

1 OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

2
3 IN RE: REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

4
5 HELD:

6 Tuesday, January 21, 2025

7 TIME:

8 7:00 P.M.

9 LOCATION:

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

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

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15 RUSSELL RINALDI, President

16 JIM HOOVER, Vice President

17 ANDREW BUTLER

18 MICHAEL KOMENSKY

19 JENNA JONES-SHOTWELL - absent

20 MIKE LETTIERI

21 MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, Borough Manager

22 ROBERT LEGG, Mayor

23 WILLIAM RINALDI, Esquire, Solicitor

24
25 MICHELLE SMOLSKIS
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 MR. RINALDI: Good evening, ladies
2 and gentlemen. I'd like to begin the meeting
3 by asking the Honorable George Seig to lead us
4 in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

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6 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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8 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please,
9 Marylynn.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
11 Shotwell is absent. Councilman Komensky.

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Present.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
14 Lettieri.

15 MR. LETTIERI: Present.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

17 MR. BUTLER: Present.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

19 MR. HOOVER: Present.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

21 MR. RINALDI: Here. Once again,
22 ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the regular
23 meeting of the Old Forge Borough. Tonight is
24 Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

25 The purpose of our meeting will be

1 to go through a few housekeeping motions.
2 We'll hear from our department heads, we'll go
3 down the table, we'll hear from our mayor,
4 borough manager, solicitor, Council members.

5 We have a public sign-in sheet. If
6 anybody from the public would like to address
7 us, we'll give you a few moments at the end of
8 the meeting.

9 Before we go through our regular
10 meeting, we're going to move up our first
11 motion, and that's going to be a motion to fill
12 the vacancy on Council.

13 Just a few brief discussion or a few
14 brief descriptions. We had a vacancy on the
15 Old Forge Borough Council. Former councilwoman
16 Michele Avvisato resigned. We ran an ad. Two
17 weeks ago, Marylynn?

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

19 MR. RINALDI: We ran it for two
20 weeks?

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: It was put in --
22 Sandy, do you have what day we put the ad in
23 the paper?

24 MS. CAPASSO: I want to say on
25 January -- December 21st.

1 MR. RINALDI: Okay. We ran a legal
2 ad according to the borough code 1006, and we
3 asked for applications and letters of interest.
4 The deadline was last Friday at 3 p.m., January
5 17th.

6 At that time we had two applicants.
7 Tonight, at a public meeting at 6 p.m., we
8 interviewed those two applicants. They're both
9 here.

10 Council went down the table, asked
11 them questions on their own, and at this time
12 we're going to open up nominations and we're
13 going to appoint a new Council member this
14 evening.

15 Before we do that, does any members
16 have any questions?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. RINALDI: Anyone from the public
19 have any questions?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RINALDI: At this time, the
22 Chair's going to entertain a motion. This is
23 just to open up nominations for the vacant
24 Council seat.

25 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that

1 motion, Mr. Chairman.

2 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
3 Councilman Komensky. All in favor?

4 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. RINALDI: Nominations are now
6 open.

7 MR. LETTIERI: Mr. Chairman, I'd
8 like to nominate Eric Kania.

9 MR. RINALDI: There's a motion on
10 the floor by Eric Kania -- I'm sorry, by
11 Councilman Lettieri for Eric Kania. Is there
12 any other nominations?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RINALDI: One more time before
15 we close nominations, is there any more
16 nominations?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. RINALDI: The Chair would
19 entertain a motion to close nominations.

20 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that
21 motion.

22 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
23 Councilman Komensky to close nominations. All
24 in favor?

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. RINALDI: At this time the Chair
2 will entertain a motion to accept the
3 resolution to fill the vacancy in the office of
4 a member of Old Forge Borough Council of the
5 Old Forge Borough, Old Forge, Lackawanna
6 County, Pennsylvania, due to the resignation of
7 one of its members.

8 The nominated name is Eric Kania to
9 fill the vacancy for the existing seat which
10 expires the first Monday of January, 2026. At
11 this time the Chair would entertain a motion
12 for Eric Kania.

13 MR. LETTIERI: I'll make the motion.

14 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
15 Councilman Lettieri. Second?

16 MR. BUTLER: I'll second.

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

19 (No response.)

20 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
24 Komensky?

25 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

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MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri?

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

MR. RINALDI: Yes. Congratulations,
Mr. Kania. Mr. Kania, if you'd like to come up
wherever Mr. Seig would ask you to stand, he
would swear you in.

MAGISTRATE SEIG: Congratulations.
Please raise your right hand and repeat after
me, sir.

(At this time
Eric Kania was sworn in
by Magistrate Seig.)

MAGISTRATE SEIG: Congratulations.

MR. RINALDI: Congratulations. If
you want to come up and sit down just for a
brief moment.

In a brief moment, Council's going

1 to break into just a quick executive session
2 and we'll be back out, but I just wanted to say
3 this before we break, first of all, I'd like to
4 thank the Honorable George Seig for coming in
5 this evening and holding the swearing in
6 ceremony.

7 MAGISTRATE SEIG: Truly my pleasure
8 and it is an honor.

9 MR. RINALDI: Thank you very much.
10 We appreciate it.

11 To our candidates, Ms. Allison
12 McCawley and Mr. Eric Kania, we appreciate you
13 applying. As I said in the interviews, the
14 public interviews, it's nice to see people who
15 want to get involved, who want to become part
16 of the town, and, you know, it's an honor to
17 see you want to throw your hat into the ring.

18 We appreciate you applying, we
19 appreciate you coming in. Mr. Kania, we
20 appreciate you, as well, and congratulations.

21 MR. KANIA: I appreciate it. Thank
22 you.

23 MR. RINALDI: If the members of
24 Council don't have any questions, we'll break
25 into a brief executive. We'll be back in a

1 moment. Thank you.

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3 (At this time a brief
4 recess was taken.)

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6 MR. RINALDI: Good evening, ladies
7 and gentlemen. The meeting is back to order.
8 We're going to continue with our regular
9 schedule.

10 We're going to go through a few
11 housekeeping motions like I mentioned earlier.
12 The first motion on the floor will be a motion
13 to approve the minutes from the previous
14 meeting.

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

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

18 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second the
19 motion.

20 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
21 Lettieri. On the question?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

2 MR. KANIA: Present. Oh, abstain.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

4 Shotwell is absent. Councilman Komensky?

5 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

7 Lettieri?

8 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

10 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

12 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

14 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Second item is

15 motion to approve treasurer's report. Please

16 note this does not include the sewer account.

17 MR. KOMENSKY: Mr. Chairman, I'll

18 make that motion.

19 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

20 Councilman Komensky.

21 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

22 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman

23 Butler. On the question?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

4 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

6 Komensky?

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

9 Lettieri?

10 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

12 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

14 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

16 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Third item is a

17 motion to approve invoices for payment. Please

18 note, once again, this does not include the

19 sewer account.

20 MR. LETTIERI: I'll make the motion.

21 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

22 Councilman Lettieri.

23 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

24 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman

25 Butler. On the question?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

6 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

8 Komensky?

9 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

11 Lettieri?

12 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

14 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

16 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

18 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Fourth item is

19 motion to approve treasurer's report for the

20 sewer department.

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

22 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

23 Councilman Butler.

24 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second it.

25 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman

1 Lettieri. On the question?
2 (No response.)
3 MR. RINALDI: Public input?
4 (No response.)
5 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.
6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?
7 MR. KANIA: Abstain.
8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
9 Komensky?
10 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.
11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
12 Lettieri?
13 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.
14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?
15 MR. BUTLER: Yes.
16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?
17 MR. HOOVER: Yes.
18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
19 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Last item under
20 housekeeping is a motion to approve sewer
21 department invoices for payment.
22 MR. KOMENSKY: Mr. Chairman, I'll
23 make that motion.
24 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
25 Councilman Komensky.

1 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

2 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman

3 Butler. On the question?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

9 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

11 Komensky?

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

14 Lettieri?

15 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

17 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

19 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

21 MR. RINALDI: Yes. We'll move into

22 our first department head, DPW manager, Joseph

23 Lenceski. Joe, Hi. Good evening.

24 MR. LENCESKI: Good evening.

25 MR. RINALDI: Anything for the

1 meeting tonight?

2 MR. LENCESKI: Nothing for the
3 meeting tonight.

4 MR. RINALDI: Does any members have
5 any questions for Joe?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Joe.

8 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

9 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Mike
10 Sokolowski, code enforcement/zoning officer.
11 Good evening, Mike.

12 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Good evening.

13 MR. RINALDI: Anything for the
14 meeting?

15 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No, I have nothing.

16 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any
17 questions for Michael?

18 MR. KOMENSKY: Mike, on the Ripple
19 Street property --

20 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes.

21 MR. KOMENSKY: -- did he give you a
22 time frame?

23 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: As soon as the
24 weather breaks. That's kind of -- with the
25 cold weather, the ground's frozen, obviously,

1 and to backfill it you have frozen ground, so
2 you can't really, you can't compact totally.

3 MR. KOMENSKY: All right.

4 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: And they'd have to
5 come back again.

6 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. That's all I
7 had. Thank you.

8 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Any
9 other members have any questions for Michael?

10 MR. BUTLER: Good report, Mike.

11 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Thank you.

12 MR. BUTLER: It's nice to see that
13 we're getting some of these houses taken care
14 of.

15 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

16 MR. BUTLER: Thank you.

17 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Well, there's one
18 on Keyser Avenue, I did get in touch with
19 Earthworks --

20 MR. BUTLER: That's the one next to
21 the baseball field?

22 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes.

23 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

24 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: And Earthworks is
25 contracted to do the demo. That was after my

1 report.

2 MR. BUTLER: Okay. So, they are
3 doing that?

4 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes.

5 MR. LETTIERI: What's the time frame
6 on that, Mike?

7 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: They're saying
8 springtime, but when it warms up.

9 MR. LETTIERI: All right.

10 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: This time of year,
11 to do anything like that, it's just
12 everything's frozen.

13 MR. LETTIERI: Right. Thanks, Mike.

14 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yep.

15 MR. RINALDI: Any other questions
16 for Michael?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Mike.

19 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Thanks.

20 MR. RINALDI: Dave Lopatka,
21 engineer. Good evening, Dave.

22 MR. LOPATKA: Good evening. I have
23 nothing for the meeting. I know that Marylynn
24 has a few items that she will go over that need
25 approval.

1 One of them is the resolution for
2 the senior center that has to go back to
3 Lackawanna County to get that moving, the Lindy
4 one for Pagnotti Park phase one, for the water
5 line and for the electric.

6 There may be two other items on
7 there. I think one of them is a proposal for
8 Arris to do the final design for the lighting
9 project up at Marion Street Park, and I think
10 there's an Old Forge -- the paving project
11 payment to American Asphalt minus retainage.

12 So, we're holding retainage and
13 we'll meet them back out there in the spring to
14 look at any other issues.

15 MR. HOOVER: 1st and Susquehanna,
16 are they gonna redo that?

17 MR. LOPATKA: Excuse me?

18 MR. HOOVER: That 1st and
19 Susquehanna --

20 MR. LOPATKA: We're gonna go look at
21 it. When I called, there was already snow on
22 the ground and it was a little late. The
23 plants were closed.

24 I told him we're gonna have to go
25 back out and look at it early in the springtime

1 to see what we need to do.

2 MR. HOOVER: Okay.

3 MR. KOMENSKY: Are you comfortable
4 with what we're going to hold back?

5 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

6 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

7 MR. LOPATKA: I mean, 95 percent of
8 the work is done. I think we're holding ten
9 percent of the retainage.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

11 MR. HOOVER: Dave, how much
12 retainage are we keeping on that, 20 percent?

13 MR. LOPATKA: Marylynn should have
14 the payment. I think it's ten percent.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: I have it right
16 here. The balance that you're holding out is
17 \$59,621.90.

18 MR. HOOVER: Now what if that's not
19 enough money?

20 MR. BUTLER: That's what I was just
21 gonna say, is that enough to --

22 MR. LOPATKA: That's their problem.
23 They have a year.

24 MR. HOOVER: Huh?

25 MR. LOPATKA: They have a year for

1 warranty on that stuff, so if they need to do
2 more than that, they're gonna have to do --

3 MR. HOOVER: Because you know they
4 did my street and it's all falling apart
5 already, but --

6 MR. LOPATKA: Well, we'll look at
7 it.

8 MR. HOOVER: Where it was too thin.
9 All right. And that thing that we wanted, that
10 island that we wanted to do at Nicholas, the
11 bus --

12 MR. LOPATKA: Well, you have to tell
13 me what you want, which option --

14 MR. HOOVER: Well, I think that that
15 needs a lot more looking at.

16 MR. LOPATKA: Huh?

17 MR. HOOVER: We have to look at that
18 a lot more.

19 MR. LOPATKA: Well, you have the
20 sketches that I have. If you guys want to have
21 a further discussion on them, we could do that.

22 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, we do, we have to
23 have another discussion on it.

24 MR. LOPATKA: All right.

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

1 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have
2 any questions for Dave?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. RINALDI: Dave, one question,
5 did we make any progress as far as the
6 guardrail on Howard Street?

7 MR. LOPATKA: No. I'll get that.

8 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

9 MR. LOPATKA: I know what we have to
10 do. I'll get you the --

11 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

12 MR. LOPATKA: -- just a sketch
13 showing you exactly -- I don't know, Joe, were
14 you going to try to reuse some of the stuff
15 that you have over there?

16 MR. LENCESKI: We do have
17 guardrails.

18 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: And the posts.

19 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. Well, let me
20 sketch something and then maybe you could tell
21 me how much stuff you have there.

22 MR. LENCESKI: Okay.

23 MR. LOPATKA: Maybe we just need to
24 get a contractor to do it and we could supply
25 the materials. I'll sketch it.

1 MR. RINALDI: And, Dave, if you
2 could put a little rush on it.

3 MR. LOPATKA: I will.

4 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Appreciate
5 it. Any other members have any questions for
6 David?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RINALDI: Dave, do have anything
9 else for us?

10 MR. LOPATKA: I don't.

11 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Chief of
12 Police, Jason Dubernas. Hi, Chief. Good
13 evening.

14 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Good evening.

15 MR. RINALDI: Anything for the
16 meeting?

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah. So, I had to
18 go over to the school tonight. I think I sent
19 you the message about Officer Schumer
20 (phonetic), we've been rotating around, so
21 while I was there I actually ran into their
22 camera guy, he's a guy from Old Forge, Bruce
23 Finnerty (phonetic), he's running all their
24 cameras there, so we started chitchatting and
25 everything, he can do an LPR camera.

1 So, he actually came here afterwards
2 and was looking and everything. He said he'll
3 give me a price quote.

4 There's no -- the price is for the
5 camera and it's ours. Like, we're not renting
6 the camera. The maintenance fees and all that,
7 that's all included in the price. And, Mare,
8 what did he say, it's a five-year warranty on
9 it?

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

11 CHIEF DUBERNAS: It's a five-year
12 warranty on it. And, like, anything he does
13 with the camera, it's ours.

14 His recommendation was to put the
15 LPR right in the beginning of the parking lot
16 because it's a single lane of traffic coming in
17 and out. So no matter who goes in or out, a
18 lot of them actually grab the plate.

19 And then he would recommend another
20 overhead, like, a full view camera from our
21 building that would get all of the safe space.

22 MR. RINALDI: So, two cameras total?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That'd be total --

24 MR. RINALDI: One regular, one LPR?

25 CHIEF DUBERNAS: And he also said

1 that his cameras and everything could be -- and
2 the school, they're giving us access, so all of
3 our cars will be able to access their cameras.

4 So, if there's an incident going on
5 at the school, we could pull it all up, and all
6 of his cameras will be able to be tied into our
7 current Vector system, he said, because they
8 run off an IP address.

9 MR. RINALDI: So, the police will
10 have access from their vehicles every school
11 camera and every camera in the Borough?

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Only the ones that
13 are connected to him.

14 MR. RINALDI: Oh, okay. That are on
15 our building connected to him?

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah.

17 MR. RINALDI: Okay. So, the police
18 vehicles would have, if we got those two new
19 cameras off of him, they would have both of
20 those right to our cars along with all the
21 school cameras?

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: School cameras. I
23 want to say the school has 48 cameras. You
24 can't walk nowhere on the school property
25 without being monitored --

1 MR. RINALDI: Right.

2 CHIEF DUBERNAS: -- six or seven
3 times. It's phenomenal the new system they put
4 in.

5 MR. RINALDI: That's great. I hope
6 we never need to use them, but if we do, I'm
7 glad they're available in our vehicles.

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah. Outside,
9 inside. They have the vape detectors attached
10 to the cameras, everything.

11 MR. RINALDI: Did he give us a
12 price?

13 CHIEF DUBERNAS: He is going to send
14 me the quote.

15 MR. RINALDI: Oh, he didn't give it
16 to us yet. Okay.

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: He said the camera
18 alone was 3600 bucks, and that's cheaper than
19 the other place I got, and plus it's our
20 camera.

21 MR. RINALDI: Ours to keep with a
22 five-year warranty?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Uh-huh.

24 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Councilman
25 Hoover?

1 MR. HOOVER: We'll have to look into
2 him for the security on the park over there.

3 MR. RINALDI: Marion Street.

4 MR. HOOVER: Marion Street Park. He
5 texted me when we were doing the pickle ball
6 courts and he asked if those -- somebody asked
7 him on Facebook if there was --

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I have his card if
9 anyone wants his information.

10 MR. HOOVER: -- security there. And
11 if he's doing here and he's doing out -- I
12 mean, we should just ask him what it would be
13 to do the security. I mean, we have to get the
14 building yet and --

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Right.

16 MR. HOOVER: -- and we have to do --
17 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

18 MR. HOOVER: There's some grants we
19 have to go through first.

20 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. You probably
21 want to get the lights up.

22 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, get the lights up
23 and then --

24 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

25 MR. LOPATKA: -- and then you can

1 mount the camera on the lights.

2 MR. HOOVER: Yeah. But we can go to
3 him because -- all right. Okay. Thanks.

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's all I have.

5 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any
6 questions for the Chief?

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Thank you for the
8 report, Chief. Great work.

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No problem.

10 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Chief.
11 Assistant Fire Chief, Bill Stull. Hi, Bill.
12 Good evening.

13 MR. STULL: Good evening.

14 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything
15 for the meeting tonight?

16 MR. STULL: No, nothing at all.

17 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any
18 questions for Bill?

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Mr. President,
20 nobody on the public speaking list.

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

23 ATTY. RINALDI: So, you have a --
24 well, you already filled in one resolution for
25 the Council. You have a second one for

1 accepting a donation of an ATV from Dunbar
2 Evergreen.

3 And I did a resolution for the
4 parking spaces, but I don't think you have
5 enough info yet for that. So, it's here but
6 maybe you better figure out, I don't know if
7 you're monitoring them 24 hours from here or
8 ideally that they're just going to record and
9 that's it.

10 MR. RINALDI: Well --

11 ATTY. RINALDI: Because I don't want
12 to give the impression that there's going to be
13 a cop right there on the spot.

14 MR. RINALDI: There won't be a cop
15 looking at -- Chief, if you want to answer it.
16 There won't be a cop looking directly 24 hours,
17 but it will be monitored 24 hours.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: It'll be recorded.

19 MR. RINALDI: It'll be recorded 24
20 hours, nobody visually sitting there --

21 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Correct.

22 ATTY. RINALDI: -- monitoring it.

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Correct.

24 ATTY. RINALDI: So, if you want to
25 pass it, all I'd need -- the chief of police

1 shall designate two parking spaces at the Old
2 Forge building for use by the general public
3 and residents of the Borough to park for short
4 periods of time as designated by you, if you
5 want five minutes, ten, fifteen, whatever you
6 want to put on your sign there, when
7 interacting with others for drop off and pick
8 up of children or parental exchanges of minor
9 children or for any other use when a resident
10 desires to meet in a place where the
11 interaction with others will be recorded by
12 surveillance in order to be reviewed by the Old
13 Forge Borough police department. So, that
14 meets with everybody's --

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Perfect.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: As long as your
17 camera's up, then you can post it.

18 MR. RINALDI: Well, if the Chief is
19 okay with that.

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, that's fine.

21 MR. RINALDI: Okay. And that would
22 be a recommendation --

23 ATTY. RINALDI: You have it, right?

24 MR. RINALDI: I have it. And if the
25 members are okay with it, we'll -- it's not on

1 the agenda, so we'd have to add it to the
2 agenda this evening.

3 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah. (Inaudible)
4 -- spend any money here -- so, other than that,
5 that's all I have.

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

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Bill.

10 ATTY. RINALDI: You're welcome.

11 MR. RINALDI: Borough manager,
12 Marylynn Bartoletti. Good evening, Marylynn.
13 Anything for the meeting?

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: First, does anyone
15 have any questions on any of the financial
16 reports?

17 MR. KOMENSKY: No.

18 MR. RINALDI: No. Thank you.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: No. Okay. Second,
20 I received a call today from Carl Lutkowski
21 from the Old Forge little league regarding the
22 grant that's been, you know, bouncing back and
23 forth for several months, and I called into
24 DCED for some information, and the person I
25 spoke to just happens to be here, so I thought,

1 if he doesn't mind, maybe he could just explain
2 a little bit to you on what we could do with
3 the grant. Do you mind, Devon?

4 MR. BROWN: Good evening, Council.

5 COURT REPORTER: Could you state and
6 spell your name, please?

7 MR. BROWN: Devon, D-E-V-O-N.

8 Brown, B-R-O-W-N. As Marylynn noted, she did
9 call me today in regards to a grant that is
10 currently held by Lackawanna County. It is an
11 LSA grant from the gaming funds, the casino
12 revenue.

13 It was a \$100,000 grant approved for
14 Lackawanna County on behalf of the Old Forge
15 little league. It was for a lighting project
16 at --

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Pagnotti.

18 MR. BROWN: -- Pagnotti Park. And
19 she had called to inquire because the little
20 league was a little unfamiliar with the process
21 of submitting for reimbursement and handling
22 the administrative background, and she was
23 inquiring about trying to transfer the grant.

24 Luckily, through the LSA Monroe
25 program, you are able to do a grant transfer,

1 so it would just mean that the Old Forge
2 Borough would take over the grant on behalf of
3 the little league and they would monitor it.

4 There is an ability to apply for a
5 change of scope, as well, if you guys, along
6 with the little league, sought to change the
7 scope for some sort.

8 And then the benefit is because the
9 way the county applied for it, they applied for
10 a portion of it, 95,000 for construction and
11 5,000 for an administrative fee, which can
12 definitely award the Borough because the
13 administration, Marylynn, and the women in the
14 office would be able to submit for
15 reimbursement for handling the grant, which the
16 Borough would be able to recoup from a
17 financial aspect.

18 MR. HOOVER: Devon, could we use
19 this, like, for Miles Street Park? Could we
20 use this for a variety of things, for Miles
21 Street Park, like, a couple different things,
22 or does it have to be one specific?

23 MR. BROWN: So, you definitely can
24 ask for a change of scope. It goes before the
25 CFA board, the Commonwealth Financing Board.

1 They would have to, you know, approve it, but
2 you can ask for that.

3 So, you do have the leeway, because
4 the county program is not as stringent as the
5 statewide LSA, so you can ask for it. It's
6 more recommended that you keep it in line, but
7 if you wanted to spread it out, you can ask.

8 I'm not going to say that they will
9 approve it. Usually, if you want to keep it in
10 line with a similar, instead of, like, breaking
11 it up individually, we would like to, you know,
12 have a plan and just one aspect of that plan.

13 MR. HOOVER: I mean, it would be
14 called the Miles Street Park but it would be
15 different things in the Miles Street Park.

16 MR. BROWN: Yep, you could
17 definitely ask for it. Again, they like to see
18 it, like, you know, it was just for, the way
19 that they had it worded, was for a lighting
20 project.

21 So, for example, if you want to
22 build restrooms, that's a whole different
23 component where it wasn't originally asked for,
24 so there's no guarantee that the board would
25 approve adding that.

1 If you can basically tie it in in a,
2 you know, paragraph explaining the things,
3 again, you can ask, but I would try to stay --
4 not that you have to stay with the lighting,
5 but the construction of something, you know,
6 tying it in, using the verbiage and, you know,
7 paragraphs to explain that it's still somehow
8 connected with the originally requested
9 project.

10 MR. HOOVER: Thanks.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thanks, Devon.

12 MR. BROWN: You're welcome.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: I appreciate it.

14 MR. RINALDI: Devon, thank you.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: It just worked out
16 kind of nice that he's sitting in our audience
17 tonight, so I thought we would take advantage
18 of that.

19 So, on the agenda tonight there's a
20 couple other items and one of them being
21 American Asphalt, which Dave already brought
22 up. So, the amount that Dave is suggesting is
23 \$536,597.10. So, if you're going to change
24 that amount, I think we just have to decide
25 what you're going to decide to pay.

1 And then we're going to be accepting
2 the bid for the Pagnotti Park project. It's
3 going to be to Lindy Corporation, so you can
4 just let me know when you're ready, I can let
5 you know the details.

6 Number five on our list is the
7 cooperation agreement between the County of
8 Lackawanna and the Borough of Old Forge. So,
9 everyone knows we've been waiting on the senior
10 center, so we have 391,000 in CDBG grant funds
11 that are going to be put toward the renovation
12 of the senior center, and once we approve it
13 tonight, then the county will approve it at the
14 next commissioners meeting, and then hopefully
15 they'll be able to start the project up as soon
16 as possible.

17 One other item that I did put on the
18 agenda is a contract with Arris Engineering,
19 and that's the company that's going to do the
20 design for the lighting at Marion Street, which
21 we have the grant to be able to accomplish this
22 project.

23 And, let's see here. That's all I
24 have tonight.

25 MR. HOOVER: Mare, what was that

1 number for American Asphalt, 576 what?

2 MR. KOMENSKY: 597,037, right?

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: 536,597.10. And
4 the retainage at this point that Dave had
5 suggested is \$59,621.90.

6 MR. HOOVER: Thank you.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: You're welcome.

8 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any
9 questions for Marylynn?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RINALDI: Anything else, Mare?

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: No.

13 MR. RINALDI: Mare, great job on the
14 agenda. Also, item six, great job on that. I
15 know we've already discussed it last month, but
16 great job on that grant for those lights.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Sure.

18 MR. RINALDI: It's a big project, a
19 lot of money.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: I'm anxious to get
21 it started, so having, you know, having this
22 cooperation that Dave brought in to do the
23 design for us, I think, you know, hopefully we
24 can get moving quick.

25 MR. LOPATKA: For? I can't hear.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Marion Street.

2 MR. RINALDI: Marion Street for the
3 lights.

4 MR. LOPATKA: Yep. They already had
5 a preliminary design that they put together
6 when we got the grant. So, some of that
7 information they had, but they need to approve
8 the final documents. And I do need to talk to
9 you about it. I sent you an e-mail, we had
10 some websites --

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

12 MR. LOPATKA: -- if you want to pick
13 the style.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Absolutely.

15 MR. LOPATKA: So we'll get together
16 this week.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. Sounds good.

18 MR. RINALDI: Before we go on to new
19 business, any questions for Marylynn?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Mare.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Sure.

23 MR. RINALDI: Chief, you said no one
24 from the public?

25 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, sir.

1 MR. RINALDI: Before we move to new
2 business, although no one signed, would anyone
3 from the public like to address us?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Thank you.
6 Item number two. We already did item number
7 one under new business. That was the
8 resolution to fill the vacancy on Council, so
9 we'll continue with new business now.

10 Item number two is going to be a
11 resolution of the Borough of Old Forge
12 authorizing the acceptance of a Kubota utility
13 vehicle for the use by the Old Forge Borough.
14 The Kubota vehicle was donated by Dunbar's
15 Evergreen Landscaping to the Old Forge Borough.
16 At this time the Chair would entertain a motion
17 to accept that resolution.

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

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

21 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second.

22 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
23 Lettieri. On the question?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

4 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

6 Komensky?

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

9 Lettieri?

10 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

12 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

14 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

16 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Third item under

17 new business is going to be a motion to accept

18 the bid for the Pagnotti Park project. Mare,

19 you want to just read it for us real quick?

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. So, the low

21 bidder is Lindy Corporation. The amount of the

22 bid is \$170,186.

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

24 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

25 Councilman Hoover to accept the bid for the

1 Pagnotti Park project by Lindy Cooperation.
2 The amount is \$170,186.
3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.
4 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
5 Councilman Hoover.
6 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second.
7 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
8 Komensky. On the question?
9 (No response.)
10 MR. RINALDI: Public input?
11 (No response.)
12 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.
13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?
14 MR. KANIA: Abstain.
15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
16 Komensky?
17 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.
18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
19 Lettieri?
20 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.
21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?
22 MR. BUTLER: Yes.
23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?
24 MR. HOOVER: Yes.
25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

1 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Fourth item is
2 going to be a motion to approve payment to
3 American Asphalt. Before we make the motion,
4 is that going to -- Dave, is that going to be
5 the recommended number?

6 MR. LOPATKA: It's the recommended
7 number --

8 MR. RINALDI: By your firm?

9 MR. LOPATKA: -- and we're inside
10 the year, so if they need to fix anything, they
11 need to fix it. Plus, we're holding that
12 retainage, so we still have money we're holding
13 over them, so --

14 MR. RINALDI: I just want to make
15 sure, because Councilman Hoover brought it up
16 and one of the other members.

17 MR. LOPATKA: I mean, the biggest
18 issue, what, I know is 1st Street because it
19 doesn't drain across the street.

20 MR. HOOVER: I don't know, I haven't
21 been up to Mondo's yet. Mike, have you heard
22 from Mondo?

23 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

24 MR. RINALDI: It's Edgewood Drive.

25 MR. HOOVER: Did they finish that?

1 MR. LOPATKA: They should have.

2 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

3 MR. LETTIERI: Yeah, they haven't
4 said anything. I'm assuming it's fine.

5 MR. LENCESKI: I spoke with him. I
6 reached out to him to see, you know, talk to
7 him about the project and --

8 MR. RINALDI: You reached out to the
9 company, Joe, or the resident?

10 MR. LENCESKI: To the resident.

11 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

12 MR. LENCESKI: And now his front
13 sidewalk's under water.

14 MR. HOOVER: His first driveway?

15 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

16 MR. LENCESKI: -- the driveway
17 pouring concrete, so that's elevated the road,
18 carry that elevation down, and now the puddle's
19 in front of his sidewalk that leads to the
20 road. Put his sidewalk under water.

21 MR. HOOVER: I'll have to go look at
22 that, too.

23 MR. LOPATKA: That's a separate
24 contract, too.

25 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

1 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

2 MR. HOOVER: That's Edgewood Drive,
3 right?

4 MR. KOMENSKY: If I may?

5 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

6 MR. KOMENSKY: Jimmy, are you good
7 with those numbers?

8 MR. HOOVER: Well, yeah, I mean --
9 yeah, I'm good with the numbers. I mean, they
10 did all the paving, it's just that there's
11 three spots that we have an issue with.

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

13 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

14 MR. HOOVER: Three spots that I know
15 of. I didn't look at the other streets yet.

16 MR. LOPATKA: Right. And they're --
17 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

18 MR. HOOVER: I mean, I'm waiting for
19 a year to go by.

20 MR. LOPATKA: Right. Well, they're
21 already on notice that we're meeting them early
22 in the springtime to go look at any issues.

23 MR. BUTLER: They did all the
24 sealing and everything?

25 MR. HOOVER: Most of the sealing is

1 done, but the sealing they did on Bubernak, for
2 two blocks of Bubernak, was done like I showed
3 you.

4 MR. KOMENSKY: With the leaves.

5 MR. HOOVER: With the leaves and
6 they went over the snow. How hot was it?

7 MR. LOPATKA: We made them aware of
8 that, too.

9 MR. HOOVER: I mean, I just find
10 that it's a coincidence that's my street, but,
11 I mean, it is what it is. I'm not the only one
12 complaining about it.

13 MR. RINALDI: This would be my
14 question, not to interrupt you, and, again,
15 Councilman Hoover already voiced it, with this
16 payment, if it goes through tonight, do we have
17 enough that we held back from them in case some
18 of these issues we just talked about aren't
19 resolved as --

20 MR. LOPATKA: We have almost
21 \$60,000.

22 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

23 MR. LOPATKA: On top of the fact
24 that we have a year from the date that they
25 paved it, so if there's any issues, they will

1 be fixed.

2 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

3 MR. HOOVER: Can we get an itemized
4 price of what 1st Street's going to cost to
5 redo?

6 MR. LOPATKA: I don't know what the
7 overall solution is just yet.

8 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

9 MR. LOPATKA: I mean, do we have to
10 resurvey it to see where the bust was?

11 MR. HOOVER: I mean, it's just that
12 they came in with the first crew and it looked
13 great because they had the base down, and it
14 rained, it did what it had to do, and there was
15 no --

16 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

17 MR. HOOVER: There was no puddle in
18 front of A.J.'s house -- T.J.'s house. All of
19 a sudden the next whole crew comes in to top it
20 and they topped it wrong and they put a crown
21 in the road. Now there's water laying in front
22 of his house again.

23 MR. LOPATKA: I was there when the
24 sub -- to inspect it, because we were walking
25 around at the park that day, and everything was

1 graded properly going across the road, and I
2 didn't actually -- I wasn't there when they
3 were paving it, but, yes, they -- somehow they
4 crowned the road.

5 MR. HOOVER: It was down an inch and
6 a half with the first crew, and then the second
7 crew came in to overlay it and they put a crown
8 in the road, because they didn't know they
9 weren't supposed to.

10 MR. LOPATKA: Well, the surveyor, I
11 gave him the actual design for him to lay it
12 out, so I'm not sure where the disconnect was.

13 MR. HOOVER: I'm just hoping that
14 \$59,000 is enough.

15 MR. LOPATKA: Well, we're not paying
16 them extra for that.

17 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, we're not paying
18 them any extra.

19 MR. LOPATKA: That was part of their
20 contract.

21 MR. HOOVER: Right.

22 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Yeah, just as
23 long as the Borough's protected and we're okay
24 in case they have to come back and in case
25 there's an issue. But if, Dave, you're good

1 with that number and the rest of the Board's
2 good with that number, we'll move forward with
3 it.

4 Item number four -- anyone else have
5 anything before we move forward?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RINALDI: Item number four would
8 be a motion to approve payment to American
9 Asphalt in the amount of \$536,597.10.

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

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

13 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second.

14 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
15 Lettieri. On the question?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

21 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

23 Komensky?

24 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

1 Lettieri?

2 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

4 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

6 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

8 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number five
9 is gonna be a motion for cooperation agreement
10 between the County of Lackawanna and the
11 Borough of Old Forge for the Old Forge senior
12 center renovation project. Marylynn, you just
13 want to run us through that real quick?

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. (Reading)
15 This agreement entered into as of this 21st day
16 of January, 2025, by and between the County of
17 Lackawanna, Pennsylvania, herein as referred to
18 as the County, and the Borough of Old Forge,
19 Pennsylvania, hereinafter, as the Borough,
20 witness that whereas the Borough desires to
21 utilize community development block grant,
22 CDBG, program funds for the installation of the
23 Old Forge senior center renovation project;
24 and, whereas, the community development block
25 grant program funds are available for the

1 project, provided that the project meets all
2 eligibility and fundability requirements of the
3 CDBG program; whereas, the County desires to
4 utilize approximately \$391,000 in Lackawanna
5 County federal fiscal year 2020, 2021, 2022 and
6 2023 CDBG program funds to finance, in part,
7 construction costs for the project; and,
8 whereas, the Borough desires to utilize all
9 borough funds necessary to finance all
10 construction costs in the excess of the 2020,
11 2021, 2022 and 2023 CDBG program funds to
12 finance, in part, construction costs for the
13 project. So, the total is \$391,000.

14 MR. RINALDI: The Chair would
15 entertain a motion to approve that agreement
16 between Lackawanna County and the Borough of
17 Old Forge.

18 MR. LETTIERI: I'll make that
19 motion.

20 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
21 Councilman Lettieri.

22 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

23 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
24 Butler. On the question?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

2 MR. LOPATKA: Just a quick question.

3 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

4 MR. LOPATKA: Marylynn, there's no
5 separate resolution or anything that has to be
6 made, right? They didn't send us anything,
7 right?

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Just this whole
9 thing, yeah.

10 MR. LOPATKA: Okay.

11 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please,
14 Marylynn.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

16 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
18 Komensky?

19 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
21 Lettieri?

22 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

24 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

1 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

3 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number six
4 is a motion to approve the contract with Arris
5 Engineering. Marylynn, once again, will you
6 run us through that?

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: That is the company
8 that is going to prepare the bidding and has
9 already done most of the study and plan and
10 design for the lighting project at Marion
11 Street Park.

12 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor to
13 approve the contract with Arris Engineering.

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

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

17 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second it.

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

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

25 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
2 Komensky?
3 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.
4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
5 Lettieri?
6 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.
7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?
8 MR. BUTLER: Yes.
9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?
10 MR. HOOVER: Yes.
11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
12 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number
13 seven is going to be a motion to advertise for
14 chairman of the vacancy board.
15 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that
16 motion, Mr. Chairman.
17 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
18 Councilman Komensky.
19 MR. BUTLER: I'll second.
20 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
21 Butler. On the question?
22 (No response.)
23 MR. RINALDI: Public input?
24 (No response.)
25 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

2 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

4 Komensky?

5 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

7 Lettieri?

8 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

10 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

12 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

14 MR. RINALDI: Yes. The next two
15 items are gonna be item number eight and nine
16 will be motions just to add these to the
17 agenda.

18 Item number eight is going to be a
19 motion to add to the agenda authorizing the Old
20 Forge Borough to sign a document so the Old
21 Forge school district could apply for a grant
22 or funds to support their solar panel project.

23 They still have to follow all the
24 guidelines of the Borough, all the codes of the
25 Borough, during any type of construction start

1 to finish. They have to follow any zoning
2 laws, they have to go to any zoning hearings.

3 So they have to do a full plan and a
4 full, you know, array of the meetings that they
5 would have to go to.

6 The only thing is the school
7 district asked us for them to be able to apply
8 for this grant, they just want a letter of
9 support saying that the Old Forge Borough would
10 support them in this project, but it does not
11 grant them any approvals. They still have to
12 follow all the right criteria.

13 So, we're just signing a letter, if
14 it goes through, that we're supporting them
15 with their project, that's it. So, this is
16 just going to be a motion to add that to the
17 agenda.

18 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that motion
19 to add it.

20 MR. RINALDI: Motion on floor by
21 Councilman Komensky.

22 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

23 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman
24 Butler. On the question?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RINALDI: Public input?
2 (No response.)
3 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.
4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?
5 MR. KANIA: Abstain.
6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
7 Komensky?
8 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.
9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
10 Lettieri?
11 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.
12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?
13 MR. BUTLER: Yes.
14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?
15 MR. HOOVER: Yes.
16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
17 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number
18 nine, this is just, again, to add -- this is
19 going to be a motion to add a resolution
20 designating two parking spaces for pick up and
21 drop off of areas at the Old Forge Borough
22 building in the Borough of Old Forge.
23 MR. BUTLER: I'll make the motion.
24 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
25 Councilman Butler.

1 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second it.

2 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman

3 Komensky. On the question?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

9 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

11 Komensky?

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

14 Lettieri?

15 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

17 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

19 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

21 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number ten

22 will now be a motion to approve, which was item

23 number eight, authorizing the Borough of Old

24 Forge to sign a letter of support for the

25 school district solar panel project.

1 MR. BUTLER: I'll make the motion.
2 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
3 Councilman Butler.
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: Councilman Kania?
12 MR. KANIA: Abstain.
13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
14 Komensky?
15 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.
16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
17 Lettieri?
18 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.
19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?
20 MR. BUTLER: Yes.
21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?
22 MR. HOOVER: No.
23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
24 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Item number
25 eleven is going to be a motion to approve,

1 which was item number nine, to add a resolution
2 designating two parking spaces for pick up and
3 drop off areas at Old Forge Borough building in
4 the Borough of Old Forge. This is a motion to
5 approve.

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

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

9 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second it.

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

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Kania?

17 MR. KANIA: Abstain.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
19 Komensky?

20 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
22 Lettieri?

23 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

25 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

2 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

4 MR. RINALDI: Yes. We have no more

5 items under new business and before we go

6 around this table, unless any members would

7 like to add any?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RINALDI: We'll go down the
10 table before we adjourn. Mayor Legg, anything
11 for the meeting?

12 MAYOR LEGG: Thank you,
13 Mr. Chairman.

14 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

15 MAYOR LEGG: Mike, Joe, Marylynn,
16 Chief, great reports. Chief, I pick up your
17 report, it reminded me of War and Peace. My
18 lord.

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: It's the end of the
20 year one.

21 MAYOR LEGG: I'd like to
22 congratulate Mr. Kania and I would like to
23 offer a suggestion, stock up on antacid
24 tablets. Welcome aboard. Mr. Chairman, I have
25 nothing else. Thank you.

1 MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.
2 Councilman Komensky?

3 MR. KOMENSKY: I gave everybody
4 earlier a copy of Throop Borough ordinance
5 No. 3 of 2022. Eric, I'll give you a copy
6 later.

7 MR. KANIA: Okay.

8 MR. KOMENSKY: If you guys could
9 review it, and maybe at the work session we
10 could have some discussion about it, but it has
11 to do with abandoned vehicles in neighborhoods
12 and stuff like that. It looked like it was
13 pretty good.

14 I asked Bill to review it, also, and
15 Marylynn. So, if you could look at that, it
16 might help with some of the situations we have.

17 Other than that, I'd like to
18 congratulate Councilman Kania. Whatever you
19 need, you have my phone number, don't hesitate
20 to call.

21 MR. KANIA: Thank you.

22 MR. KOMENSKY: Congratulations.

23 MR. KANIA: Thank you.

24 MR. KOMENSKY: That's all I have,
25 Russ.

1 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Councilman
2 Lettieri?

3 MR. LETTIERI: Great reports from
4 everybody, but, Chief, boy did you go
5 overboard. Beautiful. I love the report.
6 Eric, congratulations.

7 MR. KANIA: Thank you.

8 MR. LETTIERI: Nice to have you. I
9 think you'll be a good asset.

10 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Butler?

11 MR. BUTLER: This was a good report
12 week, actually. I really liked what was going
13 on in there. I commend everybody involved.
14 And congratulations, Mr. Kania.

15 MR. KANIA: Thank you.

16 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Kania,
17 anything you'd like to add before --

18 MR. KANIA: I just want to say thank
19 you guys for your support. I won't let you
20 down. I'll work hard. I think I'm going to be
21 a good asset to this group.

22 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. I
23 appreciate the words. Councilman Hoover?

24 MR. HOOVER: The only thing I have
25 is I gave -- I'm going to give Marylynn a copy

1 of the pave cut ordinance tomorrow and what
2 we're currently getting from the utilities from
3 every cut they make. They're doing three large
4 streets next year and I want to make sure that
5 we're in tune with the rest of the boroughs.

6 So, I'm going to give it to her
7 tomorrow and I'm going to give a copy to Bill
8 and see, we'll probably put that on the next,
9 something similar to it, on the next meeting.
10 I'd like to congratulate Eric.

11 MR. KANIA: Thank you.

12 MR. HOOVER: You're gonna do a good
13 job. And that's all I have.

14 MR. RINALDI: The only items I have
15 is to just to congratulate Mr. Kania. I look
16 forward to working with him. I appreciate him
17 applying.

18 I also appreciate, as you heard my
19 comments earlier, Ms. McCawley applying. I
20 appreciate anyone who wants to come up here
21 with us, anyone who wants to fight for the
22 town, do what's right and stand up for the
23 people and just do good in our community. I
24 believe we all have that in our best interest,
25 and we've been doing a good job. I foresee us

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continuing to do a good job.

And I also believe that Mr. Kania will be a good asset, and I believe he wants the same, as well. So, congratulations to him.

With anything said, we'll make a motion to adjourn.

MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that motion.

MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by Councilman Komensky. All in favor?

ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. RINALDI: Good night everyone. Thank you for coming.

(Meeting adjourned.)

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