

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

IN RE: WORK SESSION

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

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

RUSSELL RINALDI, President

JIM HOOVER, Vice President

ANDREW BUTLER

MICHAEL KOMENSKY

JENNA JONES-SHOTWELL

MIKE LETTIERI

ALLISON McCAWLEY

MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, Borough Manager

WILLIAM RINALDI, Esquire, Solicitor

MICHELLE SMOLSKIS
Official Court Reporter

1 MR. 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
6 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
11 McCawley.

12 MS. McCAWLEY: Here.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
14 Shotwell.

15 MS. SHOTWELL: Present.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
17 Komensky.

18 MR. KOMENSKY: Present.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
20 Lettieri.

21 MR. LETTIERI: Present.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

23 MR. BUTLER: Present.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

25 MR. HOOVER: Present.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

2 MR. RINALDI: Here. Once again,
3 ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the work
4 session of the Old Forge Borough. Tonight is
5 Tuesday, March 4, 2025. The purpose of this
6 meeting will be to set our agenda for our next
7 meeting which we discussed in executive session
8 is going to be next Tuesday?

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Next Tuesday.

10 MR. RINALDI: Next Tuesday, March
11 11th. We'll hear from our department heads,
12 we'll go down the table, we'll hear from our
13 mayor, our borough manager, solicitor and our
14 members of Council. Chief of police has a
15 public sign-in sheet, if anybody at the end of
16 the meeting would like to address us, we'll
17 give you a few moments. Just please sign in.

18 With that said, we're going to go to
19 our first department head, that is Joseph
20 Lenceski, DPW manager. Joe, good evening.

21 MR. LENCESKI: Good evening.

22 MR. RINALDI: Anything for the
23 meeting this evening or for the upcoming
24 agenda?

25 MR. LENCESKI: I have nothing.

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

3 MR. BUTLER: I have one.

4 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

5 MR. BUTLER: Joe, Teddy Giglio
6 stopped me the other day, do we have any
7 children at play sign or slow children signs?

8 MR. LENCESKI: I think I may have
9 one.

10 MR. BUTLER: Could we put one in
11 that alleyway there? I guess his grand kids
12 are over his house, people are flying up that
13 alley, that one way alley next to his house.

14 MS. SHOTWELL: People do fly up that
15 alley.

16 MR. BUTLER: Yeah. And plus you
17 have the next girl up, the Fierros (phonetic),
18 they have kids, too, and they have all those
19 goofy ten-foot arborvitaes alongside their
20 yards they. They step out from behind one of
21 those arborvitaes and those maniacs are driving
22 up that road, somebody's gonna get hit. But if
23 we have one, just put one anywhere. Put it
24 down by Teddy's house so he sees it.

25 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah, no problem.

1 MR. BUTLER: You know what I'm
2 saying?

3 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah.

4 MR. BUTLER: Thanks.

5 MR. LENCESKI: I'm just going to
6 have to wait a little bit with the frost.

7 MR. BUTLER: Oh, that's all right.
8 Yeah. I'll tell him. Thank you.

9 MR. LENCESKI: You're welcome.

10 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have
11 any questions for Joe?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Joe.

14 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

15 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Code
16 enforcement/zoning officer Mike Sokolowski.
17 Mike, good evening.

18 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Good evening.

19 MR. RINALDI: Anything for the
20 meeting tonight or for the upcoming agenda?

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No, not really.

22 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any
23 questions for Mike?

24 MR. HOOVER: Mike, how's Amity
25 doing?

1 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: It's coming along.

2 MR. HOOVER: Were they there today?

3 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I don't know if
4 they were there. Did you see --

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I didn't talk to
6 Marcy or but overheard they broke a hundred.

7 MR. HOOVER: Friday was 104.

8 MR. BUTLER: I heard 131.

9 MR. HOOVER: And there's still a lot
10 more. All right.

11 MR. KOMENSKY: Mike, it's condemned?
12 You condemned it?

13 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes.

14 MR. RINALDI: For the public's
15 knowledge, there was a house over on Amity
16 Avenue last week, the chief of police, the
17 zoning officer, they took out over a hundred
18 cat.

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: As of Friday --
20 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

21 MR. HOOVER: 104 as of Friday.

22 MR. RINALDI: 104 cats. There's
23 nobody in the house. The house is --

24 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Two dogs.

25 MR. RINALDI: And two dogs. The

1 house is vacant and the zoning officer
2 condemned the house, so if you heard us talking
3 about 100, 104, that's the purpose of that.
4 So, good job on getting them out and also good
5 job on condemning the house so nobody is in
6 there.

7 MR. LETTIERI: Michael, do they have
8 an ordinance in town, or do we have an
9 ordinance with parking cars in your yard?

10 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

11 MR. LETTIERI: So, there's a house,
12 the old Shandra house has about six cars just
13 parked in their yard, in their back yard.

14 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Where at?

15 MR. LETTIERI: It's right on the
16 corner behind Ciuccio's, the funeral home.
17 It's the house on the corner.

18 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

19 MR. LETTIERI: So I had some people
20 complaining that there's six or seven cars
21 parked in that yard going all the way up. I
22 mean, I don't know what it looks like but they
23 said it looks horrible. I just didn't know if
24 there's, I mean, something we could do, even if
25 you just took a visit over there.

1 MR. RINALDI: Is Shandra's house
2 right on the corner of Second Street?

3 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

4 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: All right. I'll
5 look at it.

6 MR. LETTIERI: Thank, Mike.

7 MR. BUTLER: I have one quick.
8 Mike, thank you for those abandoned houses
9 you've been working on and stuff like that.
10 One left -- actually, two, ray Street.

11 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah, I know.

12 MR. BUTLER: Don't wake up the bear,
13 could you just go down there and look at it and
14 see if we could condemn them or whatever,
15 because, I mean, this lady's calling me every
16 week, you know, where are we? What are we
17 doing? You know, stuff like that.

18 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: They'll be my next
19 ones. They're starting the one on Keyser
20 Avenue now. Earthworks is there now.

21 MR. BUTLER: These two houses down
22 there, like I said, one of my feet went through
23 the porch on the one and the other one the
24 garbage is stacked up about five feet high on
25 the back porch on either side of the doorway.

1 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: You were in the
2 house?

3 MR. BUTLER: No, I did not go in the
4 house, I just was looking around to see what
5 was there.

6 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah, he cleaned it
7 up last time, but --

8 MR. BUTLER: Cleaning it up doesn't
9 do anything about, you know, he cleaned up the
10 yard a little bit, but the house is falling
11 down.

12 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: All right. I'll
13 work on it.

14 MR. BUTLER: I know he says his
15 girlfriend was gonna move in there and he moved
16 in his mother's house after she passed, but why
17 would you make your girlfriend move in that
18 house if you moved in your mother's? You know?
19 So he's trying to hold on to it for whatever
20 reason.

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: All right. I'll
22 check into those.

23 MR. BUTLER: All right.

24 MR. KOMENSKY: Mike, maybe next week
25 I'll get with Jimmy and we'll see what day

1 Bill's available and we'll just have a meeting
2 maybe during the day to see, come up with some
3 more resolution on the ones we already
4 condemned, what we're gonna do for the next
5 process, so we could have that. We won't have
6 it for the next meeting but we'll have it for
7 the meeting after so we could give a report to
8 everybody.

9 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah. Whenever,
10 I'm available.

11 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. I'll talk to
12 you after the meeting and we'll get with Bill.

13 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Okay.

14 MR. KOMENSKY: All right, Jim?

15 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, I'm good. Is
16 that it, Mike?

17 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I'm good.

18 MR. HOOVER: Dave, borough engineer,
19 what's up?

20 MR. LOPATKA: I don't have anything
21 for the meeting.

22 MR. HOOVER: Did Lindy start yet,
23 that's the question?

24 MR. LOPATKA: Oh, yeah. Yeah.
25 They've been over there. I actually talked to

1 them yesterday. I had to contact the water
2 company to get them in touch so that they could
3 do the tap-in. I know they were doing some
4 electrical stuff today. They needed to get
5 into the concession stand for the electric.
6 So, yeah, they're moving.

7 MR. HOOVER: All right. Do you have
8 a set of plans for the DPW area down there?

9 MR. LOPATKA: I don't have a set of
10 plans. I mean, I know that we had a survey
11 done down there years ago.

12 MR. HOOVER: A site plan, just an
13 overall?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: There was one that
15 was approved, but I don't know --

16 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

17 MR. LOPATKA: You're talking quite a
18 while ago, right?

19 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

20 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah. When they
21 built the --

22 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

23 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah, yeah. We do
24 have some, probably some surveys.

25 MR. HOOVER: Send me one. E-mail me

1 or something.

2 MR. LOPATKA: All right.

3 ATTY. RINALDI: I think we found it,
4 Dave, when we were doing those easements for
5 Calus and Deocki (phonetic).

6 MR. HOOVER: I remember seeing one.

7 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. Is that the
8 business that's on the way --

9 ATTY. RINALDI: The cul-de-sac
10 there.

11 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah, yeah. Yeah,
12 there was a little drainage that we did there a
13 while back. A couple years ago.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Uh-huh.

15 MR. LOPATKA: I'll look and find
16 what I have. I'll send it to you.

17 MR. KOMENSKY: Are we gonna meet
18 down there, Jimmy?

19 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, we are. It was
20 kind of miserable last week. Now that the
21 weather's warm, we'll have to get --

22 MR. KOMENSKY: See if we could get
23 together?

24 MR. HOOVER: Start some kind of plan
25 down there.

1 MR. KOMENSKY: Do we want to wait
2 until we find the map or --

3 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, let's see what he
4 sends me first.

5 MR. KOMENSKY: All right.

6 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have
7 any questions for Dave?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Dave.

10 MR. LOPATKA: Thanks.

11 MR. RINALDI: Good evening, Chief.
12 Anything for the meeting tonight or for the
13 upcoming agenda?

14 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I don't have
15 nothing for the meeting. The only thing I have
16 is an update. Thornton told me about four to
17 five weeks for the sign with weather
18 permitting, so --

19 MR. RINALDI: Any update on the
20 cameras? Did you speak with Bruce?

21 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah. He was here,
22 he looked at a couple things. He said he'd be
23 back in touch with us.

24 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Anyone have any
25 questions for the Chief?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Chief.
3 Assistant Fire Chief Bill Stull. Bill,
4 anything for the meeting tonight or for the
5 upcoming agenda?

6 MR. STULL: No, nothing at all.

7 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any
8 questions for Bill?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Bill.
11 Attorney Rinaldi, anything for the meeting or
12 for the upcoming agenda?

13 ATTY. RINALDI: Resolution for an
14 extension of probationary period for DPW
15 employee and maybe three resolutions for zoning
16 fees, planning fees and paving fees, I think,
17 is done, paving permit fees.

18 MR. RINALDI: Paving permit, zoning,
19 and what was the third?

20 ATTY. RINALDI: Planning fees.

21 MR. RINALDI: Planning. Anything
22 else?

23 ATTY. RINALDI: That's it. Oh yeah,
24 and ratify the court settlement with Stocki.

25 MR. RINALDI: Which will be next

1 week before our regular meeting. We're gonna
2 advertise before the regular meeting on
3 Tuesday?

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: No, it's part of
5 the meeting.

6 MR. RINALDI: Oh, you're just going
7 to do it at the regular meeting?

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

9 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Any members
10 have any questions for the solicitor?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill. Borough
13 manager, Marylynn, anything for the meeting
14 tonight or the upcoming agenda?

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: So, Bill already
16 said about the DPW employee, and the other item
17 that I have is to purchase four Lifepak 1,000
18 AED units, and Chief Dubernas has requested
19 this, so he could probably tell you where he
20 wants to place them.

21 CHIEF DUBERNAS: So, the AEDs, the
22 ones that we're trying to get now, are the ones
23 that all Pennsylvania ambulances carry, so they
24 could plug right in, god forbid we ever have an
25 issue, they could just come here and plug right

1 into our pads and everything. They're not
2 gonna have to exchange or anything. And
3 they're the newer models of the one we have.
4 The one we have now is obsolete and the
5 battery's dead on it.

6 So, instead of trying to find a
7 battery from somewhere, just the new AEDs. So,
8 we would have one in our building, one here and
9 two for our patrol cars.

10 MR. RINALDI: So one in the borough
11 building here, one in the police station and
12 two for the cars. Will the cars, they'll be
13 portable so they'll be taking them as they go
14 on shifts, each car?

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, each shift.

16 MR. RINALDI: Each shift?

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Each shift will
18 have them.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: They come with the
20 case and all the battery stuff that they need.
21 It's all included.

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: And that's with
23 both adult and infant pads and everything.

24 MR. RINALDI: Anything else, Mare?

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

1 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any
2 questions for the borough manager?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Marylynn.
5 Before we go around the table, we'll go into
6 public comment. First we have Jim Pon. Hi,
7 Jim.

8 MR. PON: How are ya?

9 MR. RINALDI: Good evening. Good.
10 Thank you. How are you?

11 MR. PON: I'm doing well. Thanks.

12 MR. RINALDI: You're. How could we
13 help you?

14 MR. PON: So, I was had an issue
15 last year with a prive yard sale, I had yard
16 sale signs, and it was brought to my attention
17 I was very rude to you, I apologized to you.
18 So, there's now you can't have any yard signs
19 on any of the telephone poles in Old Forge; is
20 that correct?

21 MR. RINALDI: Have any yard sale
22 signs on them? No. According to the
23 ordinance.

24 MR. PON: Right. I was wondering if
25 there was some way I could work something so IU

1 can do it and just take them down at a certain
2 time, you know what I mean? Because I was
3 talking to Marylynn and she said if I paid,
4 like, \$20 a sign, she had mentioned, but --

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: It's an ordinance
6 that the Borough has. It's in the zoning about
7 the signs. So, Mike would be, you know, better
8 able to tell you the details of that, but we do
9 get a lot of, you know, we do get people who
10 request them, and it is in the books that
11 they're not allowed.

12 MR. RINALDI: Bill, how would you
13 advise us to handle that?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: I know we looked at
15 this. Do you remember what it said?

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Each sign would a
17 need permit.

18 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: \$25 I think it was
19 per sign, but --

20 MR. PON: I mean, I have about ten
21 signs, it's gonna cost me \$250, plus I run an
22 ad in the paper for another 50 to 60 bucks,
23 plus the stuff to buy to make the sign, I'm
24 gonna be in over \$300 to have a yard sale.
25 What does that even make sense? I'll just it

1 to the curb.

2 MR. RINALDI: What pole do you --

3 MR. PON: At my house, 703 Fallon
4 Street.

5 MR. RINALDI: No, I know where you
6 live.

7 MR. PON: Okay.

8 MR. RINALDI: Yeah, but what poles
9 do you usually hang them on, along Main Street,
10 the whole way?

11 MR. PON: Every corner that has a
12 light where people stop. I don't hang them up
13 in the middle of the roads where people are
14 flying by, like CVS and then the one by me over
15 that, what's that hero shop, the hoagie shop
16 there, and I do a couple up on Keyser.

17 So, my thing was I was gonna just
18 ask if I could -- I have a yard sale on a
19 Saturday, so I usually hang them up by
20 Wednesday, Thursday, so if I have them down by
21 6:00 Saturday the day of, if they're up later
22 than that fine me all you want. That's what
23 would be my suggestion, because I kind of need
24 to have them. I'm probably gonna have, like,
25 60 signs, because I do a lot of buying and

1 selling. I got a shed back there with 50 totes
2 full of stuff. I do it every winter and then
3 every summer I just sell. And I drive through
4 Scranton, Avoca, Duryea, Pittston. I have
5 signs everywhere.

6 He followed me last year, as I was
7 hanging them up, he's taking them down. He
8 stopped me, Hey, is this you? I'm like, Dude,
9 what are you doing taking down my signs, man?

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: I tried to warn
11 you.

12 MR. PON: I was getting a lot of
13 crap from everybody that day.

14 MR. RINALDI: Did he at least give
15 them back to you?

16 MR. PON: No.

17 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I put them on your
18 porch.

19 MR. PON: Is that you?

20 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes I did the
21 address with a note.

22 MR. PON: You stuffed them in my
23 mailbox.

24 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

25 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Every one I get, I

1 put it back on the house, I do, and I leave a
2 note.

3 MR. PON: You did leave a note.

4 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: That was the second
6 time, second offense.

7 MR. PON: I got two letters. One
8 was, Don't do it, and the second was -- let's
9 see what happens if you do it again. Dude,
10 come to my house.

11 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No. I put the
12 ordinance in there.

13 MR. RINALDI: I have a quick
14 question.

15 MR. PON: Yes, sir?

16 MR. RINALDI: Well, it's actually
17 going to be for our zoning officer or our
18 solicitor. And I'm trying to look up the
19 ordinance as I'm talking, so forgive me. The
20 wording is exact as it's no signs, correct? No
21 signs on any poles. And if there was, you need
22 a permit?

23 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Any utility pole.

24 MR. RINALDI: But if he does want to
25 put one up or if anyone wants to put one up,

1 you need a permit?

2 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Nobody came to ask
3 me for one.

4 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Everybody just
6 assumes that they can do it.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: So, part of the
8 problem, which why it was opened up, is people
9 complaining about people who have signs, put
10 them up, don't take offense, but people who put
11 the signs up and don't take them down and it
12 looks like crap.

13 And, you know, we have a lot of
14 people in town who, you know, are very
15 fanatical about keeping the town clean and all
16 the kind of stuff and complain and complain and
17 complain.

18 So, that's what prompted, you know,
19 Hey, we have an ordinance that says this. We
20 try to enforce the ordinance.

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: There's signs that
22 have been up there for months.

23 MR. RINALDI: Right.

24 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Months. Seriously.
25 And not taken down. They're so faded and you

1 can't even read it.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: And it's signs for
3 sales, it's signs for buying houses, it's signs
4 for, you know, putting on a roof, it's every
5 kind of sign that go up, so that's the basis of
6 why we went, myself and Mike and Joe, why we
7 were trying to enforce this.

8 MR. RINALDI: This is only going to
9 be a suggestion, we can't do any -- we would
10 have vote at a meeting. This is only a
11 proposal I'm proposing to Council, if we were
12 going to allow signs in the future, we'd have
13 to change our ordinance, number one. We'd have
14 to put the wording in how we'd want to describe
15 it.

16 I mean, I wouldn't see why we
17 couldn't allow somebody to come in to buy a
18 permit, put the sign up, but then take it down
19 at a certain time frame, maybe if it is a day,
20 or maybe if it's two days, 48 hours. If not,
21 then you're fined. But right now, according to
22 the ordinance, there isn't anything we could
23 do, correct?

24 MR. LETTIERI: Is the ordinance just
25 a permit just to put them up, or is it every

1 sign that he puts up?

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Every sign.

3 MR. LETTIERI: Every sign?

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Uh-huh.

5 MR. PON: If I hang up ten signs at
6 25 bucks a sign --

7 MR. RINALDI: Right.

8 MR. PON: I'm not gonna pay somebody
9 250 bucks. That's just kind of silly.

10 MR. RINALDI: No, that's what I was
11 saying, and I don't know what the --

12 MR. PON: You want a permit, I'll
13 give you 25 bucks for a permit.

14 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: It's up to the
15 ordinance.

16 MR. PON: I'm not asking to change
17 nothing, I'm just asking you to not look at the
18 ordinance, just let me hang it up, you know?

19 MR. KOMENSKY: We can't do that.

20 MR. RINALDI: We can't do that.
21 We'd have to look at the ordinance because we
22 have it on the books already.

23 So, then we're gonna have to tell
24 him he can't put any -- Bill, correct, he can't
25 put any signs up at all?

1 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah. I mean,
2 that's what we've been doing. You can put one,
3 I guess, in your yard.

4 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Put them in your
5 yard.

6 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

7 MR. PON: I don't have much traffic.

8 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: You could ask
9 somebody permission to put them in their yard,
10 maybe something like that, I mean, but it's not
11 on the utility poles.

12 MR. PON: And what's the border of
13 Old Forge, Sibley?

14 MR. RINALDI: It's halfway across
15 the street from Sibley down until right about
16 100 feet before Colarusso's Cafe, Colarusso's
17 2.0. You go over past right there --

18 MR. PON: That's Main Street?

19 MR. RINALDI: No. Main Street going
20 down towards Duryea.

21 MR. PON: Right.

22 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. There's a sign
23 right a little bit in between Agostini's Bakery
24 and Colarusso's 2.0, you'll see the border
25 there, and then that turns into Duryea, and

1 then it's halfway past Sibley Avenue.

2 MR. PON: And what about if you go
3 behind the gas station, what's that Broadhead
4 Road, is that the border?

5 MR. RINALDI: Which gas station?

6 MR. BUTLER: Broadhead Street.

7 MR. PON: Broadhead Street, right.
8 I work right there in Duryea.

9 MR. KOMENSKY: Up by the candy
10 company. You know where Sweetheart Candy is?
11 Used to be the credit union.

12 MR. RINALDI: I think the border of
13 there would be right around Sweetheart Candy.
14 Right before.

15 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

16 MR. RINALDI: There's a little
17 credit union there now.

18 MR. PON: Oh, yeah. I do know that
19 one. So that's the border.

20 MR. RINALDI: That's the border.

21 MR. PON: That's the border of
22 Duryea and Old Forge?

23 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. Right around
24 there.

25 MR. PON: And up to Keyser, right?

1 Sibley to Keyser, right?

2 MR. RINALDI: Keyser Avenue
3 probably, the border right around there would
4 be a little past Sibley, like by the old
5 Graziano tucking company.

6 MS. SHOTWELL: Or before you get to
7 the old third rail. He's been here 12 years.
8 Past Backyards, the old Backyards.

9 MR. PON: Yeah, yeah, yeah. All
10 right. Good to know. So I know where to hang
11 my signs.

12 MR. RINALDI: Or, like the zoning
13 officer said, if you found people who allowed
14 you put it in their yards, like how people put
15 political signs in their yard with the stakes.

16 MR. PON: Yeah. I got you. What if
17 I ask the people in McDonald's, the pole in
18 front of McDonald's? It's can't be on the
19 pole, right?

20 MR. RINALDI: If it's on McDonald's
21 property, we can't do anything about that.

22 MR. PON: But that's a telephone
23 pole.

24 MR. RINALDI: Well, not a telephone
25 pole.

1 MR. PON: All right.

2 MR. RINALDI: I will say this, the
3 guy who's next door to my restaurant right
4 here, he has the real estate company, if you
5 contact him, right across Anytime Fitness is a
6 big, open area, he usually lets people put all
7 type of signs in there if you wanted to contact
8 him.

9 MR. PON: Right next to Cafe
10 Rinaldi?

11 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. Right in
12 between --

13 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

14 MR. RINALDI: Right. There used to
15 be an old MAC machine there. His name is Mark,
16 and he has that realty company next door.
17 Usually, I mean, around election time, he lets
18 all kind of people put signs there.

19 I mean, obviously you have to ask
20 his permission, but I'm just saying it's a good
21 spot. You know, maybe he'd let you put
22 something in there.

23 MR. PON: All right. I'll do that.
24 Thank you. I appreciate it.

25 MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.

1 MR. PON: So I got one other thing.

2 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

3 MR. PON: So if somebody put sheds
4 on your property, is there a limit, like the
5 size of structures you'll allow on your
6 property?

7 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Under a thousand
8 square feet you don't need a building permit.

9 MR. PON: The building itself, you
10 mean?

11 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

12 MR. PON: So, if I have a regular
13 shed that's eight by ten, am I allowed another
14 eight by ten? That's my question.

15 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: One accessory use.

17 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: One accessory
18 building.

19 ATTY. RINALDI: Just off the top of
20 my head.

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I think it is, I
22 think it's just one.

23 MR. PON: You're calling that shed
24 an accessory building? So that's it, there's
25 only one shed? What if I build up? I'm

1 kidding. I was curious, I need another shed,
2 but if I'm only allowed the one, I guess I
3 can't do it, right? Now, is there a permit for
4 that?

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: For a shed, yes.

6 MR. PON: For an extra one, for
7 another one? Do I need it for my initial one?

8 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: If you put one in,
9 you should have one, yes.

10 MR. PON: Oh, crap. All right. So,
11 how do I go about getting that?

12 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Well, how long has
13 it been there?

14 MR. PON: I don't know, four years,
15 five years. We built it ourselves, me and my
16 brother.

17 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: A little too late
18 now.

19 MR. PON: Okay. So then whatever
20 that is, I want another one, is there a permit
21 to do that, to get an extra one or --

22 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I don't know. What
23 if you added on to one, connect it?

24 ATTY. RINALDI: No. If you're
25 remodeling your shed, yes, and it's a thousand

1 square feet --

2 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: If it's under a
3 thousand square feet, then all you need is a
4 zoning permit. It's a \$25 fee.

5 MR. PON: All right. So when I want
6 to add onto my shed, I come here?

7 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes.

8 MR. PON: And I just pay 25 bucks
9 and I'm good to go?

10 MR. RINALDI: So you would make one
11 shed under a thousand square feet.

12 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Right.

13 MR. RINALDI: You'd come and get a
14 permit, have one shed under a thousand square
15 feet.

16 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

17 MR. PON: That's gonna be huge,
18 because I'm only eight by ten. That's 80
19 square feet, right?

20 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Right.

21 MR. RINALDI: Right. What he's
22 saying is it has to be one unit, so you can't
23 have two sheds eight by ten. You could have
24 one shed 20 by 50.

25 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

1 MR. PON: But I can add onto it?

2 MR. RINALDI: You can add onto it.

3 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Just only one
4 structure, yeah.

5 MR. RINALDI: As long as it's one
6 structure, you could have it.

7 MR. PON: So under a thousand, you
8 don't need a permit.

9 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: You need zoning, a
10 \$25 zoning permit.

11 MR. PON: Okay.

12 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: You don't any
13 building permit which has to be -- anything
14 over a thousand has to be inspected and there
15 has to be drawings.

16 MR. PON: All right. So I just give
17 the zoning 25 bucks?

18 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

19 MR. PON: So, when we're ready to
20 add on, just come down --

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Come see me.

22 MR. PON: All right.

23 MR. RINALDI: Just come see Mike and
24 apply for the permit.

25 MR. PON: All right. Sounds good.

1 MR. RINALDI: Anything else?

2 MR. PON: No. That's all.

3 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Jim.

4 MR. PON: Thank you. Appreciate it.

5 MR. RINALDI: Appreciate you. Have
6 a good night. Jen Murawski

7 MS. MURAWSKI: Thank you. We're
8 here from the historical society, so it's nice
9 to see all of you, and thank you for all of
10 your help, Marylynn.

11 We have two things, three things
12 that we had. The first was that we're just
13 letting people know that we're having an open
14 house event again. We were so grateful, thank
15 you so much, Mr. Legg, for coming last year
16 when we did our trial run. We have so many
17 great things for the Borough, kind of photos.

18 MAYOR LEGG: It was very nice.

19 MS. MURAWSKI: Thank you. We had
20 about 70 people come for our exploratory just
21 to see if people were even interested.

22 So, Saturday, April 12th, I think at
23 11 a.m. in Saint Lawrence Church in the main
24 hall we're putting out the tables to display
25 photos and records and yearbooks and all sorts

1 of things we have in our collection. So, just
2 to state that for the record that we're having
3 it and we were grateful for your support last
4 time in sharing it.

5 And thank you, Mr. Rinaldi, for
6 sharing everything on the new borough community
7 Facebook page.

8 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

9 MS. MURAWSKI: It's nice to have
10 another way to reach people.

11 MS. SHOTWELL: Jen, what time did
12 you say?

13 MS. MURAWSKI: We're planning 11
14 a.m. and we may do a workshop with Cheryl
15 Keyser who does how to preserve your family
16 photos and make a digital family photo archive
17 that your relatives in Old Forge and people
18 elsewhere, but that part we're still working
19 out the details of.

20 So, 11 to maybe two or 3:00 is out
21 plan for that event. So, we'll share it once
22 we figure out the final details and we'll put
23 it on our Facebook page and share it with the
24 borough page.

25 So, because of that, because we were

1 Looking through our photo archive collection, I
2 had asked Mr. Rinaldi on Facebook, we had seen
3 the photos of the senior center building in
4 progress and knew that there was maybe some
5 chance that -- we have so many great photos
6 from the town's history, and some of the old,
7 you know the details better than I do, the old
8 maps, they're all hanging in Saint Lawrence
9 Church right now where the stations of the
10 cross used to be on the walls, the Sons of
11 Italy. If you're looking for them, I'm just
12 letting you know, that's where they are.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: So that's all the
14 stuff that used to be in the borough building
15 that we just didn't bring here yet.

16 MS. MURAWSKI: They're in the
17 church, so somebody hung them on the wall, I
18 guess.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: I think some of the
20 guys who play bocce got their hands on them,
21 and I think --

22 MS. MURAWSKI: They were in a box
23 and I think somebody just hung them on the
24 wall. And I think the big banner, the big
25 photos, those big, maybe, like, eighth foot by

1 five or six foot ones, they used to be leaning
2 against bocce court walls. I'm not sure where
3 they tucked them, but I'm assuming they're in
4 the main church hall.

5 And so just to say we were talking
6 about this and how we received a lot of new
7 photos and we have some really nice historical
8 photos and maps, and so I had asked Mr. Rinaldi
9 if it was something that if we had some of the
10 photos printed or framed, would it be something
11 we'd want to hang in the senior center, and he
12 advised me to come tonight to ask.

13 But then I talked to Marylynn on the
14 phone and we had a conversation, and she let us
15 know that there is some plan, or you'd like to
16 have something with that stick-on wallpaper
17 maybe with some of the old maps or photos for
18 some location.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: That was the plan
20 for the hallways and the walls in here that we
21 just haven't gotten to that point yet. I think
22 we all felt that we wanted to get more
23 comfortable with the building before we started
24 to decorate it up.

25 So, some of the, you know, the

1 things like you said, on the walls and
2 everything, they were all in the old borough
3 building and, you know, eventually will come
4 back here.

5 And then what I had told you about
6 the senior center, we're looking at at least,
7 I'm going to say, probably, like, on the
8 building, a date of August before that's even
9 finished. So, it's kind of hard to make plans
10 for a room that's not done yet.

11 MS. MURAWSKI: As I said on the
12 phone, our main thing was we wanted to offer
13 before the doors were closed that if you'd like
14 some of the photos, which, you know, we're
15 happy to do high quality scans, we're happy to
16 print, maybe something could be framed, like,
17 something very reasonable. We're not talking
18 about anything crazy, we just thought it would
19 be really nice to bring some these historical
20 photos that maybe people have never seen, and
21 at the open house, as well, we have displays of
22 photos, we have old school class photos from
23 the yearbooks.

24 So, just to say if it's something
25 you'd like for the town's history to put in

1 public places, we now have the capacity and
2 people who are good at scanning and taking
3 higher resolution photos, they'll be happy to
4 volunteer to provide any of that raw material.

5 MR. LETTIERI: I just have a
6 question. So the pictures that are at Saint
7 Lawrence, are they the original pictures from
8 our old borough building?

9 MS. MURAWSKI: That's my
10 understanding is that somebody --

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Those are ours.
12 Those are coming back to us. They're ours.

13 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

14 MS. MURAWSKI: And I would just say
15 that --

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. There's
17 others, many, many, many others, as well, that
18 the historical society has.

19 MR. LETTIERI: Okay.

20 MS. MURAWSKI: Yes. Our collection
21 has a lot of additional stuff, and also we're
22 starting projects to scan things and digitize
23 so they can be shared. Tom Perone (phonetic)
24 has a huge collection of photos and things he's
25 been sharing, as well.

1 And so we wanted to take advantage,
2 especially since a lot of our members are
3 getting older and have collections that we want
4 to make sure are preserved for the town's
5 history.

6 So, that was number one, we wanted
7 to offer, if it is useful, and to have scans,
8 and we are happy to provide different varieties
9 of pictures if there's some desire for certain
10 themes. We have a lot of old businesses of Old
11 Forge, downtown, settings, kind of thing.

12 And then the second thing we had was
13 just to say we know that this may be -- I
14 think, Marylynn, you let me know that it may
15 not be happening or it may be something that
16 interest was lost in, but we just wanted to
17 reiterate that with the town's -- I know the
18 125th anniversary was last year, but that if
19 there are plans for town celebrations or you'd
20 like assistance, we're very happy to assist and
21 volunteer, and we have some newer members who
22 are very happy to help with any kind of
23 logistics or planning that might be useful if
24 there was going to be any kind of small
25 celebration, or even if it was very short, some

1 kind of public, you know, when the senior
2 center is complete, the borough building's been
3 complete, if there's any kind of town occasion,
4 we just wanted to reiterate that we're happy to
5 help and participate in some way.

6 MR. RINALDI: Appreciate that.

7 MS. MURAWSKI: And we have some new
8 energy and, you know, we'd love to see the
9 community have a center where things were
10 happening, so --

11 MR. RINALDI: Jen, quick question I
12 have for you.

13 MS. MURAWSKI: Sure.

14 MR. RINALDI: I know when you have
15 the meetings and you have the displays you have
16 it all displayed at Saint Lawrence currently?

17 MS. MURAWSKI: What we did last time
18 when we had the open house was we just put the
19 tables all around the edges of the bocce court
20 so that nobody would trip on those wood
21 barriers they have on the edges, so that way
22 people could just walk around the edges of the
23 bocce courts.

24 And then we had different station
25 tables for all the different themes. We had

1 businesses, we had, you know, the mines, we
2 had, whatever, the yearbooks, the photos from
3 all the different schools that used to be in
4 Old Forge.

5 And so we do have a lot of those
6 photos, and some of our members come for a work
7 session each month and they collate and collect
8 them.

9 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That we what?

11 MS. MURAWSKI: The work sessions
12 that we have all kind of photos sorted by --
13 they're all cataloged and we have different
14 categories, and so we could pull photos based
15 on anything people want to see.

16 We have a lot of unidentified photos
17 that people have given to us, but that's why
18 we're trying to work on this digital photo
19 project so that we can better, while people are
20 alive and remember, help us, instead of just
21 giving us boxes of unidentified photos.

22 MR. RINALDI: Where do you store
23 them when they're not on display?

24 MS. MURAWSKI: Everything is in the
25 back room of the Saint Lawrence Church, the old

1 priest area behind where the alter used to be.
2 So that back room is kept locked and there's
3 some, I think between Mr. Febbo, your uncle,
4 and Karl Orchefsky (phonetic) who's our
5 president officially, sal Luzio, since Sal
6 Luzio has had to step back because of his
7 health.

8 Yeah, but everything is kept locked
9 in the cabinets back there. So, yeah, that's
10 where it is for the moment.

11 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Thanks for
12 coming this evening. Appreciate it.

13 MS. MURAWSKI: Yeah. And as I said,
14 any help we can be for any upcoming things, I
15 talked to Marylynn extensively, but we just
16 wanted to offer.

17 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Jennifer.
18 Appreciate it. Before we go around the table,
19 any other members from the public like to
20 address us?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Mayor
23 Legg, anything for the meeting?

24 MAYOR LEGG: Thank you, Mr.
25 Chairman.

1 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

2 MAYOR LEGG: As Jennifer mentioned,
3 I went to the one last year and it's fantastic.
4 You got to get down there. There's a lot of
5 photos and relics and what have you. I got to
6 take my two little goobers to get them cut on
7 Saturday, I'll be down that way anyhow, so I
8 will stop in.

9 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
10 Thank you.

11 MR. RINALDI: Councilwoman
12 Jones-Shotwell?

13 MS. SHOTWELL: Jennifer, I want to
14 thank you. And, also, I want to talk to you
15 after. I don't know what years you have, but I
16 have discovered some very early ones up in the
17 back rooms of the school over the years.

18 MS. MURAWSKI: We were actually
19 going to see if we could borrow the school's
20 collection.

21 MS. SHOTWELL: Yeah. I can
22 definitely help you with that, but I have, I
23 think, like, 1929 and 1931. I don't know if
24 you have --

25 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

1 MS. SHOTWELL: I have them in my
2 desk because I look at them all the time. I
3 think they're fascinating.

4 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

5 MS. MURAWSKI: We're happy to help
6 scan and digitize them.

7 MS. SHOTWELL: Yeah. I think that
8 would be great. There's no such thing as
9 senior projects anymore, that would have been a
10 good senior project for a couple of kids.

11 MS. MURAWSKI: When I heard that
12 senior projects were gone, we were very upset
13 because we have a lot possible senior projects.

14 MS. SHOTWELL: Yeah. Yeah. No, I
15 think that's all really great. And thank you
16 to you and the other members of the historical
17 society for preserving all that because it's
18 really important, and I'll be sure to be there.

19 I don't have anything else. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.
22 Councilman Komensky?

23 MR. KOMENSKY: Jennifer, thanks for
24 coming today. Appreciate it. And we'll be
25 seeing you in April.

1 MS. MURAWSKI: Thank you.

2 MR. KOMENSKY: I just want to thank
3 the staff for the work on Amity Avenue. I know
4 it's been a really tough week and a half, but
5 thank you for your hard work, Chief. Thank
6 you, Mike. Thank you. And whoever else put in
7 the time. I know it was no easy task. Chief
8 Stull, thank you very much.

9 But thank you again on behalf of the
10 residents. I know it's not an easy task.

11 CHIEF DUBERNAS: So, she just
12 messaged me, she's at 126 and they expect to be
13 there another two weeks, because they're
14 setting traps.

15 MR. RINALDI: 126 on the property?

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: So far. 126 out of
17 the house, the two dogs, and they're setting
18 traps, and every day they're averaging about 15
19 in the traps.

20 MR. KOMENSKY: That's all I have.
21 Thank you.

22 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.
23 Councilman Lettieri?

24 MR. LETTIERI: Just, Jennifer, thank
25 you for sharing. I appreciate the invite and

1 I'm looking forward to it. Thank you so much.

2 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Butler?

3 MR. BUTLER: Just, Jen, thank you
4 for coming out and letting us know about that,
5 because I see those pictures on the wall pretty
6 much every Monday night there. Some of them
7 are very, very, like, they're enlightening. I
8 hope to see you at the event. That's all I
9 have.

10 MR. RINALDI: Councilwoman McCawley?

11 MS. McCAWLEY: Same thing, thank
12 you, Jennifer, for coming in. I'll be there.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Hoover?

15 MR. HOOVER: Jen, thanks for putting
16 your time in and doing this. I appreciate it.
17 That's it.

18 MR. RINALDI: The only items I have
19 are two things, Jen, thank you. As everyone
20 else said, we appreciate it. If there's
21 anything we could do to help you or assist,
22 please let us know.

23 I also would like to make it that
24 day if I'm available. I going to try and I
25 would like to be there.

1 Council had an executive session
2 earlier this evening, and we also had an
3 executive session after our last meeting.
4 Other than that, I don't have any other items.
5 If no one else has any, the Chair would make a
6 motion to adjourn the work session.

7 MR. KOMENSKY: So move.

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

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

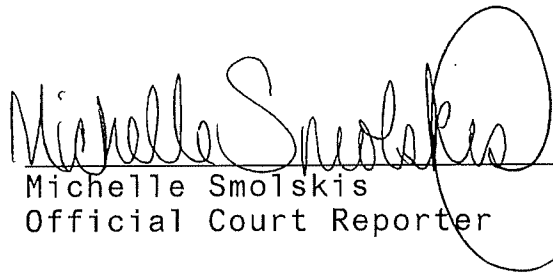
11 MR. RINALDI: The ayes have it.
12 Good night everyone. Thank you for coming.

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14 (Meeting adjourned.)
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