

1 OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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5 IN RE: REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
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9 JULY 27, 2021

10 7:00 P.M.

11 EAGLE MCCLURE HOSE COMPANY

12 MILWAUKEE AVENUE

13 OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA
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18 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

19 RUSSELL RINALDI, PRESIDENT
20 RICK NOTARI, VICE-PRESIDENT

21 JAMES HOOVER

22 MICHELLE AVVISATO

23 MICHAEL LETTIERI

24 MICHAEL KOMENSKY

25 WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR

MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER

ROBERT LEGG, MAYOR

Mark Wozniak
Official Court Reporter

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

4 (The Pledge of Allegiance was
5 recited.)

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

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
9 Avvisato?

10 MS. AVVISATO: Here.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo is
12 absent. Councilman Hoover?

13 MR. HOOVER: Present.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
15 Komensky?

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Here.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
18 Lettieri?

19 MR. LETTIERI: Present.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

21 MR. NOTARI: Present.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Here. Welcome
24 to the Old Forge Borough meeting. Today is
25 Tuesday, July 27th. The purpose of

1 tonight's meeting is to go through some of
2 our housekeeping motions and go through our
3 agenda. We'll hear reports from our
4 department heads. There's a public sign-in
5 sheet the chief has if anyone from the
6 audience or public would like to speak.

7 The list is a little bit long this
8 evening, so you're going to be timed on a
9 five-minute timer. When you start speaking
10 we'll start the timer so we can give
11 everyone enough time to speak. If anyone
12 didn't sign in and would like to the sheet
13 is at the chief's desk.

14 With that being said, we're going to
15 go through some of our housekeeping motions.
16 Our first motion on the list is motion to
17 approve the minutes from the prior meeting.

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

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By Councilman
20 Notari.

21 MR. LETTIERI: Second.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded by
23 Councilman Lettieri. On the question?
24 Public input? Roll call, please.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

1 Avvisato?

2 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

4 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
6 Komensky?

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

9 Lettieri?

10 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

12 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. Our
15 second item under housekeeping is a motion
16 to approve the treasurer reports. Please
17 note this does not include the sewer
18 account.

19 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By Councilman
21 Notari.

22 MS. AVVISATO: I'll second that.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded by
24 Councilwoman Avvisato. On the question?
25 Public input? Roll call, please.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
2 Avvisato?

3 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

5 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
7 Komensky?

8 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
10 Lettieri?

11 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

13 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. Our
16 third item under housekeeping is motion to
17 approve invoices for payment. Once again,
18 please note this does not include the sewer
19 account.

20 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By Councilman
22 Notari.

23 MR. HOOVER: I'll second it.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded by
25 Councilman Hoover. On the question? Public

1 input? Roll call, please.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

3 Avvisato?

4 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

6 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

8 Komensky?

9 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

11 Lettieri?

12 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

14 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. The

17 fourth item is a motion to approve the sewer
18 department financial report.

19 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By Councilman
21 Notari.

22 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second it.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded by
24 Councilman Komensky. On the question?

25 Public input? Roll call, please.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
2 Avvisato?

3 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

5 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
7 Komensky?

8 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
10 Lettieri?

11 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

13 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. Last
16 item under housekeeping is motion to approve
17 sewer department invoices for payment.

18 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By Councilman
20 Notari.

21 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second that.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded by
23 Councilman Lettieri. On the question?
24 Public input? Roll call, please.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

1 Avvisato?

2 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

4 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
6 Komensky?

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

9 Lettieri?

10 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

12 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. We'll go

15 to some of our department heads. Council

16 has the DPW manager's report, Joe Lenceski.

17 Does anybody have any questions for Joe?

18 Joe, do you have anything else for us?

19 MR. LENCESKI: No, I don't.

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

22 MR. NOTARI: One question. Marion
23 Street park, we're responsible for cutting
24 the grass and the weeds and taking care of
25 that park. Right?

1 MR. LENCESKI: Correct.

2 MR. NOTARI: Take a look tomorrow
3 and see if everything is getting done
4 properly. There seems to be a little
5 overgrowth along the edges. I noticed that
6 at Pagnotti a couple weeks ago, too. Take a
7 look. Thank you.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else
9 have any questions for Joe?

10 MR. HOOVER: Joe, I want to get
11 together with you for that paving list.

12 MR. LENCESKI: Great.

13 MR. HOOVER: Couple streets. Give
14 them to Dave during the week.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else?
16 Thanks, Joe. Chris Hart, code
17 enforcement/zoning officer. Everyone has
18 his report. Anyone have any questions for
19 him? Anything for us, Chris?

20 MR. HART: Nothing.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thank you.
22 Dave Lopatka, engineer's report, we have it.
23 Anything to add or anything else for us?

24 MR. LOPATKA: No.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have

1 any questions for Dave?

2 MR. NOTARI: Yeah. Mid-July has
3 passed.

4 MR. LOPATKA: It has. Still the big
5 issue is the blue stone. We're kind of
6 waiting for it. There's been a couple minor
7 changes, too, that we're looking at. Some
8 work, maybe, on the front of the senior
9 center, some windows, redoing the brick out
10 there so everything looks uniform across the
11 front. A lot of the inside is done. A lot.
12 The floors are down.

13 MR. NOTARI: It looks good.

14 MR. LOPATKA: And the elevator is
15 progressing. All windows are in there, the
16 elevator's in. Hopefully trying to get
17 finished up as soon as we can get the blue
18 stone.

19 MR. NOTARI: I have some questions.
20 Marylynn has a handle on it. I'll let her
21 deal with you during the daytime hours. Can
22 you give me a new date? September 1st?
23 October 1st?

24 MR. LOPATKA: I'm hoping by
25 September 1st. I'll see what I can verify

1 through the contractor. See if they heard
2 anything on the blue stone. That's really
3 the big key right now. A lot of the inside
4 is just cosmetic stuff and the outside a
5 little bit.

6 MR. NOTARI: Are we paving the back
7 parking lot?

8 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Tomorrow.

10 MR. NOTARI: There's no chance of
11 there being a gas tank there, is there?

12 MR. LOPATKA: We're only milling.

13 MR. HOOVER: There's a couple
14 streets I want to go over with Joe for
15 paving. I'll let you know. Maybe by the
16 next meeting. How do we feel about doing a
17 paving program this year?

18 MR. NOTARI: I'm in.

19 MS. AVVISATO: I'm definitely in.

20 MR. HOOVER: We have to do something
21 with Dunn Avenue. That's a mess. It's
22 going to be a lot. We have to do it soon.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Do we have
24 enough time?

25 MR. LOPATKA: We can see. There's a

1 lot of guys busy. Now's the time where
2 they're crunching.

3 MR. HOOVER: Even if we get the bid
4 together and bid it in January for next
5 year.

6 MR. LOPATKA: That's the best time.
7 Most of them are looking. Now a lot of them
8 are stacked up.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: If we do it that
10 way you can add on next year's money as
11 well.

12 MR. HOOVER: Let's get the streets
13 we have straightened out.

14 MR. LOPATKA: That's probably best
15 option. You get the best price and the most
16 done for the money.

17 MR. HOOVER: Saint Lawrence's
18 Church, I want you to look at the floor
19 upstairs. Can we do that now?

20 MR. LOPATKA: We can take a look at
21 it. I had the bottom floor surveyed. I
22 have a map of the floor plan. If you guys
23 were looking to rent a portion of that we
24 should probably use this map to understand
25 exactly what you're renting out out of the

1 bottom floor.

2 MR. NOTARI: I believe we're renting
3 out the entire basement. Correct?

4 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: No, exclusive of the
6 mechanicals and the kitchen.

7 MR. NOTARI: The kitchen's part of
8 it, isn't it?

9 ATTY. RINALDI: The kitchen is part
10 of it.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else
12 have anything for Dave? Anything else,
13 Dave?

14 MR. LOPATKA: No.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thank you.
16 Police report. Chief Dubernas, anything
17 else?

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. The only thing
19 is the no parking signs for South Main
20 Street.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: For the agenda
22 this evening?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yes.

24 MS. AVVISATO: That's near the Old
25 Forge Pharmacy?

1 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The other one is
2 1100 block. That's the one from PennDOT
3 that they said as long as it's approved by
4 council.

5 MR. HOOVER: Chief, did we do that
6 report on Church Street?

7 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I was talking to
8 Councilman Notari earlier about it. I had a
9 couple issues with him. I'll have it done
10 for the next one.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anything else?

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's it.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else
14 have anything for the chief?

15 MR. NOTARI: About a month or two
16 ago, maybe even earlier, you talked about
17 getting with the civil service commission
18 regarding --

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Spoke with attorney
20 Solfanelli. He has everything done for
21 entry officer level. He's working on the
22 promotional part. It's part of the civil
23 service. Again, I'd like to have an
24 executive for maybe two, three minutes
25 afterwards.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else?
2 Thanks, Chief. Bill Stull, fire chief
3 report.

4 MR. STULL: Everything's in the
5 report that I sent to council.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anything to
7 add?

8 MR. STULL: No.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
10 any questions for Assistant Chief Stull?
11 Thanks, Bill.

12 Attorney Rinaldi, solicitor's
13 report. Anything?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: The only new item --
15 two new items. One, I drafted a resolution
16 authorizing the borough of Old Forge to
17 enter into a shutoff agreement with
18 Pennsylvania American Water. I didn't know
19 if you were going to consider that tonight.
20 I did review that agreement and there's
21 still parts that need to be revised for the
22 borough.

23 If you're going to do no parking
24 it's got to be an ordinance. So we need to
25 advertise and pass that. It's something you

1 can't do tonight. We can probably do that
2 at the next meeting.

3 MR. HOOVER: Everybody get the
4 shutoff notice that I sent?

5 MR. NOTARI: Yes. The sewer
6 committee met yesterday, myself and
7 Councilman Komensky and Marylynn.
8 Councilman Febbo couldn't make it. There
9 were some things that we came up with that
10 we'd like to discuss maybe after in
11 executive, since we got caught up early, and
12 I think that would be part of it. So if we
13 can wait on the shutoff we'll do it next
14 month.

15 MR. HOOVER: That's fine.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, anything
17 else?

18 ATTY. RINALDI: No, that's it.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else
20 have anything for the attorney? Thanks,
21 Bill.

22 Marylynn, borough manager's report.
23 Anything to add?

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: The first question
25 I have is does anyone need any information

1 on any of our financial reports? No
2 questions? Okay.

3 What I'd like to do is set up
4 interviews for the administrative position
5 that we'll be hiring. So I think, Russell,
6 you have to name a person to the personnel
7 committee. So once you do that, maybe we
8 can get a meeting together on that.

9 We received a \$25,000 grant from
10 LLVSA to our sewer department. We received
11 \$413,000 for our first payment of the
12 American Rescue Plan funding.

13 We have to sign the lease agreement
14 with Head Start.

15 On the agenda there's another
16 request from Ted Giglio to close Ali Rosa,
17 the alley, for a party that they have every
18 year. It's just for a couple hours. So you
19 have to vote on that.

20 And just one other thing. I'd like
21 to see if we can discuss with the chief
22 several years ago we discussed the parking
23 situation at the intersection of Oak Street
24 and Marion. When you try to pull out from
25 Marion onto Oak the sight line is very bad.

1 I think we could take a look at that. Maybe
2 Jay could do something with that and maybe
3 we can vote on that at the next meeting.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Are you
5 thinking about reducing the -- making the
6 line of sight longer?

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Especially when the
8 cars are parked almost to the corner. It's
9 basically impossible to pull out there.

10 MR. NOTARI: I believe we did a
11 study years ago. Correct?

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes, but we never
13 did anything about it.

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chief, I know
15 we probably echoed it just in conversation
16 in the past. What would be the proper
17 procedure if we wanted to contact or discuss
18 with PennDOT a possible street light there?

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's a state
20 roadway.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: But would you
22 contact them or would he contact them?

23 MR. NOTARI: I think it's a good
24 idea.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Maybe a

1 possible street light there is good with the
2 school being so close. A lot of traffic
3 with the kids, buses.

4 MR. NOTARI: Even if it was a
5 blinker light.

6 MS. AVVISATO: That's a good idea.

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: If we can
8 contact them and at least get the
9 conversation started with them, get their
10 thoughts on it and let them know what our
11 next move would be if they would request
12 something from us. Anything else?

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: No.

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone have
15 any questions for the borough manager?

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: The TSE invoices
17 are on the agenda.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody else
19 have any questions for Marylynn? Thanks,
20 Mare. We'll go down the table, see if
21 anyone has anything to report on. Mayor
22 Legg?

23 MAYOR LEGG: Nothing right now. I
24 have something for executive session.

25 MR. NOTARI: I have a few things.

1 Have we made any progress with the water
2 problem in front of the Anastassi house on
3 Hoover Street? Were we ever going to do
4 anything with the puddle right in front of
5 their sidewalk every time it rains?

6 MR. LENCESKI: I have the prices
7 that I gave you guys last week. As long as
8 everyone is okay we can move forward. It's
9 in last month's report.

10 MR. NOTARI: It was that and the --

11 MR. LENCESKI: If you want to talk
12 in executive session.

13 MR. NOTARI: Okay, we can talk about
14 it in executive, I guess. My next thing is
15 I believe we all received e-mail from the
16 gentleman that runs the food pantry at Saint
17 Michael's Church over on Winter Street. I
18 e-mailed him. He was looking for help from
19 the borough. Really, he was looking for
20 space. He said it kind of outgrew where
21 they were and they have a lack of
22 volunteers. I don't believe we have any
23 space to help them.

24 When I returned the e-mail to the
25 gentleman, he e-mailed me back maybe a week

1 later and said -- I e-mailed him some
2 suggestions, and he said they followed
3 through on those suggestions and they were
4 not of help and that they were probably
5 going to close down August 3rd. That was
6 going to be the last time.

7 He mentioned that the food pantry
8 serves Old Forge, Taylor, Duryea, and that,
9 for lack of a better word, business was
10 increasing and they figured it would
11 continue to increase. But they just didn't
12 have the manpower or the wherewithal to
13 continue at Saint Michael's.

14 So I still don't have an answer for
15 them. I don't know how the borough can help
16 them. But with such a large public crowd
17 here tonight I'm hoping maybe word can get
18 out and that someone or somewhere would
19 agree to host this food pantry and find some
20 volunteers for it. It's a big thing in our
21 community and something that's needed, and
22 it's going to be a shame if it goes away.

23 My third thing is I e-mailed council
24 Sunday night. The National Fitness Court is
25 a project throughout the country which is a

1 fitness area that they put in parks. Most
2 of these parks are in the west and
3 southeast. There are two in Pennsylvania
4 close to university hubs. We would be the
5 third -- the only community in the northeast
6 to host this fitness court if we were able
7 to raise the funds.

8 How it works is the National Fitness
9 Foundation comes up with a grant which they
10 have approved for us for \$30,000. If we
11 were to match that grant, they would then go
12 ahead and seek out the rest of the funds to
13 complete this area. It would go at the
14 Marion Street park. It would be a great
15 feather, I think, in the park system's cap
16 here in Old Forge. It would help with the
17 school district, I believe, in their
18 physical education curriculum. It's a
19 pretty neat thing. I've talked to some of
20 the other members of our community and
21 they're very interested in us pursuing this.

22 I will bring a motion to the floor
23 tonight to see if the borough will commit
24 \$30,000 to match that grant so the process
25 can begin on raising the funds. It's a

1 \$180,000 project.

2 One of the caveats of the project is
3 that, yes, we commit a match, but if we're
4 not able to raise the funds to complete the
5 project, then that money doesn't go
6 anywhere. We keep that money. We would
7 just loose the grant, they would move on to
8 a different community.

9 Our community's changing a lot, it's
10 growing in different ways, and I think
11 something different would be a nice addition
12 for the borough of Old Forge. So I'm hoping
13 for support on that later in the meeting.
14 That's all I have. Thank you.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilman
16 Lettieri?

17 MR. LETTIERI: I'm fine at this
18 time.

19 MR. KOMENSKY: Nothing at this time.

20 MS. AVVISATO: I have nothing, Mr.
21 Chairman.

22 MR. HOOVER: I'm good.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I have nothing
24 either until we get into new business. But
25 before that we're going to go to public

1 comment, and first up would be Robert
2 Hughes.

3 MR. HUGHES: Good evening, Council.
4 I come before you tonight to tell you that
5 I'd like to know what your zoning officer
6 does. He has a car, you pay for his gas.
7 I'd like to know what he does every day of
8 the week because you got a deplorable
9 property on Main Avenue that's outrageous.
10 You got a camper, a car, weeds growing over
11 the top of the car, you got rats, possums.
12 You name it, it's there. My cousin has to
13 live with that situation. He's right next
14 door.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Did you notify
16 the zoning officer about it?

17 MR. HUGHES: No. Can't the zoning
18 officer see what's going on?

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Are you aware
20 of it?

21 MR. HART: I'm aware of it. It's
22 been an ongoing issue for five years now.
23 It's right on Main Street. The palm reader.

24 MR. HUGHES: Look at the camper.
25 That's deplorable.

1 MR. HART: It's been an ongoing
2 issue for five years now. I have reports
3 and records from the magistrate's office
4 from when Steve Bieryla was in, when Paul
5 Papi was there. You can ask anybody, I've
6 been trying to locate the owner. Every
7 single record that I have reports back to
8 that address, that house. I'm hearing that
9 they live in Jersey. I checked tax records.
10 It all comes back to that address.

11 Right now -- and I was just talking
12 to the chief about it. I'm trying to find a
13 way that I can actually locate these people
14 so we can actually send them a certified
15 letter and do something about it. It's not
16 like there's nothing getting done. There's
17 stuff in the works. But I'm in two months
18 and I can't do it overnight. It's been an
19 ongoing issue for five years.

20 These people, nobody can find them.
21 The last name is Miller on it. Every single
22 record and report that I have reports back
23 to the Main Street address. So unless we do
24 something to go down and clean the property
25 up, do something like that, the only option

1 is to find the guy and move forward.

2 MR. HOOVER: Can we do minimal work
3 down there just to cut the grass and cut the
4 weeds?

5 ATTY. RINALDI: No.

6 MR. NOTARI: You're on private
7 property.

8 MR. HART: Everybody's saying the
9 guy lives in New Jersey. I have three
10 different numbers. Not one of them goes
11 through.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, if he
13 can't locate anybody?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Call me.

15 MR. NOTARI: Shouldn't our first
16 step be a certified letter?

17 MR. HART: The only address I have
18 is that one.

19 MR. NOTARI: But my thought is if we
20 start the process and we don't receive
21 anything, can we then declare it a nuisance
22 property or an unlivable property?

23 MR. HART: The process had been
24 started years ago. There were certified
25 letters already sent to that address from

1 Steve. I have all the old reports and
2 files, but literally it went nowhere.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Contact Bill
4 or Bill contact you tomorrow and let's start
5 the process again.

6 MR. HART: There's multiple
7 properties in town with the same situation.
8 We have landlords in New York and New
9 Jersey. I can send a hundred letters. They
10 don't respond, they don't do anything.
11 There has to be a solution. I'm taking all
12 the heat for not doing anything, but in all
13 reality it's been going on for years. I'm
14 here two months and I'm already aware of
15 them and already sending letters, but we
16 haven't been getting answers.

17 MR. NOTARI: We're going to change
18 that, hopefully.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Get with Bill
20 and let's see if Bill can locate them or get
21 a certified letter, start the process.

22 MR. HART: There's files dating back
23 seven years now. I'm going to court
24 hearings that are 11-year issues. I'm here
25 two months. At the end of the day the heat

1 all comes back on me.

2 MR. HUGHES: I'd like to know what's
3 going on with the Stocki property.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: As far as
5 what, Bob?

6 MR. HUGHES: Well, the machinery's
7 being all moved up on Keyser Avenue now and
8 there's still machinery back where his
9 property is. It's unbelievable.

10 MR. HOOVER: We know.

11 MR. HUGHES: Well, what are you
12 doing about it?

13 ATTY. RINALDI: On the property next
14 door there's a couple cases now at the
15 magistrate. We didn't get a date yet. They
16 filed.

17 MR. HUGHES: What about moving them
18 big machines up in Keyser Avenue? Who gave
19 him permission to do that?

20 ATTY. RINALDI: That's what I'm
21 talking about.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks, Bob.
23 Dave Marhelski?

24 MR. MARHELSKI: I'm just wondering
25 if council came up with any kind of

1 resolution or your borough engineer about
2 the drainage on Mowry, Lori and Kelly Drive
3 where the water comes down. It pools across
4 the street to Mucciolo's. It's a disaster
5 waiting to happen. It's like a lake. The
6 drain's on the other side of the street. We
7 have no storm drains up there.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We'll send
9 Dave there this week to take a look at it.

10 MR. MARHELSKI: Who's responsible
11 for the road going up to the cemetery, Saint
12 Stan's, on Mine Street?

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Part of it is the
14 diocese.

15 MR. MARHELSKI: The borough used to
16 take care of that road. They paved it.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: I don't know that
18 the borough paved it.

19 MR. MARHELSKI: Might be before your
20 time. I remember the borough paved that
21 road. The borough used to plow that road.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: After there was a
23 collapse of that large pipe and we checked
24 into it and it was owned by the diocese.

25 MR. MARHELSKI: Well, they said

1 that's Ransom's problem. That's not Ransom.
2 That's still Old Forge. Nobody wanted to
3 take responsibility for it. The gentleman
4 here at the firehouse took responsibility
5 for it. He went up and fixed it.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: What's wrong
7 with the road?

8 MR. MARHELSKI: I just want to know
9 who maintains it, who plows it.

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, could
11 you find out if we own that road?

12 ATTY. RINALDI: Marylynn asked about
13 this. It's diocese property.

14 MR. MARHELSKI: Also, coming down
15 Mowry Street, I don't know if it's borough's
16 responsibility or state for the property.
17 If you're looking south you can't see the
18 cars coming up. All the trees are coming up
19 over the road there.

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: It's 1204-1206
21 Mowry. I have the phone number for the
22 management company.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We'll have
24 Chris give them a call. George Harris?

25 MR. HARRIS: Now he has the property

1 on the other side. Mark Barrett owns that
2 one. He's a local kid. His bushes are up
3 to my second floor window. They can only be
4 six feet. I'm five foot. They're towering
5 over me. I can't walk through my sidewalk
6 in the back because they're all hanging
7 over.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Do you have
9 the address for him?

10 MR. HARRIS: Mine is 839.

11 MS. AVVISATO: The corner of West
12 Morton.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We'll have him
14 give him a call.

15 MR. HART: The problem is if I don't
16 take these people by their hand and stand
17 there with them, unfortunately, it doesn't
18 get done. I reach out to these people, I
19 send them letters, I talk to them.

20 MR. NOTARI: After the second excuse
21 you cite them, period.

22 MR. HARRIS: I love I have no
23 neighbors, but they're the biggest pains in
24 the asses going. The worst people in the
25 world. I just want it taken care of.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We'll have him
2 contact them. Mary Piragas?

3 MS. PIRAGAS: So I'm here to request
4 permission to block off the road again this
5 year for our community block party.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Same thing as
7 last year?

8 MS. PIRAGAS: Yeah, Reilly Street
9 between McClure and just the alley before
10 Sibley. The date this year is going to be
11 August 14th from about 1:00 until about 9
12 p.m.

13 MR. NOTARI: Chief, did we have any
14 problems doing that last year?

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. I think last
16 year they blocked Reilly at Sibley to stop
17 everybody from coming in. Right?

18 MS. PIRAGAS: No, because we did
19 block the alley. You could come in from
20 Sibley and make a left or a right on the
21 alleyway. It was the alleyway we blocked.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We'll put it
23 on the agenda tonight.

24 MS. PIRAGAS: We just heard last
25 night that sometimes the fire department

1 will do a drive by for events like this.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Right there.
3 Mrs. Wilk?

4 MS. WILK: I'd like to thank council
5 that voted, Ms. Avvisato, Mr. Hoover and
6 Mr. Notari, against the tower that was being
7 put up. And I'd like to thank the mayor for
8 beaking the tie. Prior to that meeting
9 Verizon was at that property and they did
10 put a tower up. Right across the street
11 from this lady's house. She saw it.

12 I don't know how legal that is. It
13 was never approved. It was shot down. But
14 the tower is up there. Prior to them coming
15 to the meeting when you guys were going to
16 vote on this --

17 MS. AVVISATO: They can't. It's a
18 residential.

19 MR. LETTIERI: I don't think that
20 was Verizon.

21 MR. HOOVER: It's on the existing
22 property that they own. They can do that on
23 their existing property. It's a hundred
24 feet in the air.

25 MS. WILK: Mariotti's the one that

1 owns it. Here's some information.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: They could not
3 have constructed a tower that fast. Is that
4 right next to the power plant?

5 MR. LETTIERI: That's a small one.

6 MS. AVVISATO: That's not Verizon.

7 MR. NOTARI: That's PPL.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: That's been
9 there for a while.

10 MS. WILK: They're coming back an
11 they're going to try to put the tower up
12 again. There's a history right there on the
13 towers and secondary radiation.

14 MS. SHELSKI: My daughter called the
15 cancer bureau and they said that that kind
16 of tower could cause cancer and that tower
17 should not be placed in an environment where
18 there's so much community. The school is
19 right there. The kids are going to be
20 affected by that tower, let alone us, the
21 people that live there. That tower should
22 not be there.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Are you
24 talking about the tower that's currently
25 there?

1 MR. LETTIERI: That's from PPL.

2 MR. HART: I'll go there this week
3 and look. It's PPL property. They had a
4 right to do what they were doing in the past
5 on it.

6 MS. SHELSKI: I had a contractor --
7 I was sitting on my porch. I guess they
8 were putting the tower up. He was walking
9 around and he was taking pictures of my
10 house, and I called him over and said why
11 are you taking pictures of my house? He
12 never did answer me.

13 MS. AVVISATO: That's not Verizon.

14 MS. SHELSKI: He said that they're
15 going to start -- I asked him when are you
16 going to put this tower up but it was there.
17 The trees were in the way and I didn't
18 really see it. He said we're going to start
19 in the spring. We have to go to the lawyers
20 and the bureau and what not, then it will be
21 up. I said I want to get to the meetings,
22 May 25th, whatever, but I can't go. I
23 called four people, I can't get there. He
24 said if you vote for me I'll take you.

25 MS. WILK: They were sitting in the

1 corner, the guy from Verizon. You guys
2 didn't even get the motion. He sat there
3 very brazen in the corner with his little
4 plaque, and he stated oh, I will be back to
5 get a variance from PPL. I already talked
6 to them. It should be in one of your
7 meetings.

8 MS. AVVISATO: I think the vote was
9 no.

10 MS. WILK: This is prior to.

11 MS. AVVISATO: How could they put it
12 on if we voted no?

13 MR. NOTARI: Two different
14 properties.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We're going to
16 have Chris contact PPL because it's on their
17 property. We're going to have PPL give us
18 the information on it. Anything else?

19 MS. WILK: No.

20 MS. SHELSKI: That's about it.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Louis
22 Pettinato?

23 MR. PETTINATO: John's handing out
24 some summaries. We'll have pictures and
25 then comments that we signed. I want to ask

1 Mr. Hart where are we at with the property
2 at the intersection of Butler and Main?

3 MR. HART: That's the zoning
4 solicitor here. We were speaking about it
5 before. There is a process we can take.
6 There's things in motion right now with the
7 police department, with myself and
8 everything. Like we said every other
9 meeting, things can't happen overnight and
10 we can't just walk in there and lock the
11 doors, board the windows up and eliminate
12 the garage completely. There's a process
13 that we have to take. We all spoke prior to
14 this.

15 MR. PETTINATO: Our feeling is we
16 believe the property is a nuisance property.
17 We believe that there's several areas of
18 violation of Old Forge codes. We've looked
19 through them. John presented them. Those
20 will be parking. Patti will present
21 pictures of vehicles on the property from
22 July 3rd to July 13th. Expired inspection
23 sticker. That's clearly a violation. It
24 was on the street for longer than 72 hours.
25 The street's not supposed to be used for

1 parking for vehicles awaiting repair, that I
2 know of.

3 Looking at all the cars that are
4 always parked in the lot, such that there's,
5 again, cars parked on the street awaiting
6 repair, sometimes cars parked on the
7 Domino's property. There's no way for there
8 to be required number of parking spaces,
9 which is one for every 200 square feet of
10 interior floor space. There's no way to
11 have enough parking spaces, which each have
12 to be ten by 18 or 180 square feet.

13 And if you look at the pictures we
14 presented over the years, whether it's on
15 cell phones or actual pictures that we'll
16 hand in at the end that you can look,
17 there's no way for there to be adequate
18 ingress and egress, which is, to my
19 knowledge, another code. Again, no way to
20 have the proper number of parking spaces.
21 Again, the street's not supposed to be used
22 for parking while the vehicles await repair,
23 that I know of.

24 So area, prohibited use of
25 recreational vehicles. Our neighbors are

1 here and will state that they've seen
2 recreational vehicles operating out of the
3 property, speeding up and down Butler
4 Street, operating in an unsafe manner. On
5 or around July 15th they did a thunder run
6 of sorts. Some individuals on quads down
7 Main Street, my understanding. Joe, you saw
8 people right before and after, leaving and
9 coming back. You signed a statement.
10 George, you've seen them going up and down.
11 That's clearly a violation of code.

12 The next would be health and safety.
13 For example, codes say that drainage cannot
14 be directed off site without adequate
15 treatment of oils and fuel. We have
16 pictures of cars leaking oil. Again, cars
17 parked, awaiting repair, leaking oil.
18 There's another picture of one of the
19 occupants washing his quad with the water
20 going own Main Street. We feel that not
21 only is it a violation, it's a safety issue.

22 Finally, a few other things. With
23 respect to the parking, they're supposed to
24 not have vehicles parked within 25 feet of a
25 residential property. Now, there's no

1 screen there, as there should be. That kind
2 of a business is supposed to have either
3 screening or fencing. George, they're
4 parked right up to your property. Correct?

5 MR. SWOREN: About three inches from
6 my wall.

7 MR. PETTINATO: That has to be a
8 violation.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Are they
10 blocking your driveway? Did you call the
11 police? Was the car blocking when the
12 police got there?

13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: They move by the
14 time they get up there.

15 MR. PETTINATO: How many properties
16 in Old Forge that are in question like this?
17 We would like to have and expect people on
18 council and Chris to drive by and make note
19 of it. It seems like it's up to us all the
20 time to do this research and come up with
21 this.

22 By the way, with respect to
23 nuisance, how late can they be open at
24 night?

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It's 8 p.m.

1 Correct, Bill?

2 ATTY. RINALDI: I think it's a ten
3 or 11.

4 MR. HART: Their business hours are
5 eight to five. I get calls from people 1:00
6 in the morning, 12:00 at night. I'm aware
7 of all these situations. Things are being
8 done, but once again, they can't happen
9 overnight.

10 MR. PETTINATO: These are the
11 reasons we feel this is a nuisance property.
12 They define nuisance property as a property
13 that causes annoyance or discomfort to
14 persons beyond the boundaries of the
15 property.

16 MS. AVVISATO: Are they doing work
17 at that time?

18 MR. PETTINATO: I believe they are.

19 MS. SWOREN: Chris will come up.
20 Chris has been there a couple times. They
21 stop, the cops will leave, and then they get
22 on their quads and they'll rev the quads out
23 in the parking lot. We have new neighbors,
24 a baby. Poor people.

25 MR. PETTINATO: These are the

1 reasons we feel this is a nuisance property.
2 This has been three years now, and we're
3 prepared to keep coming and to do whatever
4 we need to do to take further action until
5 this gets remedied.

6 There is a myth I want to clear up.
7 A statement has been made. One of the
8 occupants made it. I hope nobody up here
9 coached him to say that. That we, the
10 residents of the hill, as we call it, don't
11 want any sort of business there. That's
12 false. That's false.

13 The proof of that is nobody ever
14 complained when Roy Williams was there
15 because he was a good neighbor. We do
16 expect a business to be a good neighbor. We
17 know Old Forge needs businesses to be
18 successful, but we expect a business to be a
19 good neighbor. Not to present a hazard.
20 She'll show pictures of a BMW without doors.
21 Junk vehicles. Those are all in the code
22 defined as hazards.

23 MS. LESHINSKI: What is the
24 business? Is it dismantling? Is it a quad
25 shop? Is it sales? What kind of business

1 is it? There's all kinds of things going on
2 under that roof and we don't know. What is
3 the business operating as?

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: What type of
5 business is it?

6 MS. LESHINSKI: Is it an auto repair
7 shop or a quad shop or both? They're
8 dismantling vehicles there. There's nothing
9 that comes in or out of those doors that
10 aren't in pieces or parts. Nothing ever
11 drives in or out unless it's on the back of
12 another truck.

13 MR. PETTINATO: Sometimes they're
14 not there all day, until later, so I'm
15 wondering how are all these cars parked in
16 the parking lot and when are they working on
17 them? I can't make an accusation, but just
18 logically think about it.

19 MR HOOVER: This is a C-1?

20 MR. HART: Yes.

21 MR. PETTINATO: So they don't have
22 adequate fencing, no ingress and egress
23 that's proper because the parking lot's
24 jammed most of the time. There's not enough
25 parking spaces. They're parked on the

1 street. That has to be a violation. At
2 what point do we not declare this a
3 nuisance. At some point something bad is
4 going to happen because they don't seem to
5 care about the neighbors. Neither did
6 Ronnie. But nobody decided to pick on them,
7 nobody decided to pick on Ronnie.

8 We're at the point where we'll take
9 it to wherever we have to to get it
10 remedied. It's become that frustrating.
11 Everybody knows that.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chief,
13 according to what he's stating what would
14 fall under nuisance?

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: It depends on how
16 many times we're there. We've been there
17 multiple times, multiple tickets.

18 MR. PETTINATO: The chief was kind
19 enough, he did an incident report. But
20 there's been ten phone calls between the
21 operation of the quads, there's trucks
22 parked -- I called myself. There were
23 pickup trucks full of junk parked facing up
24 the hill on the wrong side. Ten phone calls
25 for February. How much do we need before

1 it's declared a nuisance?

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: That's what
3 I'm asking the chief.

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: He called multiple
5 times. There's multiple tickets been
6 issued. We just had an arrest out of there.
7 We've been proactive towards it.

8 MR. HOOVER: It says annoyance or
9 discomfort to persons beyond the boundaries
10 of that property. Are they doing that?

11 CHIEF DUBERNAS: With the ATVs --

12 MR. HOOVER: Yes or no?

13 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We never had issues
14 there with the ATVs. It's always been away
15 from there, coming there. The incident we
16 had was on Main Street.

17 MR. HOOVER: Annoyance or discomfort
18 to persons beyond the boundaries of that
19 property. I'm going to say yes.

20 Interference with the health, safety
21 and welfare of persons beyond the boundaries
22 of that property.

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's what we just
24 had an arrest for.

25 MR. HOOVER: Disturbance or

1 interference with the peaceful use of
2 property of others within the borough. I
3 think it's kind of cut and dry, if you ask
4 me. Like Mr. Pettinato said, I'd hate to
5 have a business in Old Forge be a nuisance
6 property, but if he's not following the
7 rules and not following the regulations
8 something has to be done. We can't have the
9 residents coming here every meeting for the
10 last four years that I'm here, and it's the
11 same as the other problem that we have.
12 That's the way I feel.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, legally
14 the property's deemed a nuisance. What's
15 the action we take against it?

16 ATTY. RINALDI: The chief -- well,
17 it's an ordinance. The chief can file.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Under the
19 ordinance --

20 MR. PETTINATO: This is similar to
21 years ago under Ronnie again.

22 MS. AVVISATO: Seems like it's more
23 congested now.

24 MR. PETTINATO: It's gotten worse.

25 MR. NOTARI: Can I ask a question of

1 the neighbors? Whenever you've called the
2 police have they come?

3 MR. PETTINATO: Yes.

4 MR. NOTARI: And every time they
5 come is it all the sudden everything's
6 fixed? In terms of Mr. Sworen, you said
7 they were in front of your driveway and by
8 the time the cops got there they were gone.
9 This picture here where there's a car
10 blocking the alley and a car parked the
11 wrong way on a road, when the police were
12 called were they gone? Did you call the
13 police?

14 MR. JUROSKI: I didn't want to
15 bother the police. They got more important
16 things.

17 MR. NOTARI: Here's the thing.
18 There are not more important things to do.
19 If you call the police and tell them there
20 is a nuisance -- if you don't, Mr. Juroski,
21 there's nothing we can do. You need to
22 build nuisances over and over. I understand
23 the frustration but --

24 MR. PETTINATO: It's time.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chief, again,

1 what does it take to declare that property a
2 nuisance? Or bill? One of you tell me.
3 What does it take to declare it a nuisance?

4 ATTY. RINALDI: There's a process
5 the zoning officer has to go through and
6 notify them. Chief, there's no parking on
7 the street. Right?

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Going up the hill
9 there's no parking. Coming down you could.

10 MR. PETTINATO: I did call once
11 because one of their vehicles -- again, I
12 don't think -- somebody tell me. Are you
13 supposed to use the street to store
14 vehicles?

15 ATTY. RINALDI: No. That's why we
16 fined Ron Coles.

17 MR. PETTINATO: I called once
18 because they actually had one of their
19 vehicles parked past the no parking sign.
20 And especially in the winter when it's icy.
21 It's bad enough in normal conditions pulling
22 out of there.

23 So I think the time has come, in my
24 opinion and our opinion.

25 MS. SWOREN: I went down and spoke

1 with them. They said they were going to put
2 an inspection place in, they were only going
3 to work on cars. That was lovely. Ronnie
4 did the same thing. The cars in that lot,
5 if you come up our street, by our driveway
6 there's a green one and white one that have
7 been there since November. No windows,
8 everything shoved inside. There's a pickup
9 truck filled with garbage that stays they
10 throw the garbage in. Stacked tires. They
11 don't care.

12 MR. PETTINATO: We expect you guys
13 to ride around. You see it.

14 MR. NOTARI: Yes. I understand
15 that. Believe me, I drive by, too.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We've all
17 driven by there.

18 MR. NOTARI: For whatever reason,
19 when I drive by everything seems to be in
20 order. I guess I go by at the wrong time.
21 I've been told they parked up to the stop
22 sign and every time I drive by they're not.
23 I've been told they park on the sidewalk,
24 and I see it here in the pictures, but when
25 I drive by there's nothing. So like I said,

1 I have to change the times I drive by.

2 Again, the seven of us don't have
3 the power to do anything just driving by.
4 Our zoning officer, our police department,
5 they need to answer calls when there's
6 nuisances and then they can take care of it.
7 Now, those calls cannot be at 1:00 in the
8 morning. That's not fair. That should not
9 happen. You're calling the zoning officer
10 and that's not fair. That can't happen.
11 Call the borough building, leave a message,
12 he'll get back to you.

13 Is the business open or are they
14 just there?

15 MS. AVVISATO: They have no idea.

16 MR. NOTARI: If they're working.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You said
18 they're in there 1:00 in the morning?

19 MR. TAGLIATERRA: They're coming in
20 all hours of the night.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Did you call
22 the police?

23 MR. TAGLIATERRA: No, because it's
24 constant. The cops came up last week to
25 fine the kids for that motorcycle. The next

1 day I stopped at the beer distributor, 60
2 miles an hour they were going down Main
3 Street. They don't care what you say. They
4 don't care.

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: If they're in
6 there at 1:00 in the morning and you see
7 them working, you have to call the police so
8 the police will come up and document it. If
9 they're driving down Main Street on a quad
10 the police have to see them to arrest them.

11 MR. PETTINATO: I'm telling you,
12 last Saturday night they were there after
13 10:00.

14 MS. SWOREN: They're selling quads
15 at 10:00 at night.

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: One of my guys did
17 respond there 1:30, 2:00 in the morning,
18 last week, two weeks ago.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Does the
20 borough have enough incidents up there and
21 reports to deem that place a nuisance
22 property?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: If you go back to
24 February, yes, there's ten.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Then what's

1 the process? Bill, what's the process?

2 ATTY. RINALDI: Chris has to send a
3 letter.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chris, send a
5 letter, then.

6 ATTY. RINALDI: If you look at that
7 ordinance there's a whole process. He's got
8 to give them the notice, they have time to
9 cure it. It's a couple pages long.

10 MR. PETTINATO: We're going to keep
11 coming.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You can come
13 to any public meeting we have.

14 MR. HOOVER: I want you to call the
15 cops. Continue to do that.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: All right.
17 Loreen Cummings?

18 MS. CUMMINGS: I'm only here because
19 I want to support all these people that have
20 been calling and voicing their concerns and
21 support for them. Also, to our friend that
22 does have that building, because I
23 understand he's very sickly. I think people
24 are taking full advantage not only of their
25 neighbors but of our friend that owns that

1 building, and that's upsetting to me.

2 So, I mean, when you have people
3 that all of you have known for so many years
4 that are being disrespected, cursed at in
5 their own neighborhood by people who don't
6 even belong here or live here, that's not
7 good housekeeping and that's not a good
8 neighbor and that's not a good business.
9 It's disrespectful to our fellow citizens of
10 Old Forge, and I know you all care about
11 that because I know all of you as well.

12 I think that if there was something
13 that I could say for putting up with that
14 kind of aggravation that you all are putting
15 up with, I'm so sorry that you're dealing
16 with that because that's not right.

17 Mrs. Sworen was cursed at and vulgar things
18 they're doing to her. Mr. Leshinski and his
19 wife were completely -- I can't even say the
20 things that were done to them. They have
21 videos of these kids with the gestures at
22 them. This is what they have to deal with
23 in addition to all the problems they're
24 having. I'm just hoping something can be
25 done.

1 There was one thing that as someone
2 that is sitting on the conservation board
3 that I am concerned about, and that is
4 something that I called the conservation
5 board to have them come down and look at,
6 which is the runoff from all those cars and
7 everything. I mean, I'm trying to fight a
8 rain tax coming here, and yet we have people
9 that are putting us in a position that is
10 going to bring us a rain tax because their
11 oil is running down that road, transmission
12 fluid, grease, every kind you can think of
13 and going down to the Main Avenue, and this
14 is the kind of thing that's going to get us
15 into another tax for our residents.

16 And that's not a responsible
17 business owner. I'm all for business. I'd
18 never want to shut a business down. But
19 this is just irresponsible. These young
20 people that are over there are really
21 causing quite a hassle there, so I would
22 appreciate anything you can do for our
23 residents of Old Forge. Thank you for
24 hearing me.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: John Juroski?

1 MR. JUROSKI: The last meeting Lou
2 Febbo and us and the owners talked. They
3 had 30 days to clear this up. Okay? I
4 talked to the owners two weeks ago and they
5 told me to go F myself. Just try to clean
6 your lot up and get your cars off the
7 street, and I was told -- that kid that was
8 here last meeting, I was supposed to be the
9 liaison officer and try to straighten this
10 mess out, and I was told to go F myself.
11 That we can do anything we want in this
12 town.

13 I said can you tell me what official
14 told you that?

15 I'm not going to tell you what
16 official, but we were told we can do
17 anything we want in this town. That's all I
18 have to say. It became worse in 30 days.
19 Supposed to improve in 30 days. It became a
20 lot worse. We got guys getting arrested.
21 The guy that owns the place doesn't even
22 have a license. God, he lost his license.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You're
25 welcome. Keith Leshinski?

1 MR. LESHINSKI: I seen a couple
2 council members in the meantime. I'm the
3 person that you were talking about,
4 probably that message, Chris, in the middle
5 of the night. I did mention it to him. I
6 felt comfortable doing it. I guess it was
7 wrong, Chris. I won't message you on
8 weekends or after hours again. I did
9 apologize to you for the things you were
10 right about.

11 What I do want to do up here is I
12 want to -- it was brought to my attention --
13 and I did, but I didn't know so many
14 feelings were hurt. I'm supposed to be an
15 adult now, a man, and I'm growing into this.
16 But everybody needs help once in a while. I
17 live on my emotions. I'm passionate.

18 We've been coming to you guys for a
19 long time, and I know you know that, and
20 we've been coming with empty hands. Now we
21 have facts. We have written down facts.
22 And unless they're amended, written out or
23 changed these are the rules and regulations
24 for all of you and all of us to live by in
25 this borough. Call the police, I've been

1 told. Call code. This is not a lie. Call
2 code, I'm told call police. Okay? That's
3 what we run into.

4 I have an incident report where I
5 was almost hit head-on by a quad coming up
6 the alley provided to me by Chief Dubernas,
7 thankfully, and gave me the report. But it
8 was my word against his. So it was either
9 me driving my very expensive car that I
10 don't drive in the rain up this alley or him
11 coming 65 miles an hour up the alley without
12 looking. I don't know who to believe, so he
13 didn't either. No one was cited.

14 MR. NOTARI: Wait a second. No one
15 was cited? Why wasn't somebody cited for
16 driving a quad on a borough street?

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That was Office
18 Kimball.

19 MR. LESHINSKI: Officer Kimball told
20 me that if I don't keep quiet I'm going to
21 be arrested, first of all, and then he -- I
22 have the incident report if you want to read
23 it. Not one was cited. He told me it's his
24 word against mine. So I have a -- never
25 mind. The chief thinks I'm bragging. I

1 have a Lexus, my dream car, and I turn up an
2 alley, and to think I'm going to drive 65
3 miles an hour up an alley head-on to a quad
4 that's coming towards me, that's going to
5 the garage that I've been complaining about
6 for years.

7 This kid was cited two days in a
8 row. Two days in a row. First day he was
9 identified by Joe and, I believe, by Officer
10 Nick Dubernas.

11 Second day, I have a video of him
12 coming because I get phone calls. This is
13 why I'm here. I get the phone call that he
14 was just doing a wheelie up Moosic Road.
15 Take a walk down to Butler Street, I wait
16 with my phone, I turn my camera around, here
17 he comes around the corner, just misses a
18 car that's coming down the hill. Just
19 misses it. And you can see the disdain --
20 and that's a matter of opinion, my
21 opinion -- disdain in his face.

22 The tickets that the police are
23 writing on these cars on the street, I
24 showed Officer Kimball that that Buick has
25 two plates on it within a month. Showed him

1 both plates. They're switching plates. I
2 don't want to say that they don't do their
3 job, but they don't know that code. If
4 they're saying there's a process to tow a
5 car, that code suggests not. It suggests
6 not. It's 72 hours. Your car, Russell.
7 You forget your inspection, you forget to do
8 your registration, it's parked in front of
9 your house, an officer can tow it within 72
10 hours. Doesn't have to call code, doesn't
11 have to call Harrisburg, doesn't have to
12 take possession of a vehicle.

13 I don't know where all that comes
14 from. It's written in code. It was
15 presented to you. You guys all have it. I
16 don't know what number it is off the top of
17 my head. And I used to come in and talk off
18 the cuff, and I guess that's why my words
19 just went up in the air, because here I am
20 just speaking. Here it is in black and
21 white. You have the codes in front of you.

22 I think three years -- and I know
23 we've been up and down, back and forth with
24 code enforcement and things. We've been
25 patient, but we will be patient no longer,

1 and we're not going to stop this until it's
2 rectified. And whatever needs to be deemed
3 or whatever process that is, Chris, I hope
4 it gets started today, please.

5 MR. HART: It will.

6 MR. LESHINSKI: This place, it's not
7 even Ronnie Coles, it's not Roy Williams.
8 That's for darn sure. Jenny spoke up and
9 said Ronnie's been there for as long as
10 she's there and never a call. Now, chief
11 got ten calls. He wrote it down. He handed
12 me the piece of paper that since February,
13 ten calls. A lot of them were from me
14 because a lot of people don't want to get
15 involved.

16 But I thank God, and I'm really
17 proud that these neighbors showed up today
18 to show you that we're working and we're
19 doing our investigation which should have
20 been done before. I can remember meetings
21 where everybody broke out our phones and
22 we're trying to find it. There it is for
23 you.

24 And, Chris, do you know if there
25 have been any amendments or changes to that

1 code about towing a vehicle that's on the
2 road without inspection, without
3 registration? Chief, do you know?

4 MR. NOTARI: There hasn't been.

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The roadway's ours.

6 MR. LESHINSKI: Is it the same as it
7 was written?

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yes, but we also go
9 by PennDOT salvage licenses because we take
10 possession of people's vehicles.

11 MR. LESHINSKI: That has nothing to
12 do with it at all. They don't have a
13 salvage license, do they?

14 MR. HART: No, they have a dealer's
15 license.

16 MR. LESHINSKI: So they're selling
17 vehicles?

18 MR. HART: Hold on. I just spoke
19 with them this morning and I told them to
20 produce all their licenses that they claim
21 they have to me by Friday. I also spoke
22 with DEP this morning about the oil and DEP
23 is coming out. This is what I'm saying.
24 Things are being done. I understand you're
25 impatient. I get it.