

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

IN RE: REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD:

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

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

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

RUSSELL RINALDI, President

JIM HOOVER, Vice President

MICHELE AVVISATO - absent

ANDREW BUTLER

RICK NOTARI

MICHAEL KOMENSKY

JENNA JONES-SHOTWELL

MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, Borough Manager

ROBERT LEGG, Mayor

WILLIAM RINALDI, Esquire, Solicitor

MICHELLE SMOLSKIS  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please,

4 Marylynn.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

6 Shotwell?

7 MS. SHOTWELL: Here.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

9 Komensky?

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Here.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

12 MR. NOTARI: Present.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

14 MR. BUTLER: Here.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

16 Avvisato is absent. Councilman Hoover?

17 MR. HOOVER: Present.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

19 MR. RINALDI: Here. Once again,

20 ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the regular

21 meeting of the Old Forge Borough. Tonight is

22 Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

23 The purpose of our meeting is to go

24 through a few housekeeping motions, and then

25 we'll go down our table, we'll hear from our

1           mayor and our Council members, we'll hear from  
2           our department heads.

3                     The Chief of police has a public  
4           sign-in sheet. If anyone from the audience  
5           would like to address us, we'll give you a few  
6           moments at the end of the meeting before new  
7           business.

8                     With that said, we're going to move  
9           with our first housekeeping motion, and this is  
10          going to be a motion to approve the minutes  
11          from the prior meeting.

12                    MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion,  
13          Mr. Chairman.

14                    MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
15          Councilman Notari.

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: Councilwoman  
24          Shotwell?

25                    MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
2 Komensky?  
3 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.  
4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?  
5 MR. NOTARI: Yes.  
6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?  
7 MR. BUTLER: Yes.  
8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?  
9 MR. HOOVER: Yes.  
10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?  
11 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Second item is  
12 motion to approve treasurer's report. Please  
13 note, this does not include the sewer account.  
14 MR. BUTLER: I'll make the motion.  
15 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
16 Councilman Butler.  
17 MR. NOTARI: Second.  
18 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman  
19 Notari. On the question?  
20 (No response.)  
21 MR. RINALDI: Public input?  
22 (No response.)  
23 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.  
24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
25 Shotwell?

1 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

3 Komensky?

4 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

6 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

8 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

10 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

12 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Third item is a  
13 motion to approve invoices for payment. Please  
14 note, once again, this does not include the  
15 sewer account.

16 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion,  
17 Mr. Chairman.

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

20 MR. KOMENSKY: I'll second.

21 MR. RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman  
22 Komensky. On the question?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

3 Shotwell?

4 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

6 Komensky?

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

9 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

11 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

13 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

15 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Fourth item is a

16 motion to approve treasurer's report for the

17 sewer department.

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

19 Mr. Chairman.

20 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

21 Councilman Notari.

22 MR. HOOVER: I'll second it.

23 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman

24 Hoover. On the question?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RINALDI: Public input?  
2 (No response.)  
3 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please,  
4 Marylynn.  
5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
6 Shotwell?  
7 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.  
8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
9 Komensky?  
10 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.  
11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?  
12 MR. NOTARI: Yes.  
13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?  
14 MR. BUTLER: Yes.  
15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?  
16 MR. HOOVER: Yes.  
17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?  
18 MR. RINALDI: And last item is  
19 motion to approve sewer department invoices for  
20 payment.  
21 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion,  
22 Mr. Chairman.  
23 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
24 Councilman Notari.  
25 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

1 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman  
2 Butler. On the question?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

8 Shotwell?

9 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

11 Komensky?

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

14 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

16 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

18 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

20 MR. RINALDI: Yes. We're going to  
21 move into our first department head, DPW  
22 manager Joseph Lenceski. Joe, anything for the  
23 meeting?

24 MR. LENCESKI: Nothing for the  
25 meeting.

1 MR. RINALDI: Anybody have any  
2 questions for Joe?

3 MR. NOTARI: No.

4 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Joe.

5 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

6 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

7 Zoning code enforcement officer, Mike  
8 Sokolowski. Mike, anything for the meeting?

9 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No, nothing for the  
10 meeting.

11 MR. RINALDI: Anyone have any  
12 questions for Mike?

13 MR. NOTARI: Just, Mike, Moosic  
14 Road next to the Barcola property, overgrown  
15 grass.

16 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah. I just got  
17 ahold of -- the lady's in a nursing home.

18 MR. NOTARI: Okay.

19 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: She's in Allied. I  
20 got ahold of the sister, they're trying to find  
21 somebody to cut the grass. I guess whoever's  
22 cutting the grass --

23 MR. NOTARI: Stopped.

24 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: -- just never --  
25 yeah.

1 MR. NOTARI: There's a car parked  
2 there, too, right?

3 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

4 MR. NOTARI: Yeah.

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: This lady, she's in  
6 Allied, so --

7 MR. NOTARI: Okay. Thanks.

8 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I'm trying to get  
9 somebody there for her.

10 MR. RINALDI: Anyone else have any  
11 questions for mike?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Mike.

14 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yep.

15 MR. RINALDI: Engineer, Dave  
16 Lopatka, is on vacation. Police Chief Jason  
17 Dubernas. Chief, anything for the meeting?

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Just yesterday the  
19 civil service held their oral boards for the  
20 candidates. One of the candidates didn't show  
21 up. So we're down to two now.

22 MR. RINALDI: How long for the  
23 results to come back, Chief?

24 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Probably by the end  
25 of the week they'll have the results and then

1           they have a meeting to finalize everything.

2                   MR. RINALDI: Two candidates total  
3 took the test?

4                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, there was  
5 three.

6                   MR. RINALDI: Three took the test?

7                   ATTY. RINALDI: Did somebody fail?

8                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. They didn't  
9 show up for the interview.

10                   MR. HOOVER: Did he call or nothing?  
11 He didn't call or nothing?

12                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: What?

13                   MR. HOOVER: Did he even call and  
14 say he had a problem or anything?

15                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: I called him and  
16 sent him text messages. He was working in  
17 another department.

18                   ATTY. RINALDI: So, can you  
19 reschedule it, Chief? He was at work.

20                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. He didn't show  
21 up for the time slot so he gets a zero.

22                   ATTY. RINALDI: He got notice,  
23 though, right?

24                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: Letter. They  
25 received a letter. Civil service has copies of

1 the letters, we have copies of the letters.

2 MR. RINALDI: Any other items,  
3 Chief?

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's it.

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

7 MR. BUTLER: I have one. Chief, do  
8 you know where the boundary line is on Lonesome  
9 Road where it turns into Moosic?

10 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The bridge.

11 MR. BUTLER: The bridge is it?

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: You make the  
13 left-hand turn there. As soon as you go past  
14 Dick Street, you make the left, that bridge  
15 right there.

16 MR. BUTLER: Some of these clowns  
17 are coming out of there, they come out too far  
18 coming from Moosic, you can't make the turn.  
19 The guy in front of me the other day was  
20 screaming at the lady because she --

21 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Oh, at that stop  
22 sign there.

23 MR. BUTLER: Yes. Because they were  
24 going up the hill and they came out too far. I  
25 was wondering if they -- I'll get in touch with

1 Sterling or somebody and see if they could put  
2 maybe a stop light there.

3 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Paint line there.

4 MR. BUTLER: Yeah. Because that's  
5 just crazy. They just come out too far.

6 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah. I think  
7 that'll be actually Moosic because they're  
8 coming from Moosic. That stop sign's in  
9 Moosic.

10 MR. BUTLER: Yeah. All right.  
11 Thank you.

12 MR. RINALDI: Any other questions  
13 for the Chief?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Chief.  
16 Assistant Fire Chief Bill Stull is absent from  
17 the meeting but he gave his notes to  
18 Councilman Komensky and he asked him to pass  
19 them on to us. So, Councilman Komensky, if you  
20 want to.

21 MR. KOMENSKY: So, the only thing he  
22 has for the meeting is just a reminder that  
23 Sunday, June 30th with the corn hole  
24 tournament, we're going to need to shut down  
25 East Grace between Fallon and Main for the corn

1 hole tournament. And I'm sure he'll be in  
2 touch with you about that, Jay.

3 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah. It's just a  
4 barrier. Joe drops the barriers off.

5 MR. KOMENSKY: Yep.

6 CHIEF DUBERNAS: They go up and they  
7 close it themselves.

8 MR. KOMENSKY: Right. Other than  
9 that, he said that's all he has for the  
10 meeting.

11 MR. RINALDI: Thanks. Thanks,  
12 Councilman Komensky.

13 MR. KOMENSKY: Yep.

14 MR. RINALDI: Attorney Rinaldi,  
15 anything for the meeting?

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Other than what's in  
17 my report and our discussion in the executive  
18 session, nothing else. Unless you have  
19 questions.

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

22 MR. NOTARI: One question, Bill.  
23 The new zoning ordinance plan that we were  
24 working on, do you know what we're waiting for  
25 to approve it?

1                   ATTY. RINALDI: I think we're  
2                   waiting for planning to send in additional  
3                   comments. That was the last I heard at the  
4                   last planning.

5                   MR. NOTARI: Okay. Can we ask them  
6                   for -- like, how do we officially ask them when  
7                   we want them back? Do we need to send a  
8                   letter? Do we need to just tell Vince, Let's  
9                   go?

10                  MR. KOMENSKY: I'll talk to Vince.  
11                  Actually, I talked to Vince, Jimmy, when I was  
12                  there with you. He's trying to get together  
13                  with the zoning committee to finish what they  
14                  have to do. Now, I think, what, you have a  
15                  zoning meeting --

16                  ATTY. RINALDI: No. I'm not on the  
17                  zoning.

18                  MR. KOMENSKY: You don't. Joe has  
19                  one, like, next week I think.

20                  ATTY. RINALDI: Okay.

21                  MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah. We have --

22                  MR. KOMENSKY: Right?

23                  MR. SOKOLOWSKI: -- next Thursday,  
24                  6:00, before the Planning Commission, there's  
25                  going to be a zoning --

1 MR. KOMENSKY: So, Jimmy, I was  
2 gonna ask you if you wanted to go to that  
3 meeting and we can try to ruffle them together,  
4 get them together and try to get this done.

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: They want to get  
6 the two of them together.

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes. Correct.

8 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Coordinate  
9 together.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Yep.

11 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Planning and  
12 zoning.

13 MR. KOMENSKY: So, maybe we could  
14 pick a date and get it done.

15 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Right.

16 MR. KOMENSKY: I just found that out  
17 Friday when I was down there.

18 MR. NOTARI: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. KOMENSKY: Yep.

20 MR. RINALDI: Any other questions  
21 for the solicitor?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill. Borough  
24 manager, Marylynn Bartoletti. Marylynn,  
25 anything for the meeting?

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: So, first, does  
2 anyone have any questions on my financial  
3 reports?

4 MS. SHOTWELL: No.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: No. No questions.  
6 Okay. On the agenda tonight, number three,  
7 American Asphalt quotation. It's to fix the  
8 water runoff problem on Edgewood Drive.

9 I think you'll remember in our last  
10 meeting that we asked Dave to get quotations  
11 for Edgewood Drive and also for the water  
12 runoff problem that we're having in Miles  
13 Street Park.

14 Quotations for that particular  
15 problem came in too high, just the quotations,  
16 so that's going to end up being part of our  
17 paving project. It's going to be added to the  
18 paving project, which is why Dave held out from  
19 putting it out for advertisement.

20 So, American Asphalt is the low  
21 bidder. That's what we vote on tonight,  
22 Edgewood Drive only, okay?

23 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: And this is it.

25 MR. RINALDI: Anybody have any other

1 questions for Marylynn?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Mare.

4 Before we go into public comment, we have  
5 Mr. Nathan Barrett here. He wants to give us  
6 a presentation on grant writing. Nate,  
7 correct?

8 MR. BARRETT: Yes, sir.

9 MR. RINALDI: So, if you want to  
10 come to the podium, and you could just begin.

11 MR. BARRETT: Good evening members  
12 of Council. Thank you, Chairman Rinaldi.

13 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

14 MR. BARRETT: Thank you everyone for  
15 giving me the opportunity to speak to the  
16 Council this evening and speak about some  
17 opportunities that I wanted to offer to your  
18 Borough.

19 I am Nathan Barrett. I am a  
20 Lackawanna Countian. I live in North Abington  
21 Township. I used to work here as your  
22 elementary principal but I am currently a  
23 superintendent in Luzerne County at the Hanover  
24 Area School District.

25 With that in mind, I work for a

1 school district that was strapped for cash for  
2 quite some period of time, as most  
3 municipalities and most school districts are,  
4 so I began to look into grants and money that  
5 is available at both the state, corporate,  
6 private and federal levels.

7 As I began to do that, I began to  
8 understand the vast amount of money that's  
9 available both to school districts, boroughs,  
10 municipalities, if you begin to do the research  
11 and look into this.

12 So, as I began to do that and dive  
13 into this, I began to find more and more money  
14 for the school district that I work for.

15 As a result, I began to share this  
16 with my colleagues and then began to write  
17 grants part time on the weekend for these  
18 school districts and began to have a  
19 successful little business for myself that  
20 now has turned into 13 school districts  
21 between Lackawanna and Luzerne County, bringing  
22 twelve million dollars back to our region in  
23 the last 18 months. With that, that has turned  
24 some heads, not from just school districts but  
25 from some boroughs.

1                   So, now I've just signed my fifth  
2                   contract with local boroughs within Lackawanna  
3                   County that have reached out to me and asked me  
4                   to take a look at some of the necessities that  
5                   they have within their municipality, and I  
6                   began to do so, and I began to do so  
7                   successfully.

8                   And the only way that this is a  
9                   possibility is that, in my opinion, is if you  
10                  have somebody that's focused on this solely.

11                  I cannot do this throughout the  
12                  course of my day as a superintendent. I can't  
13                  sit down, run a district, run into all the  
14                  incidentals throughout the course of the day  
15                  dealing with personnel, so on and so forth, and  
16                  then do research and grant writing.

17                  So, I know that a borough manager, a  
18                  mayor, so on and so forth, cannot accomplish  
19                  all these things on their own.

20                  So, in that, speaking with Chairman  
21                  Rinaldi, he wanted me to come and say how much  
22                  money that is available, especially toward  
23                  Infrastructure Act, to try to help out this  
24                  borough.

25                  With that being said, I wanted to

1 share some of the stuff that I have been doing  
2 in Lackawanna County. Up in Blakely, for  
3 example, the latest project that I did up there  
4 was nearly three million dollars in the street  
5 scape project, infrastructure when it comes to  
6 multimodal grants, crossings, blinking lights  
7 for safety, and then for their street lights  
8 with the cameras for public safety, things of  
9 that nature.

10 All these monies are available  
11 through the Infrastructure Act under the Biden  
12 administration. There's right now three  
13 hundred billion dollars that's out there to  
14 reach out to whatever cause that you wanted to  
15 look into.

16 So, for example, you know, if there  
17 was something that you wanted to do with the  
18 flooding project or the water runoff, things of  
19 that nature, there is all money just in that  
20 topic within itself.

21 So, I came tonight in a very passive  
22 manner just to offer this up to have this  
23 consideration of this Council to think about if  
24 there's ever an opportunity that you wanted a  
25 grant writer that could just focus on certain

1            topics.

2                            The way that I normally do this is  
3 I reach out to the borough administration and  
4 ask what the top three needs are. They tell  
5 me what those top three needs are and I begin  
6 to conquer in order of priority.

7                            Once I conquer number one, I move on  
8 to number two because that moves up then, and I  
9 continually stay in contact with the borough  
10 administration. And as I knock off all those  
11 priorities, then we continue to stack on  
12 priority after priority.

13                            At the first of every month, I send  
14 all the available grants that are available to  
15 the municipality. Then the borough  
16 administrator would say to me, Apply for all  
17 five but take six off. We don't need that.  
18 So I apply for all five grants, and then we get  
19 that in the queue for whatever your top needs  
20 are.

21                            Then June comes, I send you the top  
22 five that are available, and then you tell me  
23 which ones not to apply for. Otherwise, I'm  
24 applying for them.

25                            And I continue to repeat this

1 process, and then biweekly you would get a  
2 report of what's applied for, what's been  
3 awarded and what's in process.

4 Then I give you your return of  
5 investment, what you paid me to do this, and I  
6 usually, within the first three months, pay for  
7 myself for an entire year.

8 I let you know what your return of  
9 investment is so you could come back and tell  
10 the taxpayers of this borough, Okay, we hired  
11 this person for X amount of dollars, but this  
12 is what they've obtained up to this point.

13 So, you will continue to get the  
14 available grants on private, state, federal and  
15 there are corporate sponsorships, as well.

16 So, I have a database that reaches  
17 out. I mean, everybody knows to go for your  
18 RACP grants or your LSA grants, so on and so  
19 forth, but there's a very deep database that  
20 touches everybody's needs, and I would continue  
21 to dive into that.

22 And every single month I would send  
23 something to this borough administration and  
24 just tell me what not to apply for; otherwise,  
25 it's gonna happen, and money will continue to

1 flow into this township at whatever pace you  
2 want it to be based on that monthly -- those  
3 monthly applications that are available.

4 So, I open this up to any questions,  
5 but I just wanted to make sure that everybody  
6 knew that this is a service that's available.

7 I'm right here in Lackawanna County.  
8 I could come back here monthly, give you  
9 reports, whatever it might be. If you don't  
10 want to see me, that's fine, you know, whatever  
11 dynamic you would like to be, I would like to  
12 be an asset to you.

13 MR. HOOVER: What would be the time  
14 frame, like, for Blakely Borough from the point  
15 that they start a street scape project? Say we  
16 wanted to go six blocks right here, what would  
17 be the time frame of getting the grant and  
18 starting the construction?

19 MR. BARRETT: You're talking about  
20 eight months. So, if -- perhaps even longer.  
21 So, for me, on a personal note, to make this  
22 selfish to me, it would be we would try -- I  
23 try to do a two-year contract, because by  
24 the time we go through every process from  
25 engineer -- if you wanted to do -- if you want

1 to extend it out six more weeks, there has to  
2 be an engineering piece. So you have to tell  
3 me exactly what you want to do, what it'd look  
4 like and where you want it to be.

5 Once that happens, I upload it. But  
6 I also go after money to pay for those  
7 engineering fees. So, as you're doing this,  
8 I'm applying for the engineering, the  
9 architectural piece and any type of management  
10 that you may have to put out of your general  
11 fund for the planning piece of this. There's  
12 preparation money.

13 So, if you wanted to go after this,  
14 what we do is we go after that first. And then  
15 while we're doing that concurrently, in stages,  
16 then we go after the construction piece,  
17 because that's already in the queue, that's  
18 being worked on. Then we move to the  
19 construction aspect of it.

20 And then as we continue to filter  
21 through that process, those grants begin to  
22 show up. You get the money to pay your  
23 engineers, your architect, and then the  
24 construction would begin.

25 But to answer your question, it's in

1 the time frame of between eight months and a  
2 year.

3 MR. HOOVER: That's not a long time.

4 MR. BARRETT: No, it's not.

5 MR. HOOVER: It's not a long time.

6 MR. BARRETT: It's not.

7 MR. BUTLER: What is basically the  
8 average turnaround time, like, say for, like,  
9 school projects like a playground or something  
10 like that?

11 MR. BARRETT: So, for me, on  
12 average, I'm seeing from the day I put a pen to  
13 a paper to -- this school district's now about  
14 three-month turnaround time that I'm awarded  
15 something.

16 So, for example, is the school  
17 improvement money that Governor Shapiro's  
18 putting into place. It's about a three-month  
19 turnaround for every -- there's 13 school  
20 districts that I'm working for now, it's about  
21 a three-month turnaround time.

22 And there's a lot of painful process  
23 in the meantime, engineering, your quotes, and  
24 all the things that are a necessity to make  
25 sure that we're living up to the statutes

1           necessary to receive this money.

2                       However, when you start the process,  
3           I make sure I give a checklist, make it as easy  
4           as possible. I need these three quotes, it has  
5           to be from an engineer and so that we don't  
6           have to keep revisiting this. One done, boom,  
7           and we send it off.

8                       MR. BUTLER: One other question,  
9           your payment, do you take it right from the  
10          get-go, right from the beginning, or do you  
11          take a percentage of what --

12                      MR. BARRETT: So, what I prefer --  
13          there are three different methods that we do.  
14          What I prefer is \$2,000 a month. That would be  
15          for the two-year term time frame.

16                      What I try to do is that allows me  
17          to have three people working at all times for a  
18          municipality or school district, like people  
19          doing grant research all the time, writing, and  
20          then management of the grants.

21                      You don't have to do anything. Once  
22          it's awarded, I don't want to put that on the  
23          plate of the borough manager or the mayor or  
24          anything, then we manage the grants afterwards.  
25          So, that allows me to pay that.

1                   But there's a caveat that I didn't  
2                   share with all of you that out of that \$2,000 a  
3                   month, we have two lobbyist firms that follow  
4                   the grant all the way through.

5                   So, when you apply for the  
6                   application, it's not just Nathan Barrett  
7                   that's sending it out to whatever agency we're  
8                   trying to pursue, there's a lobbyist firm from  
9                   Washington D.C. and a lobbyist firm in  
10                  Harrisburg, Pennsylvania that follows your  
11                  application, gives it a little bit of muscle,  
12                  that they're working, they're having lunch with  
13                  legislators, making sure that they understand  
14                  what's happening in their districts, how vital  
15                  and how important it is, and that's part of the  
16                  \$2,000 fee.

17                  So, to be completely transparent,  
18                  \$1,000 goes to the firm that I have, and a  
19                  thousand goes to the two separate lobbyist  
20                  firms that follow this through and give it the  
21                  muscle it needs. That's why we've been this  
22                  successful.

23                  MR. RINALDI: Nathan, a few  
24                  questions -- or, are you done?

25                  MR. BUTLER: I'm good.

1 MR. RINALDI: Sorry. I didn't want  
2 to interrupt you.

3 MR. BUTLER: Go ahead.

4 MR. RINALDI: A few things. First  
5 of all, thanks for coming today. I appreciate  
6 you taking the time --

7 MR. BARRETT: I appreciate the  
8 opportunity.

9 MR. RINALDI: -- and bringing the  
10 information. You said currently you're with 13  
11 school districts, five boroughs, you just  
12 answered one of my questions I was going to ask  
13 you that Councilman Butler asked, regardless of  
14 the amount of grant that you were -- that if we  
15 hired you and we were awarded, we were awarded  
16 \$100,000 grant, your fee's the same no matter  
17 what? We were awarded a million dollar grant,  
18 your fee's the same?

19 MR. BARRETT: Same thing.

20 MR. RINALDI: We were awarded a  
21 \$30,000 grant, your fee's the same?

22 MR. BARRETT: (Indicating yes.)

23 MR. RINALDI: Okay. That was one  
24 question. Then a couple others. Just as far  
25 as, you know, the types of grants, and not in

1           any order, you know, but you mentioned about  
2           four or five every month, get an information  
3           packet, send it out, Marylynn will say, We're  
4           not looking for this, we're looking for this,  
5           boom, boom, boom, and, again, not in any order,  
6           but, I mean, a couple things that are on the  
7           table always with us, and I think, if I'm not  
8           correct, speak up someone, like, public safety  
9           grants for police and safety, Councilman Hoover  
10          mentioned, like, Main Street grant where we're  
11          looking into a community center now, maybe a  
12          grant for that, parks and recreations, things  
13          of that nature, all available grants for all of  
14          those things I just mentioned?

15                   MR. BARRETT: So, every single  
16          month, Marylynn will get a list --

17                   MR. RINALDI: Of what's available.

18                   MR. BARRETT: -- it'll be broken  
19          down. Broken down by department.

20                   MR. RINALDI: Right.

21                   MR. BARRETT: So, you get a DPW,  
22          I'll give you an example, retrofitting into,  
23          you know, pressurized fuel or something. These  
24          are the things that are available.

25                   Now, DPW, fire department, public

1 safety, police department, the economic  
2 development, I will have it broken down into  
3 five separate categories, and then there will  
4 be a multitude of grants under every single  
5 category, and Marylynn will tell me, No, don't  
6 do this, or, Go with all of them.

7 MR. RINALDI: Right.

8 MR. BARRETT: And then every single  
9 department, I will go after every single one of  
10 those grants. So, whatever's available on  
11 every single level that I have mentioned  
12 before, and there's five different avenues that  
13 I travel to try to find these funds, you know,  
14 from state all the way down to corporate and  
15 maybe private sponsorships, but I apply for  
16 something in every one of your departments so  
17 that there's not neglect in one way or the  
18 other.

19 MR. RINALDI: Well, that was going  
20 to be the other question. Is there different  
21 grants available different months?

22 MR. BARRETT: Yeah.

23 MR. RINALDI: Like, is there certain  
24 times to apply for certain grants that you have  
25 a better chance of receiving, or you just send

1           them out regardless?

2                   MR. BARRETT: So, I go with what's  
3           in the software that I have.

4                   MR. RINALDI: Right.

5                   MR. BARRETT: So, right now, and as  
6           I've said, the municipality piece is something  
7           that's new to me. I've been doing school  
8           districts for two years and then didn't  
9           realize how much more is available to  
10          municipalities.

11                   I was in this little, you know, lane  
12          of school districts, there's only so many  
13          places you could go, but you look at a  
14          municipality, you're talking about DPW,  
15          economic development, multimodal, public  
16          safety, you name it, there's a whole new world  
17          that was like I was like the sun came out when  
18          I started looking into this stuff.

19                   So, right now through the Department  
20          of Justice, and Chief would love this, is the  
21          amount of money right now for body cams to  
22          license plate readers to cameras on your street  
23          lights, there's an endless amount.

24                   I would have to -- Marylynn would be  
25          there for an hour, like, telling me which ones

1 to and not to apply for, because they're  
2 endless at this point. I would just have to  
3 see what your priorities are, not just as a  
4 municipality but within a department because  
5 right now you could get anything, bulletproof  
6 vests. I would have to narrow it down as to  
7 what you want because there's just so much  
8 available.

9 MR. RINALDI: Right. Well, that's  
10 what I was going to say, if we were spending  
11 the time, for instance, because these require  
12 bigger grants, if we were spending time trying  
13 to get a bigger grant for our Main Street  
14 project, we're waiting on a million dollar  
15 grant, it doesn't mean, I mean, just for me  
16 speaking, I don't want to miss, even if we have  
17 a \$30,000 grant that we could get for the  
18 police department or say the DPW department,  
19 you know, instead of looking over that and  
20 keep waiting for this other one, I mean, I  
21 would like to grab as many as we could  
22 possibly.

23 MR. BARRETT: And those ones I  
24 could --

25 MR. RINALDI: Even if they're small

1 amounts, it doesn't matter.

2 MR. BARRETT: Sure.

3 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

4 MR. BARRETT: -- today for 7500 from  
5 Highmark.

6 MR. RINALDI: Right.

7 MR. BARRETT: So, it could be as big  
8 as it's small, but where I would utilize, as  
9 you just mentioned, a big process, let's say  
10 through the environment protection, that's when  
11 I would utilize the lobbyist firm.

12 You're looking for a three million  
13 dollar grant from environmental protection for  
14 water flow, whatever it might be, or a road  
15 project, you know, that's when we would utilize  
16 the firm.

17 I wouldn't utilize them for  
18 something small like body cam. You know,  
19 they're \$2,000. And if you didn't get that,  
20 that's something that could come out of your  
21 general fund.

22 I'm talking about the big grants  
23 that we really need some muscle, that's when I  
24 would utilize.

25 So, I've had the ability to read the

1 defenses to where I would need that extra  
2 oomph when I'm going to D.C., Harrisburg. So  
3 it's -- and the formula's been working pretty  
4 well.

5 MR. RINALDI: Right. Did you bring  
6 any information with you --

7 MR. BARRETT: I did.

8 MR. RINALDI: -- that you could  
9 leave us?

10 MR. BARRETT: I brought some stuff  
11 for the Council.

12 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. Just a couple  
13 things if you could leave it with us.

14 MR. BARRETT: Right.

15 MR. RINALDI: I mean, I'm not saying  
16 you're done, you could continue talking, and  
17 also I'm going to go around the table, anyone  
18 here could ask you any questions, but just  
19 something we have so we could --

20 MR. BARRETT: Right. I just did --

21 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. Sure. You  
22 could just -- hand it to Marylynn and then  
23 we'll --

24 MR. BARRETT: Sure.

25 MR. RINALDI: We could even get it

1 after the meeting.

2 MR. BARRETT: Yep.

3 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have  
4 any questions for Nathan?

5 MR. HOOVER: Nathan, what other  
6 boroughs do you do besides Blakely?

7 MR. BARRETT: We do Archbald,  
8 Olyphant and then we're set to sign on with  
9 Moosic in August or September. So, they're  
10 working through a couple things right now.

11 I was trying to capture the tri  
12 borough because there are a couple cooperative  
13 grants that would really be good for a river  
14 project. So, that's what I -- that was my main  
15 emphasis.

16 MR. HOOVER: So, we have four or  
17 five bigger projects right now that we'd like  
18 to, you know, start the ball rolling on.

19 MR. BARRETT: Yeah.

20 MR. HOOVER: And we just, we only  
21 have so much money to do what we can.

22 MR. BARRETT: Yep. And I can still  
23 go after it, but it's a nice cooperative  
24 agreement, it helps, but I'm going to do  
25 whatever I need to do.

1 MR. HOOVER: Thanks.

2 MR. RINALDI: Anyone else have any  
3 questions for Nathan?

4 MR. KOMENSKY: No.

5 MS. SHOTWELL: I think all of mine  
6 have been answered. Mainly mine was going to  
7 be about the grant management part of it,  
8 because I know writing a grant is something,  
9 managing it is totally different.

10 MR. BARRETT: Absolutely.

11 MS. SHOTWELL: So you and your  
12 people handle all of that?

13 MR. BARRETT: That's it. There's  
14 nothing extra added to your staff. There's  
15 enough going on here, I'm sure, throughout the  
16 course of the day that you won't be handling  
17 anything like that, quarterly reports or  
18 anything of that nature.

19 MR. BUTLER: Nathan, you said that  
20 we get a list of where all the available grants  
21 are and all the different departments and  
22 stuff?

23 MR. BARRETT: Yeah. So, what I do  
24 is based on the needs assessment, when I send  
25 it off to Marylynn, she tells me, let's just

1 say, you know, multimodal grants, you want  
2 sidewalks and crosswalks and that was your  
3 number one priority, I would look at every  
4 category of availability then I would find  
5 everything that has to deal with that topic and  
6 I would apply for every piece of that.

7 And then Marylynn would tell me what  
8 not to apply for at that point, you know, and  
9 then, like, move on to number two, the number  
10 two priority, and let's say it's public safety,  
11 you want body cameras, and then I would move on  
12 to that and I would look for every available  
13 resource there.

14 And I'm mindful, if there's, you  
15 know, 72 grants on the same thing, I'm mindful,  
16 and you could tell how many awards there's  
17 going to be on these grants, so I would go with  
18 our best ratio of receiving the award. There's  
19 a little bit of formula to it, a little science  
20 to it.

21 MR. BUTLER: How about an EPA grant,  
22 how hard are they to get?

23 MR. BARRETT: That's where we would  
24 need the help of the little bit of muscle of  
25 people that work on these lobbyist firms, and

1           that's -- it's been successful up to this  
2           point.

3                       MR. BUTLER: We definitely have a  
4           couple issues there.

5                       MR. BARRETT: Yep. So, that's when  
6           we would have to take a look at, if you decide  
7           to ever entertain my service, then we would  
8           have to really take a look at what you have  
9           already, and if you don't have anything already  
10          from a planning standpoint, then I have to go  
11          after some money for engineering, because we're  
12          going to need that before we're ever at the  
13          table for anything.

14                      MR. RINALDI: Nathan, you mentioned  
15          about contract, is there a minimal contract? I  
16          know you said if it was a bigger grant you're  
17          looking at, like, something for, like, a  
18          two-year contract, but is there a month to  
19          month, is there a six month, is there a year?

20                      MR. BARRETT: Two years is best for  
21          me because they're usually six to eight month  
22          cycles on grants --

23                      MR. RINALDI: Right.

24                      MR. BARRETT: -- just to get them  
25          through, so I would only be able to get through

1           essentially one cycle of grants for you if it's  
2           a year.

3                   MR. RINALDI: Right.

4                   MR. BARRETT: So, I'd prefer to  
5           stick with the two.

6                   MR. RINALDI: So, then with the  
7           current with the schools that you're in and  
8           with the boroughs, either all of them or the  
9           majority of them started off with contracts  
10          like that?

11                   MR. BARRETT: Everybody.

12                   MR. RINALDI: Okay.

13                   MR. BARRETT: There's not a person  
14          that's not --

15                   MR. RINALDI: Right. Okay.

16                   MR. BARRETT: -- two year.

17                   MR. RINALDI: All right.

18                   MS. SHOTWELL: How long have you  
19          been doing this?

20                   MR. BARRETT: Eighteen months now.

21                   MS. SHOTWELL: Eighteen months.

22                   MR. BARRETT: Yeah.

23                   MR. RINALDI: Nathan, are you able  
24          to give us an estimate of how much money you've  
25          come back with?

1 MR. BARRETT: For school districts  
2 in the region, twelve million dollars.

3 MR. RINALDI: In 18 months?

4 MR. BARRETT: Yes.

5 MR. RINALDI: Wow. That's a good  
6 return. Anybody else have any questions for  
7 Nathan?

8 MR. KOMENSKY: No.

9 MR. HOOVER: Thank you very much.

10 MR. RINALDI: Do you have anything  
11 else for us?

12 MR. BARRETT: No. I hope you don't  
13 think it's rude, I'm going to take little man  
14 for some ice cream. I'm going to leave on the  
15 meeting. So, I'm sorry if I walk out the door.

16 MR. RINALDI: No, you're good.  
17 Thank you very much for coming down. We  
18 appreciate it.

19 MS. SHOTWELL: You also have a very  
20 well behaved young man over there.

21 MR. BARRETT: He's my best buddy.

22 MR. RINALDI: Nathan, thank you very  
23 much.

24 MR. BARRETT: Thanks everybody.

25 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

1 MR. RINALDI: Debbie O'Neill. How  
2 are you, Debbie? Good evening.

3 MS. O'NEILL: Good. How are you,  
4 Russell?

5 MR. RINALDI: Good. Thank you.  
6 What could we help you with?

7 MS. O'NEILL: I'm a resident of  
8 Drakes Lane, or Drakes Lake, as we like to call  
9 it. I've addressed Council before in the past  
10 20 years about the flooding problem there. I'm  
11 sure you're all aware of it.

12 I said I think it was fate that I  
13 met Mr. Barrett tonight because he's -- I came  
14 here, I forgot them, I left them at home, I had  
15 a whole stack of the newspaper articles about  
16 grants that all these other municipalities were  
17 applying for to address their flooding  
18 situation. I forgot them.

19 I would hope that you would  
20 consider that and that one of your priorities  
21 would be Drakes Lane. We had this enormous  
22 torrential downpour on Friday, we had a car  
23 towed out of there. I'm sure you're aware of  
24 that. Yeah.

25 I think people are of the opinion

1           that, Oh, the street fills up and then it  
2           drains, but there's so much more to that.

3                     My neighbor had his blacktop peeled  
4           from his driveway during the storm. We had to  
5           go out in the midst of the storm, take  
6           everything off of our patio, brand new summer  
7           furniture, grills, tables, etc., throw them out  
8           of the storm, pull our cars all the way up as  
9           far as we could, and it still missed seeping  
10          into my husband's truck by this much. Now,  
11          trucks are pretty high off the ground.

12                    When this happens, we have tractor  
13          trailers driving through creating tidal waves.  
14          The frontage of my house is a good 50 feet from  
15          the road, this rain, when this happens, comes  
16          up to eight feet of my front porch.

17                    So now, you know, you get this --  
18          it's not just the street draining, this is  
19          taking a toll on us. We're not getting any  
20          younger. This problem is not going away. The  
21          cost is getting higher.

22                    I just come here every so many  
23          years, my husband doesn't even come with me  
24          anymore. He's like, They don't care. They're  
25          not going to do anything. I tell him, They do

1 care. They're good people. We need to have  
2 this addressed. This has been going on for  
3 decades now.

4 I would hope that if you do decide  
5 to hire this gentleman you would make this a  
6 priority. I know you've done two engineering  
7 studies already, like, back in 2004 Harold said  
8 it would cost \$250,000 to run a pipe from  
9 Moosic Road over to Drakes Lane. Then I was  
10 talking to my neighbors, they said now it's up  
11 to a million dollars you're talking about  
12 running a pipe into the river.

13 So, now I'm not sure what the last  
14 engineering study showed or how much you were  
15 quoted, but, again, like I said, the cost is  
16 going up and this has been going on for  
17 decades, and people are just, we're just so  
18 frustrated and angry over there about all the  
19 inaction. I mean, we're paying taxes here and  
20 nothing is being done to help us.

21 So, anything that you could do I  
22 would really appreciate it.

23 MR. RINALDI: Quick question before  
24 you end, do we have a current study on it, Joe,  
25 that you know about? I know our engineer isn't

1 here this evening, but are you aware of any  
2 current study on it?

3 MR. LENCESKI: Not since I've been  
4 street commissioner.

5 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

6 MR. LENCESKI: I believe when we were  
7 on Council we had something on it.

8 MR. RINALDI: I know we did --  
9 that's what I was going to say was because our  
10 engineer is not here this evening, he's on  
11 family vacation, but I would like to look at  
12 that and see what the current one is right now.

13 MS. O'NEILL: Yeah. I mean, DPW  
14 comes over and they clean it. Sometimes they  
15 clean the drains. I go out a lot and I clean  
16 it myself and --

17 MR. RINALDI: If you ever need the  
18 drain cleaned prior to that, you call up here  
19 at the borough building.

20 MS. O'NEILL: Right. But, no, I  
21 hate that, though, because a lot of the  
22 times --

23 MR. RINALDI: No. Just call, Deb,  
24 call right up --

25 MS. O'NEILL: It happens on a Sunday

1 night, the guys are off the clock. You know,  
2 they are nice enough to come over.

3 MR. RINALDI: Listen, Joe would come  
4 out in the storm, he'd get the guys to come  
5 out. I mean, that's our job.

6 MS. O'NEILL: I appreciate it.

7 MR. RINALDI: We would do it.

8 MS. O'NEILL: I really do.

9 MR. RINALDI: You just call here and  
10 let us know.

11 MS. O'NEILL: But, again, that's  
12 being reactive, and by then it's too late. The  
13 street is full, the cars are stalled, you know?

14 You used to come over and put horses  
15 out so nobody would drive through. They don't  
16 even do that anymore. I mean, we just feel  
17 like we're on our own over there.

18 MR. RINALDI: Well, you're not on  
19 your own. I know it sounds that way, but it is  
20 the truth, you're not on your own.

21 And I don't want to say this, you  
22 said this right in the beginning when you  
23 started speaking, and it is the truth, the rain  
24 did come down that day so fast that every  
25 place, and I drove around to every place, every

1 member of Council, we were in a big group text,  
2 we were talking amongst each other for at least  
3 an hour that night, correct? And we were  
4 getting a lot of the areas in town that were  
5 impacted by it.

6 And it's always the same four or  
7 five areas, when it comes down that fast, it  
8 just -- it's unfortunate, and I don't want to  
9 make it sound that way, like, well, yeah,  
10 because it just comes down fast and that's what  
11 you tell us, then it drains, but that evening,  
12 again, it did, it did come down so quick.

13 And I was driving around, I'm sure  
14 other members were too. I drove around to some  
15 of the spots.

16 And I live down that way, so I had  
17 to come up that way, and I went through where  
18 you're talking about, extremely slow because I  
19 didn't want to do any damage to my car or  
20 anybody on the side of the road, and,  
21 obviously, you said when you go through you  
22 make waves, so I made sure to go through. Does  
23 everyone do that?

24 MS. O'NEILL: No.

25 MR. RINALDI: I'm sure they don't.

1 MS. O'NEILL: And one of these days  
2 it's not gonna stop raining. You know, the  
3 storms are getting worse.

4 MR. RINALDI: Right. So, I mean --

5 MS. O'NEILL: And it's just not --  
6 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

7 MS. O'NEILL: You're gonna be taking  
8 me out in a boat.

9 MR. RINALDI: No. And I'm not  
10 saying we should just wait until it rains real  
11 fast --

12 MS. O'NEILL: Yeah.

13 MR. RINALDI: -- fills up and  
14 drains. That's why I said, you know, let us  
15 take a look at the current study. I'm not 100  
16 percent positive what it is. And we could get  
17 it off our engineer, we could look at it and  
18 then --

19 MS. O'NEILL: I would love to know,  
20 yeah, like, what -- something has got to be  
21 done. We have a six-inch pipe in there.

22 MR. RINALDI: If we have the current  
23 study done, if the engineer has a copy of it,  
24 we could have it by next week.

25 MS. O'NEILL: Well, how many studies

1 do you have to do, Russ? You did two already,  
2 I mean --

3 MR. RINALDI: I'm just not sure what  
4 the current one says, that's all I'm saying.

5 MS. O'NEILL: Okay.

6 MR. RINALDI: Like, I wouldn't be  
7 able to give you a definitive answer tonight is  
8 what I'm trying to say, because I don't know  
9 what the current one is.

10 MS. O'NEILL: All right.

11 MR. RINALDI: You know?

12 MS. O'NEILL: All right. Well,  
13 I'll --

14 MR. RINALDI: But if the current one  
15 is done, and I'm sure it is, or we have one  
16 that was done a few years back, then we could  
17 at least go off of that and see what the  
18 potential plan is.

19 MS. O'NEILL: All right. Well,  
20 thank you.

21 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Have  
22 a good evening. Thanks, Debbie.

23 MS. O'NEILL: Okay.

24 MR. RINALDI: Robert Zukauskas. how  
25 are you, Robert? Good evening.

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: What is this notice  
2 here for something? Well, anyway, I just  
3 wanted to congratulate the girls softball team  
4 for making it to the quarter finals. That's  
5 quite an accomplishment. Joe, did you have any  
6 involvement in that? I know you're involved in  
7 the girls --

8 MR. LENCESKI: My daughter was the  
9 shortstop.

10 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Shortstop.

11 MR. NOTARI: Semi-finals.

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: That's really good.  
13 I'm just wondering is there an update on this  
14 Emlaw thing, this with the fines, Ron Emlaw,  
15 the fence guy? I'd like to know if there's an  
16 update on that court case.

17 MR. RINALDI: Bill, do you have an  
18 update for Mr. Zukauskas?

19 ATTY. RINALDI: The case is still  
20 pending and there's some fines sitting down at  
21 the magistrate, and further action will be  
22 taken -- was taken. I'll hear from the Court  
23 tomorrow.

24 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. You know, the  
25 reason I don't get involved with law very

1 often, the only problem I have with law  
2 enforcement, they took me off the bus in front  
3 of my house one time. I don't drive anymore,  
4 so no parking tickets.

5 So, I don't understand what's going  
6 on with it. The magistrate fined this guy,  
7 say, \$1,000 a week or something, so he's --  
8 it's pending or it continues, why isn't he  
9 paying it?

10 What happens is \$1,000 a week, say,  
11 okay, it's a continuance, or if there's finally  
12 a judgment, what happens to this guy? Like, he  
13 ordered \$1,000 a week, and what's it been going  
14 on for four or five weeks now? The fine is  
15 probably about \$10,000.

16 So, now what do you think -- so,  
17 what happens if this guy -- if this thing is  
18 finally settled? Who's gonna pay that \$10,000?  
19 And who gets that money? Like, who enforces  
20 this? Like, okay --

21 MR. RINALDI: Who enforces the fine?

22 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah. Like, okay --

23 MR. RINALDI: The court.

24 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, okay. Who  
25 goes -- say I'm Ron Emlaw, say I'm this guy,

1           who's gonna come and say -- who's gonna come to  
2           my house and demand that fine?

3                   MR. RINALDI: Well, the judge would  
4           make a decision.

5                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay.

6                   MR. RINALDI: But we have to wait  
7           until the court date for the judge to make a  
8           decision.

9                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: But didn't the judge  
10          make that decision? Didn't he decide, what was  
11          it, \$1,000 a week? Didn't he decide that? I  
12          mean, I just don't understand what's going on  
13          here.

14                   MR. RINALDI: Did the judge -- no,  
15          the judge didn't decide yet.

16                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, what is this  
17          thousand -- where does this figure -- like, for  
18          example, I dealt with this junk monkey down  
19          here, and Judge Seig, \$100 fine plus court  
20          costs.

21                   So, he ended up paying less than  
22          \$200 for his junk on Main Street now. So, who  
23          collected -- the court collected that money,  
24          and who got that \$100? Where did that -- did  
25          the Borough get that \$200?

1 MR. RINALDI: Bill, where did the  
2 money go?

3 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Where did the money  
4 go?

5 ATTY. RINALDI: He would pay it at  
6 the magistrate. The magistrate would give a  
7 check to the Borough.

8 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, so the Borough  
9 would get that? So you would get that -- so,  
10 you got say -- 194.25, so you got that money  
11 from the junk monkey, and you're -- so the  
12 Borough got that money, right? So, okay.

13 So, when this thing is all -- say  
14 it's thousands of dollars with this fence guy,  
15 so you're gonna get that \$10,000? That's your  
16 money now?

17 MR. NOTARI: Not necessarily.

18 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, what --

19 MR. NOTARI: It depends on what the  
20 judge decides.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, he -- doesn't  
22 he decide --

23 MR. NOTARI: I mean, we've talked  
24 about this ad nauseam. You have asked us and  
25 we have given you answers.

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: No. I --

2 MR. NOTARI: Just like the example  
3 of the Stoki case where the fine was over  
4 \$500,000. The judge said, Let's fine him  
5 20,000.

6 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay.

7 MR. NOTARI: Again, it's up to the  
8 courts. We have no decision --

9 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, okay.

10 MR. NOTARI: -- in making how much  
11 is fined --

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I understand that.

13 MR. NOTARI: -- if the fine's  
14 collected. That's not our department.

15 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Who got that money?  
16 Where does that money get deposited from Stoki?  
17 Did the Borough --

18 MR. NOTARI: I believe we haven't  
19 gotten it, correct?

20 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: You didn't get that  
21 yet?

22 ATTY. RINALDI: No, we got that.

23 MR. NOTARI: Oh, we did get that?  
24 Okay.

25 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Not the entire  
2 amount.

3 MR. NOTARI: No. We got what the  
4 judge says, the 20,000.

5 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. We got what the  
6 judge decided.

7 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. So, with this  
8 thing is going to now, so there's a continuance  
9 on this right now, so we're waiting for the  
10 next stage on this, is that where this thing is  
11 going right now? Is that where we're on this,  
12 like, continuance with this, with the fines and  
13 all?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: No. He appealed it.

15 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: He appealed it?

16 MR. RINALDI: He appealed it.

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, okay. So, the  
18 continuances is up. Okay. He appealed it now.

19 ATTY. RINALDI: He gets a new  
20 hearing in front of a county judge.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. So, that's  
22 what we're waiting for now.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: We're waiting for  
24 that new hearing.

25 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. So, at the

1 new hearing, that's when the judge will decide,  
2 Okay, guy, you're gonna pay \$10,000 to Old  
3 Forge, or he's gonna dismiss it, and he's gonna  
4 say, Okay, you're right now, you're okay now,  
5 so you don't owe anything now? That's what  
6 this next step is? Is that it?

7 ATTY. RINALDI: It's a totally new  
8 hearing on the same issue.

9 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay.

10 ATTY. RINALDI: And the judge makes  
11 a decision.

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, okay. I mean,  
13 it just seems like it's going on for so long  
14 now. This guy is just getting -- you know  
15 what, if somebody fined me \$1,000 a week, you  
16 know, I'd be kind of worried about that.

17 You know, it's \$100,000 and it just  
18 seems, Okay, we'll just see. We're waiting for  
19 the next hearing now. It just seems crazy now.  
20 Anyway, I don't want to get -- that's all I had  
21 to say about that.

22 I just want to bring one more thing  
23 about this bring back the bench on the bus stop  
24 thing. I brought my friend here, he's your  
25 neighbor here now, so he waits for the bus a

1           lot, and he has to bring his own walker now,  
2           and so I'm wondering at one time you had the  
3           bench there now, so if we could just bring it  
4           back here. Where's that thing?

5                     You know, you should bring back his  
6           bench there. So, we're just gonna -- if you  
7           just -- a pad there now, so --

8                     MR. NOTARI: Is he sitting?

9                     MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah. He went and  
10          had his own thing here now. So, this is what  
11          I, Mr. Rinaldi, just something like this.  
12          Something like this, I think like this, you  
13          know?

14                    CHIEF DUBERNAS: He doesn't sit and  
15          wait for the bus. He sits there and smokes  
16          cigarettes. He picks up cigarettes off the  
17          ground and urinates there. So, he does not sit  
18          there waiting for the bus, Mr. Zukauskas.

19                    I'm done hearing about you and the  
20          bus stop. This man does not sit there and wait  
21          for the bus. He sits there, smokes cigarettes  
22          and urinates on the side of the building,  
23          because we told Serenity Care multiple times  
24          about him.

25                    So, don't try to stick up for the

1           guy and say he's waiting for a bus. He is not  
2           waiting for a bus.

3                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Is he recognized  
4           by -- is this how the meeting is -- I thought I  
5           had the floor. Does he have the floor now?

6                   MR. NOTARI: You should be at the  
7           podium.

8                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I'll be at  
9           the podium now. The reason why I'm here is  
10          does he have something to say about this?

11                   (Inaudible crosstalk.)

12                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Is he addressing me?  
13          Is he addressing me?

14                   MR. RINALDI: Mr. Zukauskas, is the  
15          Chief --

16                   (Inaudible crosstalk.)

17                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. Go ahead.

18                   MR. RINALDI: You asked me a  
19          question.

20                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes.

21                   MR. RINALDI: If the chief of police  
22          has information pertaining to a situation that  
23          you're talking about, well, sure, he could give  
24          you that information. You don't want to give  
25          the information?

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, he sounds like  
2 he's reprimanding me here.

3 CHIEF DUBERNAS: You're trying to  
4 stick up for a guys that's doing nothing what  
5 you're --

6 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

7 MR. RINALDI: Mr. Zukauskas, he was  
8 informing you. He wasn't reprimanding you.

9 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: He doesn't sound  
10 like he's informing me.

11 MR. RINALDI: Well, he was giving  
12 you information on the situation you were  
13 talking about.

14 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay.

15 MR. NOTARI: Mr. Zukauskas --

16 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

17 MR. NOTARI: -- we have told you  
18 numerous times, there will not be a bench  
19 placed there. Stop coming and asking for a  
20 bench.

21 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Is that the way this  
22 is gonna work out?

23 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes. That's the  
24 way it's gonna work out. Sit down already.

25 MR. NOTARI: Do you want us to vote

1 on it?

2 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: People are telling  
3 me to sit down, is this the way this meeting  
4 works? Like, this is ridiculous.

5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: But it's kind of  
6 ridiculous that you come here every freaking  
7 meeting with the same --

8 MR. RINALDI: Gentlemen. Gentlemen.  
9 Gentlemen. Mr. Zukauskas, if you guys want to  
10 talk about it outside, you could. Not in here.

11 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Thank you.

12 MR. RINALDI: Do you have anything  
13 you'd like to address us with?

14 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I want to get a  
15 bench returned there for, you know, like, old  
16 people. You're doing this for the senior  
17 citizens there. You're making a senior, you  
18 know, don't you have any compassion for a  
19 person waiting for -- you know, it takes all  
20 year waiting, it's very tiring sitting there,  
21 standing there waiting for a bus.

22 MR. RINALDI: And is there benches  
23 at other bus stops in Old Forge?

24 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes. There's one  
25 right in front of Dunkin Donuts.

1 MR. RINALDI: Dunkin Donuts, that's  
2 Dunkin Donuts' property, though. They own  
3 that. Dunkin Donuts owns that bench, not the  
4 Borough.

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, I would like  
6 you to the consider bringing this back,  
7 Mr. Rinaldi, please. I mean, here's another  
8 one blue and gold. That's Duryea. You could  
9 even Duryea colors and all.

10 And I think it's kind of unfortunate  
11 here where I'm trying to make it a point here  
12 and people from the audience are addressing me  
13 or making comments. Now, I don't feel that is  
14 a right way to --

15 MR. RINALDI: Well, Mr. Zukauskas,  
16 you could --

17 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

18 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Excuse me,  
19 Mr. Rinaldi --

20 MR. RINALDI: You could address them  
21 yourself outside.

22 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes.

23 MR. RINALDI: I addressed them.

24 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Thank you.

25 MR. RINALDI: I said you're at the

1 podium.

2 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Thank you.

3 MR. RINALDI: You're speaking. And  
4 if you guys want to talk amongst yourselves  
5 outside --

6 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: No.

7 MR. RINALDI: -- that's fine.

8 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

9 MR. RINALDI: In here, though, I  
10 addressed it.

11 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I had business  
12 between me and you and this Council. I have no  
13 business with anybody else here. That's all.

14 MR. RINALDI: And I addressed it,  
15 and the gentleman politely stopped speaking and  
16 you started again. So, we addressed it.

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: That's all I have.  
18 Thank you.

19 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.  
20 Anyone else from the public before we move into  
21 new business? Karen, come on up. Just state  
22 your name for the stenographer.

23 MS. PIEKARSKI: Karen Piekarski.  
24 Russ, Jimmy and Jason were down the yard, it  
25 was inundated. If you want next meeting, I'll

1 print out the pictures.

2 MR. RINALDI: You don't --

3 MR. NOTARI: No. He sent them.

4 MR. RINALDI: Jimmy and the Chief,  
5 both of them sent them that day to us.

6 MS. PIEKARSKI: I really don't care  
7 about his highway permits or any of that stuff,  
8 I want the water taken care of.

9 MR. HOOVER: Karen, Billy has an  
10 update.

11 ATTY. RINALDI: So, I took action.  
12 Call me tomorrow.

13 MS. PIEKARSKI: Okay. And your  
14 number?

15 ATTY. RINALDI: Just call Marylynn,  
16 she'll --

17 MS. PIEKARSKI: Marylynn?

18 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah.

19 MS. PIEKARSKI: All right. Thank  
20 you.

21 ATTY. RINALDI: We'll know tomorrow.

22 MS. PIEKARSKI: All right. Because  
23 the yard, you know Jimmy, it smelled.

24 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. We saw it,  
25 Karen.

1 MS. PIEKARSKI: It was totally  
2 ridiculous.

3 MR. RINALDI: Jimmy and the Chief  
4 sent it right out.

5 MR. HOOVER: The Chief sent the  
6 video to Billy. Billy saw it. I sent  
7 everybody the pictures.

8 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

9 ATTY. RINALDI: Monday and today,  
10 and I'll know tomorrow.

11 MS. PIEKARSKI: Thank you.

12 MR. HOOVER: But let me ask you a  
13 question.

14 MS. PIEKARSKI: Go ahead.

15 MR. HOOVER: When that water comes  
16 down Moosic Road, Karen --

17 MS. PIEKARSKI: Yeah.

18 MR. HOOVER: -- who put that lip,  
19 that asphalt lip there?

20 MS. PIEKARSKI: The state did,  
21 because then it was coming in our basement.

22 MR. HOOVER: Okay.

23 MR. RINALDI: Could I ask you a  
24 question?

25 MR. HOOVER: You get it either way.

1 MS. PIEKARSKI: So, it's either  
2 coming in your basement, and the state did that  
3 to go into that drainage area.

4 MR. RINALDI: Did the state put it  
5 in when they redid all the sidewalks?

6 MS. PIEKARSKI: Yeah. It was  
7 August.

8 MR. RINALDI: Oh, they put it in  
9 recently?

10 MS. PIEKARSKI: Maybe three years  
11 ago we stopped getting water in the yard.

12 MR. RINALDI: Is that when they were  
13 doing all the sidewalks around --

14 MS. PIEKARSKI: When they black  
15 topped the road.

16 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. When the gas  
17 company put in all the gas.

18 MS. PIEKARSKI: Yeah. Correct.  
19 Correct.

20 MR. HOOVER: So, that water was in  
21 that --

22 MS. PIEKARSKI: He did it.

23 MR. HOOVER: It was in that trench,  
24 it was back in that little swale area behind  
25 your house?

1 MS. PIEKARSKI: Yes. Because at  
2 first Jason's, I think I found your problem.  
3 No. He did that because anyone that knows, I  
4 remember, Rick, when you said, It's a river.  
5 It was all -- our whole yard and then it'd come  
6 in the basement.

7 MR. HOOVER: Jump over the curb.  
8 Okay.

9 MS. PIEKARSKI: So, August, I  
10 probably have his name. They call him Gus. I  
11 have to look it up. I have it somewhere.

12 MR. HOOVER: That's okay.

13 MS. PIEKARSKI: But he's with the  
14 state and he said -- he had a hose running  
15 making sure it went into that drainage so it  
16 won't come in the yard, and it doesn't, but now  
17 that that ditch is all filled in when he had  
18 that backhoe or whatever vehicle, it's all  
19 filled in, and you saw, Jimmy, it's a river  
20 going down the walls, you know, that wall.

21 And you know the smell. So, we're  
22 trying to rake in 95 degree weather. We're  
23 doing sections. But the whole -- you saw it.

24 MR. HOOVER: I saw it, yeah.

25 MS. PIEKARSKI: And you did. But,

1           yeah, if that swale wasn't there, it would be  
2           in the yard.

3                       MR. HOOVER: Hopefully we'll have  
4           some good news tomorrow.

5                       MS. PIEKARSKI: And the house.  
6           Thank you.

7                       MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.  
8           Thanks, Karen. Anyone else from the public  
9           before we move in to new business?

10                      MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes, Mr. Rinaldi, I  
11           just want one more thing. More than once you  
12           people are saying, I mentioned this more than  
13           once bringing a topic on, and you've heard  
14           about this, you're not gonna do anything, you  
15           don't want to hear it again. I don't think  
16           that's proper.

17                      You know, okay, you're not gonna do  
18           it again, but is there a limit? You could just  
19           mention this once, we're not gonna do it, so  
20           shut up, we don't want to hear it anymore.

21                      Is that the way we're gonna run  
22           this? I can't mention this anymore because you  
23           mentioned --

24                      MR. RINALDI: Mr. Zukauskas, you  
25           could come to the podium whenever you want and

1           mention anything to me.

2                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Thank you.

3                   MR. RINALDI: I'll give you my  
4 answer. If any member of Council at this table  
5 wants to give you an answer, I can't control  
6 what comes out of their mouth. I can only  
7 control what comes out of mine.

8                   You could address me with anything  
9 you want, and you could address them, too. And  
10 if you want to hear an answer from them, ask  
11 them. If you want to hear an answer from me,  
12 ask me, I'll be glad to give it to you.

13                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: So, if I come up  
14 next week and I want to talk about the bus stop  
15 and somebody -- you're not gonna -- or  
16 somebody's not gonna say, Shut up and sit down?  
17 We don't --

18                   MR. RINALDI: I do not know if  
19 anyone's going to tell you to shut up.

20                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Is that gonna be  
21 allowed?

22                   MR. RINALDI: I won't tell you to  
23 shut up. I don't know what anyone else is  
24 gonna tell you.

25                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, I've heard

1           them.

2                       MR. RINALDI: Well, Mr. Zukauskas,  
3           you're asking me to predict the future of  
4           somebody else. I can't.

5                       MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. No. I just  
6           think there should be a little bit more order  
7           here the way the meeting is run. That's just  
8           my opinion. Thank you.

9                       MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

10                      MR. NOTARI: Mr. Zukauskas.

11                      MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes, sir?

12                      MR. NOTARI: You ask the same  
13           question every month and we --

14                      MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah and --

15                      (Inaudible crosstalk.)

16                      MR. NOTARI: Can I finish now?

17                      MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes.

18                      MR. NOTARI: I let you speak. Can I  
19           speak?

20                      MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes, you can.

21                      MR. NOTARI: You ask the same  
22           question every month, we give you the same  
23           answer every month. Why would you keep  
24           answering the same question?

25                      Also, you want to talk about a

1 professional way to run a meeting, you're lucky  
2 Mr. Rinaldi is so open to allowing the way  
3 people speak. Not just you, everybody. You go  
4 to other meetings around the county and you  
5 have two minutes.

6 MS. SHOTWELL: Two minutes.

7 MR. NOTARI: About borough business,  
8 not about anything else.

9 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I understand that.

10 MR. NOTARI: And about borough  
11 business that concerns you, not your neighbor  
12 or not somebody else.

13 So, you should feel very fortunate  
14 that Mr. Rinaldi is so welcoming to you to come  
15 to the podium and ask every month the same  
16 question when you know you're going to get the  
17 same answer.

18 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Can I say something  
19 else?

20 MR. NOTARI: That's up to  
21 Mr. Rinaldi.

22 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

23 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: One last thing.  
24 With this junk monkey I did the same, came  
25 every twice a month now, and that's the only

1 way things got done, is you keep pounding away.  
2 If you just mention it one time and all, they  
3 say, Okay, we're gonna wait a week, a year  
4 or -- it's you just keep pounding away and just  
5 keep mentioning it and maybe it'll sink in.  
6 That's the only thing.

7 MS. SHOTWELL: Mr. Zukauskas. If I  
8 may?

9 MR. RINALDI: Yes.

10 MS. SHOTWELL: And we've never  
11 spoken before.

12 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes.

13 MS. SHOTWELL: But I think you're  
14 talking about two different things here.  
15 You're talking about something that requires a  
16 process and steps to be taken --

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes.

18 MS. SHOTWELL: -- like the poor  
19 Piekarskis that come here every month, and God  
20 bless them, and you had an issue with a  
21 neighbor, but you're talking about a bench that  
22 nobody up here wants. If we wanted the bench,  
23 it would be there. We do not want the bench  
24 there. We have given you our answer.

25 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Right.

1 MS. SHOTWELL: We're not talking  
2 about a process. We're talking about we made a  
3 decision.

4 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Right.

5 MS. SHOTWELL: I understand you  
6 don't like it --

7 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Right.

8 MS. SHOTWELL: -- but we don't want  
9 a bench there.

10 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Right. Can I just  
11 say one last thing?

12 MS. SHOTWELL: Certainly.

13 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: You don't want a  
14 bench, but just consider it, though, the bench  
15 for a senior citizen, me and other people  
16 sitting down and waiting for it. But that's  
17 all.

18 Just consider you have senior  
19 citizens in line where you're talking about the  
20 senior center or St. Lawrence Church and all  
21 that, great. Now, that's fine now. I wish the  
22 best of you for that.

23 All we want is a bench there. You  
24 know, you're not asking for a billion dollars.  
25 That benefits the seniors, too. That's all.

1                   MAYOR LEGG: Mr. Notari just gave  
2                   you an answer, Mr. Zukauskas --

3                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes. I know. I  
4                   know.

5                   MAYOR LEGG: -- and you won't accept  
6                   it.

7                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I know.

8                   MAYOR LEGG: My Lord. There's not  
9                   going to be a bench there.

10                  MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I understand.

11                  MAYOR LEGG: And for you to not like  
12                  the way the meetings are run, I think  
13                  Mr. Rinaldi runs a great meeting.

14                  MR. ZUKAUSKAS: He does. I agree.

15                  MAYOR LEGG: Okay. So, for you to  
16                  say otherwise, now you're out in outer space  
17                  someplace.

18                  MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I apologize  
19                  here. I apologize.

20                  MAYOR LEGG: No, no, apologize to  
21                  him.

22                  MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I apologize.

23                  MR. RINALDI: Thank you.

24                  MAYOR LEGG: My God, give it a rest.

25                  MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay.

1                   MAYOR LEGG: Two years, the same  
2                   thing over and over and over and we give you  
3                   the same answer and then next month you ask the  
4                   same question.

5                   MR. ZUKAUSKAS: It hasn't been two  
6                   years.

7                   MAYOR LEGG: Oh, more than that.  
8                   More than that. I got the scars to prove it.  
9                   I'm sorry, Mr. Rinaldi.

10                  MR. RINALDI: No, you're okay.  
11                  We're going to move into new business. First  
12                  item under new business there's going to be a  
13                  motion to approve payment application number  
14                  two to Linde Corporation. The amount is  
15                  \$10,235.00.

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

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

19                  MR. BUTLER: Second.

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

22                  MR. NOTARI: On the question, this  
23                  is for which project?

24                  MR. HOOVER: The Josephine Street  
25                  project.

1 MR. NOTARI: Josephine?

2 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

3 MR. NOTARI: Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. HOOVER: There was one change  
5 order there for 21 hundred -- or \$1,400 because  
6 of the sewer pipe they did.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Correct.

8 MR. HOOVER: Otherwise, it went  
9 pretty well, and she hasn't been back, so  
10 that's a good sign.

11 MR. RINALDI: Okay. On the  
12 question?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
18 Shotwell?

19 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
21 Komensky?

22 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

24 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

1 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

3 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

5 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Second item is  
6 going to be a memorandum of understanding  
7 between the City of Scranton and the Old Forge  
8 Borough. Bill, could you just give us the  
9 information on that, please?

10 ATTY. RINALDI: So, it's a  
11 memorandum of understanding with the City of  
12 Scranton and other municipalities that sign on  
13 to consider and explore a cooperative way to  
14 address storm water planning and management  
15 with the City, Old Forge Borough, and there's  
16 some other areas, Taylor, Dunmore. I'm not  
17 sure all that have signed on.

18 So, you're just -- it's explore and  
19 cooperate, that's it. No other commitments.

20 MR. RINALDI: The Chair would  
21 entertain a motion at this time to approve the  
22 memorandum.

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

25 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by

1 Councilwoman Jones-Shotwell.

2 MR. BUTLER: Second.

3 MR. RINALDI: Second by Councilman  
4 Butler. On the question?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
10 Shotwell?

11 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
13 Komensky?

14 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

16 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

18 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

20 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

22 MR. RINALDI: Yes. Third item is a  
23 motion to approve the quotation for the  
24 American Asphalt Company for Edgewood Drive.

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

1 MR. RINALDI: The amount?

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: I just wanted to  
3 give you the update. We had three quotations,  
4 13,250 is American Asphalt, and then we also  
5 had a quotation of \$15,050 and \$16,375 from,  
6 let me just get the names for you so it's on  
7 record. Stafursky is 16,375, and then -- well,  
8 you have the amounts.

9 American Asphalt is the low bidder.  
10 And then I'll just give you the other name at  
11 another time.

12 MR. RINALDI: Okay. So, motion's  
13 going to be to award American Asphalt the  
14 Edgewood Drive quotation for the amount of  
15 \$13,250.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Correct.

17 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion,  
18 Mr. Chairman.

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

21 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

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

24 MR. NOTARI: On the question.

25 Marylynn, could we please ask Dave to notify

1 the residents when the project is going to  
2 happen, because it's going to block their  
3 driveway?

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yep.

5 MR. NOTARI: So, let's not have a  
6 repeat of Josephine Street, please. Thank you.

7 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. On  
8 the question?

9 MAYOR LEGG: That's thinking ahead.

10 MR. RINALDI: That was good  
11 thinking. Public input?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
15 Shotwell?

16 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

18 Komensky?

19 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

21 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

23 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

25 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

2 MR. RINALDI: Yes.

3 ATTY. RINALDI: Just a motion to  
4 approve our comment letter to DEP for the  
5 alliance complication.

6 MR. RINALDI: Add it or just --

7 ATTY. RINALDI: Just approve it.

8 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Fourth item is  
9 gonna be a motion to approve the comment  
10 letter -- to waste management?

11 ATTY. RINALDI: Yep.

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

14 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by  
15 Councilwoman Jones-Shotwell.

16 MR. HOOVER: I'll second it.

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

19 (No response.)

20 MR. RINALDI: Public input?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

24 Shotwell?

25 MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
2 Komensky?

3 MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

5 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

7 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

9 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

11 MR. RINALDI: Yes. No more items

12 under new business. We'll go down the table,

13 we'll see if anyone has anything before we

14 adjourn. We'll start off, Mayor Legg.

15 MAYOR LEGG: Thank you,

16 Mr. Chairman.

17 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

18 MAYOR LEGG: I think you run a great  
19 meeting.

20 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. I

21 appreciate that.

22 MAYOR LEGG: That's all I have.

23 MR. RINALDI: Thank you.

24 Councilwoman Jones-Shotwell?

25 MS. SHOTWELL: I don't have anything

1           tonight. Thank you.

2                   MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

3           Councilman Komensky?

4                   MR. KOMENSKY: So, I would like to  
5           first of all thank Joe and the police  
6           department and the fire department for Friday  
7           and everybody that spent time, even the Borough  
8           staff here, trying to get the building taken  
9           care of and the roads.

10                   I know everybody was on text, it  
11           worked out pretty good. So, I just want to say  
12           thank you.

13                   And I'd also like to bring up the  
14           comment again that we have the discussion about  
15           the two-minute timer at the meetings.

16                   MR. HOOVER: I'll buy a new one.

17                   MR. KOMENSKY: In light of tonight's  
18           meeting.

19                   MR. RINALDI: Jimmy did try to turn  
20           it on.

21                   MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

22                   MR. RINALDI: And it was --

23                   MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

24                   MR. HOOVER: It rang one bell.

25                   MR. KOMENSKY: If we could have that

1 discussion, I'd appreciate it. That's all I  
2 have.

3 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.  
4 Councilman Notari?

5 MR. NOTARI: I would just like to  
6 congratulate Coach Pat Revello and his softball  
7 team on another tremendous year bringing pride  
8 once again to our Borough. What a run.

9 Joe, you were part of it with your  
10 daughter. I couldn't be more happy for the  
11 girls and proud of them for what they  
12 accomplished this year, and looking forward to  
13 next year.

14 MR. HOOVER: I think we should ask  
15 them if they want to be part of the parade.

16 MS. SHOTWELL: Absolutely.

17 MAYOR LEGG: Absolutely.

18 MS. SHOTWELL: A hundred percent.

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

20 MS. SHOTWELL: Get a banner.

21 MR. HOOVER: Get a banner for them.

22 MR. NOTARI: Yeah. That's a good  
23 idea.

24 MR. HOOVER: Put the banner at Pat's  
25 restaurant.

1 MS. SHOTWELL: Great idea. We need  
2 to get that on the books, too.

3 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Butler?

4 MR. BUTLER: I don't have anything.  
5 Thank you.

6 MR. KOMENSKY: So, I just said to  
7 Ricky, why don't we ask them to come to the  
8 next meeting, call Pat and ask them to come so  
9 we could recognize them.

10 MAYOR LEGG: That's a good idea.

11 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. That's a great  
12 idea.

13 MAYOR LEGG: Very good idea.

14 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay?

15 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Thank you.

17 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

18 MR. KOMENSKY: Sorry.

19 MR. RINALDI: No. No problem. No,  
20 no, that's a good idea. Councilman Butler?

21 MR. BUTLER: I'm good. Thank you.

22 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

23 Councilman Hoover?

24 MR. HOOVER: I'm good.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Russ, just one

1 thing. So I just wanted to be on record that  
2 the other bid was Pennsy Supply.

3 MR. RINALDI: Pennsy Supply.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay? So, it's  
5 part of the minutes. And I just had one other  
6 thing to ask about if it's possible to move the  
7 July meeting from the 16th to the 23rd?

8 MR. KOMENSKY: July?

9 ATTY. RINALDI: I can't make the  
10 16th one.

11 MR. RINALDI: I'm good with it if  
12 everyone else is okay with it.

13 MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Good?

15 MR. RINALDI: Good.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay.

17 MR. RINALDI: Bill, before we  
18 adjourn, we need to make a motion to move the  
19 meeting?

20 ATTY. RINALDI: Sure.

21 MR. RINALDI: Okay. At this time  
22 the Chair will entertain a motion to move our  
23 July meeting -- or you want to move the regular  
24 meeting, correct?

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: The regular meeting

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first.

MR. RINALDI: The regular meeting from July 16, 2024 to July 23, 2024.

MR. KOMENSKY: I'll make that motion.

MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by Councilman Komensky.

MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

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

(No response.)

MR. RINALDI: Public input?

(No response.)

MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman Shotwell?

MS. SHOTWELL: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Komensky?

MR. KOMENSKY: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

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MR. HOOVER: Yeah, I should be able to make it back.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

MR. RINALDI: Yes. I have no items, as well. At this time, the Chair would entertain a motion to adjourn.

MS. SHOTWELL: I'll make that motion.

MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by Councilwoman Jones-Shotwell. All in favor?

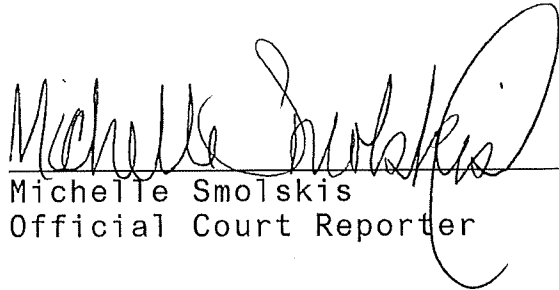
ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

(Meeting adjourned.)

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