

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 21, 2023
7:00 p.m.
310 SOUTH MAIN STREET
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

APPEARANCES:

RUSSELL RINALDI, PRESIDENT
JIM HOOVER
ANDY BUTLER
MICHELE AVVISATO
MIKE LETTIERI
LOU FEBBO
DAVID LOPATKA, BOROUGH ENGINEER
BOB LEGG, MAYOR
BILL STULL, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF
WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR
MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER
JASON DUBERNAS, CHIEF OF POLICE

MOLLIE GILL, RPR
COURT REPORTER

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

5 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
9 Avvisato.

10 MS. AVVISATO: Here.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

12 MR. BUTLER: Here.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

14 MR. FEBBO: Here.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

16 MR HOOVER: Present.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
18 Lettieri.

19 MR. LETTIERI: Present.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

21 MR. NOTARI: Present.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Here.

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

1 Forge Borough. Tonight is Tuesday, March
2 21, 2023. The purpose of our meeting is
3 we'll go through some of our housekeeping
4 motions. We'll hear from our department
5 heads. There's a public sign-in sheet. The
6 chief has it. If anyone from the public
7 would like to address us, we'll give you a
8 few minutes at the end of the meeting.
9 We're going to go down the table. We'll
10 hear from our borough manager, mayor, and
11 our council members.

12 With that said, we're going to go
13 through our first housekeeping motion, and
14 it's going to be a motion to approve the
15 prior minutes.

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

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

20 MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

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

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
25 Avvisato.

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MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Second item is motion to approve treasurer's report. Please note this does not include the sewer account.

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

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

MR. FEBBO: I'll second it.

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

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

2 Avvisato.

3 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

5 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

7 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

9 MR. HOOVER: 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.

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

21 MR. BUTLER: I'll make that motion,
22 Mr. Chairman.

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

25 MS. AVVISATO: I'll second that.

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

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Fourth item is a motion to approve
sewer department financial report.

MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

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

MR. LETTIERI: I'll second it.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
2 Councilman Lettieri. On the question.
3 Public input. Roll call, please.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
5 Avvisato.

6 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

8 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

10 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

12 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
14 Lettieri.

15 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

17 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. Last
20 item under housekeeping is motion to approve
21 sewer department invoices for payment.

22 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion,
23 Mr. Chairman.

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

1 Councilwoman Avvisato. On the question.
2 Public input. Roll call, please.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
4 Avvisato.

5 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

7 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

9 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

11 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
13 Lettieri.

14 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

16 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

19 Before we go into department heads,
20 we have representatives from CDBG Joe
21 Rovinsky. Joe, if you just want to just go
22 up. Welcome, Joe.

23 MR. ROVINSKY: I appreciate it. I'm
24 here on behalf of the Lackawanna County
25 Development of Planning and Development to

1 go over the community development block
2 grant program. I'll go over the program in
3 summary, and if there's any questions, I
4 will take them or forward them to the proper
5 people in our department.

6 The Lackawanna County Department of
7 Planning and Economic Development is the
8 administering agency for the Community
9 Development Block Grant Program in the
10 County. The CDBG Program consists of
11 federal funds from the United States
12 Department of Housing and Urban Development,
13 which are administered by the Pennsylvania
14 Department of Community and Economic
15 Development.

16 There are 11 entitlement
17 communities, which Old Forge Borough is one,
18 and 27 nonentitlement communities in
19 Lackawanna County. In order to be
20 considered as an entitlement community, the
21 community must have a population of 4,000 or
22 more and be listed on the Department of
23 Housing and Urban Development's List of
24 Distressed Communities. Lackawanna County
25 is provided with yearly allocations CDBG

1 funds on behalf of each of the 11
2 entitlement communities.

3 The current funding for 2023 is not
4 available, but right now Old Forge Borough
5 will have over \$280,000. That's not
6 including 2023, which we're told will be
7 available mid-May.

8 Once we have that funding available,
9 I will forward that to the Borough manager.
10 So that will be above \$280,000 significantly
11 funding for CDBG eligible projects. Just to
12 go over some of the objectives of the
13 program, which are federal, is to assist
14 communities and prepare community
15 development plans aside to address
16 significant needs of low and moderate income
17 individuals. To assist communities
18 administration community development
19 activities design to address a number of
20 community development needs identified in
21 community development plan. To encourage
22 this community to focus upon address housing
23 and community facility problems, and to
24 pursue the county development and commercial
25 activities to public private investment

1 issues.

2 There is numerous eligible
3 activities. Some of ones we have worked
4 mostly with in the past include water --
5 storm water improvements, street
6 improvements, parks, recreational
7 facilities, and senior center facilities.

8 There's also numerous ineligible
9 activities based off borough code. They
10 include Buildings or portions thereof, used
11 for the general conduct of government from
12 dill, government expenses, operating and
13 maintenance expenses, political activities,
14 purchase of construction equipment, and
15 purchase of fire protection equipment.

16 As we count in the past before the
17 state, any project that gets screened by our
18 office has to meet one of rhe three federal
19 objectives. They are fairly detailed, but
20 just is to summarize them. Our project must
21 benefit low to moderate income individuals;
22 prevention or elimination address of slums
23 or blight; or address immediate threat to
24 the health and safety of the community.

25 And I believe our office reached our

1 or spoke with your borough manager and the
2 discussions that has -- will take place
3 regarding the improvements to the senior.
4 center as a current project. And again,
5 once we have the complete funding, which was
6 2023, we will forward that to the Council
7 and also the borough manager. And that's
8 all I have.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
10 any questions for Joe?

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: No, we're good. He
12 already knows what our project is.

13 MR. ROVINSKY: I'm sorry. I have a
14 stuffed -- I couldn't hear you.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: You already know
16 what our project is.

17 MR. ROVINSKY: Yes. That will be
18 fine.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: So we're working on
20 that. Our engineer is right there. We're
21 working on processing.

22 MR. ROVINSKY: Myself or Peggy.
23 Valerie will not available. Valerie will be
24 leaving our office. So myself or Peggy.

25 MS. AVVISATO: Thank you.

1 MR. ROVINSKY: Have a good evening.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Have a good
3 evening, Joe. Thank you. With that said,
4 we'll move into our first department head,
5 DPW manager Joe Lenceski.

6 Joe, anything for meeting?

7 MR. LENCESKI: I have nothing for
8 the meeting.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
10 any questions for Joe?

11 Thanks, Joe.

12 MR. LENCESKI: Well, one thing. I
13 just wanted to let you guys know that I did
14 get a quote. It was a text message from
15 Earthworks to do the stormwater catch basin
16 on Cherokee --

17 MR. LOPATKA: Apache.

18 MR. LENCESKI: Apache. Where they
19 intersect. For \$10,000.

20 MS. AVVISATO: Ten?

21 MR. LENCESKI: \$10,000.

22 MR. HOOVER: Can we approve that
23 tonight?

24 MR. LOPATKA: You can. We already
25 had two other quotes. You could approved --

1 I mean, that's the low bid, and we only need
2 quotes because they're under 19 5.

3 MR. HOOVER: That's why I said can
4 we approve this tonight before the rain
5 starts to come.

6 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

7 MR. HOOVER: Okay. Thank you.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
9 any questions for Joe? Thanks, Joe.

10 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: , Dave Lopatka,
12 engineer's report.

13 MR. LOPATKA: You guys have it. I
14 don't know if you have any questions. I
15 don't really have anything. I do have a
16 set -- it's not a set. It's a couple plans
17 for the senior center. I could leave them
18 for you guys to take a look at. Basically a
19 demo plan and an initial site layout plan.
20 And I did -- we did talk to her yesterday,
21 and we kind of told him that we need plans
22 by, I think, April 10th is the date we gave
23 her, so.

24 MR. HOOVER: Dave, are they done?
25 Because they are gone again.

1 MR. LOPATKA: They are pretty much
2 done. I actually was going to go over there
3 and kind of see exactly where they're at.

4 MR. HOOVER: Did they do all the
5 laterals as they went?

6 MR. LOPATKA: I think they were
7 doing laterals as they went, yes, and they
8 ended up -- they did hit a water main
9 collapse, I think, in the hole.

10 MR. HOOVER: The trenches, yeah.

11 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah, I mean, they
12 were using trench boxes, but it still
13 collapsed. So I mean, on top of that, I had
14 to file a report with PA One Call for that
15 for any time there's a break. So I did
16 that, and I submitted everything to them.

17 I mean, they have to come back and
18 finish the trench and do the pavement. So
19 I'll find that out. I was going to go over
20 there tomorrow, and then I was going to call
21 them just to kind of get update as to what.

22 MR. HOOVER: That's going to sink.

23 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. No, I know. It
24 happened the last time.

25 MR. HOOVER: There was something

1 else I wanted to ask. The paving program,
2 is it maybe ready to go out for bid?

3 MR. LOPATKA: It will be ready --
4 the plans and specs will be ready, like,
5 Monday next week. The plans are pretty much
6 done. I was tweaking -- like I was saying
7 to you earlier, I was tweaking that area at
8 the end of Connell Street where it's not
9 paved just kind of going to grade it a
10 little bit that so the water kind of goes
11 off in one direction and doesn't get trapped
12 anywhere. So that should be finished
13 tomorrow and then just have to finalize the
14 specs.

15 MR. HOOVER: All right. Mare, could
16 you get me a number of what we can spend for
17 paving?

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Sure. If you want
19 to stop by tomorrow, I'll go over the fees
20 with you.

21 MR. HOOVER: Okay. Just so we know
22 the number.

23 MR. NOTARI: And then we could
24 advertise the April meeting.

25 MR. LOPATKA: You guys have to

1 approve the bid before it goes out. Or
2 could we --

3 MR. HOOVER: I would like to see it
4 before it goes out.

5 MR. LOPATKA: Okay. I'll get it to
6 you then early next week.

7 MR. HOOVER: All right. Tell us
8 it's here.

9 MR. LOPATKA: All right. I will do
10 that.

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

12 MR. NOTARI: Dave, the senior center
13 project, let's try to expedite that.

14 MR. LOPATKA: That's why we kind of
15 gave them a date at this point.

16 MR. NOTARI: As quickly as we can.

17 MR. LOPATKA: Agreed.

18 MR. NOTARI: That would be nice if
19 we could get it done by the end of the year.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: That's my goal.
21 December 31st I really wanted it to be
22 completed by.

23 MR. NOTARI: Yeah. So let's get
24 going on there.

25 MR. FEBBO: I want to thank Dave for

1 getting the plans for the river down there,
2 the dike, to get our grant started. I know
3 he's busy as hell and we have him running
4 around all over. But I appreciate him
5 getting the time to get it done for us.
6 Thanks, Dave.

7 MR. LOPATKA: Yep.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anything else,
9 Dave?

10 MR. LOPATKA: No.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody else
12 have any questions for Dave?

13 MR. LETTIERI: Dave, on Keyser
14 Avenue -- Joe, did we come up with any kind
15 of plan?

16 MR. LOPATKA: I got the survey back,
17 and I'll have a plan for the next meeting
18 for that.

19 MR. LETTIERI: Okay. Thanks.

20 MR. LOPATKA: Uh-huh.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else
22 for Dave? Thanks, Dave.

23 MR. LOPATKA: Yep.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chief
25 Dubernas, anything for the meeting?

1 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, nothing really
2 to add. I just want to say that we got the
3 operation safety grant awarded. Our
4 equipment will be ordered.

5 MR. NOTARI: How are we doing with
6 our body camera equipment? Things starting
7 to get worked out?

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: So everything went
9 back. I received everything brand new. I'm
10 just waiting for either Rowan or Elizabeth
11 to give me a final copy of actually what we
12 have and what we don't have. And we have a
13 date of April 28th for the install for our
14 car cameras. So since we got new body cams,
15 we haven't had any issues with them, knock
16 on wood.

17 MR. NOTARI: Currently our officers
18 are wearing the body cameras.

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, we have body
20 cameras. We just don't have mobile cameras.

21 MR. NOTARI: Okay. Thank you.

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

24 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's it.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have

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any questions for the chief.

MS. AVVISATO: Good job, Chief.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: Thanks.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks, Chief.

Bill Stull, assistant fire chief.

Anything for the meeting?

MR. STULL: No, nothing to report.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have any questions for Bill? Thanks, Bill.

Attorney Rinaldi.

ATTY. RINALDI: You have two resolutions for tonight.

One is to approve the 2022 CDBG cooperation agreement with Lackawanna County.

The second one is to accept dedication of a road. The extension of Melmore Street and Sherry Lane. You're actually dedicating it to yourselves, and the remaining land which goes to State Street. That's it for resolutions.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone have any questions for the solicitor? Thanks, Bill.

Borough manager, Marylynn.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: You have my
2 financial reports. Does anyone have any
3 questions? Anything that needs to be
4 explained?

5 MS. AVVISATO: No thanks.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: The only other
7 thing I wanted to mention is the donations
8 on agenda for Griffin Pond Animal Shelter
9 that we discussed in the work session, and
10 that is all I have.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
12 any questions for the borough manager?

13 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Well, I do, if I may.
14 You know, you're talking about Griffin Pond
15 --

16 MR. NOTARI: No.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: During public
18 comment.

19 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, I'm sorry.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: This is for
21 the Council right now. I'm sorry.

22 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, I'm sorry.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You're okay.
24 Anybody have any questions for

25 Marylynn?

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Thanks, Mare.

Before we go into new business,
we'll go into public comment. James Gnall.

MR. GNALL: Yes.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: How are you,
James?

MR. GNALL: All right. We have a
small street. It's Flower Street. It's
right off of Sibley Avenue, and we have a
road that's -- Flower Street. It goes down
to the soccer field. Well, there's a lady
that keeps on yelling at our kids, and they
can't go down there around her house on the
pavement or anything. But this year I have
a personal problem now because my grand kid
is going to be on the soccer field. I don't
want him walking Sibley Avenue. That is a
road that should be okay for us to walk on.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: If it's a
public road --

CHIEF DUBERNAS: We told that lady
that goes behind the house that comes off of
Flowers.

MR. GNALL: So she's ignoring what
anybody tells her. So now -- the only

1 reason why I'm here, I just want a letter
2 from you guys saying that it's okay to walk
3 back there because I hate when the cops come
4 down our road, and they are always picking
5 on somebody. Not saying that it's a bad
6 thing. It's just that we get involved, and
7 a couple of us get too excited, and
8 everybody gets yelled at. So we just want a
9 letter and a letter sent to her, the same
10 letter, saying that it's okay to walk down
11 that alleyway. Because we don't want the
12 kids walking on Sibley Avenue.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Is it a public
14 street, Chief?

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, so if you
16 come off of Flower Street and make a
17 right-hand turn and then it goes and it
18 ends, but there's still the alleyway that
19 actually goes behind all the homes there
20 that goes to the soccer field to Pero Park.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I know exactly
22 where it is, but I'm saying, is she
23 complaining that --

24 CHIEF DUBERNAS: She doesn't want
25 anybody on that street. She thinks it's her

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personal driveway.

MS. AVVISATO: She doesn't own it.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: She thinks that's her personal driveway.

MS. AVVISATO: She can't stop you.

MR. GNALL: Well, this is the argument we're having. So the kids are afraid to go there. We told them to stop until we straighten it out with the Board. Because we tried to get Chris and a letter sent to her months ago and nothing has happened yet. Everybody knows the situation, but we're getting tired of the cops coming down. They come down our house because, you know, it's a fight, you know. And we just want to eliminate this issue by having her sent a letter. This way, if she calls the cops, it's on her, not us. So everybody will know the situation. Because we're just -- us, as a bunch of neighbors down there, are sick and tired of it. Because she -- when they used to go up and down Dunbar's because that used to be the alleyway we allowed them to go down to the soccer field. Well, Mr. Dunbar got tired of

1 having kids and everybody going down through
2 there. So he put up a big pile of dirt.

3 So my one neighbor, her son -- they
4 were going down Sibley Avenue and this guy
5 came close to them, almost knocked them off
6 the bike, but when he fell off the bike, he
7 broke his wrist. So now we don't want the
8 kids on Sibley Avenue.

9 So she actually threw a cart in
10 front of the kids when they are riding their
11 bike -- a shopping cart in front of the kids
12 and told them not to ride it. It's not even
13 her road. It's Dunbar's, but he doesn't
14 want to get involved neither. But we have a
15 road going through that middle section, and
16 we just want it straightened out. We're not
17 asking the Council to go down there and make
18 it a road or anything. We just -- it would
19 really be nice for somebody to go down there
20 and pin Flower Street. Like, get it
21 surveyed and straighten out this problem so
22 everybody down there knows where her
23 property lines start and stop. Because it's
24 been an issue on that street forever. And I
25 have been living there since I was 3, and

1 I'm 57 now. So the problems on that street,
2 I got tired of arguing years ago about.

3 MR. NOTARI: So the street that's
4 parallel with Sibley Avenue that goes to
5 Dunbar, that's a private street?

6 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, that's the
7 Borough's. That's Flower. There's two
8 streets.

9 MR. NOTARI: There's two streets.
10 I'm talking about the one that leads from
11 Dunbar.

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: From Dunbar's
13 property, that's private.

14 MR. NOTARI: That's a private road.
15 That's private.

16 MR. GNALL: That's Dunbar's access
17 to his property.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: When you make a
19 right off Flower, you're only going to go 60
20 yards, 70 yards.

21 MR. NOTARI: I'm looking on the map,
22 and then that street ends and it becomes
23 grass or woods or whatever.

24 MR. GNALL: You're right. It's
25 grass. But it was always a road, and ever

1 since I was a kid it was traveled through,
2 you know. And now it's just -- it's just a
3 problem. And like I said, we have kids now.
4 It's going to be soccer time again, and we
5 have four kids that are playing soccer up on
6 our street. That's easy to walk through
7 that back way than being on Sibley Avenue.
8 And that's our concern because we already
9 got one kid hurt. We don't need another
10 one.

11 MR. LETTIERI: So, Chief, when the
12 cops are down there, what's the resolve?

13 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I thought it was
14 resolved. This is first time I've seen it
15 bring it up in a while. I know for, like, a
16 month straight we were there like three or
17 four times. We tried to explain to her,
18 like, this is a borough alley. They can
19 walk there. But she insists it's her
20 driveway. And I thought it was resolved
21 until he showed up tonight.

22 MR. GNALL: We've been trying to get
23 Chris down there. Nobody -- it seems like
24 nobody wants to give her an actual letter to
25 tell her that it's not her -- that's why I

1 my son that broke his wrist on Sibley. Her
2 name is Ida Meints, M-e-i-n-t-s. She moved
3 here a couple years ago from New York --
4 somewhere in New York, and it's been a
5 problem ever since. Like, she will not
6 allow my son and the other children even
7 ride their bikes literally not on her
8 property, like, right in the asphalt.

9 And when the cops come -- and all
10 due respect, I have had officers just say,
11 well, tell him he can't ride his bike there.
12 Again, no offense, it's a public property.
13 He can ride his bike where he wants.

14 MR. GNALL: She keeps on showing the
15 cop -- there's a pin in the middle of the
16 road, which everybody knows it's on your
17 deed that you own 15 feet out until -- like,
18 it's a 30-foot access. It's your access.
19 Well, she pinned it, and she will not let
20 nobody past that pin. That's how she is.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, what's
22 the result? Send her a letter? Contact her
23 by phone? Have the chief go to her house?

24 MR. GNALL: That's the thing. We
25 want a letter. We want a copy of the letter

1 so this way -- I don't care. I understand,
2 like, there's always different cops and
3 everything. So this way at least if they
4 come to our house knocking on our door for
5 the situation, I can hand them that letter
6 saying -- you know what I'm saying, that's
7 all.

8 MS. BLEDSOE: It's a safety issue.
9 Like, Sibley, there's no sidewalks. There
10 is nothing. It's just I don't feel
11 comfortable having my son going up and down
12 Sibley. And like he said, George blocked
13 off the road, which he has all right to do.
14 It's just safety.

15 MR. GNALL: But that was the road
16 forever for the kids. Like, that used to
17 be.

18 MR. BUTLER: The road all the way up
19 to Graziano?

20 MR. GNALL: Yeah, it ran right
21 through -- at the end of Graziano. That was
22 always -- it was always. Ever since I was a
23 kid, I used to ride on that road and
24 everything, but it doesn't matter. It's his
25 property, and we can't do nothing about it.

1 And, like, he really doesn't have an issue
2 with the kids, but he runs his equipment in
3 the summertime through there, and he said he
4 doesn't want to be responsible. So he asks
5 us nicely to keep the kids out of there.

6 MR. FEBBO: Is their name Beaver?

7 MR. GNALL: Meints, M-e-i-n-t-s.

8 THE COURT REPORTER: Can you state
9 your name.

10 MS. BLEDSOE: Shannon Bledsoe.

11 MR. GNALL: My address is 324 Flower
12 Street. I thought this would have been an
13 easier solution.

14 MS. AVVISATO: He is checking it
15 now.

16 MR. GNALL: That road, from what I
17 remember, was 30 feet. That pin is 15 feet
18 and 15 feet. So what I'm saying is on
19 everybody's map they get from their house,
20 it shows a 15-foot access, and she's
21 claiming that's hers. Because it is on your
22 feet, but it's not the way you have to
23 understand it in Pennsylvania. It's an
24 access. But it's still 15 feet we can use.
25 I don't care about most of that. I just

1 want a walkway for the kids to go up and
2 down where they don't have to be on Sibley
3 Avenue. That's all I want. Where they
4 going to go that one thing they come so
5 close and the kids are right on the edge of
6 that. That's where he fell in the ground.

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: James, let us
8 have Bill look into it.

9 MR. GNALL: Okay.

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, do you
11 think she owns it?

12 ATTY. RINALDI: I'm just going by
13 the tax map here, you know, but that shows
14 her corner is like right in the that
15 pavement area, you know. It might have got
16 paved over a little too far over the years
17 because I see --

18 MR. GNALL: Well, that was never
19 paved until last year or the last time it
20 got paved.

21 ATTY. RINALDI: It's more towards
22 Sibley.

23 MR. GNALL: But there is an access
24 way. Even if we had the 15 feet. I don't
25 care as long as there's a walkway, but she

1 has to know. Where that pin is, I could fit
2 a truck just so --- like, that's how you
3 have to picture it. So if I could fit a
4 truck down there, I could walk down it. And
5 that's we want to stop her from arguing with
6 the kids, you know. Because it gets -- I
7 don't want nothing else thrown at my kids.
8 Trust me.

9 MR. BUTLER: Isn't there a road
10 where Jeannie Lukasiewicz lives? In the
11 block before Keyser Avenue there's a road.

12 MR. GNALL: That's it. Right behind
13 Jeannie's house, there's a road not paved
14 for about 30 feet. It was only paved to the
15 last house. It was never paved all the way
16 through. So that's why that road stopped in
17 between.

18 MR. NOTARI: It's right behind her
19 property. Looking at the map, it looks like
20 there's supposed to be a road there.
21 There's a road from where you're talking
22 about, the soccer field, but it looks like
23 there should be a road coming out to Sibley
24 according to the map.

25 MR. GNALL: Yeah, there is behind

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MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, why don't I let you look into it, and if we have to, draw up a letter.

ATTY. RINALDI: I'll do that.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We're going to have Bill look into it, and then on his choice -- which, once he gets more information on it, we'll have him send a letter.

MR. GNALL: Do I come back next month and see or do you want to just give me a phone call?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We can give you a phone call.

MR. GNALL: Thanks.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: No problem. James, anything else?

MR. GNALL: No, that was it. That was my only thing, and that's why I thought it would be quick.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Pam Evans.

MS. EVANS: This gentleman wants us to say something.

MR. FINK: Us three here. So many

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kids get yelled at every day.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Jimmy, she needs your name.

MR. FINK: James Fink. 921 Sibley Avenue. And I'm just one of the parents. I'm actually an uncle actually. But as he knows, the chief knows, these kids are getting yelled at daily. All they are trying to do is have fun. They are on the concrete. They are not on people's yards, driveways. And it's like he knows, he knows -- this lady yells -- he knows, Bob Harris, all the police officers -- almost on a daily basis. And the kid comes back up crying, whatever. He's just trying to have fun. He's got two little boys. He's got two little girls. They are actually playing soccer, his kids -- for the safer route to the field, you know. So I appreciate it. Thank you.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks, Jim. Pam Evans.

MS. EVANS: Yes. My first question are -- I see Chris is not here. So do I address it to all of you or to Attorney

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Rinaldi?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Well, before you get started, we have a letter of resignation from our code enforcement zoning officer tonight that has to go to the table for a motion. So he won't be in this evening.

MS. EVANS: So he is no longer with you guys?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: As of today, the letters he dropped off, once we accept it, he is no longer with us.

MS. EVANS: Okay.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So that goes to the floor under new business.

MS. EVANS: Okay. So all of my issue are on hold? Or do you want me to address them with you, Attorney Rinaldi?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You can ask him a question.

ATTY. RINALDI: It was supposed to get -- because Chris wasn't here, and I asked his attorney to get me the registrations for the trailers.

MS. EVANS: Okay. So there are 16

1 trailers currently there. Okay. That was
2 my one question.

3 My other question was the
4 foundation. I know, with no disrespect,
5 that you said you inspected it and that you
6 felt it was safe, the foundation for the old
7 Preate winery.

8 So I -- Andy Butler -- Mr. Butler
9 was kind enough to come down and look at it
10 with me. So I took pictures, and the end
11 part of the foundation is being held by this
12 fence with these poles that are gardening
13 poles. They are posts. And if you can
14 look, you will see it's gravel and dirt, and
15 these are posts that they've handwritten to
16 use for gardening fences. They are not
17 cemented in. So this is what it looks like.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: So which is your
19 property?

20 MS. EVANS: This is my uncle's
21 property right next to me.

22 ATTY. RINALDI: On which side of
23 these bars?

24 MS. EVANS: On this side. . But this
25 goes all the way down, but the fence doesn't

1 go all way down because I have the fence.
2 So my uncle doesn't have a fence. So this
3 is what he is holding the gravel and the
4 dirt back with.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: I can't say there's
6 anything wrong with it.

7 MS. EVANS: You think this is safe?
8 I mean, Andy looked at it with me.

9 MR. BUTLER: I don't think that's --

10 MS. EVANS: ' It's in the back of his
11 yard. So when it goes --

12 ATTY. RINALDI: Is it going to fall
13 on a house?

14 MS. EVANS: No, it's going to fall
15 where he works in his yard.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, if it's going
17 to fall on his property, that's going to be
18 his issue.

19 MS. EVANS: Well, he is here, the
20 three of us.

21 ATTY. RINALDI: If it's falling --
22 there's land coming on there, if it's
23 directing water on your property, you have a
24 claim against him. You can sue him for all
25 that encroachment.

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MS. EVANS: So the safety issue isn't an issue?

ATTY. RINALDI: The safety issue it's not -- unless it was something that was going to collapse on a house -- okay -- or out into a borough street, that would be an issue, but that's your property there. So you're kind of -- you got to straighten it out with him or go after him if you think there's an issue that it's going to fall on your property.

MR. BUTLER: What about the fence is on the easement?

ATTY. RINALDI: Well, you're telling me property is on the other side.

MS. EVANS: Well, that's the easement. That's the easement that he is claiming that is his.

ATTY. RINALDI: I already explained that to you. That's an encroachment. You have all the rights to go after him.

MS. EVANS: Okay. So my second question is debris. Remember the debris last time -- the photos that I brought last time? So the debris that was -- that you

1 were able to see then went you went up
2 Milwaukee Avenue -- from Main to Milwaukee
3 -- all he did was move that back behind the
4 foundation wall. Okay. Where all the
5 debris was initially. That's all he did
6 with that. So these photos -- now, I'm not
7 going on his property because he has do not
8 --

9 ATTY. RINALDI: I drove by and saw
10 the property. Everything was clean except
11 for a lawn mower and something else that was
12 his equipment.

13 MS. EVANS: Recently?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Last meeting I had
15 him send them to me, but you weren't here at
16 the work session.

17 MS. EVANS: I wasn't at the work
18 session, but this was yesterday. This is
19 what I could see from the road. Now, he has
20 debris all between these trailers.
21 Obviously I cannot go onto the property
22 because every ten feet there's a sign that
23 says no trespassing.

24 ATTY. RINALDI: All right. So I see

25 --

1 MS. EVANS: This is all the junk and
2 debris. If you go on Milwaukee Avenue, when
3 you look into the main entrance. If you
4 look -- now obviously you're not going to
5 turn in. It's a one-way -- there's a
6 one-way sign coming and it says do not
7 enter. If you look in there, you drive by
8 slowly and just look in there, you can see
9 where that 50 gallon or 300 gallon fuel tank
10 was, that's still there as well. So he was
11 supposed to be fined. Because this was
12 moot. Did that happen?

13 ATTY. RINALDI: Let me see.

14 MR. NOTARI: Pam, are those pictures
15 from Morton Street or from Milwaukee?

16 THE WITNESS: These are from
17 Milwaukee because the commercial property
18 was the only we had submitted.

19 MR. NOTARI: I drove up there after
20 our last meeting, too.

21 ATTY. RINALDI: So this is when you
22 drive up into the property?

23 MS. EVANS: If you go from Main
24 Street to the -Preate Winery -- so it would
25 b e the two houses. You bear to the right

1 and go up that short hill where Milwaukee
2 starts. As soon as you get to the entrance
3 of where the Preate winery is, if you look
4 -- like, if you're coming the other way,
5 it's better because you can go slower. If
6 you're coming down you could look right
7 through the trailers and see piles and piles
8 of debris that is still there.

9 MS. AVVISATO: I don't know how he
10 got them in there.

11 ATTY. RINALDI: I have pictures here
12 that I've got. That whole lot is clean. So
13 I'm not sure --

14 MS. EVANS: Right. So go back one.
15 This picture right here. Right? That is
16 all clean, but all of that debris that was
17 there -- this is the concrete foundation --
18 he moved it on the other side. So you know
19 where you see all those tractor trailers?
20 If you were to drive in there -- if you were
21 to drive in there, you would see piles of
22 debris.

23 So at the last meeting, Magistrate
24 Seig said everything there had to be
25 contained in a trailer because that's what

1 he said he was doing. They are not
2 contained. And he has tarps hanging so that
3 you cannot see the debris.

4 Now, if you walk around the property
5 -- like I walk around. I don't go on his
6 property, but I walk around. You can see
7 there is parts of it where you see piles of
8 debris and junk that he just moved. So he
9 moved it from the foundation part to the
10 other part.

11 So when Chris had access, all he had
12 to do was walk through those trailers. He
13 would have seen where -- like, he wasn't
14 curious where everything went? That's all
15 that happened. Now -- like, how do you get
16 on his property? A drone -- they talked
17 about a drone.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: So I see this is the
19 property. So where is that that you're
20 looking at? This is Main Street here --
21 Milwaukee Avenue. So there's this property.

22 MS. EVANS: Okay. So this is where
23 you clear it --

24 (Whereupon, a discussion was held
25 off the record outside of the hearing of the

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court reporter.)

THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear when you're talking with your back to me the whole time.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Pam, she can't hear you with your back to her.

MS. EVANS: I'm sorry.

THE COURT REPORTER: It's okay.

MS. EVANS: Andy, you walked it with me. Just so you know I'm not making it up. Like, I wouldn't make it up. Like, if you walked around the block -- and I had Andy walk to the back of my property, to the back of my uncle's property. I didn't go on his property, but I walked around my other neighbor's property, and you can see -- so if you walk down t Milwaukee Avenue, you can -- like, where the old entrance for the Preate winery is, you can see the debris. You can see it from the back of Santioni's property as well.

MR. BUTLER: So lots of this stuff is between the trailers.

MS. EVANS: Yes, they are piled and they have tarps. But the magistrate said

1 they were all to be in the trailer by
2 January 3rd or February 3rd. They are not,
3 and he was supposed to be fined.

4 MR. HOOVER: Do you have to go
5 before the --

6 MS. EVANS: No. That was up to
7 Chris -- because Chris said it was clean.

8 MS. AVVISATO: I thought you had to
9 go to a hearing, though.

10 MS. EVANS: Uh-uh.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: It's on hold.

12 ATTY. RINALDI: He keeps moving
13 equipment, and every time I get a picture,
14 he's moved it somewhere else?

15 MS. EVANS: He only moved it one
16 time. From where I showed you initially
17 within the parameters of the foundation on
18 that huge concrete slab. He moved multiple
19 trailers.

20 ATTY. RINALDI: So the pictures that
21 we had in court, did he move everything that
22 was in those pictures?

23 MS. EVANS: Everything there is on
24 the other side of the property.

25 ATTY. RINALDI: All right. So he

1 complied with what the judge told him he had
2 to remove, but you're saying now he has
3 stuff in another part of the property?

4 MS. EVANS: He had to move it on the
5 property.

6 ATTY. RINALDI: The judge
7 specifically pointed it out in the pictures
8 and said get rid of all this stuff. So
9 you're saying he got rid of it by moving it
10 somewhere else?

11 MS. EVANS: Right, on the other
12 side. He said -- didn't Magistrate Seig say
13 it had to all be within the trailers?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: The items in your
15 photos. That's all we could go by.

16 MS. EVANS: Okay.

17 ATTY. RINALDI: So if you're telling
18 me that -- because I keep getting the same
19 shots in the same areas that your photos are
20 taken, and it's clean, but you're telling me
21 that there's another area that we can't see
22 that he put everything?

23 MS. EVANS: Right, it's the other
24 side of the property.

25 ATTY. RINALDI: It's not on a

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different property?

MS. EVANS: No, it's the same property. Is someone going to look at it or do something about it?

ATTY. RINALDI: I'll have somebody over there soon.

MS. EVANS: Okay. And I'll just come back to the next meeting.

ATTY. RINALDI: Sure.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Pam, anything else?

MS EVANS: No, that's it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Leona Grimes and Angela Centrella.

MS. GRIMES: I'm Leona Grimes. 212 Amity Avenue.

And Angela is passing out two things. One is going to be a picture. Please take one and share it with the person next to you, and I would like these back. She's also going to pass something like this out to you, and you can each get one of these and keep it if you would like.

And I want to talk about the trap-neuter-return program that Old Forge

1 has been running for the past two years. I
2 have been volunteering, and I have done most
3 of the cats. Some people -- some home
4 owners have done a few. I do most of them.
5 If you're interested, I have a book, as you
6 can see here, with all of the ones. I have
7 done almost 100 cats in two years. So if
8 you look at this poster that you're sharing
9 with the other people, you can take those
10 hundred cats, divide them by two -- male and
11 female -- and in two years, you can see
12 those cats would have had 67 kittens. And
13 if I calculate correctly, 67 times 50, that
14 would 3,350 kittens that our program has
15 saved from being born to the feral life on
16 the street.

17 Also, by having the cats neutered
18 and spayed, the females no longer yowl, the
19 males no longer howl. They no longer spray
20 and they no longer fight. So you're making
21 these cats better neighbors to the people
22 who live there. Female kittens -- female
23 cats can get pregnant as young as four
24 months old. So if you just look at this
25 poster, a male and a female cat who is

1 un-neutered, if they have a survival rate of
2 their kittens of 2.8 in two years, that's 67
3 cats that our program have saved from being
4 born. If you look at five years, if 2.8
5 kittens survived, that means your program
6 that you fund have saved 11,801 kittens.

7 When the cats go to the clinic, they
8 become better neighbors because they are
9 also vaccinated with a rabies vaccine. They
10 do not get distemper vaccine with our
11 program, but I pay for that on my own
12 because I think every cat should have it.
13 And I'm not asking for you to pay for that.

14 What I am going to show you, though,
15 is if you look at the sheet of paper that I
16 gave, there are actually two clinics that do
17 low-cost neuter and spay. One is the one we
18 use in Plains, No Nonsense Neutering. Great
19 clinic. They do lots for the cats, but they
20 do have some drawbacks. We need
21 appointments. Cats don't show up and walk
22 in my trap by appointment. Tomorrow night
23 if I set up a trap, I can't say the cat is
24 going to go in there. I do have
25 appointments. I have one appointment every

1 Thursday and one appointment every Monday.
2 But sometimes on a Sunday night, cat just
3 doesn't come. But if you look at the other
4 called Eastern Pennsylvania Animal Alliance
5 -- it's on the right-hand side of that
6 sheet, they will allow me to do one walk-in
7 with a feral cat in a trap. So the cat
8 doesn't show up Sunday night. Well, then I
9 can trap Tuesday night because NEPAA is open
10 on Wednesday. Also, with the No Nonsense,
11 it's \$40 for the spay, neuter, rabies shot,
12 but it also includes ear mite treatment,
13 flea control, and a few other things. NEPAA
14 does not include that. It's just \$35 spay
15 and neuter. If I'm going to keep a cat in
16 my house for recovery, I really do want it
17 to have flea control on it.

18 Some of the cats that I get, and all
19 of the kittens that I get, they need to
20 be -- not all of the kittens. Okay. Some
21 of the cats I get are very friendly
22 community cats. They are lost cats that no
23 one has claimed. They are cats that people
24 have dumped or they are cats that have
25 escaped. And I have been able to find homes

1 for many of those cats. In fact, every
2 kitten that I have trapped, as long as
3 they're young enough to be socialized, I
4 have been able to place with a rescue. So I
5 have taken quite a few cats off the streets
6 of Old Forge in the past two years with the
7 program that you're sponsoring. I need
8 those cats tested because rescues will not
9 take them without the testing.

10 One of the big things is No Nonsense
11 Neutering, if I have a cat that has any
12 other health issues, No Nonsense Neutering
13 will totally ignore that health issue.
14 Spay, neuter, and gave rabies vaccination.
15 But if I can take a cat that I know has
16 problems -- like I have taken cats who have
17 had eyes that needed to be removed. I take
18 them to NEPAA instead. That veterinarian
19 will take care of that problem. I pay the
20 cost. I have had eyes removed \$75 there.
21 That would be \$500 if I had to pay for that
22 at a veterinarian.

23 So why I'm here today is we would
24 like to continue the program because we
25 think it's an asset, and a lot of other

1 communities, believe it or not, are now
2 following our lead. We were one of the
3 first in the area to start this two years
4 ago. And now I think Duryea has come up
5 with a program. Taylor has come up with a
6 program. But we were the leaders in this.

7 So why I'm here is I would like you
8 to reinstate the program, and I would also
9 like to find out if there's a way that we
10 can go to both clinics, not just one. I
11 have spoken to EPAA. They will not do
12 vouchers like the place we are now going to,
13 and they will not bill.

14 So this might be a question for
15 Attorney Rinaldi and Marylynn. How can we
16 get to go to either clinic? We can continue
17 the vouchers with No Nonsense. And you
18 don't have to answer that tonight because I
19 can meet with either of you or any of you --
20 anyone who needs to talk about it for more
21 information or to discuss how we can do
22 this.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: That's a tough one.

24 MS. GRIMES: We don't have to do it
25 tonight.

1 MS. CENTRELLA: EPAA is cash only
2 and only accepts cash when we go there.
3 Like, they won't take vouchers and they
4 won't allow us to pre- pay like a lump sum
5 in advance. So we try to figure a way
6 between the Borough and us for how to get
7 that money paid.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Do you have more
9 information on EPAA?

10 MS. GRIMES: I can get you more.
11 Okay.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: And see what we can
13 possibly come up.

14 MS. GRIMES: They will allow checks
15 as long as they approve you as a person who
16 can write checks.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay.

18 MS. GRIMES: I can't write a check,
19 but I know Taylor can write checks there,
20 and they can write checks at No Nonsense.
21 So they will allow checks depending on prior
22 approval.

23 MR. FEBBO: Give them all the
24 information -- Marylynn and Bill, the
25 information that she needs and then let her

1 review it and check and see if somewhere in
2 the budget that we can come up with the
3 money and then get it back to Council and
4 we'll go from there.

5 MS. GRIMES: Okay. I'll type it up
6 and I'll give it all to Marilyn and she can
7 share it with who ever. And if you have
8 other questions, you can call me.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. Sounds good.

10 MR. FEBBO: And thank you for your
11 program.

12 MR. NOTARI: Thank you for your
13 help.

14 MS. GRIMES: You're welcome.
15 Sometimes I'll go to other councils in town
16 to try to talk to them, too.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Carl
18 Lutkowski.

19 MR. LUTKOWSKI: Hi. Good afternoon,
20 Council. I just wanted to formally
21 introduce myself. I'm Carl Lutkowski. This
22 is Lee. I'm the new President of Old Forge
23 Little League, and Lee is my vice president
24 of Old Forge Little League. We wanted to
25 introduce ourselves tonight.

1 We are having an opening day --
2 which we haven't had one in Old Forge, I
3 believe, in like four or five years. So
4 April 15th is our opening day. So I want to
5 formally invite everybody here to opening
6 day. We're going to do a ceremony for the
7 little league of last year, the team that
8 made it. I they think made it to like the
9 district championship -- the quarter finals
10 or whatever it was. So we're going to honor
11 them. And then we're going to have the
12 tee-ballers do some stuff. We're going to
13 have just them all playing each other --
14 like, all the Old Forge teams playing each
15 other. We're going to do a home run derby.
16 We're going to do ice cream for the kids and
17 stuff like that. So we're going to try to
18 make it big community event.

19 So I think it would be great if all
20 you guys could come there and celebrate with
21 us because we haven't done it in so long.
22 So that was basically all I wanted to do is
23 just do tell you that. If you guys have any
24 questions, I would be your new contact
25 person. I'm taking over for Brian Ravaioli

1 as you guys know. So I mean, I don't know
2 if you have questions for me or like that.

3 MR. LETTIERI: What time, Carl.

4 MR. LUTKOWSKI: It's going to be at
5 12:00. So from 12:00 to 6:00. We figure by
6 6:00, we want everybody out and done. So,
7 you know, we're going to try to do it for
8 the community, the kids, and, you know, even
9 if you don't have kids, we'd love for you to
10 come because there's going to be different
11 stuff there. We have vendors. We have a DJ
12 coming and just make it a really fun day for
13 the kids, and you know, we're going to go
14 from there 12:00 to 6:00.

15 MR. LETTIERI: Appreciate the
16 invite.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We'll see you
18 there.

19 MR. LUTKOWSKI: We'll see you.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Karen
22 Piekarski. How are you today?

23 MS. PIEKARSKI: Good.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Rob, did you
25 sign underneath there as well?

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MS. PIEKARSKI: Yeah.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay. What can we help you with today?

MS. PIEKARSKI: Okay. All Premier Fencing. We're the property next door. And it's commercial property, not industrial. And we want to know what kind of procedures he has prevent the water -- it's coming from Hoover Street. The only storm drains are up near David Pagnotti Hoover Street Moosic Borough. All of the side streets, we get the water, and our storm drain does not go into the river or anything. We have a natural ditch.

MR. LOPATKA: And where does that ditch go?

MS. PIEKARSKI: It goes between the properties.

MR. LOPATKA: Right. Does it discharge?

MS. PIEKARSKI: Some goes into our the yard?

MR. LOPATKA: Does it discharge some?

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Rob Piekarski.)

THE COURT REPORTER: I can only take one at a time.

MR. NOTARI: So now you're afraid it's going to be worse because of the property that's been cleaned out next -- up the street.

MR. PIEKARSKI: Well, it's a natural drain, but he took care of all the foliage and took everything out.

MS. PIEKARSKI: He just' --

MR. FEBBO: Let me interject here. I'm somewhat familiar with it. That's the old Eastern Auto Parts.

MR. PIEKARSKI: Yes.

MR. FEBBO: That being said, he did come in, but I don't he has any permits of any sort.

MS. PIEKARSKI: He has no permits. He has --

MR. FEBBO: As far as I could see it, he has to go right back to the drawing board with zoning, planning, and I think he needs to set up plans.

MR. LOPATKA: Is there land

1 development, though? Is he developing?

2 MR. FEBBO: I think he may need one
3 because it's in excess of an acre.

4 MR. LOPATKA: It's an acre. He
5 disturbed over an acre?

6 MS. PIEKARSKI: It's over, yeah.

7 MR. LOPATKA: The property is or he
8 disturbed over an acre.

9 MR. PIEKARSKI: The property is.
10 His property.

11 MR. HOOVER: I spoke to Chris about
12 this. Chris told me he did have a permit.
13 I don't know what --

14 MR. FEBBO: For remodeling the
15 building.

16 MR. PIEKARSKI: On the way up today,
17 he has signs in front of the building. So
18 I'm assuming that he is open.

19 MS. PIEKARSKI: He is open.

20 MR. PIEKARSKI: And if you look at
21 the building, it looks like it's ready to
22 fall over. But from what we understand, he
23 has no plans for a storm water drain.

24 MR. FEBBO: That's what we have to
25 get established. We're working on getting a

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zoning officer in there. So right now I guess the problem is we're trying to handle as much as we can.

MR. HOOVER: Joe, can you go down there take a peek at this. I hate to put you on spot.

MS. PIEKARSKI: I would appreciate it.

MR. HOOVER: Yeah, in our time lapse here.

MS. PIEKARSKI: Sure.

MR. HOOVER: If you could go down there and see what's going on. Make sure he has his permits. If he doesn't have permits have him come up here, and we'll be happy to get them for him. Somebody will. I don't know who.

MR. FEBBO: Dave, is there a certain amount or application required for a certain amount of land. Can you give Joe directions on that. In other words, if the land is so big, what permits? Could you advise him.

MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. It depends on what he is doing, though. Did he just clear the vegetation?

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MR. FEBBO: He dug the ditch up

also.

MR. LOPATKA: He dug the ditch?

MR. PIEKARSKI: It's a natural drain. He cleaned -- what he did -- so now if it rains, the sides are just going to fall right in because there's nothing holding them.

MS. PIEKARSKI: Yeah, he added an additional 12 to 15 inches higher. Just see.

MR. PIEKARSKI: He's not supposed to be doing anything on the land.

MR. LOPATKA: If he disturbed over so many acres, that gets you into a permit. Anything -- anything below that, you still should get an E&S approval. And that's not a permit, but he should have controls up when he is doing it so that he's not discharging sediment onto your property or anything.

MR. PIEKARSKI: Nothing that we know of.

MR. LOPATKA: Right. So I mean, clearing -- clearing brush isn't something

1 that the Borough could stop him from doing.
2 I think -- for the most part. But when he's
3 grading, he should have an emergency plan in
4 place.

5 MR. HOOVER: Supposedly Joe Supulski
6 is involved in this too.

7 MR. LOPATKA: Okay.

8 MR. HOOVER: So maybe we should call
9 Joe tomorrow, Joe Supulski. See if he knows
10 anything about this. Because before it was
11 -- it wasn't the best lot in the world, but
12 there was trees all over the place. Now
13 it's 300 by 300 dirt.

14 MS. PIEKARSKI: It's not dirt.

15 MR. LOPATKA: This is the one right
16 before you turn into Mariotti's going down?

17 MR. PIEKARSKI: Yes.

18 MR. LOPATKA: I mean, he definitely
19 disturbed something. He should have had
20 some kind of controls in place.

21 MR. PIEKARSKI: And also, in the
22 back when he bulldozed, at least there was
23 -- when he brought the property they took 30
24 -- 30 some cars out of there. And these
25 cars have been sitting there for 20, 30

1 years.

2 MS. PIEKARSKI: There's lead.
3 There's battery acid.

4 MR. LOPATKA: Did he grade the slope
5 that goes down to that ditch?

6 MR. PIEKARSKI: He graded it, but he
7 kind of made it higher also.

8 MR. FEBBO: So he made for more
9 water on his property with that ditch.

10 MR. PIEKARSKI: Yeah, but the way it
11 is right now, if it does rain, the walls of
12 that ditch are just going to cave right now
13 because there's nothing holding it.

14 MR. FEBBO: Well, the vegetation is
15 gone. There's more water coming off that
16 property.

17 MR. LOPATKA: Really what you should
18 have did, you know, was seeded and mossed
19 everything that was disturbed, you know,
20 that he is not storing something on. Like
21 that slope and the slope that is going down
22 into the ditch should all be seeded and it
23 should be grass because that's what's going
24 to hold it in place.

25 MS. PIEKARSKI: Grass or cement,

1 whatever.

2 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah, I mean, you
3 could do it with grass. As long as it's
4 established, it will hold the soil.

5 (Simultaneous talking.)

6 MR. HOOVER: Joe, could you check it
7 out for us with Joe Supulski.

8 (Simultaneous talking.)

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We're going to
10 have Joe get more information.

11 MS. PIEKARSKI: Thank you.

12 MR. LOPATKA: Joe, let me know.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: And Joe will
14 get in touch with the engineer.

15 MR. FEBBO: Bear with us until we
16 get our feet on the ground with zoning.

17 MS. PIEKARSKI: I appreciate it.
18 You have no idea.

19 MR. PIEKARSKI: We're very
20 appreciative.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We'll look
22 into it tomorrow for you.

23 MR. PIEKARSKI: Thank you.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You're
25 welcome.

1 Robert Zukauskas.

2 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: If I may, I'm
3 interested in what this lady was saying
4 because I had issues with Mr. Emlaw this
5 past summer, and I went by this morning. It
6 looks like he is dismantling the property.
7 You know, the display fence that he has, he
8 had a forklift, and he's tearing them out of
9 the ground. Is he moving out of the
10 property? Does anybody know what is going
11 on?

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The corner of
13 Moosic Road?

14 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah.

15 MR. NOTARI: Not moving -- up to the
16 empty lot is what they are talking about.

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, I see. So where
18 he is now it's going to be vacant. Okay. I
19 was just wondering.

20 Now, last time I was here,
21 Mr. Rinaldi, you said, Mr. Zukauskas, you're
22 here every week. What can we do for you.
23 Remember saying that, Mr. Rinaldi?

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: That's not
25 what I said, but go ahead.

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I just have a simple
2 question. The only --

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I ask
4 everybody what we can do when they get up
5 for public comment.

6 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. I have just a
7 very simple question. Mr. Rinaldi, where
8 are the fines? I mean, I went have through
9 everything with this Junken Monkey. I went
10 to court. I think I did everything I should
11 have done, and I have documented and
12 everything, and I'm just waiting for fines.
13 I mean, has this vendor been issued fines
14 because the only thing he has been fined so
15 far is \$100.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Are you
17 waiting for a fine from the magistrate?

18 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: For the Junken
19 Monkey to pay the Borough, who ever pays
20 fines for violating.

21 MR. NOTARI: It's the magistrate.
22 You would have to check with the
23 magistrate's office.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: That the
25 magistrate office. That's not ours.

1 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: So you mean to tell
2 me the magistrate says, okay. Five days you
3 got to clean up your junk. And say he
4 cleans up some of it, but say 30 days, there
5 is still junk there. But after 30 days he
6 removes some of the junk. So it is still 30
7 days past the five days that, you know, the
8 junk is still there. So there should be a
9 fine there. Right? So you're saying that
10 the magistrate is the one who issues that.
11 I thought the zoning officer issues that.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Not if this is
13 a court hearing.

14 MS. EVANS: Can I intervene.
15 Doesn't the zoning officer -- he is the one
16 who determines whether or not the property
17 is clean and --

18 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Oh, he always says
19 it's clean. Oh, it's clean.

20 MR. NOTARI: Mr. Zukauskas, you're
21 addressing us.

22 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I'm sorry, sir.

23 MS. AVVISATO: I drove by there
24 today. Nothing was there.

25 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yes, it's in the

1 back. He moves it from the front to back.

2 MR. HOOVER: We went there.

3 MR. NOTARI: Do you have anything
4 new for us today?

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: It was just that --
6 it was just we were talking about the animal
7 shelter. You made donations. And I was
8 wondering about this Turkey and Syria
9 Earthquake Relief Fund. I was wonder if
10 Council could maybe donate something to
11 that. I have a friend who has an Instagram
12 account that if you could just, like, click
13 onto his account and just donate to help
14 these people in Syria. That's all. There
15 is just this thing here. It says Turkey and
16 Syria Emergency Earthquake Relief Fund. You
17 know, it's when just somebody has a disaster
18 like that, they ask the world and just like
19 -- just go to his website and \$10 or \$100.
20 We're giving \$1,000 to an animal shelter. I
21 mean, I think it's a worthy cause, but maybe
22 if you could consider something like that.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We can
24 definitely discuss it.

25 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah, I would

1 appreciate it. So I will just leave this
2 with the borough manager.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Want to leave
4 this with us?

5 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Yeah. I'll leave
6 the handmade cards. It's best I can do.
7 It's just a worthy appeal if we can do that,
8 I would appreciate it.

9 Okay. So I guess I just have to
10 check with the magistrate? Call the
11 magistrate and talk to him and check with
12 him about fines?

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

14 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Thank you.

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Can I say
16 something.

17 MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Sure.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The donation that
19 the Borough is giving to Griffin Pond Human
20 Society is not a donation to help the
21 animals. It's for the police department if
22 we find a stray in the middle of the night
23 THAT we can take the dog there. So each
24 borough has to give an x amount of dollars
25 through humane society for Griffin Pond.

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Because if not, they won't take them from the borough.

MR. ZUKAUSKAS: I see.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: So that's why the Borough has to give some type of donation so we're not stuck with all these animals running around the street.

MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. Well, in that case, it's maybe just something good to consider if anybody feels like helping people overseas and all that, I would appreciate it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll check it out tonight.

MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Okay. Thanks a lot.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You're welcome. Adeline Strazik.

MS. STRAZIK: I just wanted to know if there was any progress on the storm drain on Apache Drive.

MR. HOOVER: As far as I know from the latest information I got, we got -- the bid is at about \$10,000. It's approved. Hopefully we can pass it tonight.

MS. STRAZIK: Okay.

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MR. HOOVER: And Earthworks will come and take care of the problem.

MS. STRAZIK: All right. Thank you.

MR. LOPATKA: And that's also getting paved.

MR. HOOVER: It's on the paving list. Whatever they damage will be paved while it's getting repaired, that intersection.

MS. STRAZIK: Okay. As long don't build it up on my side.

MR. LOPATKA: We won't build it up.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks, Adeline.

MR. NOTARI: Make a note of that, Dave.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Jim Haddock, state representative. How are you?

MR. HADDOCK: Good, Chairman Rinaldi. How are you?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'm good. Thank you.

MR. HADDOCK: As I was sitting here, I was thinking about 30 years ago, I met with this Council as mayor of Avoca, and the

1 building's changed a little bit. And you
2 were a down the street community so I had to
3 have Old Forge sign off.

4 So it's nice to be here now, not as
5 the mayor of Avoca but the state
6 representative in the 118. And I'm just
7 here to introduce myself, although I know
8 almost everybody on this council, but I
9 wanted to let you know that we did open up
10 the former location of both representative
11 Kosierowski and Sid Michaels at the Lucca
12 Plaza. So we have a full-time office in
13 Lackawanna County besides my office in
14 Hughestown at 42 Center Street. And the
15 old -- we have -- we're in good hands in
16 Taylor because I hired Elaine DiAndriola
17 from Old Forge. She's a full-time worker
18 for me. And Joanne (inaudible) from Moosic
19 is going to be working in the Taylor office.
20 So anything the Borough needs from my
21 office, you have my contact information now
22 for the Taylor office or Hughestown and
23 there's even the Harrisburg office in there.

24 And, you know, the chief mentioned
25 or police chief mentioned we were able to

1 with Senator Flynn approve a \$90,000 grant
2 through the statewide LSA program just last
3 week. So that's good news for Old Forge.
4 And we expect some more good news hopefully
5 in May with the local share account that you
6 guys have a couple applications for. I see
7 our -- hopefully we can get some money for
8 the little league project and our fire
9 company. So we're lobbying. That's quite
10 not there yet, but you guys have to give us
11 the applications as you know, sponsor the
12 grants, and then it's our job to approve it.
13 But I didn't know if anybody would have any
14 questions of me. And just to let you know,
15 I'm happy to be here tonight and be your
16 state representative.

17 And for the residents, Taylor, if
18 you need anything with paperwork, with rent
19 rebates, property tax rebates, any PennDot
20 issues, you know, I'm going tomorrow -- to
21 Taylor tonight picked up some PennDot
22 paperwork and some rent rebates and tax
23 rebates. We're running them to Harrisburg
24 tomorrow to expedite it and things get done.
25 So any time you need something with the

1 state, by all means stop in Taylor or
2 Hughestown. And that's what we're here for.
3 We're here to serve. So I didn't know if
4 Council, and, of course, the mayor, being a
5 former mayor, if anybody have any questions
6 of me.

7 MAYOR LEGG: I'm good.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
9 any questions?

10 MS. AVVISATO: No, but thank you for
11 stopping by. It was very nice of you.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks, Jim.
13 We appreciate you coming by.

14 MR. FEBBO: We'll be looking you up.

15 MR. HADDOCK: Oh, I'm sure. That's
16 what we're here for. I appreciate it, guys.
17 Thanks for going light on me. The last
18 council was a little rougher.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thank you very
20 much. We appreciate you coming tonight.

21 Bob Hughes. Good evening, Bob.

22 MR. HUGHES: Good evening. How you
23 doing. Mr. President, it's been eight
24 months in between my surgeries that I have
25 been waiting for the permits that you

1 promised at 942 South Main Street.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Waiting for
3 the what, Bob?

4 MR. HUGHES: The permits that you
5 promised me.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The permits
7 that I promised?

8 MR. HUGHES: Yeah, that you promised
9 me at one of these meetings on tape, yeah.

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I don't handle
11 the permits, Bob.

12 MR. HUGHES: You promised me you
13 were going to show me the permits of the
14 work that was done at 942 South Main Street.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: That would be
16 the zoning officer's jobs.

17 MR. HUGHES: There's no more zoning
18 officer. This is eight months I have been
19 coming to the council meeting in between my
20 surgeries.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Have you
22 stopped in any time before that?

23 MR. HUGHES: No, he wouldn't -- he
24 wouldn't call me on the phone. He was the
25 worst zoning officer you ever had.

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MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: That's not my fault, Bob.

MR. HUGHES: Russell, you promised me I could see the permits. You promised me.

MR. FEBBO: Bob, calm down.

MR. HUGHES: He promised.

MR. FEBBO: Nice tone of voice.

MR. HUGHES: All right. He promised me he was going to get them for me. So if that's the case, I want to tell you right now, I'm doing work in the summer at my house, and I'm not getting permits.

MR. NOTARI: Yes, you are.

MR. HUGHES: No I'm not.

MR. NOTARI: We're going to shut you down.

MR. HUGHES: (Inaudible.) You're the biggest one on permits and everything about seeing the books and all that stuff.

MR. NOTARI: You're right.

MR. HUGHES: Where is the book to 942 South Main?

MR. NOTARI: I don't know that we have a book, to be quite honest.

1 MR. FEBBO: Bob, let's just say
2 this. Okay. Everybody knows that we had a
3 problem with zoning here. Since Steve went
4 and Paul went, we've kind of been, you know,
5 shuffling here.

6 MR. HUGHES: Stephen was the best.

7 MR. FEBBO: But bear with us. Okay.
8 So you're talking to Russell here is the
9 president. I'm sure whatever you're looking
10 for, if it did exist, we would look it up.
11 If it exists. If it was there. Okay. So
12 you got to bear with us. Don't come in here
13 attacking everybody.

14 MR. HUGHES: I will bear with you,
15 but it's eight months now.

16 MR. FEBBO: Okay. We had a problem
17 for a long time, though. Trust us.
18 Everybody here could attest to that.

19 MR. NOTARI: Is there something
20 dangerous at 942 South Main or are you just
21 upset that they didn't use a permit?

22 MR. HUGHES: I'm upset because they
23 are building there and they are putting
24 anything they want there without a permit.
25 It's not fair.

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MR. NOTARI: Okay.

MR. HUGHES: It's not fair these people over here --

MR. NOTARI: I agree 100 percent with you.

MR. HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.

MR. NOTARI: But I'm just wondering because we have a lot more problems in Old Forge that probably are more concerning, but we're going to get on this.

MR. FEBBO: Is there ongoing construction there?

MR. HUGHES: Not, now, not now. But there was. I told you what they did. They built a garage. They built a carport. They built new steps up the top.

MR. FEBBO: Well, if the zoning officer did his job and it's recorded --

MR. HUGHES: If he did his job.

MR. FEBBO: Okay. So if he didn't, what are we going do about it? We don't know. This is why we're in the situation.

MR. NOTARI: When our new zoning officer comes in, we'll have him look up in the files.

1 MR. HUGHES: Just like the place
2 pawn -- there's a pawn place over there.
3 They cut the grass. They made it look nice.
4 The camper is still there. No -- camper
5 still there.

6 MR. FEBBO: We know that.

7 MR. HUGHES: That car was still
8 there.

9 MR. FEBBO: Steve was there. We
10 know that.

11 MR. HUGHES: Okay. I want to ask
12 you another thing. What's going on with
13 Mr. Stocki?

14 MR. FEBBO: We can't answer that.

15 ATTY. RINALDI: We just got a letter
16 last month from Commonwealth court of
17 appeals, and they want our briefs. So mine
18 is actually going to be sent out the end of
19 the week.

20 MR. HUGHES: Okay. My question is,
21 how is he taking stuff that everyone was
22 complaining about on Keyser Ave and bring it
23 back behind the building to the property.

24 ATTY. RINALDI: Which property?

25 MR. HUGHES: Behind the Diamond

1 Club.

2 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, he owns the
3 property behind the Diamond Club.

4 MR. HUGHES: Who owns it?

5 ATTY. RINALDI: Stocki owns it.
6 That's his property.

7 MR. HUGHES: I didn't know he owns
8 it. But he's allowed to leave all that
9 junk?

10 ATTY. RINALDI: That's the property
11 he owns.

12 MR. HUGHES: But he is allowed to
13 leave that?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, I'm pretty
15 sure we got most of the junk there except
16 for the piles.

17 MR. HUGHES: Okay. So there is
18 progress.

19 ATTY. RINALDI: We're kind of just
20 waiting for the final order from the Court.

21 MR. HUGHES: Okay. Now,
22 Mr. Rinaldi, I want to ask you a question.
23 You and Old Forge table proposed regulation
24 an order 1708 of the businesses. What did
25 you mean by that?

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Why we tabled
2 the motion?

3 MR. HUGHES: Yeah.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Council that
5 night -- the majority of council decided to
6 table the motion.

7 MR. HUGHES: Right. For what
8 reason?

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Because we had
10 a proposed order so we wanted a little more
11 time to look at it. There's a few more
12 things we might want to add into it or take
13 out of it, but it's not only up to me. It's
14 up to the whole council to decide.

15 MR. HUGHES: Well, I know that. I
16 understand that. Don't you think it would
17 be better because of the shooting there to
18 shut the place right down and get rid of it
19 altogether?

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We can't shut
21 the place down.

22 MR. HUGHES: Why can't you?

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Could you
24 answer that, Chief?

25 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We have been

1 addressing it with the DA's office. Now
2 it's under new ownership. So that's being
3 addressed.

4 MR. HUGHES: Now, more problems.

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, the new owners
6 are actually on our side. They are actually
7 helping us change. Like, they changed their
8 times. Little things for us. They removed
9 the food truck. They are closed by 3:00
10 a.m. All of their parties have to be out by
11 2:30 quarter to 3:00 and all the performers
12 have to be out by quarter after 3:00.

13 MR. HUGHES: Are the police going in
14 and out of that parking lot patrolling in
15 there?

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We're there all the
17 time.

18 MR. HUGHES: Okay. Because that
19 shooting happening at 5:00 a.m. on January
20 1st.

21 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, I know.
22 Trust me, I know. I was there.

23 THE WITNESS: There's my friend
24 right there. It's a very good friend whose
25 the girl who got shot, and she would give

1 you the shirt off her back that girl. And
2 it was not right whatever happened, and
3 that's why I want to know if we can shut it
4 down.

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, we were in
6 the process trying.

7 MR. HUGHES: Bill, start a petition
8 and I got enough names. Could I put on the
9 ballot for people to vote on that?

10 ATTY. RINALDI: No.

11 MR. HUGHES: Why?

12 ATTY. RINALDI: We don't have the
13 power to just shut a business down because
14 we don't like it. There's a process the
15 DA's office can go through if they say it's
16 a nuisance property, but they got a new
17 owner so it's -- he's got clean record.

18 MR. HUGHES: So you're working with
19 him now?

20 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, he doesn't
21 want to get in trouble. Let's put it that
22 way.

23 MR. HUGHES: Okay. Because I read
24 in the paper that day or whatever that they
25 going to sue the borough.

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ATTY. RINALDI: A lot of people say that.

MR. HUGHES: No, but I'm saying, did you read it.

ATTY. RINALDI: I read the article, yeah, I saw it.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: Let's put it this way. It's a night and day difference with the new owners there.

MR. HUGHES: Okay. All right. That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks.

MR. HUGHES: Bill, the firehouse looks really nice.

MR. STULL: Thanks.

MR. HUGHES: And, Council, congratulations on this. This is really beautiful.

MS. AVVISATO: Thank you, Bob.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Hi, Mark. How is it going?

THE WITNESS: Good. I was looking to see if I could look at that plan for the storage that is going to go behind my place there. Is there any map or anything?

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MR. LOPATKA: For which?

THE WITNESS: Behind Keyser Avenue.

MR. LOPATKA: They haven't made a formal submission to the Borough yet because they were trying to get a zone change first.

(Whereupon, a discussion was held off the record outside of the hearing of the court reporter.)

(Simultaneous talking.)

MR. NOTARI: Can everybody be quiet, please.

MR. HOOVER: Like Dave said, we didn't see the final plans. We know where the building is going, but we won't know --

THE WITNESS: And the map. Take a look at that too you guys see. The concrete is piled out.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Just so you know, last week for the public hearing, he was just at the first stage.

THE WITNESS: Yeah.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: He still has now to go to planning, zoning.

THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. I thought it was one.

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MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: No, he's in the very first stage. So now he has to go --

THE WITNESS: Yeah, C-3 or C-3 or something like that.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: C-3.

THE WITNESS: C-3. Yeah. Did you see the map. Did you take a look at that? The one I passed out.

MR. HOOVER: You want to do away with them?

THE WITNESS: Yeah, them two there. This one goes out to Keyser Avenue. The other two.

MR. HOOVER: We'll have to look into it.

(Whereupon, a discussion was held off the record outside of the hearing of the court reporter.)

THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear you again.

THE WITNESS: If can weigh that other option I'm showing, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks, Mark.

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MR. NOTARI: He has to go to planning, present his planning. Maybe it would be a good idea when we have a planning meeting you come then just to make sure so you know what's going on. We'll give you a call when that meeting will be scheduled.

THE WITNESS: All right. Thanks.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks, Mark.

Anyone else for public comment before we move on?

MR. ZUKAUSKAS: Can I add something, Mr. Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Sure.

MR. ZUKAUSKAS: The last meeting I was at, we discussed the fines and all, and the borough manager said she was working on it. I don't understand. What were we working on with the fines? Remember I brought the issue up about the fines, and Mr. Rinaldi said what about them, and you said we're working on it. Do you recall that?

MS. BARTOLETTI: I don't. I would have to go back and look at the minutes. I think -- yeah, I would have to look at the

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context of what we were discussing at the time.

THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anyone else for public comment before we move?

MS. GRIMES: I just have one question.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: State your name again.

MS. GRIMES: Leona Grime. Just when is the next planning committee meeting?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The planning commission meeting or the council meeting?

MS. GRIMES: The planning that you were telling this gentleman to attend.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, the last Thursday of the month?

ATTY. RINALDI:

MS. GRIMES: Okay. Thank you.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You're welcome. Leona, just contact the borough office a day or two before the last Thursday and just make sure. Sometimes the planning members change their meetings if they have conflicts with that day.

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MS. GRIMES: Okay. Thank you.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Just check with the borough office, and they will be able to let you know. Just so you don't come here and then it's canceled.

MS. GRIMES: Okay. Thank you.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You're welcome.

Sir, state your name for her.

THE WITNESS: My name is Christopher Santron (phonetic.) I live at 929 Sibley Avenue. That is supposed to be 303 South Keyser. So I live in the corner. That's one of the issues that I have that I don't know who can I talk to about my house because there's two 303 South Keyser Avenues.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'll talk to him afterward because that was addressed.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The chief handles the addresses in town.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: That was the address that was I think before this gentleman that lives here because at Sibley Avenue the people never delivered a package

1 at Sibley Ave. They were always delivering
2 them down by Eagle McClure. I'll tell you
3 why that was changed.

4 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thanks for
5 that. And second issue is right now when
6 there's a storm and there's a lot of snow or
7 whatever and it's melting, right now, I live
8 in the corner. I don't have a sidewalk. I
9 don't have a ditch. I don't have nothing.
10 So all the water comes through my house.
11 Like, everything, and it's like a river.
12 And it goes through the property, goes down,
13 goes to his property. Then -- his my
14 neighbor and all the part of the houses, the
15 back of the houses in the back, it's like it
16 gets flooded.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Where is it
18 coming from?

19 THE WITNESS: Straight from Keyser.
20 Like, all the water from the mountain, gets
21 to Keyser, and then follows the road
22 downhill.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Why don't you
24 leave your number with Joe Lenceski the
25 street commissioner. He can come over and

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take a look at it first so we can get idea of explaining to him where it's coming from and the path it's taking so he can take a look. Give him your number after the meeting okay.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You're welcome.

Okay. We're going to move into new business. First item under new business is a motion to approve the CDBG cooperation agreement with Lackawanna County.

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

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

MR. FEBBO: I'll second it.

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

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

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MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Second item is motion to approve the
Varsity Garden center transient license.

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

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

MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

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

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

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MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Third item under new business is
donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the
Griffin Pond animal shelter.

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

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

MR. HOOVER: I'll second it.

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

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
Avvisato.

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MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Fourth item is motion to accept the resignation letter of Christopher Hart, code enforcement zoning officer. I would like to read the letter that he delivered to us.

To who it may concern, I am writing this letter to formally resign as a code enforcement -- zoning code enforcement officer for the Borough of Old Forge effective today March 21, 2023. I appreciate the opportunities you have given me during my time at the Borough, but I feel

1 that the time has come for me to explore
2 other options within my field. I am
3 incredibly grateful for the knowledge and
4 experience that I have gained from everyone
5 within, and if there's anything I can do to
6 help to make the transition go smoother, I
7 will be more than happy to help. Thank you.
8 Christopher Hart.

9 MR. FEBBO: I'll make that motion,
10 Mr. Chairman.

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

13 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second it.

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

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
18 Avvisato.

19 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

21 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

23 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

25 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

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MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Mr. Hart was here earlier this evening with us when he dropped off the letter. We had a little brief meeting with him. We would just like to thank him for his time when he was here with us, and we would also like to wish him good luck in his future endeavor of his choice.

Motion number five, we're going to table the Sons of Italy lease agreement.

MR. NOTARI: I'll make a motion to table, Mr. Chairman.

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

MS. AVVISATO: I'll second that motion.

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

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MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Item number six is a motion to accept the dedication of Borough street, a resolution of the Old Forge Borough in Lackawanna County Pennsylvania, accepting for dedication the right-of-way a street easement set forth with a subdivision plan for the Borough of Old Forge and the Old Forge School District known as the Melmore Street Extension. And the street along the

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land of the Borough to be conveyed to the Old Forge school district kindly known as Sherri Lane located in the Borough of Old Forge Lackawanna County Pennsylvania.

ATTY. RINALDI: If it's Council's desire to officially name that Sherri Lane, you just indicate that. Okay. Make the motion.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: In the same motion?

ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah.

MR. NOTARI: I'll make the motion, Mr. Chairman, with the caveat to officially name it Sherri Lane.

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

MR. FEBBO: I'll second it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by Councilman Febbo. On the question.

MR. NOTARI: On the question, how do we spell it?

ATTY. RINALDI: S-h-e-r-r-y.

MS. BARTOLETTI: S-h-a-r-i.

MR. NOTARI: Whatever is on the sign, we'll officially spell it right.

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MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: On the question. Public input. Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Next item is motion to add the approval of a stormwater catch basin on Apache Drive.

MR. HOOVER: I'll make that motion, Mr. Chairman.

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

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MS. AVVISATO: I'll second it.

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

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Next item is motion to approve
Earthworks -- the bid to perform the work on
Apache Drive in the amount of \$10,000.

MR. BUTLER: I'll make that motion,
Mr. Chairman.

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

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

Next item under new business is motion to hire a full-time code enforcement/zoning.

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

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the
2 floor by Councilman Notari.

3 MR. LETTIERI: I'll second it.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second by
5 councilman Lettieri. On the question,
6 public input.

7 MR. HUGHES: What qualifications do
8 you have to have for that job.

9 MR. HOOVER: It's in the paper.

10 MR. HUGHES: It's in This paper.

11 MR. HOOVER: It was in the paper.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Public input.

13 Roll call, please.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
15 Avvisato.

16 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

18 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

20 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

22 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
24 Lettieri.

25 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

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MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

MR. HOOVER: The Borough of Old Forge, Lackawanna County Pennsylvania. Resolution number four.

ATTY. RINALDI: Just -- it's not a resolution number.

MR. HOOVER: A resolution appointing a zoning officer and code enforcement officer for the Borough of Old Forge and set forth the amounts to be paid as compensation for the services rendered to the Borough. Whereas the Borough of Old Forge in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to hire -- to appoint and hire a zoning officer and a code enforcement officer in the Borough of Old Forge.

Now, therefore, it's hereby resolved that council of the Borough of Old Forge Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania that Michael Sokolowski is appointed and hired as a zoning officer and code enforcement officer for the Borough of Old Forge with a start

1 date of April 3, 2023. The salary for the
2 position of zoning code enforcement officer
3 for the Borough of Old Forge to be paid to
4 said appointee shall be determined by the
5 personnel committee including any and all
6 benefits that nonuniform administrative
7 employees are entitled. Said appointee
8 shall obtain a certificate of completion
9 from the Pennsylvania Department of
10 Community Economic Development for obtaining
11 a workshop for zoning officers within six
12 months of this employment as a zoning
13 officer. Beyond that, the said appointed
14 zoning officer shall attend one workshop per
15 year during the time that he is a zoning
16 officer.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the
18 floor to hire Michael Sokolowski.

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

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion by
21 Councilman Febbo.

22 MR. NOTARI: Second.

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

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MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman

Avvisato.

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

Lettieri.

MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

No items under new business. We'll go down the table and see if anyone has to had anything before we adjourn.

Mayor Legg.

MAYOR LEGG: Thank you,

Mr. Chairman. I wanted council to know Thursday June 8th at 10:00 in the morning, we're going to have a little program outside for the Glen Lyon project. So the sign up

1 should be up and everything ready to go.
2 That's all I have. Thank you.

3 MR. NOTARI: Any chance of
4 rescheduling later in the afternoon for
5 those of us that work?

6 MAYOR LEGG: Let me check.

7 MR. NOTARI: Okay. At the worst,
8 I'll take some time.

9 MAYOR LEGG: Thank you, Mr.
10 Chairman.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilman
12 Febbo.

13 MR. FEBBO: No, nothing.

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilman
15 Lettieri.

16 MR. LETTIERI: Nothing at this time,
17 Mr. Chairman.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilman
19 Notari.

20 MR. NOTARI: Did we talk about the
21 planning survey?

22 ATTY. RINALDI: As long as everybody
23 is okay with it, I'll post it on the
24 website.

25 MR. NOTARI: We're doing a

1 comprehensive assessment plan for the
2 borough in terms of zoning and looking at
3 the different zonings in town, and there
4 will be a survey that will be posted on the
5 website, I'm sure some of us will share it
6 on social media as well for the residents
7 and Borough to participate in just asking
8 some different questions concerning zoning.
9 That's all I have.

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilman
11 Hoover.

12 MR. HOOVER: I have nothing.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Councilwoman
14 Avvisato.

15 MS. AVVISATO: I have nothing
16 tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You're
18 welcome. Councilman Butler.

19 MR. BUTLER: I have nothing.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I have no
21 items as well. With that the chair will
22 entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion on the

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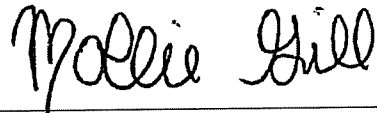
floor by Councilwoman Avvisato. All in
favor?

(Unanimous. Meeting adjourned.)

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