

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2023
7:00 p.m.
310 SOUTH MAIN STREET
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

APPEARANCES:

RUSSELL RINALDI, PRESIDENT

JIM HOOVER

ANDY BUTLER

MICHELE AVVISATO

MIKE LETTIERI

LOU FEBBO

DAVID LOPATKA, BOROUGH ENGINEER

BOB LEGG, MAYOR

BILL STULL, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR

MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER

CHRISTOPHER HART, ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

MOLLIE GILL, RPR
COURT REPORTER

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

5 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Roll call,
7 please, Marylynn.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
9 Avvisato.

10 MS. AVVISATO: Here.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

12 MR. BUTLER: Here.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

14 MR. FEBBO: Here.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

16 MR HOOVER: Present.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
18 Lettieri.

19 MR. LETTIERI: Present.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari
21 is absent.

22 Councilman Rinaldi.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Here.

24 Once again, ladies and gentlemen,
25 welcome to the regular meeting in the Old

1 Forge Borough. Tonight is Tuesday, January
2 17, 2023. Before we begin I want to
3 apologize. We're about a half hour late.
4 We had three meetings prior to this with
5 ourselves with DPW meeting, and then we had
6 a Civil Service Commission Meeting which ran
7 a little bit late. So once again, we do
8 apologize.

9 Welcome to the meeting, and the
10 purpose of tonight's meeting is we'll hear
11 from our department heads. We'll hear from
12 our reports from last month. We'll go down
13 the table. We'll hear from our mayor, our
14 council members, our solicitor, our borough
15 manager. There's a public sign-in sheet.
16 If anyone did not sign in and you would like
17 to speak, we'll give you a few minutes at
18 the end of the meeting.

19 With that said, we're going to go
20 through first a few housekeeping motions.
21 First motion is going to be a motion to
22 approve the prior minutes.

23 MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that
24 motion, Mr. Chairman.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the

1 floor by Councilwoman Avvisato.

2 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
4 Councilman Butler. On the question. Public
5 input. Roll call, please.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
7 Avvisato.

8 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

10 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

12 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

14 MR HOOVER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

16 Lettieri.

17 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

20 Second item is motion to approve
21 treasurer's report. Please note this does
22 not include the sewer accounts.

23 MR. LETTIERI: I'll make that
24 motion.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the

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floor by Councilman Lettieri.

MR. FEBBO: I'll second it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
Councilman Febbo. On the question. Public
input. Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Third item is motion to approve
invoices for payment. Once again, please
note this does not include the sewer
account.

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

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MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the floor by Councilwoman Avvisato.

MR. HOOVER: I'll second it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by Councilman Hoover. On the question. Public input. Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Fourth item is motion to approve sewer department financial report.

MR. LETTIERI: I'll make that motion.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the

1 floor by Councilman Lettieri.

2 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
4 Councilman Butler. On the question. Public
5 input. Roll call, please.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
7 Avvisato.

8 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

10 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

12 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

14 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

16 Lettieri.

17 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

20 Last item on housekeeping is motion
21 to approve sewer department invoices for
22 payment.

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

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the
25 floor by Councilman Butler.

1 MS. AVVISATO: I'll second it.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
3 Councilwoman Avvisato. On the question.
4 Public input. Roll call, please.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
6 Avvisato.

7 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

9 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

11 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

13 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
15 Lettieri.

16 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

19 We'll go to our department heads.

20 First department head DPW manager Joseph
21 Lenceski is absent. We all have his report
22 in our packets. If we have any questions,
23 we can contact him tomorrow.

24 Our second department head, code
25 enforcement zoning officer Christopher Hart.

1 Chris, anything for the meeting?

2 MR. HART: Nothing else. You guys
3 got my report today. So if you have any
4 questions, let me know.

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Does anybody
6 have any questions for the zoning officer?

7 Thanks, Chris.

8 MR. HART: Thank you.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Dave Lopatka,
10 engineer.

11 MR. LOPATKA: I didn't submit a
12 report, but just to give you an update, I
13 didn't have a ton of stuff going other than
14 I was putting mapping together. And I'll
15 give you guys these maps. It's just kind of
16 a picture of the river in 1990 and what it
17 is today. And I mean, you could see that
18 there's some differences between the two.

19 The Hickory Street project, I know
20 they did the saw cutting, and I think they
21 are waiting structures at this point before
22 they can kind of really go. I think they
23 are putting some of the pipe in, but I think
24 that was it.

25 MR. HOOVER: Powell Street.

1 MR. LOPATKA: Powell Street, right
2 up here. So I talked to Marylynn about
3 that, and she got a price today. I think
4 she's going to bring that up. So the pipe
5 that's there is, to me, I would say it's the
6 borough's pipe. It's in the borough's
7 right-of-way. It's an old terracotta pipe,
8 which the two services coming out of that
9 building are plastic pipes. An old
10 terracotta pipe has to be probably 60, 70,
11 80 years old, at least probably. So I'm
12 thinking that that pipe is yours. To
13 replace it -- initially when I looked at it,
14 I thought we would bring both services
15 across and tie into the line -- the new line
16 that goes up Powell Street. But I don't
17 think you really save much. Plus, you're
18 going to have to cut the street in two spots
19 to fix it as opposed to just going up the
20 shoulder and replacing the pipe that's
21 there. So the pipe that's there I think is
22 only like four or five feet deep. So they
23 don't have to take a lot of material out of
24 there. If you cut across the road to tie
25 into that pipe, that pipe is about eight to

1 ten feet deep. So I don't think you're
2 saving much by going across the road, plus,
3 you know, to me, you don't have to cut the
4 road place. I would --

5 MR. HOOVER: What's the cleanout
6 behind the building on the corner?

7 MR. LOPATKA: That cleanout --

8 MR. HOOVER: Is that from the main
9 line from the building out?

10 MR. LOPATKA: It's just from the
11 servers coming out of the building. There's
12 two servers coming out of the building, one
13 in the back corner there, and one from the
14 building that's closer to -- or the front of
15 the building that's closer to Main Avenue.
16 So I mean, both of them are plastic pipes.
17 I mean, they were able to run the cameras
18 down those. And where that service kind of
19 ties down into the pipe, the main line, is
20 where it got blocked up.

21 MR. HOOVER: Joe told me years ago
22 -- I went for a ride with Joe (inaudible),
23 and he told me years ago that pipes settled.
24 Where it goes from Powell Street into the
25 drain on Main Ave.

1 MR. LOPATKA: Well, according to
2 Mike Ford, they replaced the section of
3 that. There's a section of that pipe from
4 the manhole back about 20 to 30 feet that
5 was replaced already.

6 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, that's what Joe
7 said. It settled and they had to replace
8 that pipe. He didn't think it went back all
9 the way up the street.

10 MR. LOPATKA: It doesn't go all the
11 way up the street. I think it was an old
12 line, and when they replaced the line on the
13 other side of the street, and that line
14 really only had the corner businesses on it.

15 MR. HOOVER: All right. I'm good.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anything else,
17 Dave?

18 MR. LOPATKA: I don't know. I'll
19 give you guys copies of these maps. So you
20 could take a look at them just so you could
21 see what the difference is between 1990 and
22 2021 is.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
24 any questions for the engineer?

25 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I do. Do you know

1 what block of Hickory that's going to be?

2 MR. LOPATKA: What block of Hickory
3 what's going to be?

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That they're going
5 to put the sewer on because we're getting
6 complaints about parking there and some of
7 our residents are asking about one-side
8 parking. Is that going to be in the 500
9 block or the 600 block?

10 MR. LOPATKA: I'm not sure what the
11 block it is. It's the block from -- it's
12 the parking lot down to the church.

13 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, it's the next
14 block they are talking about for parking.

15 MR. LOPATKA: No, it's the first
16 block.

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That would be the
18 500 block. Okay.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
20 any questions for Dave? Thanks, Dave.

21 MR. LOPATKA: Yep.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chief Dubernas.

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I have nothing. I
24 gave you guys all the information prior to
25 the meeting.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
2 any questions for the chief? Thanks, Chief.

3 Assistant Fire Chief Bill Stull,
4 anything for the meeting?

5 MR. STULL: No, nothing at all.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Does anybody
7 have any questions for Bill? Thanks, Bill.
8 Attorney Rinaldi.

9 ATTY. RINALDI: So we seem to have a
10 resolution regarding general order number
11 354 which deals with the new mobile vehicle
12 recorders and body worn cameras for the
13 police department. So it sets forth all the
14 guidelines. I think the chief passed them
15 out to everybody here tonight. And this
16 resolution is just making that official and
17 adopting it as a general order for the
18 police department.

19 The second resolution you have is in
20 regards to Apollo Drive and parking in the
21 opposite direction. You can do a 90-day
22 under order our ordinance. So we only have
23 to do a resolution for that, and that it's
24 going to last 90 days, and we'll take it to
25 the winter, see how it works out. If you

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want to do something next year more permanent, we can do that.

Carly Shimmo (phonetic) is coming on January 19th at 6:30. So that was advertised for that meeting that's on a comprehensive plan zoning. Pittston Drive, we'll set up that appointment maybe next Monday rather than tomorrow.

RLS Gress application for zoning. Planning commission met and made a recommendation and put it together in a draft ordinance just so we could discuss it. And ironically, Lackawanna County Planning Commission came up with the same recommendation on changing it to a C-2 zone and requiring more buffer areas. So what planning decided to do is make it a conditional use in a C-2 zone adding warehousing give Council a little more control over how it gets buffered and setbacks so it doesn't interfere with the neighborhoods and the residential areas. So what we can do with that is set it up for a public hearing on that, and I'll get with Marylynn and we'll schedule that. And then

1 after that we would consider passage of it
2 after we heard from the public with regards
3 to that zoning change. So that will just
4 keep that on track. And that's all I have
5 for passage tonight.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
7 any questions for the solicitor? Thanks,
8 Bill.

9 Marylynn, borough manager.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. First, does
11 anyone have any questions on my financial
12 reports?

13 MS. AVVISATO: No.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. The only
15 other thing I have for tonight is we
16 received a memorandum of agreement from
17 Lackawanna County. It's for hazard
18 mitigation. So I would like to add that to
19 the agenda for tonight.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: That's it.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anything else,
23 Mar?

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: No, that's all.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have

1 any questions for the borough manager?

2 MR. HOOVER: How many applicants do
3 we have for the DPW?

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: One.

5 MR. HOOVER: Still one? After a
6 month.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Still one.

8 MR. HOOVER: Any applications for
9 the other one we get.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: No, nothing yet.

11 MR. HOOVER: Nothing yet. Do you
12 want to interview one person?

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: I'm fine with it.
14 We still -- we have a few more days. So
15 how about once it's done, then we'll wait.

16 MR. HOOVER: Okay.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else
18 have any questions for the borough manager?
19 Thank you, Marylynn.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Welcome.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Before we go
22 into new business, we'll go into public
23 comment. Pam Evans.

24 MS. EVANS: My first question is, I
25 wanted to know if the engineer had the

1 opportunity to check the wall at -- the
2 foundation at 149 Milwaukee Avenue.

3 MR. LOPATKA: I did not.

4 MS. EVANS: Okay.

5 MR. HOOVER: And what was that?
6 149?

7 MS. EVANS: Milwaukee Avenue. So
8 it's the old Preate foundation that is
9 dilapidated. I emailed Chris, along with
10 two of my neighbors, in May. So currently
11 what we have now is an attractive nuisance.
12 So in the event that anyone gets hurt or if
13 something happens to someone if they're
14 going up there, I made everyone aware of it.
15 I sent emails in May, and I have been coming
16 to these meetings monthly regularly and
17 bringing this up. So the ordinance
18 violation is for the three properties that
19 were submitted. He picked and choosed what
20 properties and what ordinance violations
21 that he wanted to submit. So after talking
22 to an attorney -- I have an attorney
23 involved now. Because if someone gets hurt
24 there or falls into my yard, then what? He
25 put dirt on the side of the wall. Because

1 he said it was falling down. That was from
2 the owner. So that's the first issue that I
3 have.

4 The second issues is the trailers
5 that are all there. Do you have proof of
6 them all being legal, Chris?

7 MR. HOOVER: Can we go on his
8 property and check those trailers?

9 MR. HART: So by -- February 2nd is
10 -- Billy and I were in court. He has to
11 have everything presented and cleaned up and
12 up to date. So I'm just waiting for
13 February 2nd. It's on a judge's order.

14 MR. HOOVER: What about the
15 foundation?

16 MR. HART: The foundation --

17 MS. EVANS: The foundation is not on
18 the ordinance violation and nor are the
19 trailers.

20 MR. HART: It is not. The
21 foundation started with him backfilling the
22 road. And Billy and I spoke. That was a
23 civil issue, but we agreed that we would go
24 over and look at it. Tommy Chickey was
25 backfilling that. He was backfilling it to

1 support the wall. And then there was a
2 dispute there, and then we came up with that
3 it was, you know, a civil issue.

4 MS. EVANS: That is a civil issue.

5 MR. HART: Okay. So then we agreed
6 we would go over and look at it, but --

7 MR. LOPATKA: I'll get over there
8 Thursday.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

10 MR. HART: He is under a court
11 order, you know, to clean up the property.
12 Otherwise there's an assessed fine every
13 single day afterwards, but he has until
14 February 2nd.

15 MR. HOOVER: And on your report it
16 says -- so I could read the report for you.

17 MS. EVANS: Okay.

18 MR. HOOVER: It says Thomas Chickey
19 still has until February 2nd to clean the
20 Preate Winery and surrounding properties
21 under the judge's order, but after he will
22 be assessed a \$500 a day fine if it's not
23 done. As for the residential property, that
24 will fall into the zoning if that property
25 is not cleaned. He also -- he did not allow

1 access to his property where he lives. So
2 I'll have to coordinate that with Bill the
3 solicitor and have a drone fly above which
4 will take place after February 2nd.

5 MR. HART: Correct.

6 MS. EVANS: Okay. But the wall was
7 not included.

8 MR. HOOVER: They can look at the
9 wail.

10 MS. EVANS: Okay. And the trailers
11 were also not included. So all of the
12 violations that we initially submitted to
13 him, he did not put them all in there.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, the trailers
15 were addressed with the letter because
16 that's a zoning violation.

17 MS. EVANS: Right. And he did move
18 that one that was residential.

19 ATTY. RINALDI: Right. So he got
20 the letter. He had 30 days to move it. I
21 understood he moved it.

22 MS. EVANS: He did move that one,
23 that's correct.

24 ATTY. RINALDI: So that's off the
25 residential lot. The wall, I don't know

1 that it's a hazard. First of all, it's
2 private property. So I don't know what it
3 looks like. It's on his property, and it
4 would fall on easement area, which is your
5 -- your easement area. So it's not
6 endangering any public property.

7 MS. EVANS: It's on the top of a
8 hill. So when it falls, my yard is a slope.

9 ATTY. RINALDI: Is that going to hit
10 a house when it falls? That's why I'm
11 waiting for the engineer.

12 MS. EVANS: No, it's going to hit my
13 fence. So my dogs are out there. My kids
14 are out there. Like --

15 MR. LOPATKA: I'm going to look
16 Thursday.

17 MS. EVANS: Okay.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: We can't police it
19 if it doesn't -- you know, there's only
20 certain criteria we can police it for.

21 MS. EVANS: So if you have
22 dilapidated foundation --

23 ATTY. RINALDI: This one we had is
24 because the woman needed access -- she was
25 very elderly, and it blocked her path to her

1 house. I don't know if this blocks a path
2 to a house or not. So that's why the
3 engineer is going to review it.

4 MS. EVANS: Okay. The next question
5 I have is the minutes. So I know that we're
6 not -- we are not able to upload them. Is
7 there something you can have them in a
8 binder accessible for us to review?

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: They are here all
10 the time.

11 MS. EVANS: So I could come in at
12 any time?

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: You could call.
14 You could say I'm going to come in, could
15 you make a copy for me. Being that they are
16 not on the website, I would be happy to give
17 you a copy. Otherwise, 8:30 until 4:30, you
18 could come here and you could look at them.

19 MS. EVANS: Okay. And I don't have
20 to pay for them?

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: No.

22 MS. EVANS: Okay. So I would like a
23 copy from everything from --

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: You could come in
25 tomorrow and request them. You don't have

1 have to say it now.

2 MS. EVANS: Okay. Perfect. I think
3 that's it.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thank you.
5 Robert Zukauskas.

6 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I'm dealing with my
7 neighbor, the Junken Monkey, the area's
8 friendly junk removal. So I got some
9 things. Mr. Hart, this Junken Monkey had a
10 court hearing. I think it was the 17th --
11 let me get this all straight here. There
12 was a court hearing January 10th for this
13 Junken Monkey to clean up this mess in the
14 back of his property. He had five days --
15 he was fined \$100 and had five days to clean
16 up his mess. Now, this is what the Junk
17 Monkey's mess looked like before. That's
18 what the Junk Monkey's mess looked like
19 before the court hearing.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Is that the
21 back of the building?

22 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: That's the back of
23 the building. This is before the court
24 hearing. You could see there's black mold
25 there. So this is what the judge saw. This

1 is the picture the judge saw. Saw all this
2 here. Now -- so that was before. Now, this
3 is -- that was five days that the judge gave
4 this Junk Monkey to clean that mess up.

5 Now, it is seven days, and this is
6 what that same stuff looks like after seven
7 days. This is what the Junk Monkey does.
8 He doesn't clean the stuff up. He tarps it.
9 He puts a tarp over this stuff here.

10 This is what it looks like today,
11 Mr. Hart.

12 So my question is, the judge -- do
13 we have to go back to the judge to have this
14 mess cleaned? That's what it looks like
15 today. January 10th, the judge says you
16 have five days to clean this stuff up, pay
17 \$100 fine. I don't know if he paid the \$100
18 fine, but you could see 2:00 this afternoon
19 that's what that looks like in the back. Do
20 we have to go back to the judge to waste his
21 time to get that stuff cleaned? Do we have
22 to do that?

23 MR. HART: The fines were paid. I
24 have the documents here.

25 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Fine.

1 MR. HART: I was down there directly
2 after. Billy and I were in court. He pled
3 guilty to everything. The whole front,
4 everything is gone. I have pictures of the
5 back from that day when we were in court and
6 it was cleaned up. The judge agreed and
7 ruled.

8 MR. HOOVER: These are from today.

9 MR. HART: Okay. But like I said,
10 this ended last week. I mean, I didn't go
11 back since. When I went back after the
12 inspection, this was not there so this is
13 new to me. But it's also not -- I'm not
14 going to go live down there.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: This is my
16 question and my one and only question. That
17 area is not zoned for a junkyard; correct?

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Right. And we sent
19 him a letter, and I think he's moved out.

20 MR. HART: Yeah.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So my question
22 is --

23 MR. HART: There's nothing there.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Right. He's
25 not there anymore?

1 MR. HART: No. No, there's no cars
2 out in the driveway. The chief could tell
3 you. He drove by today. There's nothing --
4 he was there yesterday. There's nothing
5 there.

6 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: At 2:00 -- you could
7 see I wrote there. 2:00 that's what it
8 looks like. This is what it looked like
9 before the hearing. This is what it looked
10 like before the hearing. So what is he
11 saying?

12 MR. HART: If this is stuff left in
13 the back, I don't know why, but if it's left
14 there for him to get out of there because he
15 is taking everything out -- because the
16 chief could tell you. He was there.
17 There's nothing left in the front. He
18 emptied everything --

19 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: There is a
20 basketball hoop in the front.

21 MR. HART: Yeah, there's a
22 basketball hoop there, but that's it.
23 There's nothing there.

24 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: The two cars are
25 gone. And that was another thing, too. You

1 know, they were there for months and all.
2 And then I thought they had to be towed
3 away. All that Junk Monkey did was put the
4 key in the ignition and drive those vehicles
5 off that lot. Okay. Well, they are gone.
6 Let's look at the back. That's what the
7 back looks like at 2:00 today. Now, do we
8 have to go back to the judge to get rid of
9 that? Look at that mold. That's my house
10 right here. I took \$32,00 I spent to put a
11 roof on my house, and you have that dump
12 right across the street from me.

13 MR. HART: What's under the tarps?
14 I couldn't tell you. They were not there.
15 I have pictures. I have pictures from five
16 minutes before the court hearing took place.
17 I mean, Billy was there with me. Once
18 everything was settled in court, it was done
19 and over with.

20 MR. HOOVER: I'm guessing he took
21 the stuff from the front of the building and
22 put it in the back of the building to cover
23 it.

24 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Exactly.

25 MR. HART: Well, now, when the front

1 of the building was cleaned out, this was
2 not in the back because I went down myself
3 when the cars were gone. So he may have
4 taken a side of a truck and put it there say
5 today or yesterday. I don't know. But like
6 I said, we ended the Court hearing, he paid
7 the fines. I mean, if this is somewhere I
8 got to sit there all day every day, I mean,
9 I will, I mean, but it's --

10 MR. FEBBO: Go down tomorrow and
11 check it again.

12 MR. HART: I gladly will. And
13 that's all I'm saying is I inspected it
14 after the hearing after the judge's ruling.

15 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I don't know what
16 the heck he is saying. You can see for
17 yourself it's there.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: All he is
19 saying you can't see what it is under the
20 tarps you can't.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I don't know. It's
22 trash. I mean, the trash is still there.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay. Chris,
24 go down and fine him.

25 MR. HART: That's the best I could

1 do.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chris is going
3 to go down and fine him tomorrow because the
4 judge told him to clean it up. Go down and
5 fine him tomorrow.

6 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: One more thing I
7 would like to discuss. I have one more
8 thing about this. I wanted to bring this
9 up. I have something here about that
10 building. May I read this. I prepared this
11 up in November. I wanted to go to your work
12 session, and I didn't make it in November.
13 So this is what I wrote back in November.
14 But I wanted to present this to the judge,
15 but he said no, this is a zoning issue.
16 When we were at the court with Mr. Rinaldi,
17 we were just talking about the rubbish. So
18 I said to the judge, I have something I want
19 to read to you. And he's there, no, that's
20 zoning. You got to talk to him about
21 zoning. We're talking about rubbish. Okay.
22 So may I read this now.

23 The property at 1248 South Main
24 Street was once owned by Old Forge resident
25 Mrs. Biscontini. She operated a bar,

1 Biscontini's, and outside of the bar
2 alongside of the building, Mrs. Biscontini
3 had a vegetable garden. Okay. Sam and Ann
4 Freeze later bought that property. Sam --
5 Ann continued to run that property as a bar,
6 Ann's Cafe, and she offered pizza and beer.
7 Sam was a mechanic. He paved over
8 Mrs. Biscontini's vegetable garden on the
9 side of that building and he built a garage,
10 S&S Auto Repair. So Sam built that garage
11 right there. And people used to ask, Sam,
12 what does the S&S stand for? Because he had
13 a son. He goes take your pick. It's either
14 Sam and son or Sam and Sam. It was a joke
15 because he did all the work himself. His
16 son did nothing.

17 So right now, for heat -- now,
18 inside -- we're talking about inside that
19 building now. For heat Sam had a potbelly
20 stove. He burned wood. That was his heat.
21 There was no running water in that building.
22 There is no toilet in that building.

23 The former S&S Auto Repair is now
24 being used as a gym. There is a guy that
25 comes there seven days a week and works out.

1 He works for the Junken Monkey. He is one
2 of the monkeys. He is one of the Junken
3 Monkeys. So six days a week he comes works
4 out. Because they have -- God knows what
5 kind of trash. They got gym equipment
6 there. So he works out there. So my
7 question is, has there been a change of use
8 for that building? Being it's a gym now,
9 don't have you to file a change of use? And
10 is that building up to code for all that
11 crap -- that trash that's in there. Because
12 --

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You mean a gym
14 as far as a business?

15 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: No, it's not a
16 business. It's one of his monkeys that
17 comes and works out there. They put gym
18 equipment inside there.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I don't think
20 that's illegal.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I expected
22 that.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It's not a
24 business. It's personal use.

25 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: How about when the

1 Junken Monkey is using that, how about code?
2 Is that thing up to code?

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: As far as does
4 the garage need running water?

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: It's just a fire
6 hazard. It's a fire hazard.

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Wait, one
8 second. Why would you think it's a fire
9 hazard? The assistant fire chief is right
10 here. We could ask him. Because he would
11 know the --

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Was it ever
13 inspected? Would you go out there and
14 inspect that property?

15 MR. STULL: Absolutely.

16 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I would be
17 satisfied if somebody just inspected it. I
18 would be very satisfied.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: He'll look at
20 it.

21 MR. HART: The owner will gladly let
22 me in he told me. The owner told me he'll
23 gladly let me in. He said all he has is
24 personal gym equipment in there.

25 MR. HOOVER: A personal garage.

1 MR. HART: That's it.

2 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Now, what about all
3 this mold and stuff on the back?

4 MS. AVVISATO: The owner has to get
5 rid of the mold.

6 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Right. So they are
7 not doing nothing. It's been seven days.
8 He had five days to clean out that stuff,
9 and you can see 2:00 this afternoon --

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chris is going
11 down there tomorrow to fine him.

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: He'll be fined?

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chris.

14 MR. HART: Yeah, I'll go down. Like
15 I said, we went through everything. Billy
16 saw the pictures from ten minutes before.
17 Everything was cleaned up.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: He has a
19 judge's order --

20 MR. HART: And he did everything.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: No, he didn't do
22 everything. How could you say that when
23 it's 2:00 where I have a picture there with
24 that trash there. How could you say --

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Mr. Zukauskas.

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I'm sorry. I just
2 get emotional. I'm sorry.

3 MR. HART: At the end of the court
4 hearing --

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: According to
6 -- I don't know who the guy is you're
7 calling the Junk Monkey.

8 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: The Junk Monkey.
9 He's a Monkey, and he's making a fool out of
10 us. He's thumbing his nose to us. That's
11 what he's doing.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay. At the
13 end of the court hearing, the front was all
14 cleaned up.

15 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well --

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The front was
17 all cleaned up. If he moved the stuff into
18 the back, now we know it's in the back.
19 Chris is going to go there tomorrow. If
20 it's that stuff or different stuff or stuff
21 that has to be removed, Chris could fine
22 him.

23 MR. HART: It's different stuff. I
24 know for a fact it's different stuff.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay. And

1 then Chris could fine him.

2 MR. HART: Because when I went down
3 when the cars were removed, I went in the
4 back, and it was still the same way as the
5 day of the court hearing. So this had to
6 have happened over the weekend.

7 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Attorney Rinaldi,
8 before that court hearing, would you agree
9 that that's -- junk was in that picture that
10 I showed you before the hearing?

11 ATTY. RINALDI: I saw the pictures
12 from November, September. That's the ones
13 we used for the judge.

14 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Do you think that
15 was clean?

16 ATTY. RINALDI: No.

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Because he's saying
18 it's cleaned.

19 ATTY. RINALDI: He cleaned it
20 subsequent. Because I talked to Chris this
21 week, and he said the guy is leaving. He is
22 not even coming back to the site; correct?

23 MR. HART: Right. And like I said,
24 I mean the chief is a witness --

25 ATTY. RINALDI: He is not even

1 coming back.

2 MR. HART: The fire chief. They
3 were both down there.

4 ATTY. RINALDI: I don't know if
5 that's the woman who own the property's
6 stuff. We don't know because it wasn't
7 there a day ago or two days ago. When we
8 was there. He is not down there every day.

9 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: But I am there. I
10 live there, and I can see this stuff.

11 ATTY. RINALDI: His job is to make
12 sure everything was out of there.

13 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: But it's not.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: But it was.

15 MR. HART: It was. I have pictures.

16 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: It wasn't. How can
17 you people say that? I have pictures.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: I saw pictures of
19 the back of that building. There was
20 nothing there the day before yesterday. So
21 somebody moved stuff back there. It's news
22 to me.

23 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I just don't
24 understand how you can say that there was
25 nothing there because I have pictures of it.

1 ATTY. RINALDI: I saw the pictures.
2 All the tires was gone. Everything was
3 cleaned up in the back of the building, just
4 the building.

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: But do you see
6 what's there now?

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: He's going down
8 tomorrow because it's there now.

9 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. So,
10 Mr. Rinaldi, would you agree that when he
11 goes down there tomorrow that picture I
12 showed you at 2:00, would you agree that all
13 that has to be gone? There should be
14 nothing left there.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I don't know
16 what's back there. I have to wait until
17 Chris comes back. Mr. Zukauskas, there is
18 about four piles with tarps over it. I
19 don't know what's under there. There's four
20 tarps under here. I don't know what's under
21 there. I have to send the zoning officer
22 down because he gave him access to the
23 property. Chris could go back there and
24 remove the tarps. Now, I'm not saying --
25 this is, what? Four piles of dirt. He

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doesn't have to remove that.

MR. ZUKAUSKAS: So if there is rubbish under there, would you say --

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Whatever would have to be removed according to our ordinances, Chris will make him remove.

MR. STULL: Thursday morning. Now, here's the only thing. If we go down there and we do an inspection on it, okay. They get a report that is sent to Chris, but they get 30 days to have everything made it before we go back and inspect it. So you're not going to get anything done overnight.

MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I have been here since the summer. I understand that completely. I just want something done. I mean, he is just thumbing his nose at us. What the heck is this.

MR. STULL: Then again, even if he doesn't abide by it, after 30 days, we send our report back to Chris, and then it's in his hands, and then he's got to do whatever he's got to do with it. You just can't go in there and shut a business down like that.

MR. ZUKAUSKAS: No, I understand

1 that. Send somebody to obey on order from a
2 judge. What is that? Contempt? Is that
3 what you call those? Contempt of court.

4 MR. STULL: We'll go down there
5 Thursday. We'll take a look at it. It's
6 going to be a little bit of time. Then if
7 you go back and he did some stuff to it, and
8 he didn't do everything, then you have to
9 extend that back out another 15 days to him
10 so that he could get everything taken care
11 of.

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Mr. Rinaldi, just
13 one more thing. When we got to the hearing,
14 the, the Junk Monkey raises his hand, and he
15 said to the judge, you know, I have these
16 ladders and stuff. Can I leave them
17 outside. I'm going to prop them outside.
18 And the judge said when I finish with my
19 materials, you know, I put them in the
20 garage. So the judge says, no, you can't
21 put them outside. You have to put them in
22 the garage. So you know what the Junken
23 Monkey does? He puts them in the back.
24 There's right in the back. There's no room
25 in that garage for his ladders and stuff.

1 That's what he does. He just moves things
2 and tarps it.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: And that's why
4 we're going to send Chris down again
5 tomorrow so he could go and identify what's
6 there and what's not. I can't guess at
7 what's there.

8 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I understand
9 Mr. Rinaldi. But it's just that, like I
10 said, he's just -- he's just ignoring
11 everything as if, you know, he's just
12 laughing. He's making a fool out of all of
13 us. Not only me, but everybody here. Who
14 the heck wants a trash dump across from the
15 street from their house. I just put \$32,000
16 roof on my house. All my life I've been
17 living here and never dealing with a person
18 like this before. It's just so frustrating,
19 and there's no reason for it. I mean,
20 there's laws. Is he special that he doesn't
21 have to obey a court order?

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Did he not
23 obey the court order?

24 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: He did not obey a
25 court order. It's still there, and it was

1 there since the summer.

2 MR. HART: There was pictures. I
3 mean, I'll go back tomorrow.

4 MR. FEBBO: Just go back tomorrow.

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: He is going to say
6 it's clean. I know that. So do I have to
7 go back to --

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Who is going
9 to say it's clean?

10 MR. HART: I'm taking Billy down
11 with me as well.

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Who is Bill?

13 MR. HART: Our assistant fire chief
14 right here And the chief if he wants to.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay.
16 Anything else, Mr. Zukauskas?

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: No, thank you.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay.

19 David Marhelski (phonetic.)

20 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I would like to
21 know what the status is -- it's been over a
22 year -- on the stormdrains up on the heights
23 section.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Are you
25 talking about the water Keyser Avenue?

1 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Dave, we have
3 that. Right?

4 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah, we put a plan
5 together.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: \$150,000 I
7 think. Right, Dave? Is that the estimate?

8 MR. LOPATKA: It's probably more
9 than that depending on what the extent is
10 you want to do it.

11 THE WITNESS: Is it going to be done
12 or is it not going to be done?

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Well, if we
14 could find the 150,000.

15 THE WITNESS: Well, it seems we
16 could find money for everything else in
17 town. So first of all, is Austin Heights
18 part of Old Forge?

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Of course.

20 THE WITNESS: Do we pay taxes?

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I think you
22 do.

23 THE WITNESS: Well, there you go.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I don't check
25 anyone's tax roll.

1 THE WITNESS: I don't care. I'm a
2 taxpayer. I pay taxes.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I don't know
4 who pays taxes. I know I do.

5 THE WITNESS: So do I.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll take your
7 word for it then.

8 THE WITNESS: So why don't you do
9 something. Everything in Old Forge gets
10 done but nothing ever gets done up there.
11 The same thing people saying about the other
12 guy nothing gets done.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We have to
14 find the money.

15 THE WITNESS: Maybe if somebody know
16 where Austin Heights is and talk a walk and
17 knock on some doors up there and see with
18 what's going on.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I know where
20 Austin Heights is.

21 THE WITNESS: Then go up there.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'm up there
23 three times a week.

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah, okay. I'm sure.
25 You could find money for everything else,

1 procedures for multiple vehicles recorders
2 and body cameras by the Old Forge Borough
3 Police Department.

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

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

8 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
10 Councilman Butler. On the question. Public
11 input. Roll call, please.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
13 Avvisato.

14 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

16 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

18 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

20 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

22 Lettieri.

23 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

1 Second item is resolution number two
2 allowing for parking in the direction of
3 opposing traffic during the months of
4 January through March. Resolution allowing
5 for parking in the direction of opposing
6 traffic during the months of January from
7 March on the easterly side of Apollo Drive
8 for a distance of 700 feet from the
9 cul-de-sac traveling north in the Borough of
10 Old Forge.

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

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

14 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
16 Councilman Butler. On the question. Public
17 input. Roll call, please.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
19 Avvisato.

20 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

22 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

24 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

1 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
3 Lettieri.

4 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

7 Third item is motion to approve
8 invoices for payment for Dunbar's Evergreen
9 Landscaping Incorporated in the amount of
10 \$9,000.00.

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

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

14 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second it.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
16 Councilman Lettieri. On the question.
17 Public input. Roll call, please.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
19 Avvisato.

20 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

22 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

24 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

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MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Item number four is a motion --
there's going to be a motion to table the
hiring of full-time police officers.

MR. BUTLER: I'll make that motion.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the
floor by Councilman Butler.

MR. FEBBO: I'll second it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
Councilman Febbo. On the question. Public
input. Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

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MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. Bill,
item 5.

ATTY. RINALDI: He corrected all the
issues with that. So it's a motion to
appoint Officer Terhune.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI:: Item number
five is a motion to approve officer Dennis
Terhune to the sergeant rank position.

MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that
motion.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the
floor by Councilwoman Avvisato.

MR. HOOVER: And I'll second it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
Councilman Hoover. On the question. Public
input. Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

2 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

4 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

6 Lettieri.

7 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

10 Officer Terhune is in the back of
11 the room. Congratulations.

12 MS. AVVISATO: Congratulations.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Marylynn, item
14 number six is going to be a motion to add
15 the sewer project on Apollo Street.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes. Add -- have
17 to adjust. So we're going to add that on,
18 and the next one will be that one.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So item number
20 six is going to be a motion to add. We're
21 going to add motion to the sewer project on
22 Apollo Street.

23 The amount, Marylynn?

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: \$16,800.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: This is just a

1 motion to add to the agenda.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone?

4 MR. LETTIERI: I'll make that
5 motion.

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

8 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
10 Councilman Butler. On the question. Public
11 input. Roll call, please.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
13 Avvisato.

14 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

16 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

18 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

20 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
22 Lettieri.

23 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

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So next item will be motion to approve the Apollo Street sewer project in the amount of \$16,800.

MR. FEBBO: I'll make that motion.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the floor by Councilman Febbo.

MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by Councilman Butler. On the question. Public input. Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Next item is, once again, just a

1 motion to add to the agenda. It's going to
2 be a motion to add memorandum of agreement
3 of 2026 hazardous mitigation plan update.

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

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

8 MR. HOOVER: I'll second it.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
10 Councilman Hoover. On the question. Public
11 input. Roll call, please.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
13 Avvisato.

14 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

16 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

18 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

20 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

22 Lettieri.

23 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

1 This item will be to approve -- so
2 next item is a motion to approve a
3 memorandum of agreement for the 2026
4 hazardous mitigation plan update. The city
5 -- Borough of Old Forge will cooperate with
6 the Lackawanna County preparing for 2026
7 five year update of the Lackawanna County
8 hazardous mitigation plan first adapted in
9 2009. This will be providing information to
10 the best of our ability, attending meetings,
11 and adopting the plan. As with the original
12 plan, participating in the update process
13 will remove the municipality from having to
14 prepare its own individual plan and will not
15 jeopardize the municipality's eligibility
16 for disaster funding before or following an
17 event. This is a motion to approve.

18 MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that
19 motion, Mr. Chairman.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the
21 floor by Councilwoman Avvisato.

22 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
24 Councilman Butler. On the question. Public
25 input. Roll call, please.

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MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: I was just going to add that it's 2026, but they are starting it early because there was grant money that they were able to use toward it. That's all.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay. No more items under new business. I'll go down the table and see if anybody has anything before we adjourn.

Mayor Legg.

MAYOR LEGG: Thank you,

1 Mr. Chairman. I would also like to
2 congratulate Dennis. I think you will do a
3 fine job and keep the chief moving. Okay.
4 That's all I have. Thank you.

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You're
6 welcome.

7 Councilman Febbo.

8 MR. FEBBO: In Bill's report --
9 Bill, you mentioned project 70 on there.
10 Perhaps doing something and bring on Sam to
11 look for grants. I would like to go forward
12 and have him see what kind of grants are
13 available out there for any projects that we
14 have coming up, especially that projects --
15 I feel like if we take that off the table
16 because we're not going anywhere with
17 developing or selling the land anyway out of
18 your plans. I would like to bring on Sam
19 looking for -- search grant money.

20 Do I need a motion on that?

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: No, he's
22 already on board.

23 MR. FEBBO: Let's get him in there
24 and meet with Marylynn and some of the
25 Council. Get together with us and get him

1 with Marilyn and see where we can best
2 utilize him for get some committees working.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Sounds good.

4 MR. FEBBO: Perhaps we could look
5 for some money for your flood project up
6 there in the heights.

7 MR. HOOVER: I was just going to
8 mention that.

9 MR. FEBBO: The planning committee.
10 We got to get together let's look forward
11 to, you know, finding some money. That's
12 all.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks,
14 Councilman Febbo. Councilman Lettieri.

15 MR. LETTIERI: Congratulations,
16 Dennis. That's all. I'm good.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilman
18 Butler.

19 MR. BUTLER: I'm good.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilwoman
21 Avvisato.

22 MS. AVVISATO: I was just going to
23 echo about grants for the heights. And I
24 just want to congratulate Sergeant Terhune,
25 and you're going to do a good job. I know

1 it. That's all I have.

2 MR. TERHUNE: Thank you ma'am.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilman
4 Hoover.

5 MR. HOOVER: On the grant for the
6 Keyser Avenue project. I think we should
7 put this on head of the table and try to get
8 this done because it's an ongoing problem up
9 the there. And you know, he's only one
10 resident that's coming here, and I've heard
11 from two other ones. So I think we'll get
12 together and do something about it.

13 MR. FEBBO: We'll act on finding
14 some grant money.

15 MS. AVVISATO: We will.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I appreciate that.
17 When water pulls at the bottom of the thing
18 when it gets cold and freezes, you're going
19 to end up accident one way or other there.

20 MS. AVVISATO: You're right.

21 MR. FEBBO: I agree with you there,
22 but I hear both of our arguments. It's an
23 enormous amount of money to spend, which we
24 don't have in our budget, but that being
25 said, there's so much grant money out there.

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AUDIENCE MEMBER: When they put the stormdrains in, it's not you had to put them all them streets. The problem is when it comes down, it comes across. What they should have done was put the stormdrain on the opposite side.

MR. FEBBO: What's done was done. We could only go forward from here.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: And if they can do it an easier way, fine.

MR. FEBBO: Well, we're going to look into it. Okay.

AUDIENCE, MEMBER: All right. I appreciate it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anything else, Councilman Hoover?

MR. HOOVER: No, I'm done.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Dennis, once again, congratulations. Great job.

With that said, motion on the floor to adjourn.

MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that motion.


MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By Councilwoman Avvisato. All in favor?

(Unanimous. Meeting adjourned.)

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