

1 foundation for stability, consistency,  
2 opportunities for growth, positive social  
3 interactions and access to resources that  
4 collectively contribute to the development of  
5 an emotionally healthy and resilient  
6 individual. That's it. Thank you.

7 MR. RINALDI: Michelle, real quick,  
8 not to take anything away from Marissa, Gina or  
9 Ray, because you all stated great points why we  
10 should have a community center, but that right  
11 there, that would be the reason why I would  
12 vote for a community center.

13 MS. BILSKI: Thank you.

14 MR. RINALDI: Very good. That was  
15 very informative. I appreciate that.

16 MS. BILSKI: Thank you.

17 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

18 MS. WILK: I talked to the police  
19 chief, he said he did the survey on the 400  
20 block about putting down parking on one side.  
21 I think what you need to do is put your signs  
22 up there there's a tow away, because people  
23 cannot read on that street. I've seen the no  
24 parking signs, they're parked there. And you  
25 can't expect the police to be --

1 MR. RINALDI: Are you talking about  
2 on the sides put a tow away zone?

3 MS. WILK: Yeah. Okay. You can't  
4 expect the police to be going up and down just  
5 babysitting these people who don't know how to  
6 read.

7 MR. RINALDI: Joan, not to interrupt  
8 you, but let me ask the solicitor a quick  
9 question. Bill, this resolution that we're  
10 looking for passage tonight, if it passes, can  
11 we put those type of signage up?

12 ATTY. RINALDI: You're going to post  
13 the no parking.

14 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The no parking.

15 MR. RINALDI: Could we put on the  
16 sign tow away zone? No parking, tow away zone?

17 ATTY. RINALDI: No. It would be a  
18 ticket from the Chief.

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Because here's the  
20 issue, when it's a tow away zone it becomes a  
21 liability of us if we damage a vehicle, and a  
22 lot of towers won't tow a vehicle because of  
23 the liability.

24 Like, even private property like  
25 CVS, they specifically contract with specific

1 towers because of the liability. If your car's  
2 parked somewhere they don't want it, then they  
3 tow it, and they damage the transmission,  
4 they're responsible for it. That's why a lot  
5 of places won't tow it, and we just ticket it  
6 and notify the owner.

7 MS. WILK: Okay. And that's the  
8 same way. The street I'm talking about is you  
9 come in, you go out, you can't do that anymore.  
10 I have a very small SUV and mine just barely  
11 makes it through the sides if there's cars  
12 parked on both sides.

13 You get these carpetbaggers in, they  
14 don't care about the people that live in here  
15 in this town, they have no respect, and it's  
16 got to stop already.

17 MR. NOTARI: Well, Mrs. Wilk, I  
18 think after a certain amount of tickets we will  
19 be able to tow the car, right, if they're not  
20 paying the tickets.

21 MS. WILK: Oh, they'll give it to  
22 the mayor, he'll pay it for them.

23 MAYOR LEGG: Yeah, I'm wealthy.

24 MS. WILK: Yeah, he'll pay it. No  
25 problem. He's done it before, he'll do it

1           again. Sorry, Bob.

2                   MAYOR LEGG: You ratted me out.

3                   MS. WILK: But it's bad because  
4           that's where the pollet (phonetic) comes down  
5           across from George -- Grace Street and goes  
6           right down to the parking lot of Race. You  
7           can't do that now. And I doubt very much these  
8           people are gonna listen for a while. I don't  
9           know what you guys are gonna do.

10                   MR. RINALDI: Well, we have it on  
11           new business this evening.

12                   MS. WILK: You have it on here,  
13           right. And it's actually a danger. I mean,  
14           that could be addressed any time.

15                   MR. RINALDI: Well, that's why we  
16           put it on the agenda tonight, because you came  
17           last meeting and asked us to. So, we sent the  
18           Chief over to do the study, he did. He came  
19           back, this is his recommendation. So, we're  
20           going to put it up for passage tonight.

21                   MS. WILK: Yeah. Not trying to be a  
22           hard ass or anything like that, but it's  
23           actually a dangerous area with the car. You  
24           could crash the car because you don't have that  
25           much wide of a space to go through. It's a

1 road, incoming, outgoing.

2 MR. RINALDI: But that's why we're  
3 going to take the step tonight to try and help  
4 prevent that.

5 MS. WILK: Right. So, we'll see  
6 what happens. And, Mr. Rinaldi, I wanted to  
7 congratulate you for a job well done. You  
8 walked into a situation several months back, it  
9 was very dark, and you handled the situation on  
10 Council with extreme professionalism.

11 MR. RINALDI: Thank you very much.  
12 What situation was that?

13 MS. WILK: Well, I don't give  
14 compliments too often.

15 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. I  
16 appreciate that.

17 MS. WILK: Okay. And to get back to  
18 the youth center, I'm 100 percent for the youth  
19 center but how you guys going to get ten  
20 million dollars to build this thing? If you're  
21 going to start building it, you need -- you  
22 can't go through an old building and try to fix  
23 it up. You need to start from the ground up  
24 with a new building.

25 MR. HOOVER: We're going to.

1 MR. RINALDI: Well, like I addressed  
2 Marissa in the beginning, our thoughts were the  
3 same, and that's why I said back in June we  
4 discussed potentially constructing a brand new  
5 building, like Councilman Hoover said, possibly  
6 a steel pole barn building over by the school,  
7 because we figured, number one, the church that  
8 we acquired from the diocese was, number one,  
9 too small for, whether it be a basketball  
10 court, drop down batting cages --

11 MS. WILK: They got a -- you can't  
12 get in there.

13 MR. RINALDI: Well, it was too  
14 small. Plus, it was a little bit older, so we  
15 figured start from the ground up, brand new,  
16 brand new building, brand new heating, brand  
17 new --

18 MS. WILK: Well, you guys better  
19 start working on trying to get some kind of  
20 money in.

21 MR. RINALDI: We've been discussing  
22 it since June.

23 MS. WILK: You and I both know it's  
24 going to cost at least ten million dollars for  
25 a half decent building to maintain it.

1 MR. RINALDI: I'm not sure what the  
2 price would be. That's why we discussed it  
3 with the engineer.

4 MR. HOOVER: Play the power ball and  
5 donate it to us.

6 MS. WILK: I'd never donate anything  
7 to Old Forge. Know that. But really, if  
8 you're gonna do something, do it right.

9 MR. RINALDI: We agree.

10 MS. WILK: Because these kids  
11 deserve something better than what they have.  
12 They have nothing here now.

13 MR. RINALDI: We agree with you,  
14 Joanie.

15 MS. WILK: Do you hear? Are you  
16 going to do it?

17 MR. RINALDI: I'm sorry?

18 MS. WILK: Are you hearing me and  
19 you're gonna do it, right?

20 MR. RINALDI: Am I hearing you we're  
21 going to do it?

22 MS. WILK: You're gonna do it,  
23 right? You're hearing me?

24 MR. RINALDI: Are we going to build  
25 it?

1 MS. WILK: Right.

2 MR. RINALDI: Oh, we're going to  
3 start the process of looking into the cost-wise  
4 of it first. You can't just go ahead and build  
5 it. We're going to need a plan.

6 MS. WILK: Well, we can get your  
7 mother as chairperson, she'll drag this money  
8 in somehow. And I hope they reelect you as  
9 president.

10 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. I  
11 appreciate that, as well.

12 MS. WILK: For Chair again. At  
13 least for one more year. You have done an  
14 excellent job.

15 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. I  
16 appreciate that.

17 MS. WILK: And you have listened to  
18 people and gotten back to them with their  
19 complaints. And you keep him in tow.

20 MR. RINALDI: He keeps me in tow a  
21 little bit, too.

22 MS. WILK: He's polish, what do you  
23 want. I've been married to one for 60 years, I  
24 can pick on them.

25 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Mrs. Wilk.

1 MS. WILK: All right, sweetie.  
2 Thank you.

3 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

4 Robert Zukauskas. Hi, Robert. Good evening.

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: In keeping with high  
6 school sports teams theme, Mr. Rinaldi, this  
7 past Thanksgiving I visited the trophy case at  
8 the high school and I noticed there's a  
9 70-year-old game ball there from a Thanksgiving  
10 Day game, it was really nice, but as you could  
11 see the ball needs some air there. If somebody  
12 maybe could just look at the trophy case and  
13 just put some air in that ball, I think it  
14 would be really nice.

15 MR. RINALDI: I agree with you but  
16 you have to take this to the school board.

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I have to go to the  
18 school to do that for me?

19 MR. RINALDI: This is up to the  
20 school board. This is not up to us.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. This is a  
22 sign near my house there, maybe we can do  
23 something about that sign, that road sign.  
24 It's just overgrown there.

25 MR. RINALDI: You're talking about

1 the shrubs that are blocking it?

2 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah. It's a tree,  
3 actually, right at the end of the bridge where  
4 I live there. If you could just maybe have  
5 that taken care of.

6 MR. RINALDI: Joe, quick question,  
7 this sign at the end of the -- over the bridge,  
8 right, on the left?

9 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah.

10 MR. RINALDI: Is that on private  
11 property?

12 MR. LENCESKI: I could go look at it  
13 tomorrow.

14 MR. RINALDI: Here's what we'll do,  
15 Mr. Lenceski will go down there tomorrow, take  
16 a look at it. If it's our property, we could  
17 get it taken care of instantly. If it's  
18 private property, we're going to have to  
19 contact the owner.

20 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I talked to the  
21 borough manager about that, because there's a  
22 park right near there, and I said, Who owns  
23 that? And he said it's the borough property.  
24 He said the borough property --

25 MR. RINALDI: The borough manager is

1 Mrs. Bartoletti.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: I'm a girl.

3 MR. RINALDI: Do you mean you talked  
4 to the zoning officer?

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah, I talked to --

6 MR. RINALDI: Oh, okay. You said  
7 the borough manager.

8 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, I'm sorry. I  
9 talked to the zoning officer because there's so  
10 many -- the people live across made a nice  
11 park, they put a bench, it's beautiful. They  
12 maintain it.

13 MR. NOTARI: Mr. Zukauskas, would  
14 you return to the podium, please?

15 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I will do  
16 that.

17 MR. NOTARI: As everyone else did.

18 MR. RINALDI: Mr. Zukauskas, we will  
19 send Mr. Lenceski down tomorrow. Like I said,  
20 if it's our property, we could get it taken  
21 care of immediately. If it's a private  
22 property owner, he'll contact them, or  
23 Mr. Sokolowski will, and we'll have them cut it  
24 so the sign is visible.

25 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I would be

1 interested to know who owns that piece of  
2 property. I would like to know if it is  
3 private property or if the Borough owns it or  
4 the county owns it. I would be interested in  
5 that.

6 MR. RINALDI: We'll find out  
7 tomorrow.

8 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. The other  
9 thing I want to talk about is well the bus stop  
10 I brought up last time, but when we were  
11 talking about the bus stop, the borough manager  
12 mentioned about how we're still developing the  
13 front of the building and she said something  
14 about a clock there. We don't need a clock on  
15 this building. There's a clock right across  
16 the street from here in a bay. It never works.

17 MR. LENCESKI: Twice a day.

18 MR. NOTARI: So, then we need a  
19 clock. If that one doesn't work, we need one  
20 that works.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: When that one  
22 doesn't work, who's going to change the time on  
23 the clock?

24 MR. RINALDI: Mr. Zukauskas, excuse  
25 me one second, we have no control over what M&T

1 Bank does with their business.

2 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I understand that,  
3 but we have control if we're going to put a  
4 clock in the borough. Don't we have control  
5 over that?

6 MR. RINALDI: We do. And if we had  
7 a clock on our property, we would have our  
8 employees maintain it and make sure it was  
9 working correct.

10 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Who decides that  
11 we're gonna put a clock there? Who is deciding  
12 that?

13 MR. RINALDI: The members at this  
14 table.

15 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Excuse me?

16 MR. RINALDI: The members at this  
17 table.

18 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Why can't we have  
19 the residents to say do we want a clock there  
20 or do we want a bus stop? I think we need a  
21 bus stop more than a clock.

22 MS. AVVISATO: We have a bus stop  
23 there.

24 MR. RINALDI: If you're asking if  
25 the residents are allowed to come to the

1 meeting and express their concerns whether they  
2 would want anything in the borough, by all  
3 means they could come to any public meeting and  
4 sign in and address it.

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I understand.  
6 That's why I'm here. That's the purpose. But  
7 once things are decided, like, I think we  
8 should vote.

9 I don't think a clock should be put  
10 there, and I don't think I'm the only one. I  
11 think maybe we should have a vote and say  
12 should we put a clock there or should we put a  
13 bus stop there. I mean, it's just --

14 MR. RINALDI: Mr. Zukauskas, don't  
15 take this next statement the wrong way, if you  
16 feel you should have a vote, you could run for  
17 office. No, no, this is the truth.

18 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: No, no, I  
19 understand.

20 MR. RINALDI: You could run for  
21 office. You would have to win, and then you  
22 would sit up here and you have a chance to vote  
23 however you feel.

24 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: But isn't that the  
25 purpose of a democracy, we want to put

1 something here, so why --

2 MR. RINALDI: I just explained the  
3 democracy part to you.

4 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: But I don't want to  
5 run for office, I just want my opinion  
6 expressed.

7 MR. NOTARI: Well, you expressed it.

8 MR. RINALDI: You expressed it. I  
9 just said --

10 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

11 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: So, what's gonna  
12 happen, are we still gonna put a clock there?

13 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

14 MR. NOTARI: Yes, we are.

15 MR. RINALDI: I know I'm looking to  
16 put a clock there. I would have to wait when  
17 we get the resolution typed up, advertised, and  
18 then it would go for passage or not. If you're  
19 asking me, I would love to see a clock there.

20 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I would not.  
21 What about the bus stop, I would like --

22 MR. RINALDI: The bus stop is there.

23 MS. AVVISATO: It's still there.

24 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: There's just a pad  
25 there. That's not a bus stop.

1 MR. HOOVER: It's close enough.

2 MR. NOTARI: There will be no  
3 shelter put there, Mr. Zukauskas.

4 MR. RINALDI: Are you talking about  
5 the shelter?

6 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes.

7 MR. NOTARI: There will be no  
8 shelter placed there.

9 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I volunteer to pay  
10 for materials, everything. You get the boy  
11 scouts, I will pay for it all, I mean, as a  
12 gift to you. I think it'd be so nice right in  
13 front of this borough building brand new bus  
14 stop built by the boy scouts dedicated --

15 MR. NOTARI: Mr. Zukauskas, we  
16 explained it to you last time --

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I guess it  
18 didn't register.

19 MR. NOTARI: The shelter is nothing  
20 but an eyesore.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Exactly.

22 MR. NOTARI: It also blocks the War  
23 Mothers' Memorial.

24 MR. RINALDI: And it also blocks  
25 exiting Railroad Street. Now, here's the

1           thing, the structure that was there, when it  
2           was constructed and it was brand new, the glass  
3           was clear. Over time, the glass got damaged,  
4           scratched, vandalized, graffitied.

5                    MS. AVVISATO: Gum all over it. It  
6           was terrible.

7                    MR. RINALDI: So, it actually became  
8           more invisible to see.

9                    MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I understand that,  
10          Mr. Rinaldi.

11                   MR. RINALDI: If we put a structure  
12          there now, even if it was glass, but you were  
13          talking about put a nice brick structure in --

14                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Exactly.

15                   MR. RINALDI: -- there's no way to  
16          see through it now. But also where that pad  
17          is, when you pull up onto Railroad, from  
18          Railroad to Main, if you want to make a right  
19          going north or a left going south, you have to  
20          pull out onto the road to see past that  
21          structure. Now you're already into the  
22          intersection.

23                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes.

24                   MR. RINALDI: So, it's a liability.

25                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay.

1 MR. RINALDI: So, that's another  
2 reason why. But I also agree with Councilman  
3 Notari, it does not look good.

4 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: If I may interrupt,  
5 Mr. Rinaldi?

6 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

7 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: The last meeting I  
8 specifically said to you, I told the borough  
9 manager, I agree with you one thousand percent,  
10 those bus stops that Colts supplies are junk.  
11 You don't want those there. They're exactly  
12 like you said, plastic. It is a mess there.  
13 So I agree, I don't want that there.

14 The boy scouts could put something  
15 really nice there. We could make something  
16 that'll complement this building. There's no  
17 reason to put a Colts bus stop there. There's  
18 something that we could use.

19 MR. RINALDI: I just explained to  
20 you that any structure there is blocking  
21 visibility.

22 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Just move it back.  
23 Does it have to be where that pad is? I mean,  
24 can't you move it around some place? Put  
25 something else there. Put a planter there

1 where the pad is. I've seen people --

2 MR. RINALDI: Well, where would we  
3 put the bus stop? You want us to put it back  
4 into the yard?

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: No. I've seen  
6 people wait for that bus, not here but at this  
7 end of the building. They're waiting down  
8 there. And I said, What are you ladies doing  
9 here? Oh, we're waiting for the bus. Oh, I  
10 thought it was up here. They said, No, we wait  
11 here.

12 I mean, so it doesn't have to be  
13 there. Just put it somewhere else where it's  
14 out of the way.

15 MR. RINALDI: It has to be where  
16 Colts places it.

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Exactly.

18 MR. RINALDI: Well, that's where  
19 they have it placed.

20 MR. NOTARI: That's where it's  
21 placed.

22 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, you think  
23 Colts would object if you moved it 50 yards  
24 down?

25 MR. RINALDI: It's not up to us to

1           move it. It's up to them. It's not up to us  
2           to move their bus stop. It's up to them to  
3           place their bus stops, not us. Bill, correct?

4                    ATTY. RINALDI: I'm assuming. They  
5           set the route.

6                    MR. RINALDI: Right. We can't put  
7           their bus stop where we want it. Sounds to me  
8           like if we could, it wouldn't be there.

9                    MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. So, if I  
10          contact Colts and I say, Listen, we want --  
11          I'll tell Colts exactly what you told me, their  
12          bus stop there is an obstruction for people  
13          coming out of that street there.

14                   MR. RINALDI: Their bus stop there  
15          is not an obstruction. A building in it is.

16                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I will tell  
17          them that, the building, or their pad there, is  
18          an obstruction.

19                   MR. RINALDI: Well, the structure,  
20          whatever name you want to use.

21                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Right. Would you  
22          object to moving it 50 yards south from there?  
23          See what they say with that.

24                   MR. RINALDI: Well, if we move it  
25          down -- down this way (Indicating)?

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes.

2 MR. RINALDI: We're gonna block the  
3 Veterans wall.

4 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: There has to be  
5 something you can do about it.

6 MR. RINALDI: I mean, if you want to  
7 shrug your shoulders at that, you could, but I  
8 would never vote to put it in front of the  
9 Veterans wall.

10 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: My dad's name is on  
11 one of those bricks. No, I agree with you  
12 there.

13 MR. RINALDI: But that's what I'm  
14 saying, you said put it at the other end of the  
15 building, that's the other end of the building.

16 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: But that's not the  
17 only thing. I mean, there should be a place  
18 around here. I mean, okay --

19 MR. RINALDI: A place on the borough  
20 building property?

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: On the borough  
22 building property. There should be some place.  
23 We're getting nowhere here, I --

24 MR. RINALDI: I don't think there  
25 is.

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. Well, I  
2 think --

3 MR. RINALDI: If you'd like, I'll  
4 walk out there with you after the meeting and  
5 you could point out a potential spot where it's  
6 not blocking the Veterans wall like Councilman  
7 Notari said, not blocking the War Mothers.

8 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: This evening is not  
9 winning. How about I get in touch with you  
10 maybe sometime during the week, this week or  
11 next week, we'll do that, we'll walk around  
12 the --

13 MR. RINALDI: I'll walk tonight  
14 after the meeting if you like.

15 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I can't do it  
16 tonight.

17 MR. RINALDI: Okay. You have my  
18 cell phone, call me after the holidays, I'll  
19 meet you whenever you want.

20 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. Okay. Thank  
21 you for listening to me.

22 MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.  
23 Mrs. Monacelli.

24 MS. MONACELLI: I'm not here to  
25 complain. Maybe. I don't know about you.

1 Thank you. Two houses are gone. Thank you.  
2 What about the last one?

3 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I'm still working  
4 on that. Give me time, please.

5 MS. MONACELLI: So, if you can't  
6 find the owner that's -- the courthouse has to  
7 know who owns that, or is he dead? Now, I  
8 always thought that Marie that used to live  
9 there, her husband bought that house.

10 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I don't know. I'm  
11 trying. I just, believe me, it's on my desk.  
12 I am working on it.

13 MS. MONACELLI: Okay. I met Mr., I  
14 won't give you a last name, he said he'd like  
15 to buy the whole block. I thought, Well,  
16 you're not buying my house. Two of those  
17 houses, I don't know if they're for sale,  
18 right, the one that was torn down on my side.

19 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Right.

20 MS. MONACELLI: Those two.

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I don't know.

22 MS. MONACELLI: They should go.

23 Maybe along with the next one, too, because  
24 there's a lot of trouble there. Ask the cops.  
25 Okay. But, anyway, that one. Okay.

1 DPW, yesterday I know there was a  
2 lot of rain, I came from morning mass, I'm  
3 going down around the bend and there's a tree.  
4 Now, they're trees, whether they're small or --  
5 it was laying in the middle of the -- it fell.

6 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I took care of  
7 that.

8 MS. MONACELLI: Sure, because I  
9 called. Actually, I called --

10 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: As soon as you  
11 called, how long was I there, five minutes?

12 MS. MONACELLI: Yeah, but --

13 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I mean, we can't be  
14 everywhere.

15 MS. MONACELLI: Yeah, but all those  
16 trees are dead. If Mr. So and so owns that,  
17 that's his responsibility, or it's their  
18 responsibility.

19 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: The gas company  
20 owns part of that --

21 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

22 MS. MONACELLI: That's the gas  
23 company?

24 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

25 MS. MONACELLI: So they're going to

1 clean it?

2 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Well --

3 MS. MONACELLI: Right. Okay.

4 Whatever. Did you pick up the tree?

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes. Personally.  
6 I pushed it off to the side.

7 MS. MONACELLI: I thought so.

8 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: What was I going to  
9 do with it? It was pouring rain.

10 MS. MONACELLI: Well, that's what  
11 they're doing. Go look on Lonesome Road, all  
12 those trees that fall down, and I've seen this  
13 with my own eyes, I won't say who it was, but  
14 they took the tree and just shoved it up and --

15 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Well, we had  
16 flooding, I was still getting sand bags, so I  
17 couldn't just take care --

18 MS. MONACELLI: Women don't do that.  
19 They pick it up and they throw it away. They  
20 don't just put it up -- are you getting all of  
21 this? Okay. So, isn't that your job?

22 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yesterday everyone  
23 was getting flooded out --

24 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

25 MS. MONACELLI: Wait a minute.

1 First of all, you guys need a microphone. When  
2 you're back there, you can't hear anything.  
3 Now, what did you say?

4 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: The place was a  
5 mess. We had a flood on Austin and Pittston.  
6 People were getting flooded out. The water was  
7 going in their house.

8 MS. MONACELLI: Yes, I understand  
9 that.

10 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: We opened the road  
11 for safety, and we're up there preventing  
12 people from getting flooded out.

13 MS. MONACELLI: I understand it was  
14 raining.

15 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: You have no clue  
16 what was going on up there.

17 MS. MONACELLI: There's 365 days in  
18 a year, it doesn't rain every day. What do  
19 they do besides pick up the garbage and put my  
20 bin right in the street where I have to come  
21 down, get out of the car, pick the bin up, put  
22 it on the sidewalk, get back in the car and  
23 park?

24 MR. LENCESKI: So, you want to know  
25 what the DPW does?

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: All six of you,  
2 Joe.

3 MR. LENCESKI: We're plowing in the  
4 winter, we pothole patch, we put up signs for  
5 people.

6 MS. MONACELLI: It's not winter.

7 MR. RINALDI: Mrs. Monacelli, the  
8 DPW --

9 MS. MONACELLI: What? I have to  
10 come right on top of you because I have \$4,000  
11 in my ears and I can't hear.

12 MR. RINALDI: We have six members of  
13 the DPW department, we have the DPW manager.  
14 They start at 6 a.m., they go to 2:30 in the  
15 afternoon.

16 MS. MONACELLI: Yeah, I --

17 MR. RINALDI: Just let me explain to  
18 you real quick. During whatever time of year  
19 it is, they're always busy doing multiple  
20 things. There's a lot of properties that the  
21 borough owns, there's parks, there's  
22 recreation, the borough building, there's their  
23 building. They maintain it, they clean it.

24 When there's weather like rain like  
25 we had yesterday, I know you said it doesn't

1 rain every day or snow every day, but there's a  
2 lot of things they do. There's a lot of  
3 transporting stuff around. They help the  
4 police move trailers. There's a lot of things  
5 they're doing.

6 MS. MONACELLI: Okay.

7 MR. RINALDI: And I could continue  
8 going, but, I mean, I'm not saying they don't  
9 have time to do what you need them to do, but  
10 like Mr. Lenceski said yesterday, if they were  
11 caught up for a day or two with the weather,  
12 with the flooding, with the rain, he'll get  
13 down and take a look at that piece of property,  
14 or we'll have Mike get to the property.

15 MS. MONACELLI: Maybe I'll start  
16 getting the shovel and start pulling it out.  
17 Okay.

18 MR. LENCESKI: We were shoveling  
19 gravel off roads yesterday. That took forever.  
20 Up in the Heights.

21 MS. MONACELLI: Okay. I'm finished.  
22 Merry Christmas to everybody.

23 MR. RINALDI: Merry Christmas.  
24 Thank you very much. Thank you,  
25 Mrs. Monacelli. Before we go into new

1 business, is there any members from the public  
2 who didn't sign in that want to address us?

3 MS. THOMAS: Vanessa Vergnetti  
4 Thomas.

5 MR. RINALDI: Hi, Vanessa. Good  
6 evening.

7 MS. THOMAS: Good evening, Old Forge  
8 Council members. I am sorry about my informal  
9 attire, too. I just wanted to speak on what  
10 the ladies and gentlemen spoken on about the  
11 community center.

12 I just want to add to that that I'm  
13 sure the esteemed members of Council know about  
14 the dced.pa.gov website and all the grants and  
15 programs and funding that are available for  
16 park rehabilitation and developmental funding.

17 Granted, you know, they're kind of  
18 earmarked anywhere between 20,000 and \$120,000,  
19 but it'd be great to put a grant, you know,  
20 request out there for these monies that are  
21 available, as well as grant of watch --  
22 Pennsylvaniagrantswatch.com.

23 I have the pleasure of serving on  
24 five different nonprofit boards in four  
25 different counties, and we're constantly on

1 here. Like, it's a site that, you know, if  
2 you're not privy to things, it tells you, okay,  
3 a grant could be possible to apply for, get,  
4 you know, get right on that, put in your  
5 applications.

6 And I'm sure, like I said, Council  
7 knows about these opportunities through our  
8 Commonwealth, through our state and our  
9 federal, on the federal end. There's lots of  
10 funding that could go towards the creation of a  
11 community center.

12 We're not considered a rural  
13 community, but I even went as far as to look on  
14 the website for pa.gov for that, and there's  
15 funding, as well, for rural communities that  
16 don't have a community center that want to put  
17 their time and effort into creating one.

18 And to speak to, I'm sorry, I don't  
19 know your name, Michelle, to speak to her  
20 point, I am a proud mom of five children, two  
21 are adults, three are at home, and two of my  
22 children, as a lot of community members know,  
23 have autism spectrum disorder, so they are very  
24 active in the community, but not, per se, as  
25 neuro typical children are.

1                   So, in particular, my Tristan, who  
2                   loves to go to all the parks in the warmer  
3                   weather and less, you know, inclement weather,  
4                   would thrive and love a community center to  
5                   just be in touch with his neuro typical  
6                   community members as well as his atypical  
7                   community members.

8                   And I just think that if Throop and  
9                   Dickson City and the surrounding communities  
10                  could make this happen, I think we're a diamond  
11                  community, I think we could make this happen,  
12                  whether it's getting monies from the state,  
13                  federal level and coming up with a plan as a  
14                  community to see if we could, you know, create  
15                  the revenue to make it happen, but I think we  
16                  could do it. I think it's essential. I just  
17                  wanted to say that.

18                  MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Thanks,  
19                  Vanessa. We appreciate it. Any other members  
20                  before we move into new business? Sure.

21                  MS. SHOTWELL: Jenna Shotwell. I  
22                  want to thank everybody that came tonight to  
23                  speak about the need for a community center in  
24                  Old Forge. I really appreciate it. You guys  
25                  all know it's something that is very important

1 to me.

2 And just one thing that I think, I  
3 think everybody touched on everything except in  
4 my role at the school, the only part of my job  
5 that I don't like is I'm in charge of our state  
6 reporting, it's really awful, but I want to  
7 point something out that you guys might not be  
8 super aware of. I actually got a warning, a  
9 flag from PDE on my last report, it's our  
10 October snapshot which reports on all the  
11 students in the school, and we had a year over  
12 year change on our economically disadvantaged  
13 population. It went up 28 percent in one year.

14 So, the state said, Well, this can't  
15 be right. There has to be something wrong with  
16 your report. So, we went, sat down with  
17 administration, with the registrar, went  
18 through all the paperwork, made sure everything  
19 was correct. Nope. Signed an accuracy  
20 statement, this is correct.

21 So, while we would love to have a  
22 community center for basketball and birthday  
23 parties and, you know, great fun things, I  
24 think another thing that we really need to  
25 think about is there is a population in this

1 town that's growing that's underserved, and  
2 they can't afford to play youth basketball, and  
3 they can't afford to do Junior Devils  
4 cheerleading.

5 So, while some of us are here  
6 because we're parents of kids that are involved  
7 in youth sports programs, there's a lot of kids  
8 who don't have any opportunities in this town  
9 that's not a park during the summer. So, I  
10 really think that that's something that I ask  
11 you to consider in addition to all the other  
12 things that everybody mentioned. Thank you.

13 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Any other  
14 members of the public before --

15 MR. LENCESKI: I would like just to  
16 say one thing.

17 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

18 MR. LENCESKI: About three weeks  
19 ago, the DPW went over, we dug a hole for Jenn  
20 Coriano Street (phonetic), pine tree that they  
21 set at Main Street Park, and after ten inches  
22 of dirt there's about five feet of red ash.  
23 The hole, I think before we go spending the  
24 money on everything, we should do a soil sample  
25 over there.

1                   So, if you look red ash up on your  
2 phones, it's highly toxic, and that whole  
3 area -- people know that those old red ash  
4 hills, that whole area was red ash.

5                   MR. HOOVER: That's the basketball  
6 courts, Joe?

7                   MR. LENCESKI: I don't know. I dug  
8 a pit, went through the top soil, four feet of  
9 red ash. So, I would just look into that.  
10 Look it up.

11                  MR. RINALDI: Joe, how far down did  
12 you go? Where did you put the tree?

13                  MR. LENCESKI: Five feet. I dug a  
14 hole to plant a tree, I didn't know this  
15 diameter root ball, but I dug it large enough  
16 to --

17                               (Inaudible crosstalk.)

18                  MR. LENCESKI: I dug it large enough  
19 to back fill it with good top soil so it would  
20 grow, and then they planted it in front of the  
21 hole and I filled the hole in. It's all red  
22 ash.

23                  MR. HOOVER: We'll take soil samples  
24 before we even do anything over there, Dave.

25                  MR. NOTARI: I mean, that's part of

1 the process of doing something.

2 MR. HOOVER: It's part of the  
3 process anyway.

4 MR. LOPATKA: What, for that?

5 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

6 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

7 MR. HOOVER: Thanks, Joe.

8 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Joe. Any  
9 other members before we go into new business?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RINALDI: Okay. With that said,  
12 we're going to move into our first item under  
13 new business. First item for consideration an  
14 ordinance adopting the 2024 budget as amended  
15 for the Borough of Old Forge, Lackawanna  
16 County, Pennsylvania adopting the comprehensive  
17 budget for the calendar year of 2024  
18 appropriating specific sums estimated to be  
19 required for the specific purposes of a  
20 municipal government here and after set forth  
21 during the calendar year of 2024.

22 Section one, the annual budget was  
23 published or otherwise made available for  
24 public inspection on and from December 6, 2023  
25 until December 19, 2023.

1                   Section two, the annual budget as  
2                   published includes revisions, if any, by  
3                   Council is as presented here at this meeting.

4                   Section three, that for the  
5                   expenditures and expenses for the calendar year  
6                   of 2024, the following amounts are hereby  
7                   appropriated for the funds, equities, revenues  
8                   and other financing sources available for the  
9                   calendar 2024 for the specific purpose as set  
10                  forth in the attachment budget for 2024.

11                  At this time, the Chair would  
12                  entertain a motion to pass as amended the 2024  
13                  budget.

14                  MR. HOOVER: I'd like to make that  
15                  motion.

16                  MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
17                  Councilman Hoover.

18                  MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

19                  MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman  
20                  Butler. On the question?

21                  (No response.)

22                  MR. RINALDI: Marylynn.

23                  MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes?

24                  MR. RINALDI: This budget is passing  
25                  with zero tax increase?

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Zero tax increase.

2 MR. RINALDI: Before the budget goes  
3 to the floor, I'd just like to state a few  
4 things. We mentioned a little in our work  
5 session, for the members of the public who  
6 don't know, Marylynn Bartoletti, borough  
7 manager, which I'm sure you all know her, but  
8 she's 99.9 percent responsible for our budget.

9 I sit on the finance committee  
10 meeting with Councilman Hoover and Councilman  
11 Notari, we have meetings with Mrs. Bartoletti  
12 throughout the year, more towards the end of  
13 the year, then we have executive sessions with  
14 the Council, the solicitor and Marylynn and we  
15 go over the budge. Marylynn's been here  
16 since 2005. Since 2005 our taxes increased  
17 twice, one mill in 2008 and last year 1.25  
18 mills when we made a deal conjoining with the  
19 high school to put resource officers in.

20 The time and effort that goes in by  
21 Marylynn, I mean, us who sit at the table know,  
22 I mean, she's fantastic at her job, she's  
23 fantastic at the budget, she watches the  
24 numbers, she crunches the numbers, and she is  
25 the reason, although we make the final

1 decision, she's the reason that this budget  
2 year in and year out stays as tight as possible  
3 with as much good things that we provide the  
4 borough through police services, DPW services,  
5 recreation services, our fire department, which  
6 is they're volunteer but we donate to them, and  
7 all the other services to the community.

8 So, I'd just like to give Marylynn  
9 just a commendation on that. She's done a  
10 great job.

11 MR. RINALDI: Thank you.

12 MR. HOOVER: On another note, we  
13 bought a leaf truck. The leaf truck was over  
14 \$300,000, and I said to Marylynn and Joe, How  
15 are we gonna pay for this? And she said, It's  
16 already taken care of. She said, We got a  
17 grant for over \$300,000 that she applied for  
18 and got for us. So, we got this huge leaf  
19 truck for nothing. So, she does apply for  
20 grants every time she can.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: We do lots of  
22 grants.

23 MR. HOOVER: We do lots of grants  
24 here. One a week easy. Thanks, Mare.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: You're welcome.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. On  
3 the question?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

9 Avvisato?

10 MS. AVVISATO: Yes. Thank you.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

12 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

14 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

16 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

18 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number two

19 is for consideration an ordinance fixing and  
20 levying the tax for 2024, an ordinance of the  
21 Old Forge Borough of Lackawanna County,  
22 Pennsylvania fixing and levying a tax for the  
23 general borough purposes for the calendar year  
24 2024 and for the purpose of creating and  
25 maintaining a special fund to be used by the

1           borough for making permanent street  
2           improvements, to pay contract prices for paving  
3           and other permanent street improvements.

4                         Section one, a tax is and the same  
5           is hereby levied on the dollar of the valuation  
6           assessed for county purposes on all real  
7           property made taxable by the laws of the  
8           Commonwealth of Pennsylvania within the borough  
9           said subject to taxation for borough purposes  
10          for the calendar year 2024 as follows: Tax  
11          rate for general borough purposes shall be the  
12          sum of 20 and three-fourths, that's 20.75 mills  
13          on the dollar and the valuation assessed for  
14          county purposes and tax rate for special road  
15          fund tax shall be the sum of 1.0 mills on the  
16          dollar and valuation assessed for county  
17          purposes.

18                         At the time, the Chair would  
19          entertain the ordinance for fixing and levying  
20          the tax for 2024.

21                         MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that  
22          motion, Mr. Chairman.

23                         MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
24          Councilwoman Avvisato.

25                         MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

1 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman  
2 Butler. On the question?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

8 Avvisato?

9 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

11 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

13 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

15 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

17 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number

18 three for consideration is an ordinance  
19 establishing no parking on the west side of the  
20 400 block of George Street. An ordinance to  
21 establish a no parking on the west side of the  
22 400 block of George Street for a distance of  
23 150 feet from the intersection of West Grace  
24 Street to the alley in the Borough of Old  
25 Forge.

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

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

4 MS. AVVISATO: I'll second that  
5 motion.

6 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilwoman  
7 Avvisato. On the question?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
13 Avvisato?

14 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

16 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

18 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

20 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

22 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number  
23 four, this is just going to be a motion to add.  
24 Item number four would be a motion to add to  
25 the agenda putting out to bid for the Josephine

1 Street project. This is just to add it.

2 MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that  
3 motion, Mr. Chairman.

4 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
5 Councilwoman Avvisato.

6 MR. NOTARI: I'll second.

7 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman  
8 Notari. On the question?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
14 Avvisato?

15 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

17 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

19 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

21 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

23 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number five  
24 will be a motion to approve Marylynn and the  
25 engineer to advertise to put the Josephine

1 Street sewer project out for bid.

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

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

5 MS. AVVISATO: I'll second that  
6 motion.

7 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilwoman  
8 Avvisato. On the question?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
14 Avvisato?

15 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

17 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

19 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

21 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

23 MR. RINALDI: Yes. If there's no  
24 more items, the Chair would go down the table  
25 and see if any of the members have anything

1 before we adjourn. Mayor Legg.

2 MAYOR LEGG: Thank you,  
3 Mr. Chairman.

4 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

5 MAYOR LEGG: Ladies, you all did a  
6 great job, okay? I'm very proud of you. But  
7 there was a phrase some of you people used and  
8 that was we would like you to consider.  
9 There's not a person up here who does not want  
10 a community center, okay? We just went through  
11 a big building process, a lot of money was  
12 spent for that, okay?

13 And, Vanessa, you said there's  
14 grants, state grants, federal grants, okay,  
15 there's a lot of competition out there for this  
16 money, okay, especially the way things are.  
17 Some of these applications are 18 pages and  
18 they want specifics down to what -- it's hard.  
19 It's hard.

20 And I know our borough manager has  
21 been able to get some money, but it's not easy.  
22 It's not easy. It's not like you're going to  
23 wave a magic wand and there's \$200,000. It  
24 doesn't work that way.

25 I mean, we want it. We want a

1 community center, ladies and gentlemen, we  
2 really do, okay, but like Mrs. Wilk said,  
3 money. Money. Money's tight. Everybody's  
4 hurting, okay? If I had a million dollars, I'd  
5 donate it, but I don't have a million dollars.

6 At this time, Lee, are you here?  
7 Would you come up here to the podium, please?  
8 I'm going to just stand here because I don't  
9 want to turn my back on Council.

10 MS. GRIMES: I embarrass easily, you  
11 know that. Where do you want me to go?

12 MAYOR LEGG: Right there. For those  
13 of you who don't know this young lady, Lee  
14 Grimes, better known as the cat whisperer, what  
15 Lee does during the day is she goes out and  
16 gets stray cats, rounds them up, takes them to  
17 the vet, gets them fixed so that they don't  
18 have little baby kittens and gets their shots  
19 and any kind of injuries that are minor, she  
20 takes care of it, and she's been doing this for  
21 quite a while. And I know she spends quite  
22 amount of her own money on this.

23 I know I'm on the road from Duryea  
24 to Carbondale and I see tons of these poor  
25 little critters out in the cold, out in the

1 rain, no food, no water, okay, no place to lay  
2 their head. So, Lee, I got a little something  
3 for you. Come here, please.

4 MS. GRIMES: I can't. You told me  
5 to stay here.

6 MAYOR LEGG: Okay. It's a little  
7 something for you that says, This award is  
8 presented to Lee Grimes for her tireless effort  
9 in helping the stray cat population. Very  
10 deserving. You don't talk the talk, you walk  
11 the walk. Keep up the good work.

12 MS. GRIMES: Thank you.

13 MAYOR LEGG: And, Mr. Chairman, the  
14 last thing I'd like to do is wish everyone a  
15 very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and  
16 let's hope it's a sight better than the last  
17 one was. Thank you.

18 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Mayor. I  
19 appreciate it. Same to you. Councilman  
20 Notari.

21 MR. NOTARI: First I'd like to thank  
22 Marylynn for all her hard work on the budget.  
23 It doesn't go unnoticed, as Chairman Rinaldi  
24 said, and Mr. Hoover. We're in the financial  
25 situation we're in because of your due

1 diligence --

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thank you.

3 MR. NOTARI: -- and how you take  
4 care of the budget and how you don't let us  
5 spend wildly like I would like to.

6 I'd also like to thank our fire  
7 department for braving the weather this past  
8 weekend. Sunday I think they were out with  
9 Santa and Mrs. Claus visiting the children of  
10 our borough throughout the town. If you heard  
11 the sirens, that's what was going on. And they  
12 do that every year and it's much appreciated.  
13 And I know the community and the children  
14 appreciate it.

15 I'd also like to say, in terms of  
16 the community center, the borough provides an  
17 area for junior football to practice, the  
18 borough provides for little league and missy  
19 league a field to play, we provide a soccer  
20 field to play, we now provide an indoor area  
21 for bocce to be played by the limited amount of  
22 residents from this borough. We allow men's  
23 softball to use a field here in Old Forge. It  
24 is time to provide youth basketball an area  
25 that they can hold a league on their own

1 without any questions from scheduling, schools,  
2 out of town, wherever. They need a place of  
3 their own and we need to provide that for them.

4 And on that note, I believe our rec  
5 committee, once we reorganize in two weeks, our  
6 rec committee should take the lead, whatever  
7 three Council members are on that rec  
8 committee, I'm currently on it, I would like to  
9 stay on it and take the lead in this project  
10 and see how we could develop not only a plan  
11 but a funding stream to make this happen.

12 That said, Merry Christmas to  
13 everyone, enjoy the holidays. Keep your loved  
14 ones close, you don't know when that's going to  
15 change. And thanks for coming everybody  
16 tonight. I wish more people came to meetings.  
17 It's refreshing. Thank you.

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

20 MR. BUTLER: I have nothing. I just  
21 want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

22 MR. RINALDI: Councilwoman Avvisato.

23 MS. AVVISATO: I just want to thank  
24 everyone for coming about the community center.  
25 I've been there, Marylynn helped me, we got a

1 grant for 500,000, we put the park over Marion  
2 Street, and it's hard, but we are trying. We  
3 will definitely keep trying. But thanks for  
4 coming.

5 And, again, I want to thank Marylynn  
6 again for that hard work. I was looking at the  
7 finances and I'm going, How did you do this?  
8 Like, it's amazing.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thank you.

10 MS. AVVISATO: It's hard work. And  
11 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

12 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Councilman  
13 Hoover.

14 MR. HOOVER: All I have to do is say  
15 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
16 Everything was said already. Marylynn, as  
17 usual, you know. Council members, everybody  
18 else, Merry Christmas.

19 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. I just  
20 have a few items. I'll start with, I wish they  
21 were here personally tonight but they're not,  
22 Councilman Febbo and Councilman Lettieri, they  
23 will not be coming back in January. We will be  
24 welcoming Mrs. Shotwell and Mr. Komensky, but I  
25 would like to thank Mr. Febbo and Mr. Lettieri

1 for their service that they served up here. I  
2 thank all the members, as well, who have served  
3 up here with them and with me.

4 I'd like to thank Marylynn once  
5 again for all your hard work throughout the  
6 year. Thank your staff, all the secretaries.  
7 I'd like to thank our emergency departments,  
8 our fire department, our police department, our  
9 chief, all the police officers and all the  
10 volunteer fireman.

11 Joe, to you and the DPW department,  
12 I mean, you know we tell you many times  
13 throughout the year, you and all them, great  
14 job. You guys are all over the place doing  
15 whatever we need whenever we ask. We  
16 appreciate it.

17 Mike Sokolowski, you came on halfway  
18 through the year, and I'm going to tell you,  
19 you took that office and you got it pretty well  
20 organized in about six months.

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Thanks.

22 MR. RINALDI: You do a great job and  
23 I'm glad we could depend on you.

24 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Thank you.

25 MR. RINALDI: Dave, to you and your

1 firm, thank you for all the hard work, as well,  
2 throughout the years. You've been here with us  
3 now, I want to say, close to ten years. 2014?

4 MR. LOPATKA: Yep.

5 MR. RINALDI: Well, thank your boss  
6 and thank all your employees, as well, for us.

7 MR. LOPATKA: Thank you.

8 MR. RINALDI: Attorney Rinaldi,  
9 thank you for the hard work, as well, all  
10 throughout the year. We appreciate it. I know  
11 we sit up here and we go through some things  
12 every now and then, but, you know, thanks for  
13 steering us in the right direction and keeping  
14 us on the right course legally. We appreciate  
15 it.

16 To the members of the public,  
17 especially to all the members who came tonight,  
18 first about the community center, you know I  
19 made a pile of comments on it already, just to  
20 touch on it, I thank you for coming for your  
21 concerns. I thank you for expressing them.  
22 Everyone who spoke had a lot of good ideas for  
23 a lot of different areas as far as the  
24 basketball, Marissa and Gina and Ray spoke.  
25 Michelle, you had a lot of good points from the

1 health and wellness. Vanessa, a lot of good  
2 points. We appreciate it.

3 If, going forward, like Councilman  
4 Notari said, we have a recreation committee who  
5 we could look to for some help to start us  
6 along with our engineer, start us along with  
7 our solicitor and borough manager, get some  
8 costs, stuff like that, if you have any  
9 information, everyone, and you want to bring it  
10 to us, bring it.

11 Again, like Councilman Notari said,  
12 I for one, I love when members of the public  
13 come. I wish the room was bigger and I wish we  
14 had double the people. It's comforting to see  
15 people who come to the meetings and who care  
16 about the town as much as I do and all of us up  
17 here do and as much as you do. If you could  
18 get more people to come, give us your ideas,  
19 give us your concerns, we love to help you help  
20 us, and we love to help us help you.

21 With that said, I'd like to tell  
22 everyone at the table, Mayor Legg, always a  
23 pleasure to serve with you. Councilman Notari,  
24 Councilman Butler, Councilwoman Avvisato,  
25 Councilman Hoover, not to toot our own horns up

1           here, because I'm not, this isn't an easy seat  
2           to sit in for any of us, I know you guys all  
3           have the best interest of the borough in mind,  
4           and I thank you for making the best decisions  
5           possible for the community.

6                        I wish everybody a safe, healthy and  
7           happy holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New  
8           Year to everybody. If anybody has anything  
9           before we adjourn, speak now. If not, the  
10          Chair would entertain a motion to adjourn the  
11          meeting.

12                       MR. NOTARI: Mr. Chairman, I'll make  
13          a motion to adjourn the meeting.

14                       MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
15          Councilman Notari. All in favor?

16                       ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

17                       MR. RINALDI: Thank you everyone.

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19                       (Meeting adjourned.)

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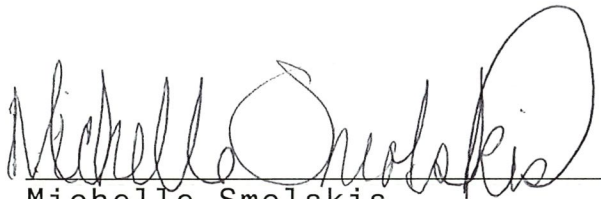
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