2                       MR. RINALDI: Yeah, go ahead. Even  
3           better. Show us on there.

4                       MR. SHULTS: Here's looking up from  
5           my porch. That's the ditch, it runs the whole  
6           length of the property, and I would just like  
7           on the one side it'd be easier to go that way  
8           into the yard because that's the full yard,  
9           where the other side is smaller.

10                      MR. RINALDI: You want access to get  
11           vehicles there?

12                      MR. SHULTS: Yeah. I purchased a  
13           new camper, so I'm trying to get it -- going  
14           through Gaylord Street, I'm trying to get in  
15           the yard with it.

16                      MR. LENCESKI: So, what he wants to  
17           do, he wants to put a pipe in so he could drive  
18           over it, because we have a ditch there.

19                      MR. HOOVER: Yeah, there's a swale  
20           already there.

21                      MR. LENCESKI: Going up throughout  
22           the whole entire heights, whenever anyone has a  
23           driveway, they put a pipe in, and they could  
24           access it and still the water could flow down.

25                      MR. RINALDI: So, you're willing to

1 put the pipe in and do what you're supposed to  
2 do?

3 MR. SHULTS: Yeah.

4 MR. HOOVER: Put the asphalt over  
5 the top of it? Yeah, you could do it.

6 MR. SHULTS: Okay?

7 MR. RINALDI: Well, I mean, you're  
8 going to have to go to -- Joe, he's going to  
9 have to go to Mike, right, for the permit?

10 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah. If there is a  
11 permit for that.

12 MR. HOOVER: We just have to make  
13 sure it's done right.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Is it in our right  
15 of way, Dave, or his property?

16 MR. LOPATKA: I'm assuming it's our  
17 right of way.

18 MR. HOOVER: Who owns the swale, the  
19 Borough or --

20 ATTY. RINALDI: The swale's probably  
21 us.

22 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. But if he's  
23 putting a driveway in, he would have to put a  
24 pipe under it.

25 MR. RINALDI: If you're paying for

1           it, Jeff, Council has no problem. So, you just  
2           have to follow what the engineer would tell you  
3           and what Joe would tell you to do.

4                     MR. SHULTS: Okay.

5                     MR. RINALDI: Okay?

6                     MR. SHULTS: Yep.

7                     MR. RINALDI: You want to get in  
8           touch with Joe?

9                     MR. SHULTS: Yeah. Thanks.

10                    MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Joe,  
11           would you mind giving him your number so then  
12           you could explain to him what he needs to do?

13                    MR. LENCESKI: Yeah.

14                    MR. RINALDI: Jeff, anything else?

15                    MR. SHULTS: No. That was it.

16           Thank you.

17                    MR. RINALDI: Bryan Riviello.

18                    MR. RIVIELLO: I have a couple  
19           things. One is a little bit kind of in the  
20           past. I was told last year that East Morton  
21           was -- I'm on East Morton Street -- that we  
22           were on the paving list for this year, but then  
23           I was just informed that that kind of got  
24           pushed back.

25                    They were supposed to do it last

1 year, I guess, with, like, the liquid fuel tax  
2 revenue. Was that true? And is it also being  
3 pushed back again?

4 Because I know UGI and water, they  
5 were all out and they marked up our blocks. I  
6 was just curious if that was still -- if it was  
7 pushed back, on the horizon or what? Does  
8 anybody have any --

9 MR. HOOVER: Right now the paving  
10 program is on hold because we're getting the  
11 funds later in the year this year. So it's  
12 going to be probably pushed back until next  
13 year, but you're number one on the list.

14 MR. RIVIELLO: Okay.

15 MR. HOOVER: I keep telling  
16 everybody that. They don't want to hear it  
17 until it's done, of course.

18 MR. RIVIELLO: And that would be  
19 from Main to --

20 MR. HOOVER: It'll be main to  
21 Rosalie.

22 MR. RIVIELLO: Okay. I'm at 220, so  
23 I'm --

24 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

25 MR. HOOVER: It's about 380,000, so

1           it's going to be done. I called the gas  
2           company and I called the water company to find  
3           out if they have any work to do on this street  
4           before then to get it done before then.

5                   MR. RIVIELLO: Great. Like I said,  
6           I saw everything kind of marked off throughout  
7           all the blocks --

8                   MR. HOOVER: So, maybe they're doing  
9           some work down there.

10                   MR. RIVIELLO: Yeah. I think they  
11          did it, I don't know, maybe in the early  
12          spring. Kind of right after the weather  
13          changed from the winter.

14                   The other one is, and I want to  
15          commend Joe for being fantastic for the past,  
16          like, six, eight weeks. My house has been  
17          flooded, like, three or four times, coming in  
18          through the sewer.

19                   So, I know last week we had, like, a  
20          crazy three-plus inches of rain in an hour and  
21          a half, which is unheard of, so I understand  
22          we're going to have some issues, but I guess my  
23          bigger issue is what can we do to kind of  
24          prevent that?

25                   I talked to people. I've only lived

1 on the street about ten years. I talked to  
2 people that have been there, like, 20, 30 years  
3 and they said that it was an issue in the past  
4 from Orchard to East Morton that something, the  
5 line broke, they fixed it, repaired something,  
6 and then there was no more issues, and now it's  
7 behaving the same way it did all those years  
8 ago.

9 So, I know that Joe had said that  
10 there was a camera down on the line and  
11 everything kind of looked okay, but I'm just  
12 curious as to what can we do to kind of help  
13 this? Because it's gonna rain tomorrow and I  
14 know my wife and I already have a little bit of  
15 anxiety, like, are we going to get hit again?

16 I've had to have a plumber come out.  
17 We had a just about total loss to our boiler.  
18 Thankfully the plumber was backed up and he  
19 hasn't been able to repair the electrical yet  
20 because with the rain we got last week,  
21 whatever he was going to fix, he would have had  
22 to do again. That, the water heater, you know,  
23 just like everybody else has had stuff in their  
24 basement damaged, but my problem is it's coming  
25 in through the sewer.

1                   So I'm just, I understand that, you  
2                   know, last week, you know, notwithstanding that  
3                   was a once in a hopefully lifetime type of rain  
4                   that it came so fast, but this has to be, you  
5                   know, this is probably the third or fourth time  
6                   this year, and it did, now thinking back, we've  
7                   gotten water once before, same kind of  
8                   behavior.

9                   I just wrote that off as it was just  
10                  a one time kind of thing, but obviously, since  
11                  I wasn't able to see it, this time I was, it  
12                  came in through that sewer again. So I'm just  
13                  trying to figure out what can we do --

14                 MR. RINALDI: Where are you getting  
15                 it exactly into your house?

16                 MR. HOOVER: What's your address?

17                 MR. RIVIELLO: 220. I'm right next  
18                 to Mike Ross. So, there's -- front of my  
19                 house, if you go down from, like, my living  
20                 room --

21                 MR. RINALDI: You're on the  
22                 right-hand side?

23                 MR. RIVIELLO: Yeah. I'm right  
24                 across from Pat Ostella (phonetic).

25                 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

1 MR. RIVIELLO: So, if you look in my  
2 picture window, if you were able to go straight  
3 down, I have my line out, utilities, sink,  
4 washer, drier, so it's coming in through the  
5 sewer.

6 I actually, I can show you exactly  
7 where it is coming in because I do have a video  
8 of how I saw it coming through.

9 So, I know that it could be fixed by  
10 installing, you know --

11 MR. RINALDI: It's coming through a  
12 wall, coming out of one of your sinks or  
13 toilets?

14 MR. RIVIELLO: No. So, it's coming  
15 through the lowest point in the house. You can  
16 see right there. That's, like, the --

17 MR. RINALDI: Oh, it's coming  
18 through your drain?

19 MR. RIVIELLO: Coming through the  
20 drain.

21 MR. RINALDI: Oh, you have a drain  
22 in your floor?

23 MR. RIVIELLO: Yeah.

24 MR. KOMENSKY: So, Jimmy, rain  
25 gutters and the -- so, really, what causes a

1 lot of that, not to -- Dave, right?

2 MR. LOPATKA: What's that?

3 MR. HOOVER: It's a single system  
4 down here, right?

5 MR. KOMENSKY: Single system. When  
6 you get rain that hard and people have gutters  
7 in the sanitary line that they're not supposed  
8 to --

9 MR. RIVIELLO: Well, that's illegal.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: That's right.

11 MR. RIVIELLO: I know mine are not.

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes. But so you're  
13 putting the extra water --

14 MR. RIVIELLO: Sure. And it can't  
15 support it --

16 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

17 MR. KOMENSKY: So it's pushing the  
18 water and that's where it's coming out.

19 MR. RIVIELLO: Right. So, is there  
20 anything that the Borough can do to kind of  
21 look at people who may have the gutters tied  
22 right into the sewer? Because --

23 MR. LOPATKA: I don't know if  
24 ordinance-wise it's probably in the ordinance.

25 MR. RIVIELLO: But, like, how could

1 we figure out who it is? You know what I mean?  
2 Because somebody has their gutters tied right  
3 in, there's nothing they can do to avoid having  
4 this problem unless they have to remove them.

5 Like I said, I know mine run right  
6 alongside my house. The other one runs right  
7 out the driveway. It's not --

8 MR. RINALDI: Is it every rainstorm  
9 or is it on the heavy ones, heavy, fast ones?

10 MR. RIVIELLO: So, it's been three  
11 times since June. It was maybe once around  
12 father's day where the rain wasn't as bad as  
13 the last couple, but then it was July 13th,  
14 July 16th, and then last Wednesday, which I  
15 think was August the 13th.

16 MR. RINALDI: So, it's probably the  
17 same storms that we all got flooded.

18 MR. RIVIELLO: Yeah.

19 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Because I get  
20 flooded too, and I know the storms which I got  
21 flooded on. So, it's not all of them, but it's  
22 the heavy ones that come down quick, fast, and  
23 we just can't take it.

24 MR. RIVIELLO: So, is this something  
25 maybe, like, the piping needs to be looked at?

1 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

2 MR. RIVIELLO: But it's definitely  
3 older piping. So I don't know if that's  
4 something that can be kind of looked at it.  
5 I'm just looking for a solution.

6 It's not only for me, it's for  
7 everybody on my street, because we've all had  
8 the same issues in the last couple weeks and  
9 everybody's really, really frustrated at this  
10 point.

11 We don't usually get much water, you  
12 know, every once in a while a little seepage  
13 water, but nothing like this.

14 When I walked down in my basement  
15 and I looked and I saw the water, I heard the  
16 water, and I just couldn't believe that that  
17 came through like that. I was just kind of,  
18 you know, blown away by it, but --

19 MR. HOOVER: Joe, what size is in  
20 the street down there?

21 MR. LOPATKA: Is it combined, too,  
22 Joe?

23 MR. LENCESKI: It's combined, so six  
24 inches. That area where Bryan lives is kind of  
25 like a bathtub; therefore, it's a combination

1 system, all the water's coming down the alley,  
2 like I said, where it's cupped, the water's  
3 going into the storm water catch basins that  
4 enters that system, and there's so much  
5 pressure and it just backs up.

6 MR. LOPATKA: The pipe is getting  
7 overtaxed.

8 MR. HOOVER: Just like Drakes Lane.

9 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

10 MR. RIVIELLO: Well, I think with  
11 the one last week, we got the runoff, they  
12 paved Drakes, hooked up with the runoff on  
13 Main, and literally, like he said, right, you  
14 know, two houses before me, the road kind of  
15 sits down, and that's where all the --

16 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

17 MR. LENCESKI: The house was under  
18 water.

19 MR. RIVIELLO: Yeah.

20 MR. RINALDI: It was ponding.

21 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

22 MR. RIVIELLO: Yeah. But they had  
23 to close the street off. There's a vacant lot  
24 next to one of my neighbors, it was totally  
25 flooded out, but then within an hour the water,

1           you know, shot back out.

2                        So, once, I guess, when the pipe  
3 gets kind of cleared out, then it's going to  
4 kind of pull back.

5                        I don't want to have to see this  
6 happen again. Like I said, I definitely think  
7 we can install that check -- (Inaudible) --  
8 whatever they're called and fix that, but then  
9 what am I doing, I'm taking my water and  
10 pushing it down so it's somebody else's  
11 problem.

12                       I would like to see something maybe  
13 kind of be looked at so we can kind of try and  
14 prevent this from happening to everybody again.

15                       You know, whether it be, you know,  
16 older piping or people tying their gutters, a  
17 combination of everything, it's just I'm just  
18 really frustrated that, you know, this  
19 continues to happen and every time, you know, a  
20 storm comes, I have to worry about this.

21                       So, I don't know if there's anything  
22 we can do, you know, sewer fundage-wise (sic),  
23 reinvestment, something that maybe.

24                       And I know Joe and I had, like, a  
25 little chat about it, it's definitely going to

1 be something super expensive to go and replace  
2 all kinds of sewer lines, but if it needs to be  
3 done, I'm sure people would be happier to see  
4 that money used for something like that to  
5 prevent us from having any type of issues like  
6 this down the road.

7 So, I'm just kind of looking for  
8 some sort of a solution for everything going  
9 forward.

10 MR. RINALDI: Well, again, my  
11 question to Joe, Joe, you are, you're obviously  
12 aware of it, there's no use camera in the line  
13 then, is there?

14 MR. LENCESKI: I already did.

15 MR. RINALDI: Oh, you already did  
16 camera it?

17 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah.

18 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

19 MR. RIVIELLO: No. Marylynn was  
20 able to send it to me. I didn't watch it just  
21 because it was lengthy, but --

22 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

23 MR. RIVIELLO: I've seen them before  
24 because we had to replace a line in our home,  
25 and I know what they look like, but I'm just

1           trying to figure out how we could kind of help  
2           everybody out.

3                       MR. LENCESKI: So, Bryan, my next  
4           step, I'm having Mike Ford camera that line  
5           because that line hooks over and goes in  
6           between --

7                       MR. RIVIELLO: Yeah, and that's  
8           where that pond was, between those guys.

9                       MR. LENCESKI: So he's going to  
10          camera that, because in the past when they did  
11          that work and replaced it, my brother lived  
12          across the street, and on Ferry's (phonetic)  
13          property, I believe it was his, he had a huge,  
14          a massive tree, he cut it down since, but those  
15          roots got in the terra cotta lines and did  
16          create a blockage, because my brother got  
17          flooded out also years ago.

18                      MR. RIVIELLO: So, the one that you  
19          guys had cameraed, was that the one in front of  
20          215 that's going --

21                      MR. LENCESKI: From the manhole  
22          right up the street. Right past your house.

23                      MR. RIVIELLO: Okay. Okay. All  
24          right. Okay. Because I know the, you know,  
25          the catch basins, they keep water in them, but

1           it just seemed like after all of the rains that  
2           we got, it was still kind of all towards the  
3           trap.

4                        I looked at it yesterday, it still  
5           seemed kind of high, and I know we got some  
6           rain, but, you know, not a large amount. So  
7           I'm concerned because of the more rain coming,  
8           so --

9                        MR. LENCESKI: Yeah. I gave Mike  
10          Ford a list of multiple storm water catch  
11          basins. You know, I'm just trying to pick away  
12          at them.

13                       MR. RIVIELLO: Okay. And like I  
14          said, I wanted to commend Joe, he's probably  
15          called me at least five times. Every time I've  
16          had an issue, he's been kind of filling me in,  
17          telling me what's going on, telling me, Hey, we  
18          have somebody coming out. He's coming out  
19          between 6 and 8:00 at night. And he was.

20                        And it, you know, it's nice that I  
21          was kind of kept informed. So, I wanted to,  
22          you know, tell you guys that he's doing a solid  
23          job.

24                        MR. RINALDI: Yeah. Joe's on top of  
25          it.

1 MR. RIVIELLO: Yeah. No,  
2 definitely. Definitely. And before when Paul  
3 was in charge, he was down the street from me,  
4 so any time we had issues, we would just kind  
5 of see him.

6 So, yeah, but, no, Joe's doing a  
7 good job. So, again, I appreciate that.

8 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

9 MR. RIVIELLO: But like I said, just  
10 kind of looking for something that maybe could  
11 be done for all of us to kind of, you know, fix  
12 it.

13 MR. RINALDI: Joe, camera that other  
14 line, see what's going on first, then take a  
15 move after that?

16 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah.

17 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

18 MR. RIVIELLO: All right. Thank you  
19 guys. I really appreciate it.

20 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bryan. Lorie  
21 Lugin.

22 MS. LUGIN: I think my problem's  
23 already been resolved. I just spoke to Joe  
24 before the meeting.

25 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

1 MS. LUGIN: We're having a terrible  
2 flooding problem on Wyalusing Street. All the  
3 water that's coming down off of Ray Street from  
4 Austin Heights to Keyser Avenue, there's no  
5 drains at the bottom to Ray Street at all, so  
6 all the water is pooling and it's flowing into  
7 the back yards of my father-in-law's house and  
8 my husband's house. We were flooded three  
9 times now.

10 MR. HOOVER: Dave, that's where you  
11 met the other day, on Wyalusing, remember --

12 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

13 MR. HOOVER: -- that guy on the  
14 corner came out?

15 MR. LOPATKA: Uh-huh. We'll add  
16 that, too.

17 MR. HOOVER: You'll add that, too,  
18 next week?

19 MR. LOPATKA: Yep.

20 MS. LUGIN: Okay. So that addresses  
21 my problem. Thank you very much.

22 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.  
23 Frank, you're on the list. Would you like to  
24 speak?

25 MR. GAWEL: Yeah. 12 Bubernak.

1 MR. RINALDI: Give her your last  
2 name again, Frank.

3 MR. GAWEL: G-A-W-E-L. Shouldn't  
4 there be a bigger crown in the street so the  
5 water from the opposite side doesn't come on  
6 our side?

7 MR. RINALDI: A bigger crown?

8 MR. GAWEL: There's no drains on the  
9 opposite side of the street at all. The drain  
10 down from my house really doesn't help me, but  
11 it helps the neighbor who probably gets water  
12 every time it rains.

13 MR. RINALDI: I apologize, I didn't  
14 hear what you said. Did you say a bigger crown  
15 in the street?

16 MR. GAWEL: Yeah.

17 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

18 MR. GAWEL: Like, the road is pretty  
19 flat, the water just runs right across. People  
20 drain their pools on the other side of the  
21 street, it just runs onto our side. It doesn't  
22 go in the drain by my house because it's two  
23 feet out in the road.

24 MR. RINALDI: Well, we would have to  
25 ask Dave or Joe to go out and look at the

1 height of the crown, but I think we should do  
2 the sewers first, like Councilman Hoover was  
3 saying with Joe and Dave, they said all the  
4 sewers have to be backed in. Not saying we  
5 can't take a look at the crown either, though.

6 MR. GAWEL: Did the Borough pay for  
7 that or did the cable company that put the  
8 cable in, did they pay for the paving there  
9 last year? You guys did?

10 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

11 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

12 MR. HOOVER: John, did we pave your  
13 road last year? It was the year before, wasn't  
14 it?

15 MR. YESNOWSKI: No, I think it was  
16 last year.

17 MR. HOOVER: Okay.

18 MR. GAWEL: Now, we had them come  
19 back because they were down by your house  
20 paving, Jimmy, and Teresa ran down to get the  
21 guy to come make our hump bigger, but the hump  
22 is falling apart because they didn't put it in  
23 right. They didn't roll it. They just packed  
24 it down. I mean, it needs to be rolled and it  
25 needs to be sealed.

1 MR. YESNOWSKI: I had half of it  
2 against my garage door.

3 MR. RINALDI: The hump? Do you have  
4 his address, Joe, Frank's?

5 MR. GAWEL: I'm 104 Bubernak.

6 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

7 MR. RINALDI: So, Frank, we'll ask  
8 Joe, he'll come over and take a look at yours,  
9 too. We're going to have him look at Sandy and  
10 John's, and also we could have Dave and him  
11 look at the crown, but first we're going to  
12 attend to the sewers first.

13 MR. GAWEL: Now, over on Winter,  
14 this is another property, this an accident  
15 waiting to happen, the bottom of Winter down  
16 from the Russian church, the bottom of the  
17 hill, there's two storm drains that are very  
18 low.

19 The cars don't want to drive on that  
20 side of the road, so they all come onto the,  
21 like, if you're headed up towards the church,  
22 they all drive on the right because it's  
23 smoother.

24 When you hit the side on the left,  
25 if you're going up the hill, you're okay

1           because you're on the right. Coming down the  
2           hill, they switch over to the wrong side to  
3           miss them two storm drains. It's an accident  
4           waiting to happen.

5                        When you come up that hill -- or if  
6           you're coming down the hill, the car's on the  
7           wrong side.

8                        MR. RINALDI: The gully that's below  
9           Winter?

10                      MR. GAWEL: Yeah. It's been a  
11           problem there for a long time, but now they put  
12           a basketball hoop up right there, the kids are  
13           playing basketball right there. God forbid one  
14           of them gets hit, you know, with somebody on  
15           the wrong side, somebody coming down and  
16           swerving over.

17                      MR. RINALDI: We'll ask Joe to stop  
18           over there, too.

19                      MR. GAWEL: I don't know what could  
20           be done there, but that's a major issue.

21                      MR. HOOVER: That whole cut has to  
22           be done. That whole cut has to be dug up and  
23           put hot stuff in and put top in and tar it  
24           because it's right at the bottom of the hill,  
25           and low profile cars, no matter how you hit it,

1           they like to go around it, because I do it.  
2           They go around it because the low profile car,  
3           John's car, you can't go in it because you'll  
4           kill the bottom of your car.

5                     And that guy that lives right there  
6           has a nice sports car, you know, so --

7                     MR. GAWEL: Thank you.

8                     MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

9           Before we go into new business, would anyone  
10          else from the public like to address us?

11                    (No response.)

12                    MR. RINALDI: Okay. We'll move into  
13          our first item of new business. The first item  
14          will be a motion to approve payment to American  
15          Asphalt. Marylynn, do you have the amount?

16                    MS. BARTOLETTI: The amount is  
17          \$20,950.

18                    MR. RINALDI: Motion to approve  
19          payment to American Asphalt in the amount of  
20          \$20,950.

21                    MR. HOOVER: I'll make that motion.

22                    MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
23          Councilman Hoover.

24                    MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second.

25                    MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman

1 Komensky. On the question?  
2 (No response.)  
3 MR. RINALDI: Public input?  
4 (No response.)  
5 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.  
6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
7 Mikolaczyk?  
8 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Yes.  
9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
10 McCawley?  
11 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.  
12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
13 Komensky?  
14 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.  
15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?  
16 MR. BUTLER: Yes.  
17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?  
18 MR. HOOVER: Mare, what was this  
19 for? Is that for doing Bubernak again?  
20 MR. LOPATKA: This was for Edgewood.  
21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Edgewood.  
22 MR. HOOVER: Oh, Edgewood. Okay.  
23 I'm good. Yes.  
24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?  
25 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number two

1 would be a resolution adopting fees and escrow  
2 deposits required pursuant to Chapter 305,  
3 305-50 B, section 3, Fees, escrow deposits, of  
4 the code of the Borough of Old Forge.

5 At the time the Chair's going to  
6 entertain a motion to adopt a resolution of the  
7 Old Forge Borough of Lackawanna County,  
8 Pennsylvania, adopting the fee and escrow  
9 deposits under Chapter 305 subdivision and land  
10 development ordinance for the Borough of Old  
11 Forge of the code of the Borough of Old Forge.

12 MS. McCAWLEY: I'll make the motion.

13 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
14 Councilwoman McCawley.

15 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second it.

16 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman  
17 Komensky. On the question?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

23 Mikołaczyk?

24 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

1 McCawley?

2 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

4 Komensky?

5 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

7 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

9 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

11 MR. RINALDI: Yes. There's no more  
12 items under new business. If none of the  
13 members have anything, we'll go down the table,  
14 and we'll hear from our mayor first. Mayor  
15 Legg, good evening.

16 MAYOR LEGG: Good evening. Thank  
17 you, Mr. Chairman. I have nothing.

18 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Thank  
19 you. Councilman Mikolaczyk?

20 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Thank you,  
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

23 MR. MIKOLACZYK: I have, this week,  
24 I have 21 storm-related incidents, flooding.  
25 I'm the target on this deal. Most were, of

1 course, with the four and a half inches of rain  
2 in the 90 minutes. So, to kind of set  
3 everybody at ease, I'm going to tell people,  
4 you know, not what they want to hear but what  
5 they should know.

6 Joe Lenceski and I have been  
7 messaging back and forth. For the brevity of  
8 this, we'll keep it -- Joe, you have all the  
9 actual complainants right in their own verbiage  
10 to you, and you're going to take care of that.  
11 There was just three new players, and these  
12 actually came in before the four and a half  
13 inches of rain.

14 So, the one kind of goes to the one  
15 we already addressed here near Saint Nick's  
16 Church. The same deal, and Joanne Schneider,  
17 I'm glad you were here, because we've been  
18 messaging back and forth all week, but same  
19 deal with yours, there are two storm drains  
20 apparently that are covered over where the  
21 water comes down at the confluence of Vine and  
22 Maple, and when they put the handicap ramp in  
23 with the ADA pad, that apparently they -- I  
24 can't imagine anyone would cover over a storm  
25 inlet. I mean, you'd have to -- first of all,

1           you'd either have to fill it in or get some  
2           type of a metal plate on type and pave over. I  
3           can't imagine.

4                        But Alice Smith, who has mentioned  
5           to me for two weeks on this deal before the  
6           storm, said that there are two storm drains and  
7           she is repeatedly getting flooding now Maple  
8           Street, Church, down the hill from Vine. So,  
9           Joe, you already have that today.

10                      The other is two inlet covers, and  
11           these are the non-bicycle friendly, the inlet  
12           covers not at an angle, so the old inlet covers  
13           in Austin Heights, have been either fractured  
14           or rusting through. And that was on my e-mail,  
15           again, which we responded this morning, Joe.  
16           Just take a look at that.

17                      And a new player on the deal is Lou  
18           Febbo who is demanding something be done for  
19           the runoff on Angela Drive, which whenever it  
20           rains it goes for, like, four or five days in  
21           the gutter and flows down to Keyser Avenue.

22                      So, my question on that, now I know  
23           that that is true, that I see water running  
24           down all the time, I don't know, you know, how  
25           far this goes back; however, is that part of

1 the Iacavazzi landfill up on the hill where  
2 that's coming from? Because if that drainage  
3 is, the EPA's responsible for 30 years on the  
4 maintenance of that Superfund cleanup site,  
5 which would cost the Borough nothing to have  
6 DEP from public square take a look at that.

7 Is that runoff all of a sudden  
8 because of the vegetation dying or because of  
9 the erosion from the Iacavazzi land site?  
10 Because that is directly up the hill, which is  
11 fenced off from that.

12 I'm just curious about that, because  
13 it would cost nothing to have this either  
14 looked at and/or remediated.

15 MR. LENCESKI: We also went up there  
16 when we went to the other locations in town,  
17 Jimmy and Dave, and the debris that's coming to  
18 Lou's is coming from Iacavazzi Drive.

19 MR. MIKOLACZYK: See, that's what I  
20 thought.

21 MR. LENCESKI: There is, like, a  
22 mound of dirt running that property line on the  
23 other side of the fence.

24 MR. MIKOLACZYK: And that's because  
25 of lack of erosion at the Superfund site which

1 is causing all of this now, which has  
2 absolutely no -- you know, there's no  
3 vegetation, nothing like crown vetch or  
4 anything to hold that embankment back, is that  
5 because of, like, the years of just --

6 MR. LENCESKI: No. This is just the  
7 gravel road.

8 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Oh, just the gravel  
9 road.

10 MR. LENCESKI: We were up there. As  
11 compared to everywhere else we went, that  
12 problem is like this big.

13 MR. MIKOLACZYK: I see. I see. But  
14 I just wanted to address that because that's  
15 the latest daily, you know, daily message I'm  
16 getting.

17 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah. We've been up  
18 there multiple times, myself, Jimmy, Dave --

19 MR. MIKOLACZYK: That's great.

20 MR. HOOVER: Rusty, we were up there  
21 about six months ago when Lou left here, maybe  
22 last year, we went up and we looked at it, and  
23 that used to be a private road for years, and  
24 nothing --

25 MR. MIKOLACZYK: I kind of thought

1           it was a private road.

2                       MR. HOOVER:  -- and nothing had to  
3           be done with it.  As soon as we took the road  
4           over --

5                       MR. MIKOLACZYK:  I see.

6                       (Inaudible crosstalk.)

7                       ATTY. RINALDI:  -- is a driveway --

8                       (Inaudible crosstalk.)

9                       MR. MIKOLACZYK:  Yep.  That's what  
10          you were getting at, Jim.

11                      ATTY. RINALDI:  Because it's owned  
12          by Lou Ciuccio, and Paul had to go to Court  
13          against Lou to get that lot there.

14                      MR. HOOVER:  Right.  And from the  
15          dead end at Angela, as you go up to the right  
16          up to Iacavazzi's house, that's nothing but  
17          gravel road.

18                      MR. MIKOLACZYK:  I see.

19                      MR. HOOVER:  And that water comes  
20          down there and takes the stones with it.

21                      MR. MIKOLACZYK:  That's what it is.

22                      MR. HOOVER:  The vegetation now --

23                      (Inaudible crosstalk.)

24                      MR. HOOVER:  On the right-hand side,  
25          the vegetation where the swale is, that does

1           have to be cleaned up.

2                   MR. MIKOLACZYK: Oh, I see.

3                   MR. HOOVER: And Joe's in the  
4           process of trying to do that.

5                   MR. MIKOLACZYK: So there's a swale?

6                   MR. HOOVER: There is a swale there.

7                   MR. MIKOLACZYK: Okay.

8                   MR. HOOVER: But that swale goes  
9           down to a catch basin by the fire hydrant, and  
10          then it's just aboveground water. That swale  
11          then goes across the street through a four-inch  
12          pipe and goes through Lou's property, down to  
13          the river down --

14                   (Inaudible crosstalk.)

15                   MR. MIKOLACZYK: It flows into the  
16          creek?

17                   MR. HOOVER: Goes across in a pipe.  
18          The pipe shoots it by his driveway, on his  
19          property, past that, and then into Rose --

20                   MR. MIKOLACZYK: Rosemont.

21                   MR. HOOVER: -- Rosemont Lane, and  
22          it goes into the crick.

23                   MR. MIKOLACZYK: Got it.

24                   MR. HOOVER: It was like that for  
25          years.

1 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Okay.

2 MR. HOOVER: Didn't have a problem  
3 with it. Now, all of a sudden he wants --

4 MR. MIKOLACZYK: All of a sudden.  
5 Yeah, I get a daily message nothing is being  
6 done and he demands action.

7 MR. HOOVER: That's why he's on you,  
8 because I couldn't get nothing done fast enough  
9 for him.

10 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Thanks. I just  
11 wanted --

12 MR. HOOVER: But Joe's going to  
13 clean the swale out.

14 MR. LENCESKI: The guys have been  
15 working on it 15 -- after the storm, we were  
16 cleaning up, sweeping up gravel.

17 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Is that like a rip  
18 rap swale?

19 MR. LENCESKI: No. It's --

20 MR. MIKOLACZYK: No. It's just a  
21 ditch? It's just a ditch, right?

22 MR. LENCESKI: It's a ditch.

23 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Good. But thanks  
24 again for -- you know, I forwarded everything  
25 in their own verbiage. Thanks for looking into

1 all that stuff, too, for the brevity of this.  
2 I just wanted the three new players on this  
3 complainant's list. So, thanks, Joe. Thanks,  
4 Jim.

5 MR. HOOVER: But he wants the water  
6 to go down to Keyser Avenue.

7 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Yes.

8 MR. HOOVER: And we can't put runoff  
9 water onto Keyser Avenue. PennDOT will go  
10 crazy.

11 MR. MIKOLACZYK: That's right.

12 MR. HOOVER: You know that.

13 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Absolutely.

14 MR. HOOVER: And the two houses on  
15 the bottom will then get killed because there's  
16 so much water. There's so much water.

17 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Yeah.

18 MR. HOOVER: The houses on both  
19 sides --

20 MR. MIKOLACZYK: And that is the  
21 crux of the deal, he wants it on Keyser Avenue,  
22 period.

23 MR. HOOVER: We even thought about  
24 asking him to dig a trench. Remember, Joe?

25 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah.

1 MR. HOOVER: A trench past his  
2 property, put a pipe in the ground, and bring  
3 it over to Chuch's (phonetic) land, then it  
4 dead ended.

5 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Sure.

6 MR. LENCESKI: Down the road.  
7 There's got to be swales on both sides of it.

8 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

9 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Just didn't know if  
10 this was addressed or not. Thanks.

11 MR. HOOVER: But now he doesn't want  
12 that, though, either.

13 MR. MIKOLACZYK: No, he doesn't.

14 MR. HOOVER: He wants the water to  
15 go to Keyser Avenue.

16 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Right. That's what  
17 he said.

18 MR. RINALDI: I have a quick  
19 question. Joe, what Councilman Hoover just  
20 said, sending it where it's currently going  
21 under the street, you want to go all the way  
22 over?

23 MR. LENCESKI: Well, that's what we  
24 suggested to him and --

25 MR. RINALDI: But underground the

1 whole way?

2 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah. He said, Not  
3 on my property.

4 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

5 MR. HOOVER: He doesn't want the  
6 pipe on his property.

7 MR. LENCESKI: The people who live  
8 there --

9 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

10 MR. MIKOLACZYK: It goes through a  
11 pipe now that goes into the creek, right?

12 MR. LENCESKI: You got your ditch --

13 MR. MIKOLACZYK: The ditch.

14 MR. LENCESKI: -- we have a pipe.  
15 Whoever lived there put the pipe in to go in  
16 between two houses right there, and now they  
17 don't want it anymore because it's the  
18 Borough's.

19 MR. MIKOLACZYK: That's a long run.

20 MR. LENCESKI: No. It's only across  
21 the street.

22 MR. RINALDI: And then it just goes  
23 into their property.

24 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Oh, it goes into  
25 the property. That's what I thought.

1 MR. KOMENSKY: Here's the thing, I'm  
2 understanding that's not his property. So, we  
3 need to have Bill look at it.

4 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, we only took  
5 an easement over that Angela Drive. We don't  
6 own the real estate there. We took an easement  
7 for pedestrian traffic and so we could pave it,  
8 keep it a road.

9 MR. HOOVER: Is that an alleyway or  
10 a right of way that we own going in there or --

11 ATTY. RINALDI: I have no idea.

12 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

13 ATTY. RINALDI: On the tax map it  
14 shows up as his.

15 MR. MIKOLACZYK: That's right. Who  
16 owns that?

17 ATTY. RINALDI: He owns, like, a  
18 piece all around there up to, like, Ciuccio's  
19 property line --

20 (Inaudible conversation.)

21 MR. MIKOLACZYK: Thank you, Joe.  
22 Thank you, Council.

23 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Komensky?

24 MR. KOMENSKY: So, the first thing  
25 that I want to talk about was the fire in the

1           900 block of Moosic Road on Friday morning.  
2           So, to the fire department, our visiting fire  
3           departments, the police department and  
4           everyone, thank you very much for being  
5           available and getting the fire under control in  
6           a reasonable amount of time.

7                     We appreciate all the hard work that  
8           you do, and at that time of the morning, I know  
9           it's a little bit sketchy with having crews,  
10          but I think you guys did an excellent job and  
11          you should be commended, and thank God no one  
12          got hurt. That was my main concern.

13                    So, I thank you, Chief. Please pass  
14          it. Chief, pass on to your guys. Thank you  
15          for everything. Joe and Mike were there.  
16          Thank you guys. I appreciate it.

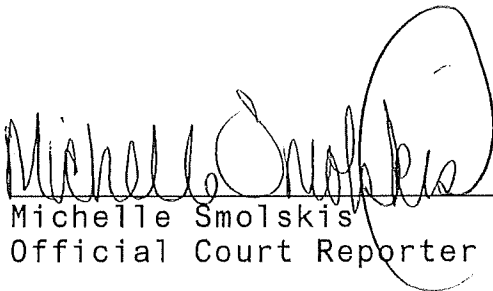
17                    Move on to the flood of the century.  
18          Again, to everyone that was affected, we're  
19          trying to address some of the issues, but to  
20          Joe, Mike, the rest of the staff, as well as  
21          Marylynn, where we were, everybody, worrying  
22          about all kinds of property, even here at the  
23          borough building, thank you very much for  
24          everything that you did last week. It does not  
25          go unnoticed, and we appreciate everybody's



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