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OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: COUNCIL WORK SESSION

DECEMBER 3, 2024

7:20 P.M.

OLD FORGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
314 SOUTH MAIN STREET
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- RUSSELL RINALDI, PRESIDENT
- JAMES HOOVER, VICE-PRESIDENT
- ANDREW BUTLER
- JENNA JONES-SHOTWELL
- MICHAEL KOMENSKY
- MICHAEL LETTIERI
- WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR
- MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER
- ROBERT LEGG, MAYOR

Mark Wozniak
Official Court Reporter

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We're going to
2 move right into our work session. Once
3 again, good evening. The purpose of
4 tonight's work session will be to go through
5 our department heads, our members of
6 council, our mayor, our solicitor, our
7 borough manager to set the agenda for our
8 regular meeting which will be Tuesday,
9 December 17, 2024.

10 We also have a public sign-in sheet
11 tonight. If anyone from the public would
12 like to address us we'll give you a few
13 moments at the end of the work session.

14 With that said, we're going to move
15 right to our first department heard, our DPW
16 manager, Joseph Lenceski. Joe, good
17 evening. Anything for the meeting tonight
18 or the upcoming agenda?

19 MR. LENCESKI: No.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
21 any questions for Joe?

22 MR. BUTLER: Joe, I just want to say
23 great job with the snow. There was wires
24 and branches and everything down all over
25 town. Great job.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It was a great
2 job, Joe. The storm came fast, came hard,
3 heavy. Between you, the police department,
4 the fire department, you guys really -- you
5 were out there day and night. All three
6 departments, all three crews really did a
7 good job in town. Thank you. Anything else
8 for Joe? Thank you, Joe.

9 Mike Sokolowski, code
10 enforcement/zoning officer, good evening.
11 Anything for the meeting or for the agenda
12 coming up?

13 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No, I don't have
14 anything.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone have
16 any questions for Michael?

17 MR. LETTIERI: Mike, any updates on
18 the Grace Street apartments? Last time I
19 believe Mr. Zupon was here complaining about
20 domestic issues over there.

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: There's been no
22 complaints. The evictions are coming up the
23 end of the month.

24 MR. HOOVER: How about our fence guy
25 on Moosic Road, did he get an occupancy

1 permit yet?

2 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No. He was at the
3 planning commission, his engineer, Emmett,
4 got all the information he needs to finalize
5 everything.

6 MR. HOOVER: But he still put a
7 fence up?

8 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah. He's closing
9 it off just to clean it up.

10 MR. HOOVER: I don't care. He's not
11 supposed to be doing anything. This guy
12 keeps doing what he wants to do. Nobody
13 gave him, he just put the fence up.

14 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No, I gave him a
15 permit.

16 MR. HOOVER: Did you give him an
17 occupancy permit.

18 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No.

19 MR. HOOVER: I don't understand.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Is he doing
21 business?

22 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No.

23 MR. HOOVER: The planning commission
24 told him that he had to get a site plan for
25 parking and what the grounds are going to

1 look like before he gets an occupancy
2 permit. Next day he put the fence up and
3 closed himself in.

4 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: That was a couple
5 week ago.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So he has a
7 permit for the fence.

8 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Just the fence.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: No occupancy
10 permit.

11 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: He's not doing
13 any business. Bill, legal question for you.
14 Is he able to still construct a fence with a
15 permit for the fence and be closed?

16 ATTY. RINALDI: He might be able to
17 do the fence because he's fencing in his
18 property.

19 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: He's fencing the
20 property in, so it's kind of making
21 everybody else happy, the Pikarskis, closing
22 it off.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: You don't have to go
24 to planning to put up a fence around your
25 yard or property. It would have been nice

1 if he came in and put it on his plan.

2 MR. LOPATKA: Well, it should be on
3 the plan when he comes back in.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So according
5 to Councilman Hoover, to satisfy him and the
6 legal part of it, he's not doing anything
7 wrong, then, right now. He's not operating,
8 doesn't have the permits. He did get the
9 permit for the fence.

10 MR. HOOVER: You don't know if he's
11 working.

12 MR. RUSSEL RINALDI: Well, to our
13 zoning officer's knowledge he's not.

14 MR. BUTLER: Something behind the
15 fence?

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Could he be
17 doing something we can't see? Absolutely.
18 Mike, can you contact him tomorrow and make
19 him aware that he should not be doing any
20 type of business until he comes forward and
21 gets the occupancy permit?

22 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, he knows. He
24 got a fine for it and he's paying on the
25 fines.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilman
2 Hoover raises a good question. If he is
3 behind that fence doing something we don't
4 know.

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: You can see from
6 the road.

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Or just stop
8 in there tomorrow and let him know once
9 again, and look around and see if it looks
10 like he's doing any business in there.
11 You'll be able to tell. Anything else,
12 Michael?

13 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No.

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Any of the
15 members have any questions for Mike?
16 Thanks, Mike.

17 Dave Lopatka, engineer, good
18 evening. Anything for the meeting tonight
19 or the upcoming agenda?

20 MR. LOPATKA: The upcoming agenda, I
21 did give you guys a copy of our letter
22 recommending Linde for the Pagnotti Park
23 phase one portion of the project. There
24 were two bids. I gave those to Marylynn. I
25 think I e-mailed her a copy of everything as

1 well today. So the two bidders were Linde
2 and Cobalt Construction. They both had
3 everything that was required. Linde's bid
4 was \$170,176. That would be something that
5 you could put on the agenda if you want to
6 move forward with that for te next meeting.

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Dave, this
8 construction would start after the upcoming
9 baseball season?

10 MR. LOPATKA: No, this is just the
11 prep work to bring the water line over and
12 bring the electric up to that building.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So is
14 before --

15 MR. LOPATKA: This would be before,
16 then we will bid out in probably March or
17 April the field portion of it.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So the prep
19 work done before the season?

20 MR. LOPATKA: When the season's over
21 the can grade the field, put in irrigation
22 system and power everything up.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Separate
24 project, separate bid.

25 MR. HOOVER: Dave, the lights that

1 are going to be put eventually at Pagnotti
2 where do they gate three phase from? They
3 need three phase for the lights. Correct?

4 MR. LOPATKA: Well, typically you
5 need it. They would likely have to run
6 another line into that building, then
7 upgrade the service.

8 MR. HOOVER: Where we're running
9 this water line from is there three phase on
10 Villa Drive?

11 MR. LOPATKA: That I don't know.

12 MR. HOOVER: How can we find that
13 out?

14 MR. LOPATKA: I can make a phone
15 call to PP&L.

16 MR. HOOVER: Because if the three
17 phase is there are we picking up this 300
18 feet of 400 feet? Could we put a casing in
19 the ground.

20 MR. LOPATKA: First you need an
21 easement for a water line. Secondly,
22 typically water and electric don't want to
23 be in the same trench. So a separate trench
24 if they were going to run it.

25 MR HOOVER: Put the electrical into

1 the --

2 MR. LOPATKA: You can put a conduit
3 in.

4 MR. HOOVER: Just put a conduit in
5 the street in case we can use it for the
6 three phase.

7 MR. LOPATKA: Again, you want to put
8 it in a separate trench. The water company
9 does not want to be in the trench with
10 electric.

11 MR. HOOVER: You put the water line
12 in and put the conduit for the sprinkler
13 system, whatever you have to do, put the
14 conduit in the ground. For the three phase
15 we need --

16 MR. LOPATKA: I can inquire.

17 MR. HOOVER: If it's not there it's
18 a moot point. If it's there I think the
19 best thing to do is use it. Joe, do you
20 know if it's there?

21 MR. LENCESKI: No, I don't know.

22 MR. HOOVER: It's something to look
23 into before we start this project. It's
24 nothing to throw a casing in the ground.

25 MR. BUTLER: Dave, while you have

1 PPL on the line can you ask them if they can
2 instal pole lights on the poles coming down
3 Villa Drive? There's not lighting once you
4 get so far down that road.

5 MR. LOPATKA: Typically the
6 lights -- aren't the lights the borough's?

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: If we have to add a
8 light what we do is we get the pole number
9 and the office, after council says yes, we
10 want to put a light there, council approves
11 it and then we call PPL and they add it on.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: But there's
13 poles there right now.

14 MR. BUTLER: There's poles.

15 MR. LOPATKA: You guys own the
16 lights.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: No.

18 MR. LOPATKA: You can request
19 lights.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

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

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else
23 have any questions for Dave?

24 MR. LOPATKA: The other thing is I
25 guess Nicholas Drive. I don't know if you

1 have any questions on that. I put together
2 two sketches that kind of show -- two
3 different options that you can do to limit
4 the expanse of that intersection.

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I have a
6 couple questions about it, Dave. First of
7 all, I appreciate the two designs you got
8 for us. We could alter, I'm guessing,
9 whichever way council decides to go.

10 MR. LOPATKA: These are sketches.
11 They can be tweaked.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The inside, it
13 doesn't have to be grass. Right? It can be
14 some type of stone or rock.

15 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The other
17 question I have is I know we talked about
18 the streetlight over there, but I talked to
19 the DPW manager, Joe, about it and Joe was
20 saying that a streetlight, if we wanted to
21 put one in would be on the opposite side of
22 the street?

23 MR. LENCESKI: The south side of
24 Winter.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Following in

1 line with the other ones there, just adding
2 one more.

3 MR. LENCESKI: I personally think
4 you can justify the one because you're
5 coming from Amity, that's Buberniak, and
6 there's three of them. They go every three
7 houses. Then the last one you have, like,
8 seven, eight, nine houses and then the next
9 one is on the corner of Albion.

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So put one in
11 line with the other three. Add a fourth. I
12 know last meeting or the meeting before we
13 brought up to put one here, but put one with
14 the other --

15 MR. LENCESKI: Closer to that
16 intersection.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It will only
18 be across the street and a little diagonal.
19 One house down.

20 Dave, my last question would be our
21 next step to move forward, we pick a design
22 that you gave us and then you get us a cost
23 estimate?

24 MR. LOPATKA: Well, we can design
25 it. Like, this is something -- like, we can

1 design it --

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Or we can get
3 a different design other than this.

4 MR. LOPATKA: I think those are
5 probably the only two real options you have.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay.

7 MR. LOPATKA: Option one, I think
8 that kind of really slows traffic down at
9 that enter because you're splitting it and
10 you're bringing the people who used to come
11 straight through here straight through and
12 just right out, you're kind of slowing them
13 down and bringing them right to the stop
14 sign. That option I think we would have to
15 tweak a little bit to make sure that those
16 two houses on either side of the street
17 still have access to back in. This option
18 would work.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So both roads
20 are two way?

21 MR. LOPATKA: No, one way in and the
22 other one is the other way out. Those are
23 one lane each where the split is.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So it's one
25 lane out and one lane in.

1 MR. HOOVER: Put a sign there.

2 MR. LOPATKA: You can put a sign,
3 then I would put a stripe on the side coming
4 in. You can see there's some line striping
5 there on that option one. When they're
6 coming down Nicholas just to that point
7 there's striping there to make the cars
8 coming, I guess, south to veer off. We'll
9 put a sign there right turn or stop sign
10 or --

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Right turn
12 only.

13 MS. SHOTWELL: Is there going to be
14 room for people to park on this side of
15 Nicholas? People who live here, will they
16 still be able to park in front and have a
17 lane of traffic come through there?

18 MR. BUTLER: No.

19 MR. LOPATKA: Basically I split the
20 street. So each of these lanes is the same
21 width with two lanes anyway.

22 MR. HOOVER: That guy can't get in
23 his driveway from one way.

24 MR. BUTLER: It's got to be two
25 lawns going in and coming out.

1 MS. SHOTWELL: They have to merge,
2 almost.

3 MR. BUTLER: You can make the middle
4 smaller and now you're making the lanes
5 wider.

6 MS. SHOTWELL: Somebody's coming
7 down Winter and up Winter and they're both
8 going to turn onto Nicholas they can't --

9 MR. LOPATKA: They'd never mesh back
10 in because it's a main street. You split
11 the lane as you're coming down -- say you're
12 coming down Nicholas. These lanes are still
13 the same width as the single lanes that are
14 on Nicholas.

15 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Same width as
16 what's there now.

17 MR. HOOVER: You have to have a car
18 to be able to get by there. That's where
19 they park.

20 MR. LOPATKA: They have driveways.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Good point.
22 See this one lane, this one direction?
23 That's two lanes. If we took this and
24 brought that back a little bit, left this
25 two lanes they'd still have room on both

1 sides but it's still -- there's two lanes,
2 room on the side to park, but this is little
3 smaller.

4 MR. LOPATKA: We can do whatever you
5 want to do. With this one, basically if you
6 look at those two lanes these two lanes are
7 the same width as the road itself.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The reason why
9 I asked that --

10 MR. LOPATKA: We can flatten this
11 radius out and create more space there.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: This is
13 talking to the neighbors over there. The
14 bus stop stops right here, so we're going to
15 have the bus stop dropping kids off, like
16 they already are now, though, in one
17 intersection and another one. If we had the
18 single piece of land shortened the bus stop
19 would drop them off right here a lot safer
20 from the traffic coming and going this way.

21 MR. LOPATKA: Agreed, but the more
22 we pull that back, the more you still
23 have -- you're basically going to have what
24 you have now.

25 MS. SHOTWELL: What you're trying to

1 accomplish is the stop sign not so far away.
2 Nobody pulls this way, to the left.

3 MR. LOPATKA: But if you flatten
4 that radius on too much people aren't going
5 to see that stop sign similar to what it is
6 now.

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'm looking at
8 all angles.

9 MR. LENCESKI: I do like one. It
10 definitely slows traffic down. The school
11 bus can go wherever they want. It's 300
12 feet. They don't have to stop there.

13 MR. LETTIERI: That's what the
14 problem is, slow traffic down. Two is going
15 to keep it the same, I think.

16 MR. BUTLER: I just don't like the
17 one way in and one way out.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: When we talk
19 about one we mean one piece of land.

20 MR. LOPATKA: The lanes are the
21 exact same width as they are on Main Street.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Why don't we
23 do this. We have time to discuss it. Let's
24 look at this and meet on it.

25 MR. KOMENSKY: Make sure all the

1 neighbors are in agreement.

2 MS. SHOTWELL: If you're taking away
3 all the parking in front of their house
4 that's -- I would not be in favor of that.

5 MR. LOPATKA: This is just to give
6 you ideas. I can do it either way.
7 Honestly, doing it with the two lanes it
8 doesn't matter. We can put some signage up
9 there to keep people alerting to the fact
10 that the stop sign is right here as well.
11 The hard part about the way it is now is
12 that stop sign can't be anywhere else.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It's so far
14 out.

15 MR. LOPATKA: We could put striping
16 there, put stop bars there. There's things
17 we can do to slow the traffic down.

18 MR. LENCESKI: I would say the best
19 thing to do is get some paint and paint the
20 thing and everybody look at it.

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Do an outline.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Also,
23 Councilman Hoover, Councilwoman
24 Jones-Shotwell mentioned, too, we should let
25 all the neighbors know our intentions of

1 what we're doing over there. If you want to
2 send them a letter just to those houses over
3 there and let them know what we're looking
4 to do so all the neighbors have a little
5 heads up. I like that idea. Dave, anything
6 else?

7 MR. LOPATKA: No.

8 MR. HOOVER: The veterans' wall,
9 where we at with the veterans' wall?

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Dave can give you
11 more details on that. He's been working on
12 the plan.

13 MR. LOPATKA: I have it pretty much
14 ready. I know I sent the proposals. I need
15 them to do the lighting. They have to pull
16 power off of the building somehow because
17 there's power there. Then I was going to
18 have them kind of do a photometrics so we
19 can see at spray of the lights so we're not
20 overshooting it too much. That's the only
21 thing that's left. That will be ready to go
22 once I have them finalized.

23 And the bids for the senior center
24 come back next Friday.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: This Friday.

1 MR. LOPATKA: Actually the county
2 will open them. It's CDBG, so the bids are
3 through the county. I think I had two
4 addendums that I kind of threw on there.
5 The bids are due on Friday, so they'll be
6 opened, I believe, at noon or 2:00 on
7 Friday.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Two o'clock.

9 MR. HOOVER: That can be a winter
10 job for them.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Definitely.

12 MR. LOPATKA: We'll have those
13 numbers next week sometime.

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Any members
15 have any questions for Dave?

16 MR. LENCESKI: I don't know if a
17 pole would fall under Marylynn's
18 discretionary spending of it that would have
19 to be on the agenda for you guys to vote on
20 to put a pole in.

21 MR. LOPATKA: Is there a pole where
22 you want to --

23 MR. LENCESKI: No, underground
24 utilities.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: I'm sure we can get

1 the ball rolling on it. We can order it.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We can get the
3 pole installed way before we do the project.
4 Dave, anything else?

5 MR. LOPATKA: No.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Police chief,
7 Jason Dubernas, anything for the meeting or
8 for the upcoming agenda?

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Nothing for the
10 agenda, but I do have an update on Maxson
11 Drive. His hearing is in January. The
12 cars. All the cars on the property.
13 January. Caputo.

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: What are the
15 details of it? How many cars are we looking
16 at over there?

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Three.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It's just to
19 get rid of the abandoned vehicles?

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We cited him under
21 the ordinance with the property with Mike.
22 They sent letters, the letters were
23 rejected, and Kimball got the returns back
24 so we sent the citation. Where is it going
25 to go? I don't know. It might turn into

1 going to the next step.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So some of his
3 vehicles are registered legal. We're going
4 to court with him over the ones that aren't.
5 Correct?

6 MR. HOOVER: These are just the ones
7 in the street.

8 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No, in the yard,
9 too.

10 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, the whole
11 property. Kimball and Mike are working on
12 together. We cited it.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anything else,
14 Chief?

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's it.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Ay members
17 have any questions for the chief? Thank
18 you, Chief.

19 Assistant Fire Chief, Bill Stull.
20 Bill, good evening. Anything for the
21 meeting tonight or for the agenda coming up?

22 MR. STULL: No, nothing.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Any members
24 have any questions for Bill? Thank you,
25 Bill.

1 Attorney Rinaldi, good evening.
2 Anything for the meeting tonight or for the
3 upcoming agenda?

4 ATTY. RINALDI: I believe I have the
5 parking on Franklin Street.

6 CHIEF DUBERNAS: And Bennett. All
7 on the same one. From Gaylord to Austin
8 Street.

9 ATTY. RINALDI: So that will be one
10 ordinance. We'll have the ordinance for the
11 tax ordinances and whichever other fees the
12 borough wants to decide.

13 I have two resolutions. One for a
14 radio purchase, and accepting an ATV
15 donation by the borough. Marylynn's going
16 to get me all those details.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Any other
18 items?

19 ATTY. RINALDI: That's all.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Any members
21 have any questions for the attorney?
22 Thanks, Bill.

23 Borough manager, Marylynn
24 Bartoletti, good evening again. Anything
25 for the meeting tonight or for the agenda?

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: So for the agenda I
2 have the first item would be I need to have
3 an adjustment made to a resolution for a
4 Monroe LSA safety grant. We have to adjust
5 the cost.

6 The second one is to pass a
7 resolution for the statewide LSA grant for
8 Miles Street park.

9 Third is to pass a resolution for
10 the Main Street Matters?? Grant.

11 Number four is to pass the formal
12 budget.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Any members
14 have any questions for the borough manager?
15 Thank you, Marylynn. Before we go down the
16 table, Chief, is there anyone from the
17 public?

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Ms. Cummings.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Good evening.
20 How are you?

21 MS. CUMMINGS: Good. How are you?
22 This is the last place I want to be tonight,
23 but there's a situation on West Grace that I
24 spoke to code enforcement about and
25 something has to be fixed. I don't know how

1 many of you are familiar with where I live
2 on West Grace.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I am.

4 MS. CUMMINGS: Whoever decided to
5 make that one-sided parking made it
6 impossible for parking on the side that I
7 live on. So there was no issues up until
8 this year. Mr. Pasqualina -- is that their
9 name? Pasqualina Properties purchased
10 Pescuch's old house. People that live on
11 the street know the son lived upstairs,
12 mother lived downstairs, then Phil sold it
13 to the Smiths, and the Smith family was
14 wonderful. They have a huge driveway there,
15 and unlike everybody here prepared with a
16 picture, I don't have one. But they have a
17 long driveway there. The Smiths had a
18 couple kids and four or five SUVs. They
19 would park those SUVs in the driveway, and
20 when the wife had to go to work at the post
21 office they would all have to back out onto
22 West Grace because that's now one-sided
23 parking. Then the son would come out and
24 move the cars back into the driveway.

25 Well, this guy that's living there

1 now, that just purchased this building, is
2 renovating. Can I approach? That's my
3 house, that's his truck. That's my other
4 mouse that I rent out to two tenants. So we
5 have one car, the kid's truck, and then the
6 person that was parking at my house is
7 parking by my driveway. There's no parking
8 there. None. The guy that bought
9 Prytchick's house is renting, and that guy
10 threatened the other guy's life the other
11 day because he parked a big black truck in
12 front of his house.

13 MR. LETTIERI: They're not utilizing
14 their driveway at all?

15 MS. CUMMINGS: Well, the people that
16 bought the house next to them that was
17 Krenitsky's won't allow their tenants to use
18 the driveway. They make them park in Jay's
19 old spot.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: In front of
21 the old store.

22 MS. CUMMINGS: We all had parking
23 spaces. That's all the parking that's
24 there. Now, there's no alley behind my
25 house because they took it for the didn't

1 school, and it's one-sided parking. Now
2 when the school buses are coming in there
3 it's going to be a mess. I don't know what
4 you're doing but it has to be addressed.

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I can say
6 this, the parking was taken away a while
7 ago.

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Long time.

9 MS. CUMMINGS: But they should have
10 addressed the -- because Smiths didn't rent
11 that house across the street, Pescuch
12 didn't. That was a family owned home. Two
13 units?

14 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Two.

15 MS. CUMMINGS: Where is he going to
16 have them park? I have your code
17 enforcement for off-street parking. You're
18 supposed to have 1.5, according to your new
19 ordinance in 2023, parking spaces per unit.
20 They don't have that. They don't have
21 off-street parking and they don't have it on
22 site. So how are they allowed to turn that
23 into a commercial building?

24 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: It was always a two
25 unit.

1 MS. CUMMINGS: But it was a family
2 unit that wasn't rented.

3 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: It's still a two
4 unit.

5 MS. CUMMINGS: We should have had he
6 neighbors come in. I didn't even know they
7 were changing that street. One day we
8 couldn't park across there. They put signs
9 up.

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I was going to
11 say I can't remember when they changed it.
12 It was before, I think, all of us.

13 MS. CUMMINGS: I remember when it
14 was changed and I remember why. Frank
15 Race's niece got hit by a car.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I don't know,
17 but probably school buses, two lane traffic.
18 A lot of cars, I remember going back when I
19 was a kid, wold get stuck and the plow
20 trucks couldn't come through and the school
21 buses couldn't come through. Maybe that's
22 why they decided to make it one side parking
23 only, give more room for the plow trucks to
24 get through first and open up the streets to
25 any traffic.

1 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's an emergency
2 route.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Because of the
4 two schools.

5 MS. CUMMINGS: Right. So you have
6 an emergency route, you have the school
7 there, and now these two new owners --

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: No park so
9 emergency vehicles can get through. That's
10 another reason why that is an emergency
11 route. Parking on both sides would be
12 difficult if, God forbid, you had to get
13 emergency vehicles through.

14 MS. CUMMINGS: I remember in '93
15 when they had to come through with the
16 trucks and tell everybody to get out of the
17 street so they could get all that snow out
18 of there. In '93, '94 and '95 when they
19 came in so they could get that cleared out
20 for the school.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I think that's
22 when they put the signs up you can't park on
23 the one side unless you have four-wheel
24 drive, chains on your tires. There's a
25 couple of snow signs on the poles.

1 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I think '93 you
2 couldn't park on the opposite side either.

3 MS. CUMMINGS: I bought a house
4 next door to mine so we can have parking for
5 511. Thanksgiving was? If I didn't hear
6 five fights out in front of my house on
7 Thanksgiving I didn't hear any and there's
8 no tenants there yet.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: My question is
10 going to be are the cars that are currently
11 there all parked legally?

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Every time I'm
13 going to the school in the afternoon all the
14 cars go up and down the street on the right
15 side. There's nothing on the left side.
16 There was a guy with a white pickup truck
17 with a dump trailer but he backed in his
18 driveway with four-ways on. I told him you
19 can't be hanging out because of the school
20 buses business. He said he was going to be
21 gone in ten minutes anyway.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So, Bill,
23 according to Ms. Cummings the property --
24 first of all, according to the zoning
25 officer the property's always been deemed

1 two units but only one family lived there.
2 But it's always been two units.

3 MS. CUMMINGS: I did go up the
4 county and pull their sheets, and it's not
5 listed as a rental but they are allowed to
6 have up to four people. So I don't know if
7 that's people or units in that property.
8 But you couldn't have that the way you have
9 the roads there because you can't have a law
10 that says you have to 1.5 cars for
11 parking --

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: This is my
13 question to the solicitor. So it's a
14 gentleman that owns it?

15 MS. CUMMINGS: Well, Pasqualini just
16 bought it and is renovating it now.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, my
18 question is if they bought it and it was two
19 units --

20 ATTY. RINALDI: When was it built
21 and how was it built?

22 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: It's been like that
23 since day one, I guess. I don't know how
24 old the house is.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Does the

1 landlord have to build a parking lot behind
2 his property or a driveway to a parking lot
3 behind his property to allow tenants to park
4 there?

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: It's not new
6 construction, it's an existing double unit
7 house.

8 MS. CUMMINGS: I don't know what
9 he's doing there because he doesn't have a
10 permit.

11 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: You don't need a
12 permit for remodeling.

13 MS. SHOTWELL: It's two units but
14 one family lived there, grandma lived in one
15 and grandson lived in one.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It was always
17 two units.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: What's the parking
19 there?

20 MS. CUMMINGS: There's no parking in
21 front.

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: On the south side
23 from the 100 to the 500. Snow emergency
24 route and school buses.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Has to be like

1 that since the mid to late '80s.

2 MR. KOMENSKY: Is there any
3 off-street parking?

4 MS. CUMMINGS: No, none, and he's
5 got a driveway.

6 ATTY. RINALDI: It looks like it's
7 been there a long time. So there's a double
8 house, and where do the people park that
9 lived in the house before?

10 MS. CUMMINGS: In the driveway, like
11 I just said.

12 MS. SHOTWELL: Is he getting rid of
13 the driveway?

14 MS. CUMMINGS: I don't know. I
15 asked the people across the street,
16 Verdetto, they said they're not allowed to
17 park in the driveway because they don't pay
18 enough rent. The other side pays.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: My question to
20 you is this Pasqualino property is rented
21 out to new tenants?

22 MS. CUMMINGS: He will be, I'm
23 assuming.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yet they have
25 a driveway but they're parking the cars on

1 the street?

2 MS. CUMMINGS: Right, and is it
3 going to be the same way when he rents the
4 apartments? If it is, then there's going to
5 have to be something done because --

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We have to
7 have Bill look at the ordinance, and if he's
8 going to be renting to them do they have to
9 provide off-street parking? It was already
10 a two unit --

11 MS. CUMMINGS: This is a conversion.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: He might not
13 be required to provide --

14 MS. SHOTWELL: It has 1.5 parking
15 spaces but it has a driveway.

16 MS. CUMMINGS: Parking of 1.5
17 off-street. Every apartment building has to
18 have 1.5 per unit.

19 ATTY. RINALDI: Was there always two
20 structures on your lot?

21 MS. CUMMINGS: No, mine was -- back
22 in '85 my husband changed that into a
23 duplex. But they came to council to do
24 that. This guy didn't do that.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Do you want

1 parking to go back on that side or do you
2 want them to park in the driveway?

3 MS. CUMMINGS: I'm just bringing it
4 to your attention to tell you there's a
5 major situation there. I don't know the
6 solution, to be honest with you. I don't
7 think that house should have been allowed to
8 be sold as an apartment rental because it
9 never was rental and there's no park.

10 MS. SHOTWELL: Is there two
11 addresses on it?

12 MS. CUMMINGS: It's one address.

13 MS. SHOTWELL: One mailbox?

14 MS. CUMMINGS: So is Komensky's.
15 That's only 505. That guy is telling his
16 tenants they have to pay more for a driveway
17 for parking. They've got a huge driveway
18 and a garage, so I don't know who's using
19 it.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Let's have
21 Bill look at the ordinances and then direct
22 Mike how he should handle it. If the
23 ordinance requires him now to provide
24 off-street parking for his tenants Mike is
25 going to have to go over there and address

1 it with him and explain to him although it
2 is one property it was always two units.
3 But now maybe he's turning it into a duplex.
4 It sounds that way.

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: We don't know.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Let's send
7 Mike over there and find out what's
8 happening. Let Bill and Mike get together
9 when Bill finds out the legal answer from
10 the ordinance side, and then we'll send Mike
11 back over and Mike will instruct him what he
12 has to do, if anything.

13 MS. CUMMINGS: According to the
14 county it's a residential property with
15 multi-drawing of one to four. It's not
16 commercial property. People are literally
17 fighting in the streets. So you're going to
18 be called sooner or later because I'm not
19 going to listen to it. Just call the cops.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You hear or
21 see anything call the cops.

22 MS. CUMMINGS: I'm sorry I have to
23 come to you with this.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We appreciate
25 it. Thank you. Anyone else from the public

1 want to speak before we go down the table?

2 Mayor Legg, anything for tonight?

3 MAYOR LEGG: I just want to say
4 Marylynn, great job on the budget. People
5 don't realize how much work it is. Good
6 job.

7 And I spoke to the chief before the
8 meeting. We're going to get some
9 information on the dog. I think he had it
10 from four years ago.

11 I would like something on the
12 January agenda, Mr. Chairman, to hire
13 another police officer. I would like have
14 that for the January meeting. We lost one
15 to the sheriff's department and may be
16 losing another.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Did we lose a
18 full time?

19 MAYOR LEGG: He wasn't full time --
20 we did, and a part-timer got a full time job
21 at the sheriff's department.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I know we lost
23 Boback. He another part-time to the
24 sheriff.

25 MAYOR LEGG: For the January

1 meeting. That is all I have.

2 MS. SHOTWELL: I'll echo on the
3 statements about Marylynn. I can't imagine
4 doing all that work for the budget.

5 Just a reminder Sunday is Snow Forge
6 here Old Forge, on Main Street, 2:00 to
7 5:00. Thanks in advance to our DPW and our
8 police and fire department.

9 MR. KOMENSKY: I'd like to just
10 echo. Mare, thanks for your work on the
11 budget. I know myself, Jimmy, Russell met
12 with you several times over the last couple
13 months and I know you have a lot of work to
14 do. But thank you tidying it up and for no
15 tax increase. The residents will be happy
16 about that.

17 I'd also like to echo the comments
18 about the storm. Joe, thank you very much
19 for the snow and your guys for putting the
20 decorations up. They did a really nice job.
21 And to the DPW, police, fire and staff for
22 the storm last week. I know it's a little
23 rough and you guys ran a lot of calls that
24 day. So thank you for everything. It
25 doesn't go unnoticed. That's all.

1 MR. LETTIERI: What Mike said. Joe,
2 thank you. You always do a great job.
3 Chief, Billy, thank you.

4 MR. BUTLER: Same thing. Great job
5 with the storm and all that, and great Job
6 to Marylynn with the budget.

7 One other thing. Are we with still
8 going through with that anniversary?

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: I'd like tomorrow
10 talk about it a little bit and get back on
11 track.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I would say
13 after the holidays. I'd say probably meet
14 in January and really get moving on it.

15 MAYOR LEGG: So it would be the
16 126th.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Hundred
18 twenty-five.

19 MR. HOOVER: Budget, wonderful job.
20 Joe, snow.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I echoed about
22 our DPW, our police and our fire. Thank
23 you.

24 Joe, council is going to sit down
25 after this meeting and figure out what we're

1 doing with that grant.

2 Last thing is echoing off everybody.
3 I've sat here and seen Marylynn doing
4 budgets for, I don't know, 15, 16, 17 years
5 and she is really, really -- she's really
6 the reason why we've had in the past,
7 since -- you're here since '05. We've had
8 two tax increases in that time. We had one
9 in '08 when we purchased a DPW truck and
10 then we took it off, and we just had one
11 this past year when we raised it 1.125 mills
12 to put a police officer into the high school
13 along with the high school paid for one as
14 well to protect the students and staff and
15 everyone on the ground over there. So in 19
16 years Marylynn's here our budget actually
17 went up 1.125 mills. That's something to
18 say about herself. She does a great job
19 with it, she keeps us all informed at all of
20 our meetings, our executive sessions. We
21 pass through the building a lot here through
22 the day and she's on top of things here and
23 she does a lot of great work and we
24 appreciate it. That's all I have.

25 At tis time the chair is going to

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entertain a motion to adjourn.

MS. SHOTWELL: So moved.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By

Councilwoman Jones-Shotwell. All in favor?

(Unanimous. Meeting adjourned.)

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I hereby certify that I attended the foregoing proceeding, took stenographic notes of the same, that the foregoing, consisting of 42 pages, is a true and correct copy, done to the best of my ability, of same and the whole thereof.



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