

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

IN RE: REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD:

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

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

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

RUSSELL RINALDI, President

JIM HOOVER, Vice President

MICHELE AVVISATO

ANDREW BUTLER

RICK NOTARI

MICHAEL KOMENSKY

JENNA JONES-SHOTWELL

MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, Borough Manager

ROBERT LEGG, Mayor

WILLIAM RINALDI, Esquire, Solicitor

MICHELLE SMOLSKIS
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

Shotwell?

MS. SHOTWELL: Here.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Komensky?

MR. KOMENSKY: Here.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

MR. NOTARI: Present.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

MR. BUTLER: Here.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

Avvisato?

MS. AVVISATO: Here.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

MR. HOOVER: Here.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

MR. RINALDI: Here. Once again,

ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the regular meeting of the Old Forge Borough. Tonight is Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

The purpose of our meeting is to go through a few housekeeping motions, and then

1 we'll go through our department heads, we'll
2 hear from our police chief, engineer, go around
3 the table, hear from our mayor, Council
4 members, solicitor and borough manager.

5 There's a public sign-in sheet at
6 the podium. If anyone at the end of the
7 meeting would like to address us, we'll give
8 you a few moments.

9 With that said, we're going to move
10 into our first housekeeping motion and that's
11 going to be a motion to approve the minutes
12 from the prior meeting.

13 MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that
14 motion, Mr. Chairman.

15 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
16 Councilwoman Avvisato.

17 MR. BUTLER: I'll second.

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

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RINALDI: Roll Call, please.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
25 Shotwell?

1 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

3 Komensky?

4 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

6 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

8 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

10 Avvisato?

11 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

13 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

15 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Second item is

16 motion to approve the treasurer's report.

17 Please note, does not include the sewer

18 account.

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

20 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

21 Councilman Butler.

22 MS. AVVISATO: I'll second that

23 motion.

24 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilwoman

25 Avvisato. On the question?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

6 Shotwell?

7 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

9 Komensky?

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

12 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

14 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

16 Avvisato?

17 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

19 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

21 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Third item is

22 motion to approve invoices for payment, and

23 please note, once again, this does not include

24 the sewer account.

25 MS. SHOTWELL: I'll make that

1 motion, Mr. Chairman.

2 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
3 Councilwoman Jones-Shotwell.

4 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second it.

5 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
6 Komensky. On the question?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
12 Shotwell?

13 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
15 Komensky?

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

18 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

20 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

22 Avvisato?

23 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

25 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

2 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Fourth item is
3 motion to approve treasurer's report for the
4 sewer department.

5 MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that
6 motion, Mr. Chairman.

7 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
8 Councilwoman Avvisato.

9 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

10 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
11 Butler. On the question?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
17 Shotwell?

18 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
20 Komensky?

21 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

23 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

25 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

2 Avvisato?

3 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

5 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

7 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Fifth and last

8 item under housekeeping is motion to approve

9 sewer department invoices for payment.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that

11 motion, Mr. Chairman.

12 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

13 Councilman Komensky.

14 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

15 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman

16 Butler. On the question?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

22 Shotwell?

23 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

25 Komensky?

1 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

3 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

5 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

7 Avvisato?

8 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

10 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

12 MR. RINALDI: Yes. We're moving to

13 our department heads. Our first department

14 head, DPW manager Joe Lenceski isn't at the

15 meeting. We have his report. If we have any

16 questions for him, we could e-mail him or give

17 him a call.

18 Second department head, Mike

19 Sokolowski, code enforcement zoning officer.

20 Mike, anything for the meeting?

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I have nothing for

22 the meeting.

23 MR. RINALDI: Does anybody have any

24 questions for the zoning officer?

25 MR. HOOVER: Mike, has Emlaw brought

1 plans in yet?

2 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Nothing.

3 MR. HOOVER: So, it's still \$500 a
4 day?

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

6 MR. HOOVER: That's more money we
7 won't see, Rick, remember?

8 MR. NOTARI: Yeah. I hope it
9 doesn't get up to 300,000.

10 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: And no contact, no
11 phone calls, nothing, from him or his lawyer.

12 MR. HOOVER: All right. I just want
13 to know.

14 MR. KOMENSKY: Can we call the
15 magistrate and put some pressure on him or
16 something?

17 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah. If he didn't
18 come or you got nothing from him, I would let
19 the magistrate know.

20 MR. KOMENSKY: This is going on how
21 long?

22 MR. HOOVER: A year that I know of.

23 MR. KOMENSKY: Bill, when did he --

24 MR. HOOVER: Fourteen months.

25 ATTY. RINALDI: I'm looking to see

1 if I have a copy. I don't think I do. But I
2 believe it said if he doesn't, so --

3 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: It was February
4 6th, I think.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: Right. So, whatever
6 that letter is you got from the Judge, review
7 it and call his office and see what he needs.

8 MR. RINALDI: Mike, quick question,
9 I didn't see the letter from the Judge, is
10 there a timeline that the Judge gave him? Is
11 there a date on there?

12 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: It started February
13 6th, I think. I'm not positive of that.

14 MR. RINALDI: But he doesn't have
15 any date on there that says 500 a day until
16 such and such?

17 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No, I don't think
18 so.

19 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Then I would
20 say, also, go off the advice of our solicitor,
21 contact the magistrate and let him know that we
22 still haven't heard anything from him.

23 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: All right.

24 MR. RINALDI: Any other questions
25 for Mike?

1 MR. NOTARI: Mike, I received a call
2 from neighbors down near Agostini's Bakery
3 regarding loose dogs, pit bulls.

4 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah, I saw that.
5 Kucklas.

6 MR. NOTARI: Yeah, Kucklas.

7 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah. I talked to
8 him.

9 MR. NOTARI: Did you talk to him?
10 Okay. I don't know if there's anything we
11 could do about that or --

12 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Jason, did Kucklas,
13 over the weekend, I think it was Saturday he
14 called me, dogs?

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I have to look. I
16 know we got one. I'm not sure if it was
17 Kucklas. But we contacted the dog warden
18 because we actually have a good number for the
19 dog warden. He's given me all the information.

20 I'll check to make sure there's not
21 a report first, but I know there was one but I
22 didn't think that it was Kuckla on it.

23 MR. NOTARI: The house left of
24 Agostini's Bakery supposedly has four dogs, pit
25 bulls, that they let loose.

1 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's by
2 Mucciolo's Winery over there?

3 MR. RINALDI: No.

4 MR. BUTLER: It's on the other side.

5 MR. RINALDI: To the left. The
6 other side.

7 MS. SHOTWELL: Oh, the apartment
8 building, yeah. Right?

9 MR. NOTARI: I can't picture a house
10 there either.

11 CHIEF DUBERNAS: So, if you're
12 looking at Agostini's Bakery --

13 MR. NOTARI: To the left.

14 CHIEF DUBERNAS: To the left?
15 That's Chicky's apartment building there.

16 MR. NOTARI: Regardless, four pit
17 bulls running loose along the tracks and down
18 that field behind Kuckla's house across the
19 tracks.

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Right. I'll check.
21 I know there was one about dogs reported. It
22 was e-mailed to the dog warden. Let me see
23 which one it is. I'll let you know.

24 MR. NOTARI: All right. Just look
25 into that, please.

1 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: He called me
2 Saturday, he said he was going to call the
3 police. So, that was -- I think it was
4 Saturday afternoon or maybe Sunday. I'm not
5 sure.

6 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'll look. I know
7 there's definitely one. I saw them. They were
8 e-mailed to the dog warden. But I thought it
9 was a different name they used. But I'll look.

10 MR. NOTARI: It could have been
11 Rubreck. That's Adrianna lives up on top of
12 the hill. Her property goes overlooking the
13 Kucklas, her parents' house.

14 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Maybe that's the
15 name, because I didn't think it was Kuckla, it
16 was something different. But I'll look.

17 MR. NOTARI: Okay.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: But I know there's
19 a definite report e-mailed to the dog warden
20 about pit bulls this weekend.

21 MR. NOTARI: Thanks guys.

22 MR. RINALDI: Any other questions
23 for Mike?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Michael.

1 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Thank you.

2 MR. RINALDI: Dave Lopatka,
3 engineer. We have the report. Anything for
4 the meeting?

5 MR. LOPATKA: Nothing for the
6 meeting.

7 MR. RINALDI: Anybody have any
8 questions for David?

9 MS. AVVISATO: Anything on Edgewood?

10 MR. HOOVER: Did we get a price off
11 of --

12 MS. AVVISATO: We were supposed to
13 get a price off the --

14 MR. HOOVER: Earthworks.

15 MR. LOPATKA: I thought you were
16 gonna get a price. I don't know, I could talk
17 to Joe and have him give me the price.

18 MR. HOOVER: I called Louie Mancuso.

19 MR. LOPATKA: Oh, you did?

20 MR. HOOVER: He must be out of town
21 because he hasn't called me back.

22 MS. AVVISATO: I was gonna say, he
23 didn't call you, Dave?

24 MR. LOPATKA: Nope.

25 MR. RINALDI: We may have asked Joe

1 to contact them instead of Dave.

2 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

3 MR. RINALDI: I think we did ask Joe
4 at the last -- not the last meeting just
5 because he wasn't here, the meeting before
6 that, I think we asked Joe to --

7 MS. AVVISATO: To contact them?

8 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

9 MS. AVVISATO: Okay.

10 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. To get us a
11 price for that.

12 MS. AVVISATO: Okay. I could ask
13 Joe. Okay. Thanks.

14 MR. BUTLER: Russ, I see one of the
15 things on his report that they're putting a new
16 infield in down Pagnotti's.

17 MR. RINALDI: Item four?

18 MR. BUTLER: Yeah. Their new
19 infield and I guess they're putting new diamond
20 tex or whatever down there.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: That's us.

22 MR. BUTLER: Are we going to do
23 anything with that road or no, or are we still
24 going to come in from Connell's Patch?

25 MR. RINALDI: The road coming

1 down --

2 MR. BUTLER: From Keyser.

3 MR. RINALDI: -- from Keyser from
4 Milwaukee?

5 MR. BUTLER: Milwaukee. Right.

6 MR. RINALDI: Well, if we're going
7 to do anything with that road -- you're talking
8 about Villa Drive?

9 MR. BUTLER: Yeah.

10 MR. RINALDI: If we're going to do
11 anything with that road, Bill --

12 ATTY. RINALDI: You'd need a bridge
13 to get across.

14 MR. BUTLER: Right.

15 MR. RINALDI: Well, we need a
16 walking bridge.

17 MR. BUTLER: Right.

18 MR. LOPATKA: A bridge or a culvert
19 you need to -- you'd need to get it permitted
20 first from DEP.

21 MR. RINALDI: Well, our thoughts
22 that we talked about were only just through
23 conversation, and we said a walking bridge.

24 MR. LOPATKA: Right.

25 MR. RINALDI: Not a bridge to drive

1 over.

2 MR. LOPATKA: Either way you still
3 need a permit.

4 MR. RINALDI: Right.

5 MR. LOPATKA: Because it's an
6 encroachment, technically, over the water ways.

7 MR. RINALDI: So, Councilman Butler,
8 are you asking, would you like Dave to go down
9 and estimate maybe a walking bridge?

10 MR. BUTLER: Well, yeah, if that's
11 feasible.

12 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

13 MR. BUTLER: Because, like I said,
14 we run into all kinds of problems when, you
15 know, we can't pave the parking lot down there,
16 we can't pave the road up to the parking lot.
17 People down there are always complaining
18 because there's dust all over the place. I
19 mean, that road there, it's all our land on the
20 left-hand side.

21 MR. RINALDI: On the left once you
22 get down before the dip.

23 MR. BUTLER: We could build a bigger
24 parking lot there, we could fix the road, and
25 there's never any problems, you know what I'm

1 saying? It's just people could come in there
2 and they basically come over the bridge,
3 they're right behind the back stop.

4 MR. RINALDI: Dave, would you be
5 able to look into that and get us some cost
6 estimate on --

7 MR. LOPATKA: Sure.

8 MR. RINALDI: -- a walking bridge
9 across -- you know where he's talking about?

10 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah, I know.

11 MR. RINALDI: Where we had the -- we
12 used to have a parking lot there.

13 MR. LOPATKA: Yep. Where the bridge
14 washed out.

15 MR. RINALDI: The patrons just
16 walked across. Well, the road washed away.
17 They would just walk over the road right
18 through behind the back stop. Anything else,
19 Councilman Butler?

20 MR. BUTLER: No. That's it.

21 MR. NOTARI: Speaking of, Mr. Butler
22 brought up that entrance down there, we did ask
23 Mr. Ciuccio at one point if we could use the
24 lower part of that lot as an emergency entrance
25 into the back of the field in case we needed to

1 get an ambulance down there or fire truck or
2 whatever, and it was cleared out for a while,
3 but now it's all grown back in.

4 MR. BUTLER: Right. Yeah.

5 MR. NOTARI: Can we have our DPW
6 clean, because I think they did it the first
7 time, clean that out, clear out a path at least
8 wide enough for an ambulance to get to that
9 gate?

10 MR. RINALDI: What road are we
11 coming down?

12 MR. NOTARI: So, I would be -- I
13 guess it would be Park.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: I think it's Park.

15 MR. RINALDI: Park. Right.

16 MR. NOTARI: Park and Villa.

17 MR. RINALDI: Park and Villa.

18 Right. You're talking about on the opposite
19 side?

20 MR. NOTARI: Yeah. And I think it
21 was the road part, I don't even think it was on
22 one of his lots.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: We got an easement
24 to connect this.

25 MR. NOTARI: Right.

1 ATTY. RINALDI: And I know there's a
2 drawing of it.

3 MR. NOTARI: Right. Yeah. We did
4 get permission. He did give us permission a
5 couple years ago for that.

6 MR. RINALDI: So, it's almost right
7 before where the road's cut off coming from --

8 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

9 MR. RINALDI: -- already inside the
10 development, right?

11 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

12 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

13 MR. NOTARI: From inside the
14 development.

15 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

16 MR. NOTARI: So that way it would
17 give us emergency access if we needed it.
18 Okay. That's all I have. Thanks.

19 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Any
20 other questions for Dave?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Dave.
23 Chief Dubernas, anything for the meeting?

24 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. The only
25 thing, Councilman Komensky, we're trying to

1 locate the owner on the two cars that are off
2 of -- that's actually a paper alley.

3 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That has easements
5 for both properties right next to the car.

6 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

7 CHIEF DUBERNAS: So, we're in the
8 process of that. The resident, I believe,
9 lives on Abington Street.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. Thanks, Chief.

11 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yep.

12 MR. KOMENSKY: I appreciate it.
13 I'll let the people know that call me.

14 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I have nothing
15 else.

16 MR. NOTARI: Chief, the red car on
17 Oak Street in front of Mayor Legg's
18 residence -- it's not yours, is it?

19 MAYOR LEGG: No, it's not.

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. We know whose
21 it is. The guy's out of town.

22 MR. NOTARI: But it hasn't moved for
23 months.

24 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The guy's out of
25 town. He lives in the apartment building right

1 on the corner of Church Street.

2 MAYOR LEGG: I can't see pulling
3 out.

4 MS. SHOTWELL: It's terrible.

5 MR. RINALDI: Is this the red car
6 that's directly right up to the no parking
7 sign?

8 MS. SHOTWELL: Yeah.

9 MR. NOTARI: Can't we tow it?

10 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Well, it's legally
11 parked. We could ticket it, you know what I
12 mean, because then it's our responsibility if
13 we damage the car. Like I said, it's legally
14 parked. It's beyond the sign. We're just
15 trying to make contact with --

16 MR. RINALDI: It's like right up to
17 the sign.

18 MR. NOTARI: Isn't it considered an
19 abandoned vehicle?

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. Everything is
21 registered on it. We ran it.

22 MR. NOTARI: Even though it didn't
23 move?

24 CHIEF DUBERNAS: It comes back that
25 lives in -- the gentleman lives on Alirosa Lane

1 that owns the apartment building. He's an
2 older gentleman.

3 MR. NOTARI: But it's not his car.

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No.

5 MR. NOTARI: It's whoever lives in
6 the --

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Oh, Chesser?

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Chessers.

9 MR. RINALDI: One of his tenants?

10 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yep. Yeah. He
11 travels for work, because we already have the
12 neighbors, as soon as he gets home, to let us
13 know, because he could park in the back. That
14 lot is, like, a big square lot there that he
15 could just leave it there.

16 MR. NOTARI: Right.

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, that's been --
18 we've been trying to work on that for, like,
19 three weeks now.

20 MR. RINALDI: Could we get in touch
21 with the landlord to see if we could get a
22 number for him?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I can.

24 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

25 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'll try to get

1 Mr. Chesser, see if he'll give us the phone
2 number.

3 MR. NOTARI: Could we move the sign?

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Listen, that was
5 brought up.

6 MR. BUTLER: Rick, I was looking at
7 the sign, we could actually double the distance
8 going back and still not bother the hair salon.

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That was brought up
10 about three, four years ago --

11 MR. RINALDI: A little longer.

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: -- to move the sign
13 back maybe 50 or 60 feet, and it got shot down
14 because all the businesses complained that they
15 have no where to park.

16 MR. BUTLER: Yeah, but there's only
17 one business there, the hair salon.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Two hair salons.

19 MS. AVVISATO: Two. There's two.

20 MR. BUTLER: Two of them, right, but
21 if you double the distance, because I looked at
22 it, if you double the distance that the sign is
23 now, you're still before the hair salon.
24 You're right at the door of the first hair
25 salon.

1 MR. RINALDI: So, you would actually
2 knock it back one more parking spot, basically?

3 MR. BUTLER: Right. Yeah.

4 MR. RINALDI: So, where the red car
5 is now, the sign would be a little bit behind
6 it's trunk?

7 MR. BUTLER: Right.

8 MR. RINALDI: Right.

9 MR. BUTLER: Yeah.

10 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We would have to
11 look. I don't remember what it was going to
12 be, but I know they wanted to move it from
13 where the sign is now going back, and they shot
14 it down because the businesses use that for
15 parking there, the Hair Mill, and I'm not sure
16 of the other business, the Mane Tamer or
17 something.

18 MR. RINALDI: Not to get off topic
19 and not to cut anybody off, where are we with
20 the study?

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: I sent Dave the
22 contract.

23 MR. RINALDI: For the --

24 MR. LOPATKA: She sent it to me, I
25 sent it back to them, and he's supposed to get

1 back to me with a date that they're going to
2 actually go out and do the counts, but we
3 should have something back from them in three
4 to four weeks, the report.

5 MR. NOTARI: So, it's in the works?

6 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

7 MR. RINALDI: There's a lot of good
8 little fixes, but a street light there is key.
9 That'd be the safest for everybody involved.
10 So, how much longer do you think we have?

11 MR. LOPATKA: Well, I just got it
12 from Marylynn Friday -- or Monday.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Last week. Uh-huh.

14 MR. LOPATKA: So, I sent it to them
15 and --

16 MR. RINALDI: So we're waiting for
17 them?

18 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. I told him to
19 get me a schedule.

20 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

21 MR. LOPATKA: When they're going to
22 come out and do the counts and then when we
23 could expect a report.

24 MR. RINALDI: Okay. If we don't
25 hear anything from them pretty soon, could you

1 contact them?

2 MR. LOPATKA: Sure.

3 MR. RINALDI: Not to rush them but
4 just to remind them.

5 MR. NOTARI: One more thing for the
6 Chief. Romar, I don't know what we could do
7 there other than put a cop there when there's
8 dance lessons going on, and I'm sure we have
9 better things to do, but I was pulling up to
10 the stop sign facing the dance studio and a car
11 pulled up right on the corner to park illegally
12 just to drop off their child, their daughter,
13 and when the gentleman opened his door, the
14 daughter opened her door, she couldn't have
15 been older than five years old, and she ran out
16 into the middle of the intersection.

17 And, obviously, we can't control
18 people but there has to be something that we
19 could do or try to do something preventative
20 that's, you know, going to educate these people
21 that they have to pay more attention. They
22 have to park legally.

23 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

24 MR. NOTARI: And if they were parked
25 legally, it probably wouldn't have made a

1 difference. The little girl still would have
2 jumped out of the car and ran into the
3 intersection. But there's just so many cars
4 there and so much traffic there during certain
5 hours that --

6 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Because she was
7 supposed to address that to have them pull onto
8 Sussex Street.

9 MR. RINALDI: Well, again, not to
10 interrupt you, there is people pulling on
11 Sussex. I drove by, there's a lot, but there's
12 also --

13 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

14 MR. RINALDI: -- he said there's not
15 enough room. There's an abundance of parents
16 and children.

17 MS. SHOTWELL: And it's all at the
18 same time.

19 MR. NOTARI: And, again, this person
20 didn't pull on Sussex Street, but it pulled and
21 stopped in an illegal parking area and the girl
22 just jumped out. And she jumped out of the car
23 on the street side, not even on the sidewalk
24 side.

25 CHIEF DUBERNAS: All right. I'll

1 look into it and I'll address that.

2 MR. NOTARI: I'm not looking to get
3 anybody in trouble, I just think we need to
4 make it more safe.

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. Absolutely.
6 We already had an issue with a little child
7 there.

8 MR. NOTARI: Yeah. Thank you. I
9 appreciate that.

10 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yep.

11 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Chief. Any
12 other questions for the Chief?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Chief.
15 Assistant Fire Chief Bill Stull, anything for
16 the meeting?

17 MR. STULL: Nope. Nothing at all.

18 MR. RINALDI: Anybody have any
19 questions for Bill?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Bill.
22 Attorney Rinaldi, solicitor report.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: Tonight for your
24 consideration there's an ordinance amending
25 Chapter 339, Vending and Amusement Machines,

1 including in the definition skill games for use
2 for purposes of receiving any types of monetary
3 remuneration. And then there's a resolution
4 because your Chapter 339 has a license fee
5 and -- Mike, have you ever seen a license fee
6 for amusement of vending --

7 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Nothing.

8 ATTY. RINALDI: So, I gave you a
9 resolution just to read in that what the amount
10 of that license fee is going to be since it was
11 originally enacted in 19 -- I think it was
12 1983.

13 MR. RINALDI: '83.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Then you have a
15 resolution ratifying the extension of Refuse
16 and Bulky Waste Collection and Disposal
17 Contract for the year, June 30, 2024 to June
18 30, 2025.

19 When the contract was originally bid
20 in 2021, it included two one-year options to
21 lock in a price if the Council wanted to lock
22 that in with the option to renew for each one
23 year. So, the option for the upcoming year
24 would be \$507,060, which was included in the
25 original bid.

1 So, they were notified that we were
2 going to exercise their option and resolution
3 and just to ratify that extension.

4 And St. Lawrence Church lease. Was
5 it dropped off here?

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: No.

7 ATTY. RINALDI: It was supposed to
8 be here today. I did get an e-mail from
9 Attorney Cherundolo. I just asked him to print
10 in the names of who signed it and get it down
11 to the Borough or have somebody bring it
12 tonight. Does anybody know where it's at?

13 MR. BUTLER: They signed it last
14 night, I know that.

15 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah.

16 MR. BUTLER: I saw them sign it.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: So it's somewhere.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: It's somewhere.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: They just didn't
20 bring it to us.

21 MR. NOTARI: What did we ultimately
22 decide on? I mean, just rent or --

23 MR. BUTLER: Paying utilities.

24 MR. NOTARI: Rent and utilities?

25 MR. RINALDI: For them?

1 MR. BUTLER: Just utilities.

2 MR. RINALDI: Just utilities.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Utilities. Yeah.

4 ATTY. RINALDI: So, I have an e-mail
5 of a PDF, I mean, I believe it's Lou Febbo's
6 signature, and the other person is --

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: John Romano.

8 ATTY. RINALDI: John Romano, yeah.
9 That's all I have here.

10 MR. RINALDI: Mr. Febbo's the
11 president of the Sons of Italy?

12 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah. So, I could
13 forward that to Marylynn and maybe you could
14 print it out for the voting part of the
15 meeting.

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Attorney Rinaldi,
17 if you send it to me, I'll go print it.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: So, yeah, it
19 includes the terms that everybody discussed,
20 that the tenant's going to pay all water,
21 electric, gas and other utility service
22 furnished to the premises, which now will
23 include the basement, okay? Any charges for
24 internet, cable, telephone service to the
25 premises. The landlord is going to supply it

1 with hot water and heat, and -- I'm sorry,
2 heating and air.

3 Refuse removal will be the tenant
4 makes their own arrangements to remove their
5 refuse. The landlord is going to maintain and
6 repair the building in common areas and do snow
7 removal.

8 And tenant will abide by the rules
9 and regulations set by the landlord which can
10 be amended, and they're pretty much pretty
11 standard that they can't block or obstruct
12 passageways, doors and windows. Just standard
13 stuff that will enable to manage the building.

14 They can't commit any disturbances.
15 They can't smoke in the building because you
16 actually have an ordinance that says you're not
17 allowed to smoke on any Borough property. You
18 know, they can't do any changes to the building
19 without notifying the landlord. It's pretty
20 straightforward.

21 And other than that, that's all I
22 have to report today that's not legal in
23 nature.

24 MS. AVVISATO: Bill, are they
25 changing the locks?

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: We waited until
2 everything was done so we --

3 MS. AVVISATO: So kids can't go in
4 there. Good.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

6 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah. Part of it is
7 they have to make sure we have keys and
8 combinations to everything.

9 MS. AVVISATO: Good. Yeah.

10 ATTY. RINALDI: Or we provide them,
11 but they can't change it. That's part of one
12 of the rules.

13 MS. AVVISATO: Okay.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: No animals or birds
15 are to be kept in the premises. Pretty much
16 common sense stuff.

17 MR. RINALDI: Anything else for the
18 meeting, Bill?

19 ATTY. RINALDI: No. That's it.

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

22 MAYOR LEGG: I still think we should
23 get an appraisal on that property, find out
24 what it's worth. I went around that property,
25 the church and what have you, there's a ton of

1 land there right on Main Street, okay?

2 And don't forget, it was purchased
3 with tax money. I still think we should get an
4 appraisal, see what it's worth and go from
5 there.

6 MR. RINALDI: Try to get both
7 buildings appraised, both properties?

8 MAYOR LEGG: Well, it's a package
9 deal, correct?

10 MR. RINALDI: No. Well, it's
11 separated right now, but I mean, would you
12 like -- I mean, I have no problem getting them
13 both appraised either. I'm just asking what
14 your thought was.

15 MAYOR LEGG: It doesn't matter if
16 you want to keep them separate or, you know,
17 the whole shebang. I think that property is
18 worth five times at least what we paid for it,
19 okay, and since it was paid for with taxpayer
20 money, I think we should look into it.

21 MR. HOOVER: Bill, does anything
22 revert back to the Diocese?

23 ATTY. RINALDI: No.

24 MR. HOOVER: Nothing? It's all
25 ours?

1 ATTY. RINALDI: The only thing that
2 reverts back is one of these, I think there was
3 five lots that were combined for the church and
4 then we separated out. The only thing that has
5 it reverted back is if you provide liquor on
6 this one lot that's in the middle of it.
7 That's it.

8 MR. RINALDI: So, Bill, the Mayor
9 brings up a good point, and, again, I agree,
10 there's nothing wrong with us getting that
11 appraised, I'm all for that, just to see what
12 it's worth even, and then we could decide what
13 we want to do with it after that.

14 My question to you is, Bill,
15 legally, is the Borough allowed to profit off
16 of real estate that we purchased with taxpayer
17 money?

18 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, I mean, if
19 you're selling your real estate, sure.

20 MR. RINALDI: No, no.

21 ATTY. RINALDI: Whatever you get for
22 it you get for it.

23 MR. RINALDI: Are we allowed to --

24 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah.

25 MR. RINALDI: -- sell it for more

1 than what we paid?

2 MAYOR LEGG: It goes back to the
3 Borough, correct?

4 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah. It comes back
5 to the Borough.

6 MR. RINALDI: I mean, obviously, the
7 profit would go back into the general fund and
8 be used for the taxpayers in the future.

9 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah.

10 MR. RINALDI: But I wasn't sure if
11 we were allowed -- I wasn't sure if the Borough
12 legally was allowed to profit from real estate
13 transactions.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah.

15 MR. RINALDI: I just wanted to make
16 sure. Okay. So, let's order an appraisal.

17 MAYOR LEGG: I think we should.

18 MR. RINALDI: Marylynn, would you
19 handle that, and Bill?

20 MR. NOTARI: I don't think it's a
21 bad idea. Can we get it appraised, the church
22 property and the rectory property --

23 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

24 ATTY. RINALDI: They're two deeds.
25 You're going to get --

1 MR. NOTARI: Two deeds. Okay.

2 MR. RINALDI: They're two deeds.

3 Correct. They're two deeds currently. Right.

4 That's what I said, Mayor, they're currently
5 two deeds, so -- but, obviously, if we did
6 decide to sell it, we probably should sell it
7 as a package deal.

8 MAYOR LEGG: Right.

9 MR. RINALDI: So, Bill, let's get
10 both of them appraised and at least we'll get a
11 starting point, see where we're at. Anyone
12 else have any questions for the solicitor?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill.

15 Marylynn, Borough manager.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. Let's start
17 with the usual question. Any questions on any
18 of the financial reports?

19 (No response.)

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: No. Nothing.

21 Okay. So, just two other little things. I
22 just wanted to give you an update on CDBG with
23 our project. I spoke to our representative
24 from the county today about it and they have
25 been running behind, and the State kind of got

1 the blame. They said that over the last year
2 and a half the State has been 15 months behind
3 schedule with their funding and with the
4 approvals of projects going forward.

5 So, our representative at the county
6 was going to be meeting with DCED today just as
7 a follow up going forward with all the projects
8 that are in house. Our project is definitely
9 there, it's definitely ready, and with our
10 money that would be coming in for this year,
11 you know, we should be perfectly fine with
12 being able to cover our whole project for the
13 senior center, upstairs, downstairs, you know,
14 the whole thing.

15 So, for our next meeting, I'll have
16 more details for you because she'll be giving
17 me more details.

18 MR. RINALDI: Sounds good. Thank
19 you.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: And then just as an
21 update, the cats, you know, the situation with
22 the cat program, so that's up and running
23 again. So, we have 30 vouchers that anyone who
24 does the normal trapping and all that stuff,
25 that they're able to come and get the vouchers

1 from the Borough.

2 So, at this point we have 30, and
3 then if we run out, you know, we'll put a bit
4 of the Borough money toward it to get some
5 more.

6 I know it's a program that a lot of
7 people feel is very, very important. So, you
8 know, with spring coming, I guess it's the time
9 we have to do all that stuff, whatever.

10 And Lee Grimes, she usually takes
11 the lead on it, and I know she's very anxious
12 to get it going again and to get the vouchers
13 in her hands. So, that's it.

14 MR. RINALDI: Anybody have any
15 questions for the Borough manager?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Marylynn.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: You're welcome.

19 MR. RINALDI: Before we go into new
20 business, we'll go into public comment.
21 Mr. Zukauskas.

22 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Good evening,
23 Mr. Rinaldi.

24 MR. RINALDI: Good evening. How are
25 you?

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Good. I haven't
2 seen you in a while.

3 MR. RINALDI: Where you been?

4 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Enjoying my
5 retirement. First I wanna thank the Mayor for
6 wishing me a happy birthday on my Facebook. I
7 haven't seen you in a while so this is the
8 first --

9 MAYOR LEGG: Happy birthday.

10 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Thank you. I
11 appreciate it.

12 MR. RINALDI: Happy belated
13 birthday.

14 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Thank you.

15 MR. RINALDI: When was your
16 birthday?

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: December 29th.

18 MR. RINALDI: Happy belated, belated
19 birthday.

20 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Seventy-four years
21 old. I was gonna thank Joe, too. The last
22 meeting I had mentioned a street sign that was
23 obstructed by branches. The next day he was
24 there and cleaned it. So, I got to thank him
25 for that. That was really nice of him. I

1 appreciate that.

2 There's three things that I want to
3 bring up tonight. The first thing is about the
4 clock. Can you give me an update about the
5 clock that's going in the town --

6 MR. RINALDI: The clock that Council
7 was discussing putting up?

8 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah. Can you give
9 me an update on that?

10 MR. RINALDI: As far as -- we don't
11 have any particular clock picked out yet.

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, you didn't order
13 it yet?

14 MR. RINALDI: No, no, it's not
15 ordered.

16 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I see.

17 MR. RINALDI: It's not ordered.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Early stages.

19 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: In early stages. Is
20 there any chance that we can maybe put a vote
21 on it, like, a clock or a bus stop? I mean, do
22 we have a choice now or do you -- you just
23 decide on that, or can we, you know, have some
24 input on what could go there? Like I said,
25 there's a clock right across the street, and

1 like many people have -- I thought it'd be a
2 little different --

3 MR. RINALDI: Mr. Zukauskas, you're
4 at public comment, this is your input right
5 now.

6 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, okay.

7 MR. RINALDI: Give us your thoughts.

8 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah. I would think
9 that maybe if we had a vote or just say who
10 wants a clock or who wants a bench and an
11 enclosed bus just to see what the opinion is,
12 that's all.

13 MR. RINALDI: Are you asking if we
14 took a consensus of the Borough?

15 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: No. No. You
16 probably didn't, but I thought maybe it would
17 be a good idea to do something like that. It's
18 up to you, I'm just giving you my opinion,
19 that's all.

20 MR. RINALDI: I wouldn't even know
21 the first means to begin to ask 8900 people how
22 to vote for something like that.

23 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, maybe just
24 people that come in here, if you just say, Next
25 month we're going to have a vote if we want a

1 clock or a bench or a bus stop.

2 MR. RINALDI: I could answer this
3 for you real quick, as one of the
4 representatives of this town and one of the
5 people who will be voting, I will be voting for
6 a clock.

7 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay.

8 MR. RINALDI: I don't know how the
9 other members at the table would, but I would
10 rather see a clock there.

11 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I see.

12 MR. RINALDI: If that's what you're
13 asking me, my opinion.

14 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I just want
15 to give the Chief and the town an update on --
16 just a while ago the police were called to the
17 bus stop in front of my house and I was removed
18 from the bus, so that was quite an experience
19 there.

20 Let's see now. I want the Chief and
21 the Borough to know that this police issue has
22 been resolved. My transfer chair, which I take
23 on the bus, which I brought tonight with me, is
24 perfectly legal and is compliant. That bus
25 driver did not know his job and he hasn't been

1 educated on how to do his job.

2 Also, the police officer that was
3 with you does not know her job. She does not
4 know what she is talking about as far as seat
5 belts, passengers, and the bus driver's
6 concerns. So, she should learn about the
7 regulations about seat belts, passengers and
8 bus drivers before trying to give me or other
9 people some advice on that.

10 The third thing I would like to
11 know, as you know, Mr. Rinaldi, we're here for
12 the Emlaw, can you give us an update about the
13 Borough has an issue with Mr. Emlaw, I was
14 wondering? I haven't heard anything since that
15 court date. Is there an update on that that
16 you could tell us about?

17 ATTY. RINALDI: We haven't gotten
18 anything.

19 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: We spoke about it
20 before.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, you did?

22 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

23 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I'm sorry. Has it
24 been resolved or --

25 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No.

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: It hasn't been
2 resolved?

3 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No.

4 MR. RINALDI: Mr. Zukauskas, I could
5 give it to you real quick. Mike, I don't mean
6 to interrupt you. It's in the Court's hands
7 right now.

8 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes, sir.

9 MR. RINALDI: The magistrate's
10 fining him \$500 a day until the situation is
11 rectified.

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I see.

13 MR. RINALDI: We haven't heard
14 anything back from Emlaw, meaning we as our
15 zoning officer. So, we asked him this evening
16 to contact him tomorrow, let the magistrate
17 know we haven't heard anything, what could we
18 do starting tomorrow?

19 Is he just going to continue to get
20 fined \$500 a day, according to the magistrate's
21 order? Did the magistrate give him a timeline?
22 Will the magistrate give him a timeline? We
23 won't know that until we contact the
24 magistrate.

25 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I see.

1 MR. RINALDI: But that's where we
2 are now, he's being fined 500 a day according
3 to Magistrate Seig.

4 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. Thank you,
5 Mr. Rinaldi.

6 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

7 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I was just
8 interested in that case. Okay. That's all I
9 got. Thank you very much.

10 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Thank
11 you. Anyone else from the public before we
12 move into new business?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RINALDI: Okay. With that said,
15 we're going to move into our first item, and
16 that's going to be item number one is an
17 ordinance amending Chapter 339, Vending and
18 Amusement Machines.

19 An ordinance of the Borough of Old
20 Forge, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, an
21 ordinance of the Borough of Old Forge,
22 Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania amending
23 Chapter 339, Vending Machines and Amusement
24 devices, of the code of the Borough of Old
25 Forge.

1 Whereas, the Borough of Old Forge
2 has previously considered and prohibited the
3 expansion of gaming facilities and slot
4 machines within the Borough of Old Forge, with
5 the adoption and passage of Resolution number
6 four of 2017, prohibiting a category four
7 casino within the boundaries of the Borough and
8 notifying the secretary at the Pennsylvania
9 Gaming Control Board of its decision pursuant
10 to Pennsylvania Legislative Act 42 of 2017,
11 No. 4, Pa. Section 1305-1.

12 At this time the Chair would
13 entertain a motion to pass this ordinance.

14 MR. HOOVER: I will make that
15 motion.

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

18 MS. SHOTWELL: I'll second.

19 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilwoman
20 Jones-Shotwell. On the question?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

1 Shotwell?

2 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

4 Komensky?

5 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

7 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

9 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

11 Avvisato?

12 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

14 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

16 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number two
17 is a resolution setting the amount of a license
18 fee for a license issue under Chapter 339, a
19 resolution of the Borough of Old Forge of
20 Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania adopting the
21 amount of a license fee under Chapter 339,
22 Vending Machines and Amusement Devices, of the
23 code of the Borough of Old Forge.

24 whereas, the Chapter 339-4, Vending
25 Machines and Amusement Devices, of the code of

1 the Borough of Old Forge requires that any
2 person, firm, corporation, association
3 displaying for the public patronage or keeping
4 for operation any cigarette machine, vending
5 machine, Jukebox, coin-operated amusement
6 machine or mechanical amusement device as
7 defined by 339-2 shall be required to obtain a
8 license from the Borough of Old Forge upon a
9 payment fee of \$25 at an annual rate.

10 At this time the Chair would
11 entertain a motion to pass that ordinance.

12 MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that
13 motion, Mr. Chairman.

14 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
15 Councilwoman Avvisato.

16 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second it.

17 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
18 Komensky. On the question?

19 MR. NOTARI: On the question,
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 MR. RINALDI: Yes.

22 MR. NOTARI: I understand the reason
23 for this and I understand the possible need for
24 this, but I'm not going to be voting for this
25 because I just don't feel it's fair to give our

1 current businesses another fee that they have
2 to pay for a jukebox or a video game that they
3 may have in their establishment. That's all.

4 MR. RINALDI: On the question?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

7 MR. BUTLER: Are they paying
8 anything already for this?

9 MR. NOTARI: No.

10 MR. BUTLER: There's no fee?

11 MR. RINALDI: Are they currently
12 paying a fee for it? No.

13 MR. NOTARI: And I would doubt any
14 of them have a license.

15 ATTY. RINALDI: I think years ago,
16 and I'm talking years ago, people used to pay.
17 I just remember, but --

18 MR. HOOVER: They didn't pay per
19 machine, though, they paid per establishment.

20 ATTY. RINALDI: Right.

21 MR. HOOVER: So, but you're saying
22 that anybody could come in here across the
23 street and put a gaming license -- or machine
24 in there and not have any consequences?

25 MR. NOTARI: Well, I thought we took

1 that out, though.

2 ATTY. RINALDI: Right.

3 MR. NOTARI: I thought that's what
4 we just passed.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: This was your old
6 ordinance, but I couldn't find the fee anywhere
7 on what it cost.

8 MR. HOOVER: So, the ordinance has
9 always been there --

10 MS. AVVISATO: Right.

11 MR. HOOVER: -- it's just that there
12 was --

13 ATTY. RINALDI: Since 1983, anybody
14 operating those machines had to have a license.

15 MR. HOOVER: Well, I think \$25 is
16 minimal. Okay. I'm done.

17 MR. RINALDI: On the question?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

20 MR. STULL: Yeah, one question,
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

23 MR. STULL: Who are we trying to go
24 after, people that are putting in the skill
25 machines?

1 MR. RINALDI: The skill machines
2 were just voted on at the prior ordinance.

3 MR. STULL: Right. Correct.

4 MR. RINALDI: To eliminate them.
5 Those aren't allowed in the Borough.

6 MR. STULL: They're not allowed?

7 MR. RINALDI: As of right now.

8 MR. STULL: So, I'm taking that all
9 the convenient stores, all the gas stations
10 that have them in there, they're going to have
11 to get them out of there, is that what the
12 understanding is on that ordinance?

13 ATTY. RINALDI: If they are, and
14 I'll give you the terminology if you give me
15 one second, if they are entitling the person to
16 receive cash, a cash equivalent or gift cards
17 or vouchers for tickets or items, you know,
18 like you would as a payoff.

19 MR. STULL: Right.

20 ATTY. RINALDI: Yes. That's what
21 they're trying to eliminate.

22 MR. STULL: Okay. I know there's a
23 ton in the town.

24 MR. RINALDI: On the question?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

5 Shotwell?

6 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

8 Komensky?

9 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

11 MR. NOTARI: No.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

13 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

15 Avvisato?

16 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

18 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

20 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number

21 three is a resolution ratifying the extension

22 of the existing refuse and bulky waste

23 collection and disposal contract, a resolution

24 ratifying the election to extend for one year

25 the refuse and bulky waste collection and

1 disposal contract with Solid Waste Services,
2 Incorporated, doing business as J.P. Mascaro &
3 Sons, until June 30, 2025.

4 Bill, could you just state the
5 amount for the record?

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: I have that.

7 MR. RINALDI: Marylynn. I'm sorry.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: \$507,060.

9 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor to
10 approve that extension of the contract.

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

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

14 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second it.

15 MR. RINALDI: A second by Councilman
16 Komensky. On the question?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

22 Shotwell?

23 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

25 Komensky?

1 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

3 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

5 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

7 Avvisato?

8 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

10 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

12 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Bill, the next

13 item is item number four, the St. Lawrence

14 Church lease. Are we able to put that to the

15 floor without the lease in hand?

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah. I have a PDF

17 copy of it and Marylynn will get a secure one

18 of it.

19 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

20 MR. HOOVER: That's what this was.

21 MR. RINALDI: No, but he said he

22 didn't have a signed copy.

23 MR. HOOVER: Oh, okay.

24 ATTY. RINALDI: That is signed.

25 MR. RINALDI: Oh, it is signed now?

1 ATTY. RINALDI: Your names aren't
2 printed in.

3 MR. RINALDI: Okay. I get it.

4 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

5 ATTY. RINALDI: -- here if you know
6 who it is.

7 MR. RINALDI: Okay. I just wanted
8 to make sure.

9 ATTY. RINALDI: I know it's
10 Mr. Febbo and I think everybody knows who the
11 other gentleman --

12 MR. RINALDI: John Romano. Okay.
13 At the time the Chair would entertain a motion
14 to accept the St. Lawrence Church lease
15 modification between the Old Forge Borough and
16 the Sons of Italy.

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

18 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
19 Councilman Butler.

20 MR. NOTARI: I'll second it.

21 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
22 Notari. On the question?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

3 Shotwell?

4 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

6 Komensky?

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

9 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

11 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

13 Avvisato?

14 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

16 MR. HOOVER: No.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

18 MR. RINALDI: Yes. No more items

19 under new business. If members don't have

20 anything, we'll go around the table. Mayor

21 Legg, any items?

22 MAYOR LEGG: Thank you,

23 Mr. Chairman.

24 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

25 MAYOR LEGG: Good job tonight. We

1 had a ton of stuff to go through and you kind
2 of just threw it at breakneck speed. Good job.

3 MR. RINALDI: Thank you.

4 MAYOR LEGG: That's all I have.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

7 Councilwoman Jones-Shotwell?

8 MS. SHOTWELL: Yeah. Just on the
9 last new business item of the St. Lawrence
10 Church lease, I know that we all spoke about
11 this and we're going to continue to explore the
12 future of what we plan to actually do with that
13 building, so I think the appraisal is a great
14 idea Mayor Legg brought up.

15 MAYOR LEGG: I'm glad I thought of
16 it.

17 MS. SHOTWELL: But I would like to
18 find a greater purpose for it or wash our hands
19 of it.

20 MAYOR LEGG: Yep.

21 MR. RINALDI: Anything else?

22 MS. SHOTWELL: That's it.

23 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Councilman
24 Komensky?

25 MR. KOMENSKY: I have nothing at the

1 present time, Mr. Chairman.

2 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Notari?

3 MR. NOTARI: Two things,

4 Mr. Chairman. I would ask that the solicitor
5 draw up a resolution for a license fee for
6 rental licenses in the Borough for our next
7 business meeting so we can get moving in that
8 direction.

9 We've been very lax on our rental
10 license enforcement. I've been told over the
11 years that it's because we don't have a license
12 fee. Within five minutes we came up with a
13 license fee tonight for vending and amusement
14 machines. Hopefully we could do something more
15 important and come up with a fee for rental
16 property license to try to clean up our town.

17 The second thing is do we have any
18 update from the zoning department, the zoning
19 solicitor, on the mural for Main Street for the
20 building next to the bank?

21 ATTY. RINALDI: I think we're
22 waiting for the new zoning amendment to pass
23 because that will cover murals.

24 MR. NOTARI: Okay. So, there is
25 something in the works?

1 ATTY. RINALDI: Because right now
2 you can't do them.

3 MR. NOTARI: Right. But they are
4 working on it?

5 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah.

6 MR. NOTARI: Okay. Because other
7 businesses have approached me with interest in
8 doing the same thing. Okay. That's all I
9 have. Thank you.

10 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Only
11 to answer one question about the fee for the
12 apartments. Councilman Hoover, at the last
13 meeting, when we -- not the last meeting, we
14 met with NEIC and a few of their zoning
15 department members, Councilman Hoover said
16 maybe we should have a meeting with them. They
17 do a lot of --

18 MR. NOTARI: That's a good idea.

19 MR. RINALDI: -- zoning around
20 different boroughs.

21 MR. NOTARI: They could give us an
22 idea?

23 MR. RINALDI: And they could help us
24 with -- well, we could come up with our own
25 fee, like you said, but they said that they

1 could even help us, you know, get the --

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Structure it.

3 Structure the whole thing.

4 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. Get the
5 landlord and tenant arrangements together
6 between us and the Borough so we have a better
7 understanding of who's living where, you know,
8 like, structure the whole ordinance to it.

9 MR. NOTARI: Okay.

10 MR. RINALDI: But a fee for it is
11 definitely in place.

12 MR. NOTARI: I mean, we already have
13 the ordinance on the books, right?

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

15 MR. RINALDI: Well, we were going to
16 ask them to help us come in and --

17 MR. NOTARI: Enforce it.

18 MR. RINALDI: -- enforce it with
19 Mike.

20 MR. NOTARI: Okay.

21 MR. KOMENSKY: To get the whole
22 rental registration.

23 MR. RINALDI: Or just ask them how
24 they do it in other boroughs just to get some
25 information off them. But the fee is

1 definitely a major part. So, Councilman Notari
2 had a great idea, if we could have that for the
3 next time, that'd be very good. Anything else?

4 MR. NOTARI: No. That's it.

5 Thanks.

6 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

7 Councilman Butler?

8 MR. BUTLER: Nothing.

9 MR. RINALDI: Councilwoman Avvisato?

10 MS. AVVISATO: I have nothing
11 tonight. Thank you.

12 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Hoover?

13 MR. HOOVER: Joe, did we ever get a
14 price off of Earthworks for Mondo's driveway
15 going across the road?

16 MR. LENCESKI. He never gave me a
17 price.

18 MR. HOOVER: All right. I called
19 him last week but he knows with you --

20 MR. LENCESKI: Right. Right.

21 MR. HOOVER: And he didn't call me
22 back yet. He must be on vacation.

23 MR. LENCESKI: I'll call him in the
24 morning.

25 MR. HOOVER: All right. And, Rick,

1 when we discussed that thing with NEIC the
2 other day about the zoning for said property
3 that we're interested in, he had some good
4 ideas. And I said, you know, I sat here and
5 thought about it, and I said, you know, Ricky
6 had a good point about the landlord-tenant
7 agreements, and it's been going on a while
8 doing nothing, and they can only help us get it
9 off the ground. So, that's why I thought it
10 was a good idea.

11 And they're willing to help us do
12 whatnot. Now, it may cost us a little bit of
13 money but I think it's going to be worth it
14 because we can get this thing off the ground
15 and they could take care of it, you know, even
16 on a part-time zoning base.

17 MR. NOTARI: That's fine by me.

18 MR. HOOVER: Okay.

19 MR. NOTARI: The quicker we get it
20 in motion the better.

21 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

22 MR. RINALDI: Anything else?

23 MR. HOOVER: No. That's it. I have
24 nothing else.

25 MR. RINALDI: The only item I have

1 is I would ask that we have a quick executive
2 afterwards, and if the Chief could stay just
3 for a few moments. Joe, before I -- I have to
4 ask you, Jolene, I wanted to ask you, are you
5 here --

6 MS. MILES: Baseball?

7 MR. RINALDI: -- from the little
8 league?

9 MS. MILES: Yeah.

10 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Well, I was
11 going to -- I'm going to get to you in one
12 second.

13 MS. MILES: All right.

14 MR. RINALDI: Joe, did you have
15 anything for the meeting? I know you came late
16 and we skipped over you right from the
17 beginning, so --

18 MR. LENCESKI: No. I have nothing.

19 MR. RINALDI: -- I didn't know if
20 you had anything for us or if any of the
21 members had any questions for you. Does
22 anybody have anything for Joe?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. RINALDI: Okay. I just wanted
25 to give you the opportunity in case you did.

1 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

2 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

3 Jolene, the last we spoke about the mural down
4 at Pagnotti, Council's okay with the mural.

5 MS. MILES: Okay.

6 MR. RINALDI: I told Carl last week,
7 I thought we had to vote on it, I talked to the
8 solicitor tonight, we don't have to vote on it.

9 MS. MILES: Okay.

10 MR. RINALDI: The only thing we
11 require, and we're going to have Marylynn talk
12 to Carl tomorrow, the only thing we said is
13 we're okay with the mural, we're okay with you
14 guys painting it, we just want the final
15 rendering, the final, like, drawing of what's
16 going to go on it sent to Marylynn first, and
17 then we could just give the final approval for
18 it.

19 MS. MILES: Perfect.

20 MR. RINALDI: Okay?

21 MS. MILES: Yeah. Thank you.

22 MR. RINALDI: And then the other
23 thing we asked, Marylynn brought it up, or
24 Jenna brought it up, we just want to make sure
25 all the information is correct with the --

1 MS. SHOTWELL: The date of
2 incorporation.

3 MR. RINALDI: -- the centennial
4 year, the actual date.

5 MS. SHOTWELL: The date of
6 incorporation.

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I did reach out to
8 David today.

9 MS. SHOTWELL: Okay.

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: He hasn't gotten
11 back to me yet. So, I'm just waiting for that.

12 MS. SHOTWELL: Okay.

13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: He's the one that
14 gave me the original date.

15 MS. SHOTWELL: Okay.

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: So, I just want to
17 verify what that is for specifically.

18 MR. RINALDI: Right.

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: And then I'll
20 change it if necessary.

21 MR. RINALDI: So, we're okay with
22 the mural just as long as the final drawing and
23 what you're ready to put up comes to Marylynn
24 first, then she'll give it to us.

25 MS. MILES: Okay. Perfect.

1 MR. RINALDI: Okay?

2 MS. MILES: Thank you.

3 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. If
4 there's no other items, the Chair would
5 entertain a motion to adjourn.

6 MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that
7 motion.

8 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
9 Councilwoman Avvisato. All in favor?

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. RINALDI: Thank you everyone.
12 Good evening.

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14 (Meeting adjourned.)

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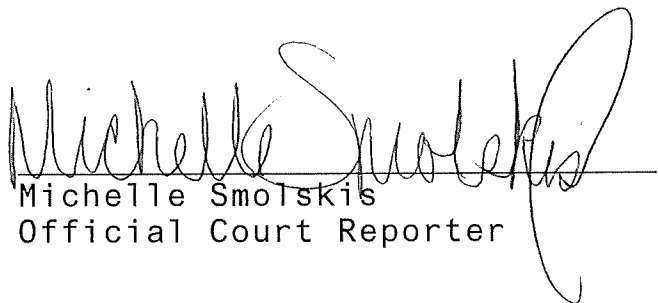
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