

1 OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

2
3 IN RE: REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

4
5 HELD:

6 Tuesday, December 16, 2025

7 TIME:

8 7:00 P.M.

9 LOCATION:

10 OLD FORGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
11 310 South Main Street
12 Old Forge, Pennsylvania

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

14 RUSSELL RINALDI, President

15 JIM HOOVER, Vice President

16 ANDREW BUTLER

17 MICHAEL KOMENSKY

18 MIKE LETTIERI

19 ALLISON McCAWLEY

20 MARIO NESE

21 MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, Borough Manager

22 ROBERT LEGG, Mayor

23 WILLIAM RINALDI, Esquire, Solicitor

24
25 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.

4 And after the Pledge of Allegiance,
5 if we could please remain standing for a brief
6 moment of silence, and I'll explain once we're
7 through.

8
9 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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11 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. The moment
12 of silence we held was for former Councilman
13 Mr. Louis Febbo who passed away last week.
14 Mr. Febbo served on Council with many of us
15 from 2016 to 2024.

16 Mr. Febbo was also our borough
17 manager's, one of her uncles. Our condolences
18 to her and her family, and our condolences to
19 Mr. Febbo and his family.

20 I appreciate you standing for a few
21 moments. And then if any of the members at the
22 end of the meeting have anything they would
23 like to add about Mr. Febbo, we'll go down the
24 table and we'll give you some time.

25 But we're going to go right into the

1 meeting. And welcome to the meeting of the Old
2 Forge Borough. Tonight is Tuesday, December
3 16, 2025.

4 The purpose of our meeting will be
5 to go through a few of our housekeeping
6 motions, we'll go through our department heads,
7 we'll hear from our public. The chief of
8 police has a public sign-in sheet. If anyone
9 from the public would like to address us, we'll
10 give you a few moments at the end of the
11 meeting.

12 And then before we adjourn the
13 meeting, we'll hear from our borough manager,
14 solicitor, and then our elected officials, our
15 mayor and our board members.

16 With that said, the Chair is going
17 to go into our first housekeeping motion and
18 that's going to be a motion to approve the
19 minutes from the prior meeting. Oh, I'm sorry,
20 I did not do roll call. Roll call, please.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese.

22 MR. NESE: Here.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

24 McCawley.

25 MS. McCAWLEY: Here.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
2 Komensky.
3 MR. KOMENSKY: Here.
4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
5 Lettieri.
6 MR. LETTIERI: Present.
7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.
8 MR. BUTLER: Here.
9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.
10 MR. HOOVER: Here.
11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.
12 MR. RINALDI: Here. We're going to
13 go with our first housekeeping motion now,
14 which is a motion to approve the minutes from
15 the prior meeting.
16 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that
17 motion, Mr. Chairman.
18 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
19 Councilman Komensky. Seconded by Councilman
20 Butler. On the question?
21 (No response.)
22 MR. RINALDI: Public input?
23 (No response.)
24 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.
25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

1 MR. NESE: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

3 McCawley?

4 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

6 Komensky?

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

9 Lettieri?

10 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

12 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

14 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

16 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Second item is

17 motion to approve treasurer report. Please

18 note, this does not include the sewer account.

19 MR. BUTLER: I'll make the motion.

20 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

21 Councilman Butler.

22 MS. McCAWLEY: I'll second.

23 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by

24 Councilwoman McCawley. On the question?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RINALDI: Public input?
2 (No response.)
3 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.
4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?
5 MR. NESE: 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
13 Lettieri?
14 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.
15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?
16 MR. BUTLER: Yes.
17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?
18 MR. HOOVER: Yes.
19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
20 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Third item is
21 motion to approve invoices for payment. Please
22 note, this does not include the sewer account.
23 MR. LETTIERI: I'll make that
24 motion, Mr. Chairman.
25 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

1 Councilman Lettieri.

2 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

3 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman

4 Butler. On the question?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

10 MR. NESE: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

12 McCawley?

13 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

15 Komensky?

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

18 Lettieri?

19 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

21 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

23 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

25 MR. RINALDI: Yes. The fourth item

1 is motion to approve treasurer report for the
2 sewer department.

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

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

7 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second.

8 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by the
9 Councilman Lettieri.

10 MR. RINALDI: On the question?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

16 MR. NESE: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

18 McCawley?

19 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

21 Komensky?

22 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

24 Lettieri?

25 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

2 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

4 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

6 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Last item under
7 housekeeping is going to be a motion to approve
8 sewer department invoices for payment.

9 MS. McCAWLEY: I'll make that
10 motion.

11 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
12 Councilwoman McCawley.

13 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

14 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman
15 Butler. On the question?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

21 MR. NESE: Yes.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
23 McCawley?

24 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

1 Komensky?

2 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

4 Lettieri?

5 MR. LETTIERI: 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. We'll go into
12 our fist department head, DPW manager Joseph
13 Lenceski. Joe, good evening.

14 MR. LENCESKI: Good evening
15 everyone.

16 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Joe, we
17 have your report. Anything for the meeting for
18 us tonight?

19 MR. LENCESKI: Just to give a little
20 update, I met with David Carvin from FORCE.
21 Those are the control system that operates the
22 plows, the hydraulic systems in our vehicles,
23 and he gave a lot of pointers and showed us,
24 like, tricks on hooking the plows up, and if
25 there's problems, how to solve them, because

1 the last few storms, out of the gate, hooking
2 stuff up, there was a buildup of pressure, it
3 was hard to get the quick connect on, and it
4 was a great thing to have him come and show us,
5 you know, how to, like, problem solve small
6 things.

7 MR. RINALDI: They came to the
8 garage?

9 MR. LENCESKI: Yes.

10 MR. RINALDI: Good.

11 MR. LENCESKI: After he left, he
12 made everything so much easier for us, because
13 we do run into small problems with that, with
14 the hydraulic systems and --

15 MR. RINALDI: Good timing, too.
16 Right before the last two storms.

17 MR. LENCESKI: Well, I had some
18 problems, that's why I called him in, because
19 it was just -- it's a nightmare it's just you
20 got to get out there and you want to plow and
21 you want all the streets to be perfect, and
22 when you're having guys sit there, like, trying
23 to get all the connections on, it's like, what
24 the --

25 MR. RINALDI: What the heck.

1 MR. LENCESKI: So that's all.

2 MR. RINALDI: Well, great job with
3 the storms to you and the crew, as well.

4 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

5 MR. RINALDI: You guys got those two
6 storms in, like, a matter of few days, and the
7 town was well taken care of. Great job.

8 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

9 MR. RINALDI: Anything else for us
10 tonight?

11 MR. LENCESKI: That's all.

12 MR. RINALDI: Do any of the members
13 have anything for the DPW manager?

14 MR. KOMENSKY: No, Joe. Great job
15 with the storms, and thank you very much for
16 your time on Snow Forge Sunday. It was greatly
17 appreciated to you and your team. Thank you.

18 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

19 MR. RINALDI: Anything else, Joe?

20 MR. LENCESKI: That's it.

21 MR. RINALDI: Joe, thank you. We're
22 going to excuse you and let you get to the game
23 for your daughter's basketball game. Good luck
24 to her and the team.

25 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

1 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

2 MR. LENCESKI: All right. Merry
3 Christmas, everyone.

4 ALL MEMBERS: Merry Christmas.

5 MR. RINALDI: Our second department
6 head is absent this evening, Mr. Sokolowski.
7 Just to make the public aware, Mr. Sokolowski's
8 brother, his younger brother, had passed away.
9 Our condolence to his family, as well.

10 Our third department head, engineer
11 Dave Lopatka. Dave, good evening.

12 MR. LOPATKA: Good evening.

13 MR. RINALDI: Anything for the
14 meeting tonight?

15 MR. LOPATKA: Nothing for the
16 meeting.

17 MR. RINALDI: Do any of the members
18 have any questions for the engineer?

19 MR. NESE: Do you have an extra copy
20 of your report?

21 MR. LOPATKA: Oh, I didn't give you
22 one? I'll give this to you. Here.

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

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, David.

2 MR. LOPATKA: Thank you.

3 MR. RINALDI: Police Chief Jason
4 Dubernas. Good evening, Chief.

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Good evening.

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

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No.

9 MR. RINALDI: Do any of the members
10 have any questions for the Chief?

11 MR. KOMENSKY: No. Just, Chief, to
12 you and your staff, thank you very much for
13 keeping everybody safe on Snow Forge weekend.
14 I appreciate everybody's hard work. Thank you.

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: You're welcome.

16 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have
17 any questions of the Chief?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Chief.
20 Assistant Fire Chief Bill Stull. Good evening,
21 Bill.

22 MR. STULL: Good evening.

23 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything
24 for the meeting tonight?

25 MR. STULL: No.

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

4 MR. KOMENSKY: Chief, same thing to
5 the Fire Department, thank you very much for
6 all your help on Snow Forge weekend. It
7 doesn't go unnoticed and we appreciate all your
8 help.

9 MR. STULL: You're welcome. Thank
10 you.

11 MR. KOMENSKY: Thank you.

12 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have
13 anything for Assistant Fire Chief?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill.

16 Attorney Rinaldi, good evening.

17 ATTY. RINALDI: Good evening.

18 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything
19 for the meeting this evening?

20 ATTY. RINALDI: Yes. You have an
21 ordinance to adopt your budget. Your proposed
22 budget was adopted on December 2nd. It's been
23 advertised, available for inspection by the
24 public.

25 Upon adoption of that budget, if

1 there's any amendments, you would make them
2 tonight, and then adopt it officially.

3 There's also an ordinance assessing
4 tax. And so that everybody knows, your millage
5 was adjusted by the county reassessment after
6 they hired Tyler Technologies. So, the
7 assessed values are the new assessed values
8 that the County certified in November of 2026.
9 Your millage is going down to a lower number to
10 equal the same amount of real estate tax
11 revenue that you collected in 2025.

12 So, if people's bills go up, it's
13 not because of the millage passed by the
14 Borough, it's because of the assessed value
15 that the County determined.

16 So, some people's bills may go up,
17 some people may go down, some people might stay
18 the same. That's the best way to describe it.

19 But it's not because of the way the
20 Borough is enacting their tax ordinance. We're
21 flat in accordance with the County's assessed
22 values.

23 And then the revenue collection
24 ordinance to offset the cost of collection is
25 raised one dollar. That's in front of you.

1 There's a resolution for a one year
2 extension for Holly Ridge. They sent a letter
3 to the zoning officer, planning approved it on
4 Thursday last week, and that'll be good for
5 another year until 2026.

6 And also a stipulation to resolve a
7 tax appeal that was filed by Serenity Care, LLC
8 to stipulate that their value is \$1,150,000 of
9 assessed value.

10 And Forge Estates has a final
11 subdivision plan that's going to be voted on
12 tonight. That's all I have.

13 MR. RINALDI: And, Bill, quick
14 question, the stipulation, that's the one we're
15 going to add, that'll be number nine we'll add,
16 and then we'll put a motion on the floor for
17 ten?

18 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah, that's nine
19 added, and then vote on it.

20 MR. RINALDI: And the amount of that
21 stipulation?

22 ATTY. RINALDI: \$1,150,000 for their
23 2026 assessment.

24 MR. RINALDI: For 2026 total
25 assessment. Okay. I see it now.

1 ATTY. RINALDI: And I'll just ask
2 for a brief executive session afterwards for
3 the litigation.

4 MR. RINALDI: Anything else?

5 ATTY. RINALDI: That's it.

6 MR. RINALDI: Do any of the members
7 have any questions for the solicitor?

8 MR. HOOVER: I just want to let
9 everybody know, Bill, that December 18th, 9:30,
10 at Judge Nealon's --

11 ATTY. RINALDI: We're on as of today
12 at 9:30 a.m. in Judge Nealon's courtroom.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: So that's --
14 Friday, right?

15 ATTY. RINALDI: Friday.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: So, that's the
17 19th.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: The 19th, yeah.

19 MR. HOOVER: The 19th?

20 ATTY. RINALDI: The 19th. I'm
21 sorry, did you say the 18th? It's Friday.

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

24 (No response.)

25 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Bill.

1 Borough manager, Marylynn. Good evening,
2 Marylynn.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Good evening.

4 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything
5 for the meeting? Although, I know you have a
6 lot.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Well, I have a ton.

8 MR. RINALDI: I know you do.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: So, we'll go
10 through all of the new business. Obviously the
11 budget, I'll take you through that. And also,
12 the payment to Kobalt and Hoffman when it's
13 that time, I'll just read the invoices for you
14 for that.

15 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay.

17 MR. RINALDI: Anything else before
18 new business?

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: No. Just at the
20 end when you're going down the table, I'd like
21 at that point to say something.

22 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thank you.

24 MR. RINALDI: Sure. You're welcome.
25 Do any of the members have any questions for

1 the Borough manager?

2 MR. KOMENSKY: Mare, I would just
3 like to thank you and the staff for decorating
4 the borough building and helping with
5 everything for Snow Forge. The hard work that
6 you guys do does not go unnoticed, so thank you
7 to you and your staff.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: You're welcome.
9 Thanks for bringing up thanking everyone about
10 Snow Forge, being a member of the committee. I
11 appreciate the fact that everyone is so
12 dedicated and helps so much. It's a big help
13 for us and I think a lot of people appreciate
14 it, so thanks.

15 MR. KOMENSKY: Thank you.

16 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have
17 any questions for the borough manager?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Marylynn.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: You're welcome.

21 MR. RINALDI: Anyone on public
22 comment, Chief?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No.

24 MR. RINALDI: Before we go into new
25 business, does anyone from the public like to

1 address us?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. RINALDI: Okay. With that said,
4 we're going to move into new business, and our
5 first item under new business will be a
6 resolution granting additional one year
7 extension of the preliminary approval of Holly
8 Ridge Estates, and this will extend it through
9 2026.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Mr. Chairman, I'll
11 make that motion.

12 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
13 Councilman Komensky.

14 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second.

15 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman
16 Lettieri. On the question? Dave, the only
17 question I have, plans are all reviewed?

18 MR. LOPATKA: This is just an
19 extension of what they already got approved,
20 yeah.

21 MR. RINALDI: But the preliminary --
22 I'm sorry, the current plans, everything's in
23 order, everything's in place?

24 MR. LOPATKA: Right.

25 MR. RINALDI: That's what I meant.

1 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

2 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Thank you. On
3 the question?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

9 MR. NESE: 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

17 Lettieri?

18 MR. LETTIERI: 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. Second item

25 under new business will be a motion to approve

1 Forge Estates limited subdivision. David.

2 MR. LOPATKA: It has been reviewed
3 and approved.

4 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: And it's a final
6 approval.

7 MR. RINALDI: Final approval. At
8 the time, the Chair will entertain a motion for
9 final approval for the Forge Estates limited
10 subdivision.

11 MR. NESE: I'll make the motion,
12 Mr. President.

13 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
14 Councilman Nese.

15 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

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

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

23 MR. NESE: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

25 McCawley?

1 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

3 Komensky?

4 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

6 Lettieri?

7 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

9 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

11 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

13 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Third item under

14 new business will be a motion to amend

15 preliminary budget.

16 MR. BUTLER: I'll make that motion.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: This is just to

18 vote that you're going to amend.

19 MR. RINALDI: Right.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay.

21 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

22 Councilman Butler.

23 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second.

24 ATTY. RINALDI: And you're amending

25 it as presented, right, tonight?

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Correct.

2 ATTY. RINALDI: Okay.

3 MR. RINALDI: Do you want me to
4 frame it in the motion?

5 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah. Amended as
6 presented at tonight's meeting.

7 MR. RINALDI: Item number three is
8 going to be a motion to amend the preliminary
9 budget as presented in tonight's meeting.
10 Motion on the floor by Councilman Butler.
11 Seconded by Councilman Komensky.

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

13 MR. RINALDI: On the question?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

19 MR. NESE: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

21 McCawley?

22 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

24 Komensky?

25 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

2 Lettieri?

3 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

5 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

7 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

9 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number five
10 is going to be an ordinance approving the 2026
11 budget. Mare, before I read it, you want to go
12 through it?

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. So, we have
14 a total in the general fund of \$4,197,532, and
15 then we also have sections that are the sewer
16 department, the liquid fuels, the ASL section,
17 projects and grants, which gives us a total
18 budget of \$8,681,278 in revenues, and
19 \$7,868,483 in expenditures.

20 This includes an increase of one
21 dollar per bag fee for garage, and it includes
22 no tax increase.

23 MR. RINALDI: Anything else before
24 we go around the table?

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: That's it.

1 MR. RINALDI: Any of the members
2 have any questions for Marylynn about the
3 budget before we go around the table?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RINALDI: At this time the Chair
6 is going to ask for a motion to approve
7 ordinance of the Old Forge Borough of
8 Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania adopting a
9 comprehensive budget for the calendar year 2026
10 appropriating specific sums estimated to be
11 required for the specific purpose of the
12 municipal government hereon after set forth
13 during the fiscal year 2026.

14 This budget will have a zero percent
15 tax increase for the Old Forge Borough for
16 2026.

17 At this time, the Chair would
18 entertain a motion to approve this budget.

19 MR. KOMENSKY: Mr. Chairman, I'll
20 make that motion.

21 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
22 Councilman Komensky.

23 MS. McCRAWLEY: I'll second.

24 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by
25 Councilwoman McCawley. On the question?

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(No response.)

MR. RINALDI: Public input?

(No response.)

MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

MR. NESE: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

McCawley?

MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Komensky?

MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri?

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number five

will be a motion to approve an ordinance for
the Old Forge Borough, Lackawanna County,
Pennsylvania fixing and levying a tax for
general borough purposes for the calendar 2026

1 and for the purpose of creating and maintaining
2 a special fund to be used for the Borough for
3 making permanent street improvements, to pay
4 contract prices for paving, and other permanent
5 street improvements.

6 MR. BUTLER: I'll make the motion.

7 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
8 Councilman Butler.

9 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second it.

10 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman
11 Komensky. On the question?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

17 MR. NESE: 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
25 Lettieri?

1 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

3 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

5 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

7 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number six
8 will be a motion to approve an ordinance of the
9 Old Forge Borough of Lackawanna County,
10 Pennsylvania establishing and fixing the per
11 bag refuse collection rate for residential
12 establishments within the Borough of Old Forge
13 beginning on January 1, 2026. The sticker
14 price will increase one dollar. That is going
15 from two dollars to a total of three dollars
16 per sticker price.

17 ATTY. RINALDI: And I think you're
18 amending that one to start February 1.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

20 ATTY. RINALDI: I wrote it in.

21 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Amend the
22 motion to say February 1, 2026, please. Motion
23 to approve.

24 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that
25 motion.

1 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
2 Councilman Komensky.

3 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

4 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman
5 Butler. On the question?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

11 MR. NESE: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

13 McCawley?

14 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

16 Komensky?

17 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

19 Lettieri?

20 MR. LETTIERI: 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
2 seven will be a motion to approve payment to
3 Kobalt Construction. Marylynn, do you have the
4 number for us?

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes. So, we have
6 two for Kobalt. The first one is for \$57,060,
7 and the second one is for \$161,927.55.

8 MR. RINALDI: Bill, frame two
9 motions or one?

10 ATTY. RINALDI: You can do it as one
11 motion, approve -- do they have numbers on
12 them?

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes. Number two
14 and three.

15 MR. LOPATKA: Two and three.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Two and three.

17 MR. RINALDI: Is two the \$57,060?

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

19 MR. RINALDI: Item number seven will
20 be a motion to approve payment to Kobalt
21 Construction, payment number two in the amount
22 of \$57,060, and payment number three in the
23 amount of \$161,927.55.

24 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that
25 motion.

1 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
2 Councilman Komensky.
3 MR. NESE: I'll second it.
4 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman
5 Nese. On the question?
6 (No response.)
7 MR. RINALDI: Public input?
8 (No response.)
9 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.
10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?
11 MR. NESE: Yes.
12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
13 McCawley?
14 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.
15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
16 Komensky?
17 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.
18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
19 Lettieri?
20 MR. LETTIERI: 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
2 eight, payment to Hoffman Electrical.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. This is
4 payment application number two, and it is for
5 \$125,322.98.

6 MR. RINALDI: At this time the Chair
7 would entertain a motion to approve payment
8 application number two to Hoffman Electrical in
9 the amount of \$125,322.98.

10 MR. BUTLER: I'll make the motion.

11 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
12 Councilman Butler.

13 MS. McCAWLEY: I'll second.

14 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by
15 Councilwoman McCawley. On the question?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

21 MR. NESE: Yes.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
23 McCawley?

24 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

1 Komensky?

2 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

4 Lettieri?

5 MR. LETTIERI: 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. Our next item
12 will be a motion, we're just going to add this
13 to the agenda before it goes to the floor.
14 This will be number nine, and we're going to
15 add the stipulation agreement between Serenity
16 Care Realty, LLC versus Lackawanna County Board
17 of Assessment Appeals, Lackawanna County, Old
18 Forge School District and Old Forge Borough.
19 This is just to add the stipulation to the
20 agenda.

21 MR. KOMENSKY: Mr. Chairman, I'll
22 make that motion to add.

23 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
24 Councilman Komensky.

25 MS. McCRAWLEY: I'll second.

1 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by
2 Councilwoman McCawley. On the question?
3 (No response.)
4 MR. RINALDI: Public input?
5 (No response.)
6 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.
7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?
8 MR. NESE: 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
16 Lettieri?
17 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.
18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?
19 MR. BUTLER: Yes.
20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?
21 MR. HOOVER: Yes.
22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
23 MR. RINALDI: Yes. This will be
24 item number ten, this is going to be a motion
25 now approving to vote and authorize the

1 solicitor of Old Forge Borough to approve the
2 stipulation in the total assessment for 2026 of
3 \$1,150,000.

4 Please note that the County is in
5 agreement, the Old Forge School District is in
6 agreement, and now the Old Forge Borough will
7 be in agreement.

8 MR. KOMENSKY: Mr. Chairman, I'll
9 make that motion to accept it and appoint Bill
10 to accept that.

11 MR. RINALDI: To approve the
12 stipulation.

13 MR. KOMENSKY: Approve the
14 stipulation.

15 MR. RINALDI: Yep. Motion on the
16 floor by Councilman Komensky.

17 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

18 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman
19 Butler. On the question?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Nese?

25 MR. NESE: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

2 McCawley?

3 MS. McCAWLEY: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

5 Komensky?

6 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

8 Lettieri?

9 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

11 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

13 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

15 MR. RINALDI: Yes. At this time, if

16 there are no more items -- any other items for

17 new business, Marylynn?

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: No.

19 MR. RINALDI: Do any of the members

20 have any items for new business before we go

21 down the table?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Do you want me

24 to start with Mayor Legg? Because I know you

25 said you wanted a couple minutes, too, but do

1 you want to start with Mayor Legg?

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. I'll wait
3 for him.

4 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Mayor Legg,
5 anything before we --

6 MAYOR LEGG: You just lost me.

7 MR. RINALDI: Well, no, I was going
8 to start with Marylynn, she wanted to say a few
9 words, but then I asked her wanted to go first.
10 I was going to give her the opportunity, but
11 she gave you it.

12 MAYOR LEGG: Ladies go first.

13 MR. RINALDI: She said you.

14 MAYOR LEGG: Okay. Thank you,
15 Mr. Chairman.

16 MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.

17 MAYOR LEGG: Mare, first of all,
18 again, I'd like to offer my condolences on the
19 loss of Uncle Lou.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thank you.

21 MAYOR LEGG: He served about eight
22 years, all the while I've been here, and he did
23 a lot of good. So, my condolences.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thank you.

25 MAYOR LEGG: Also, great job with

1 Snow Forge. I think this was the best one yet.
2 The best one I came to. Chief, great job with
3 the traffic control and everything else. You
4 usually do a good job, and you did a good job
5 over the weekend.

6 We have two Council members who are
7 leaving tonight. Jim, we didn't always agree,
8 Jim, but you know what, you always came to the
9 meetings, you've worked hard, and you have a
10 lot of integrity. I'm going to miss you. I'll
11 try not to cry.

12 And then there's Allison. Allison,
13 I love you kid. You were always a good kid in
14 school. It's not easy to get young people to
15 get involved in politics, government. You're
16 going to be back. You're going to be back. So
17 this is not good-bye, this is just until we
18 meet again.

19 I would like to wish everyone a very
20 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and let's
21 hope it's a sight better than the last one.
22 And that's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank
23 you.

24 MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.
25 Well said. Thank you, Mayor. Councilman Nese.

1 MR. NESE: I'd just like to
2 reiterate what he said about Snow Forge.
3 Please pass that on to the committee.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: I will. Thank you.

5 MR. NESE: That was a very nice
6 thing. I enjoyed it. And just wish everybody
7 a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

8 MR. RINALDI: Well said. Councilman
9 Komensky.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: So, again, I did
11 thank everybody for their presence, the DPW,
12 police, fire, the administrative staff, for all
13 the hard work on Snow Forge, and really it's a
14 lot that comes out that day and there's a lot
15 of work that goes into it. So, thank you
16 everybody. I appreciate everybody's hard work.
17 And the most important thing is everybody was
18 safe. So, thank God for that.

19 The second thing is the budget.
20 Mare, thank you very much. I know we've sat
21 here for weeks toiling back and forth, and
22 thank you very much. I know the lights were
23 burning light and on that plane dark, and you
24 put a lot of work into it for the residents of
25 this town, and thank you very much.

1 Allison, you came to us in February,
2 and like the Mayor said, you jumped right in.
3 You came at a time that we really needed
4 somebody to jump on board, and you really
5 showed us what the next generation of political
6 servants can do. So, I appreciate it. I
7 enjoyed serving with you, and I, just like the
8 Mayor, agree that you will be back.

9 MS. McCAWLEY: Thanks, Mike.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Mr. Hoover, in 2021,
11 when I came to Council as an appointment, you
12 were one of my first people that came to
13 support me, and I truly appreciate that. I
14 appreciate your friendship.

15 I will miss you, but I know you will
16 only be a phone call away, and thank you for
17 everything that you did for the Old Forge
18 Borough for the last eight years. It will not
19 go unnoticed.

20 MR. HOOVER: Thanks, Mike.

21 MR. KOMENSKY: I'd also like to
22 offer my condolences to the Febbo family on the
23 loss of Councilman Febbo. He truly -- I didn't
24 always see eye to eye with him, but we knew
25 where each other stood and we respected one

1 another's position. And, again, my condolences
2 to the Febbo family.

3 I'd also like to say I'd like to
4 take this time to wish everybody a Merry
5 Christmas, a healthy and happy and safe new
6 year. Please enjoy the time with your family
7 and your friends and be safe. And thank you
8 very much. That's all I have.

9 MR. RINALDI: Well said, Michael.
10 Councilman Lettieri.

11 MR. LETTIERI: I'll keep it brief.
12 Mare, much appreciated Snow Forge. The budget,
13 much appreciated, as well.

14 Chief, Bill Stull, much appreciated
15 Snow Forge for the assistance, the help.

16 Jim, I served a couple years with
17 you, I'm gonna miss you. I do think we're
18 losing a great asset, and, you know, I hope we
19 can keep our discussions going on.

20 And, Allison, for the time spent,
21 thank you. And everybody Merry Christmas and a
22 Happy New Year.

23 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Mike. Well
24 said. Councilman Butler.

25 MR. BUTLER: First thing I have is I

1 want to offer my condolences to Marylynn on the
2 loss of her uncle. He was a good friend of
3 mine. The guy would do anything for you. I
4 spent a lot of time with him over the years.
5 It's tough to miss somebody like that.

6 Second of all I want to congratulate
7 Marylynn and all the other Snow Forge planners
8 and stuff like that. You did a great job. I
9 mean, I was walking the streets and it was
10 absolutely phenomenal. The kids had a great
11 time, the grownups had a great time.

12 I never seen that many people here
13 since I've been coming to it. So, it was a
14 great, great thing.

15 Also, I'd like to say it was a
16 pleasure to work with Jimmy and Allison. I
17 don't even know what else to say. It was
18 absolutely -- I hate to see either one of you
19 go, to be honest with. That's all I have.

20 MR. RINALDI: Well said, Councilman
21 Butler. Councilwoman McCawley.

22 MS. McCAWLEY: I have a little thing
23 I want to read.

24 MR. RINALDI: Absolutely.

25 MS. McCAWLEY: Just my thoughts all

1 on paper.

2 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

3 MS. McCAWLEY: As I sit in my final
4 meeting as a councilwoman, I feel a deep mix, a
5 mix of pride and gratitude and emotion.
6 Serving this community has been one of the
7 greatest honors of my life.

8 Thank you for trusting me,
9 supporting me and allowing me the privilege to
10 represent you. Every decision, discussion and
11 challenge along the way was guided by my love
12 for this borough and the people who make it
13 home.

14 To our residents, your voices, your
15 concerns and your hopes for Old Forge have
16 shaped my work. I'm grateful for every
17 conversation, every message, every moment of
18 partnership. You remind me daily of why
19 community matters.

20 To my fellow Council members and our
21 borough staff, thank you for your dedication
22 and for the collaboration we shared. Working
23 beside people who care so deeply about our town
24 made this experience meaningful and
25 unforgettable.

1 And to my family, your support has
2 been my foundation. To my husband, thank you
3 for your patience, your encouragement and
4 constant belief in me. You stood by me through
5 every late night and every responsibility that
6 came with this role. I could not have done it
7 without your love and understanding.

8 And although my time on Council has
9 come to an end, my commitment to Old Forge will
10 never fade. I will always be proud to call
11 this borough my home and will continue to
12 support our community however I can.

13 Mare, thank you for budget and Snow
14 Forge and everything you've done in my ten
15 months of being on this Council. I appreciate
16 you and every one of you up here and all the
17 staff. So, thank you again.

18 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.
19 Thanks, Allison. Well said. Councilman
20 Hoover.

21 MR. HOOVER: Well, tonight ends my
22 time served for the Old Forge Borough. I've
23 been doing this for eight years, and I enjoyed
24 every minute, every second, every day.

25 I'd like to thank all the members of

1 the past and present for your help in
2 everything that we did together. We
3 accomplished an awful lot in the Old Forge
4 Borough.

5 Marylynn, enough said goes on.
6 Bill, thank you for your help in anything.
7 Sandy, thank you for your help.

8 To all the members of the committee
9 members that I had, all the committees I was on
10 and all the committee members, I really enjoyed
11 working with you all while we were getting
12 things done for the Borough of Old Forge.
13 Thank you so much.

14 Remember, this position is about the
15 Borough of Old Forge and its residents, and
16 that's the most important thing. Thanks.

17 MR. RINALDI: Marylynn.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: So, Allison, first,
19 thank you for the time that you put in. I have
20 appreciated getting to know you, getting to be
21 friends, and I will miss you here, and I hope
22 that when it's time again, that you'll think
23 about running again, because you're very good
24 at it and you've been a great asset to our
25 group here.

1 And, Jimmy, thanks for everything.
2 Every time I needed someone, you were there,
3 and I appreciate that, and I'll miss you. I'll
4 miss you being here.

5 MR. HOOVER: I'm gonna the Borough.
6 I'm going to miss doing this job, I really am.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: I know.

8 MR. HOOVER: You know that. But it
9 is what it is.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: I know.

11 MR. HOOVER: Thanks.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thank you.

13 MR. RINALDI: Anything else, Mare?

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Nope.

15 MR. RINALDI: Well said.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thanks.

17 MR. RINALDI: I'll echo off of
18 mostly everybody, because when you go last
19 that's what you have to do. I'll start with
20 first off to the Snow Forge committee and to
21 Marylynn and all the members of that group, the
22 11th year for the event, like the Mayor said, I
23 agree, it probably was one of the bigger or the
24 biggest one so far.

25 Great event. It's great for the

1 town, great for the kids. They do an amazing
2 job. I know we brought them in last year and
3 the Mayor recognized them as long as with us,
4 and it was well deserved.

5 So, to the Snow Forge members and
6 their committee, great job for everything they
7 do every year for our borough for the children
8 and for the community.

9 Chief, great job, not only with Snow
10 Forge but throughout the year to you and the
11 police department for your protection, your
12 dedication, your service. You guys go out
13 there and you put your life on the line for us
14 every day. We appreciate it. And just I think
15 I could speak for all of us when I say thank
16 you for that, and please pass it along to the
17 department, not only from myself but from all
18 the members.

19 Assistant Fire Chief Bill Stull,
20 please let Chief Tagliaterra and the rest of
21 the volunteer fire department members know, men
22 and women, another profession for volunteers in
23 that you've heard me speak so many times over
24 the years I would never be able to do, run into
25 a burning building to save someone's life when

1 everyone is trying to get out.

2 Thank you year in and year out for
3 the Old Forge department's service, for your
4 service and as for all the volunteer
5 firefighters' service, as well. Truly
6 commendable, truly appreciative, and please
7 pass it on from all of us to the department, we
8 appreciate everything you guys do for us every
9 year.

10 MR. STULL: I will. Thank you.

11 MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.

12 To our department heads, Joseph Lenceski,
13 Michael Sokolowski and our engineer and our
14 attorney, thank you for your work you guys do
15 all year long for us. Thank you for the hard
16 work, dedication, the long hours.

17 We know sometimes we're in these
18 meetings, along with rest of the members, we
19 know we come in early, go home late, but we
20 thank you, I thank you, but, again, I think I
21 could say it from all of us here at the table,
22 thank you year in and year out for your hard
23 work and dedication, as well.

24 Marylynn, I've been here with you
25 the longest.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes, you have.

2 MR. RINALDI: You do a fantastic job
3 year in and year out, not only around budget
4 time. I know budget time is the hardest, I
5 know budget time is the most crucial, I know
6 you put in a lot of hours, but you do a
7 fantastic job running the Borough.

8 You have a fantastic staff, Sandy,
9 Ann Marie --

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Joann.

11 MR. RINALDI: Joann. I'm sorry, I
12 got a lot on my mind. I have to say a lot more
13 still. So but thank you. Thank you very much
14 to the girls in the office, as well, and thank
15 you for all your hard work year in and year
16 out. And, once again, condolences to your
17 Uncle Louie.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thank you.

19 MR. RINALDI: I know I said a few
20 things about Mr. Febbo in the beginning. I
21 served with Mr. Febbo for those eight years he
22 was on. I actually ran, we were actually
23 running against each other when he was running,
24 but I won a seat, he won a seat, and when we
25 got here, the first few months we were never

1 eye to eye, but over the years we came together
2 along with the other members and we did what
3 was right for the Borough. We became good
4 friends. We all worked together.

5 And as Councilman Hoover just said,
6 this position is about the community and the
7 residents, and I feel that he served his term
8 to that utmost and he was always for the
9 residents, he was always for the best interest
10 of the Borough, and I'd like to just offer my
11 condolences again to him and his family and
12 offer our prayers to them.

13 His service is this Saturday at
14 Prince of Peace Parish Church at 9 a.m.
15 They're going to have a little viewing for an
16 hour, Mare, 9 to 10?

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

18 MR. RINALDI: And then they're going
19 to have a mass at 10 a.m. if anyone from the
20 public or anyone from the Council would like to
21 attend.

22 To the Mayor and to the members,
23 thank you once again for another great year of
24 service and dedication to the community and to
25 the people.

1 This isn't an easy position to sit
2 in. It's hard being in the public's eye. It's
3 hard having to make the best decisions for the
4 people. You don't want to raise the taxes, you
5 want to provide great service, you want the
6 police to be upgraded, you want the Borough
7 building to be remodeled.

8 I think we all did a good job
9 together this year. I look forward to continue
10 that with the members who are going to be here
11 and with the new members coming in.

12 So, I thank you currently for all
13 the members here for the past year that we've
14 all worked together, and I feel that we did do
15 a good job together and I feel that our borough
16 is in good shape, and I thank you all for your
17 time and dedication, too.

18 To the two members exiting, Allison,
19 I sat here with you and I saw you come back
20 three times.

21 MAYOR LEGG: She's like a bad penny.

22 MR. RINALDI: No, no, no. I'm
23 saying it in a positive way, I saw her come
24 back three times. She went for an appointment
25 one time and she wasn't victorious, she went

1 for an appointment a second time, she wasn't
2 victorious, and she came back again for a third
3 time and she was victorious. That in itself,
4 in my eyes, that's character, that's integrity,
5 that's dedication. I commend you for it, and I
6 thank you for your service.

7 I know you're highly involved in the
8 church, I know you were highly involved here,
9 you were very informative, you were a very --
10 you asked a lot of questions, you gave a lot of
11 good information, so I feel that your time here
12 on this borough, although it was only for ten
13 months, I feel you served with heart and I feel
14 you also served the Borough with the best
15 interest in mind. Thank you for your service
16 and thank you for your time to the Borough.

17 MS. McCAWLEY: Thank you, Russ.

18 MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.

19 To Councilman Hoover, I served with Councilman
20 Hoover for the past eight years, as well. I
21 know Mr. Hoover has a pretty long time in
22 politics. Myself, as well. He was on our
23 zoning board many years ago, he also served our
24 school district. Eight years, correct? For
25 those who don't know.

1 Mr. Hoover is definitely a dedicated
2 public servant. He's been for many years.
3 He's brought much knowledge to this table.

4 He brought it from his own personal
5 experiences, he brought it from his own
6 personal work experience.

7 Mr. Hoover worked for the American
8 Water Company for many years. He helped us
9 tremendously when he had to get in touch with
10 them for projects and for jobs.

11 He helped tremendously with the
12 paving project. He's been in charge of the
13 paving project -- I'm sorry, the paving
14 committee since you've been on for the past
15 eight years.

16 MR. HOOVER: Eight years.

17 MR. RINALDI: Paved many good roads
18 in town with our help, not mostly, but you and
19 the engineer and the DPW manager. But great
20 job with that.

21 Again, I feel Mr. Hoover, he served
22 the people to the best interest. I feel his
23 dedication, his heart, he was always in it for
24 the Borough and for the people, and I feel he
25 always made good decisions. So I thank you for

1 your time and service, as well.

2 MR. HOOVER: Thanks, Russ.

3 MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.

4 And to end, just a Merry Christmas and Happy
5 New Year to all of our staff, all of our
6 members, our Council, all of our public and all
7 of our community. Hope you have a safe,
8 healthy, happy holiday with your family and
9 your loved ones.

10 If there is nothing else, at this
11 time the Chair would entertain a motion to
12 adjourn and break into an executive session.

13 MR. KOMENSKY: So moved.

14 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
15 Councilman Komensky.

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Yep.

17 MR. RINALDI: All in favor?

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. RINALDI: Good night everyone.

20 Thank you for coming.

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22 (Meeting adjourned.)

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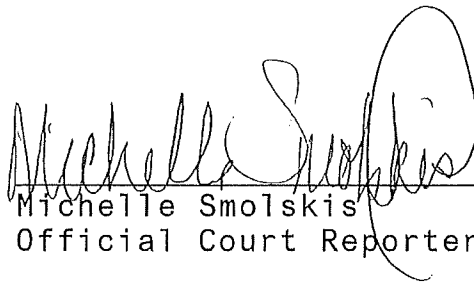
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