

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, ladies  
2 and gentlemen. I'd like to call the meeting to  
3 order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
10 McCawley.

11 MS. McCAWLEY: Here.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman  
13 Shotwell.

14 MS. SHOTWELL: Present.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
16 Komensky.

17 MR. KOMENSKY: Here.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
19 Lettieri.

20 MR. LETTIERI: Present.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

22 MR. BUTLER: Here.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

24 MR. HOOVER: Present.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

1 MR. RINALDI: Here. Once again,  
2 ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the work  
3 session of the Old Forge Borough. Tonight is  
4 Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

5 The purpose of our meeting will be  
6 to set our agenda which will be scheduled  
7 tentatively right now, correct, for May 20th,  
8 but that's primary election day. So we're  
9 going to have to pick a day to change that.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Correct.

11 MR. RINALDI: Do we want to do that  
12 now or after the meeting?

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Might as well do  
14 that now.

15 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Would you guys  
16 like to have it the day before, the week  
17 before, Monday the 19th, Tuesday the 13th. I'm  
18 good either day.

19 MR. LETTIERI: The Monday before,  
20 right?

21 MR. RINALDI: We could have it  
22 Monday the 19th, we could have it Tuesday the  
23 13th or Monday the 12th.

24 MR. LETTIERI: I'm going to go with  
25 the 19th.

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MR. KOMENSKY: Monday. Yeah, I'm good with that.

MR. RINALDI: The day before?

MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah.

MR. RINALDI: Jenna?

MS. SHOTWELL: Yeah, that's okay.

MR. RINALDI: Everyone good with the 19th?

MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

MS. McCAWLEY: Yeah, I'm good.

MR. LENCESKI: I have a softball game.

MR. RINALDI: Softball game?

MR. LENCESKI: 12U.

MR. RINALDI: We'll text you. So the purpose of tonight's meeting will be to set the agenda for the regular meeting for May, which will be May 19th, 7 p.m., 2025.

We'll hear from our department heads, we'll see if they have anything for tonight or for the agenda. We'll hear from our Council, our borough manager, our solicitor.

We have a public sign-in sheet the Chief has. If anyone would like to address us,

1 we'll give you a few minutes at the end of the  
2 meeting.

3 With that said, we'll go right to  
4 our first department head, that's Joe Lenceski,  
5 DPW manager. Joe, good evening.

6 MR. LENCESKI: Good evening.

7 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
8 for tonight or for the upcoming meeting, for  
9 the agenda?

10 MR. LENCESKI: Nothing tonight or  
11 for the upcoming meeting.

12 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any  
13 questions for Joe?

14 MR. HOOVER: Joe, they're starting  
15 modified on Taroli Street, did they get  
16 permission?

17 MR. KOMENSKY: Next to Brad's house,  
18 right?

19 MR. HOOVER: Yeah. Where that  
20 opening is.

21 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah, I noticed that.

22 MR. HOOVER: RLE is starting  
23 modified down there, and I noticed it.

24 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah. I didn't think  
25 that was our property, so I didn't know.

1 MR. HOOVER: Whose property is it?  
2 I don't know, maybe they got permission from  
3 the neighbor to go onto his property.

4 If it is, I don't know, but I just  
5 wanted to bring it to your attention. But  
6 there's modified all over the road, that's why  
7 I'm asking.

8 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah, I didn't notice  
9 that.

10 MR. HOOVER: I told them about it  
11 yesterday. Maybe they cleaned it up already.

12 MR. LENCESKI: That's the water  
13 company's project?

14 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, I think it is.

15 MR. LENCESKI: Okay.

16 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, I think it is.

17 MR. LENCESKI: All right. I'll look  
18 into it.

19 MR. HOOVER: All right.

20 MR. RINALDI: Is it Verrastro's?

21 MR. LENCESKI: It could be.

22 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

23 MR. RINALDI: I don't know, that's  
24 what the map --

25 MR. LENCESKI: I would have guessed

1           that would have been Mariotti's.

2                   MR. RINALDI: All right. It's  
3 coming up Verrastro. I just don't know how far  
4 the cutoff line is, though, if you want to just  
5 look into it before we call them.

6                   MR. LENCESKI: Okay. I will.

7                   MR. HOOVER: One more thing, are we  
8 getting any more things done besides moving the  
9 modified and the cold patch over at DPW yard  
10 for DEP?

11                   MR. LENCESKI: Just got rid of some  
12 of the trash.

13                   MR. HOOVER: Okay.

14                   MR. LENCESKI: Recyclables.

15                   MR. HOOVER: All right. Okay.

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

18                   (No response.)

19                   MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Joe.

20                   MR. LENCESKI: You're welcome.

21 Thank you.

22                   MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Code  
23 enforcement/zoning officer Mike Sokolowski.

24 Mike, good evening.

25                   MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Good evening.

1 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
2 for tonight or for the agenda?

3 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No, I don't have  
4 anything.

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

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Mike.

9 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Thanks.

10 MR. RINALDI: Dave Lopatka,  
11 engineer. Good evening, Dave.

12 MR. LOPATKA: Good evening.

13 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
14 for the meeting tonight or for the upcoming  
15 agenda?

16 MR. LOPATKA: Just quick tonight,  
17 about a couple weeks -- well, a couple weeks  
18 ago I know that we -- I don't know if -- I  
19 think we discussed it, the MS4 stuff that we  
20 met with the EPA and all that.

21 So, since then we have advertised  
22 and put a public notice in the paper, which is  
23 a requirement for us to apply for the new NPDES  
24 permit that goes along with the MS4, and I  
25 don't know, like, that public notice is



1 questions for Dave?

2 MR. LOPATKA: Oh, we are having a  
3 meeting next Friday. I called American Asphalt  
4 today to set up a meeting to go over the punch  
5 list items from the paving project.

6 It kind of got shut down because of  
7 the winter, so I called them and we're going to  
8 go over those items so they could fix that  
9 stuff up and we can get that closed out.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: And that's next  
11 Friday?

12 MR. LOPATKA: Next Friday at 9 a.m.

13 MR. KOMENSKY: All right. Jimmy,  
14 keep me in the loop on that.

15 MR. HOOVER: Uh-huh.

16 MR. LOPATKA: And we're meeting them  
17 here.

18 MR. KOMENSKY: Oh, okay.

19 MR. LOPATKA: And then we're going  
20 to go --

21 MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah.

22 MR. LOPATKA: Joe, I don't know if  
23 you want to add that to your schedule, as well.

24 MR. LENCESKI: Yes. Thank you.

25 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

1 MR. HOOVER: There's like four spots  
2 we have to go through.

3 MR. LOPATKA: Yep. I have them. I  
4 think I have them in my monthly report.  
5 They're listed in there, the items that we need  
6 to look at.

7 MR. HOOVER: Yeah. Okay.

8 MR. KOMENSKY: So that's the 16th,  
9 does that sound right?

10 MR. LOPATKA: That sounds correct,  
11 yeah.

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. Thank you.

13 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have  
14 any questions for Dave?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Dave.

17 MR. LOPATKA: Uh-huh.

18 MR. RINALDI: Police chief Jason  
19 Dubernas. Good evening, Chief. Anything for  
20 the meeting tonight or for the agenda coming  
21 up?

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The only thing for  
23 the meeting, all the kids involved in the park  
24 have been cited.

25 MR. RINALDI: For the bathrooms, the

1 damage, the vandalism?

2 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Uh-huh.

3 MR. RINALDI: How many were there?

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Six total.

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

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Chief, anything on  
8 the cameras and the stuff for the --

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, I haven't heard  
10 back from Bruce. I'm going to call him again  
11 tomorrow.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Which ones, the  
13 ones for out here?

14 MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: They're ordered.

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah, everything is  
18 ordered, and he said he would be in touch with  
19 us as soon as he had everything together.

20 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. Thanks.  
21 Thanks for that work on the damage at the park,  
22 too, Chief.

23 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Chief. Bill  
24 Stull, Assistant Fire Chief. Good evening,  
25 Bill.

1 MR. STULL: Good evening.

2 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
3 for the meeting tonight or for the agenda?

4 MR. STULL: Yeah. The 5K for the  
5 fire department, it's going to be Saturday, May  
6 the 24th. It's the Memorial Day weekend. Gun  
7 time is at 9 a.m. I believe, Chief, you have  
8 everything, your office has everything taken  
9 care of.

10 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yep.

11 MR. STULL: The run is going to be  
12 the same course as it was the last two years.  
13 The only thing that might change is the  
14 starting place, depending on how Miles Street  
15 is with the new water lines and everything else  
16 going in.

17 I talked to Mr. Ozalinsky (phonetic)  
18 from the water company and he said he'll do his  
19 best to have that ready, everything all done  
20 before that. So that's the only thing that  
21 might change is where we start at, but I'm not  
22 going to know that until almost the week  
23 before.

24 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, just let me  
25 know. I'm not here that weekend, but somebody

1 will be in charge of it.

2 MR. STULL: Okay.

3 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I have all the cars  
4 and everything set for it, so you just gotta  
5 tell me where I have to maybe move somebody.

6 MR. STULL: Okay.

7 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We usually have the  
8 first car at Miles. I drove by today, First  
9 Street's not bad. Miles Street's a wreck.  
10 Miles Street has literally a foot dip in it.

11 MR. HOOVER: It's gonna get worse  
12 because they're gonna dig more of the road  
13 because they have to renew every service down  
14 there. So it's gonna get worse.

15 So if you could find some place  
16 other than that. I can't see the permanent  
17 restoration being done until June, so you  
18 better find another spot.

19 MR. STULL: Okay.

20 MR. HOOVER: Because it's going to  
21 be dusty and everything down there.

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah.

23 MR. HOOVER: It's gonna be a mess.

24 MR. STULL: Okay. We'll look at  
25 that then.

1 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, just tell  
2 Leighann or you to keep me posted.

3 MR. STULL: Yeah. Because usually  
4 that Friday we'll start putting the markings  
5 down on the road for everything.

6 The only other thing is the -- we  
7 shortened the walk. The walk is only two miles  
8 instead of a full three miles. So actually  
9 where the starting point is, it'll go through,  
10 like, Clark Street, those roads back there, and  
11 then it'll come down Taroli Street, comes back  
12 up East Grace, and the walkers are done. So we  
13 won't have everything tied up as long with  
14 that. And that's all I have.

15 MR. RINALDI: Anyone have any  
16 questions?

17 MR. KOMENSKY: I have two things.  
18 So, Chief, to you guys and the police  
19 department, thank you for your work on the fire  
20 on Winter Street over the weekend. Just thank  
21 God nobody got hurt. Thank you for your hard  
22 work to you and the police department.

23 And, also, Chief, would you update  
24 Council on the radio program?

25 MR. STULL: So, the radios are

1 all -- the forms are all done, the members have  
2 them. All the mobiles are installed and all  
3 the apparatuses, that's done, so we're just  
4 waiting on the final bill for that so we could  
5 submit it.

6 MR. KOMENSKY: Everything is working  
7 good?

8 MR. STULL: Everything is working  
9 fantastic.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Thank you. That's  
11 all I have.

12 MR. HOOVER: Were they working  
13 before the fire or after the fire?

14 MR. STULL: Well, they were working  
15 on our side good. We actually had a call into  
16 Luzerne County, and I'll tell you what, it was  
17 a dream, you just pick up the radio and talk to  
18 them on digital on their frequency instead of  
19 asking for the patch and everything like that.

20 MR. HOOVER: Good. I'm glad.

21 MR. KOMENSKY: Very good. Thank  
22 you.

23 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have  
24 any questions for Bill?

25 (No response.)

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MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill.

Attorney Rinaldi, solicitor's report for tonight, anything for tonight or for the agenda?

ATTY. RINALDI: The only thing is depending on what planning does on Wednesday night, and do you want to do anything -- I sent everybody, I sent it to Marylynn anyway, skill games?

I added what Philadelphia added, any location operating under a valid Commonwealth license to sell alcohol that has 30 or more seats ready, available, in a place for regular use by customers consuming food or beverages provided that no more than blank gambling or skill based cash payout devices may be present in any one licensed location, and monetary payments can all be made through electronic means and not by cash, by personal or -- I don't know if you want -- you want to do that at the next meeting or what?

MR. HOOVER: Yes, I think we should.

ATTY. RINALDI: Or ponder it?

MR. HOOVER: I think we should.

MR. LETTIERI: I would like to look

1 at it, though, and try to modify it a little  
2 bit.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: I sent to all your  
4 e-mails.

5 MR. LETTIERI: Okay.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: So just so you're  
7 aware.

8 MR. LETTIERI: But, I mean, I'd like  
9 to modify it from that a little bit.

10 ATTY. RINALDI: I can leave the  
11 blank line.

12 MR. LETTIERI: Okay. Yeah.

13 ATTY. RINALDI: But I gotta run an  
14 ad that'll just say amendment to the ordinance,  
15 and I could just use the draft.

16 MR. LETTIERI: I mean, do you guys  
17 want to look at it before we just go ahead and  
18 go with it?

19 MR. RINALDI: No, we should look at  
20 it for sure.

21 MR. LETTIERI: Absolutely.

22 ATTY. RINALDI: Do you want to put  
23 it on the June meeting or the May meeting,  
24 that's the question?

25 MR. LETTIERI: Yeah, I would like to

1 look at it and see if we can do any  
2 modifications on it.

3 MR. HOOVER: I think the May meeting  
4 is fine.

5 MR. LETTIERI: Yeah.

6 MR. HOOVER: We have the number of  
7 machines Mike sent us.

8 ATTY. RINALDI: So, right now you  
9 can have them if you own a liquor license where  
10 you serve, you know, like a restaurant, the  
11 VFWs.

12 MR. HOOVER: How about the building  
13 across the street, do they have them already?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Do you want to add  
15 any other places?

16 MR. LETTIERI: No, I like that.  
17 But, I mean, like, the 30 seats and stuff like  
18 that, I mean, we can kind of modify some of  
19 that and then the amount of machines in a  
20 place. I think we have to come up with an  
21 exact amount that we want to come up with,  
22 right?

23 ATTY. RINALDI: Right. Thirty seats  
24 are --

25 MR. RINALDI: So then if we want to

1 do it by May, we're going to have to meet  
2 before May.

3 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah, that's what I  
4 mean, you're going to have to give me some  
5 idea.

6 MR. KOMENSKY: So, to go off what  
7 Mike was saying, so last meeting we talked  
8 about meeting about the church property, so  
9 could we possibly meet and do both before the  
10 meeting? Just a thought.

11 MR. RINALDI: Well, the meeting's  
12 going to be Monday the 19th, so we'd have to do  
13 it next week sometime on Monday or Tuesday,  
14 obviously.

15 MR. KOMENSKY: Just a thought.  
16 Could we kill two birds with one stone? Just a  
17 thought.

18 MR. RINALDI: I'll do whatever's  
19 best for the majority. Whatever you guys want  
20 to do. You want to make that one Monday, too,  
21 Mike?

22 MR. KOMENSKY: Whatever everybody  
23 wants to do. It doesn't matter to me.

24 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

25 ATTY. RINALDI: Because we're having

1 the meeting on the 19th, we're going to have to  
2 get the ad in by the 9th, right?

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

4 ATTY. RINALDI: So, you're cutting  
5 it close. If you want to put it off until  
6 June, put it off.

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. So Jenna's  
8 asking, like, could we do it a little bit  
9 earlier on Monday just because she says she has  
10 stuff going on?

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: The Monday meeting,  
12 you mean this discussion?

13 MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah.

14 MS. SHOTWELL: Yeah. Like, next  
15 Monday.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: That's not enough  
17 time to be able to advertise for the next  
18 meeting anyway.

19 MS. SHOTWELL: Okay.

20 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

21 MS. SHOTWELL: So then do we just  
22 want to roll it into the 19th?

23 MR. RINALDI: You want to meet  
24 before that, though?

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: You're not going to

1 be able to vote on it on the 19th if you don't  
2 meet --

3 ATTY. RINALDI: I gotta get an ad to  
4 the 16th, 17th --

5 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

6 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay. I understand.

8 MR. RINALDI: Do you want to get it  
9 for the June meeting and we'll have some time  
10 to meet before then?

11 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, give us more  
12 time. The skill games have been sitting for a  
13 while, so --

14 MR. KOMENSKY: Is that what you're  
15 saying, Jimmy?

16 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

17 MR. KOMENSKY: Just do it for June?

18 MR. HOOVER: Do it for the June  
19 meeting.

20 MR. KOMENSKY: All right.

21 ATTY. RINALDI: I just need to know  
22 for the ad. Okay. No problem.

23 MS. SHOTWELL: Should we just plan  
24 to set aside some time for it on the 19th --

25 MR. KOMENSKY: We should.

1 MS. SHOTWELL: -- to talk about that  
2 and to talk about the church.

3 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. So we'll  
4 advertise it for the June 17th meeting.

5 MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah.

6 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

7 MR. KOMENSKY: That'll give us time  
8 in case we don't have enough time, we could  
9 then schedule another.

10 ATTY. RINALDI: I don't think I have  
11 anything else right now unless you guys come up  
12 with the SALDO fees, or we could do that.  
13 We'll see.

14 MR. RINALDI: Bill, you said for  
15 tomorrow, depending on what planning does.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, I'll have a  
17 report for you. It'll be in process. There'll  
18 be an ad run, but that'll be at the June --

19 MR. RINALDI: For the record  
20 tonight, what's planning supposed to do  
21 tomorrow?

22 ATTY. RINALDI: Planning is doing  
23 a --

24 MR. RINALDI: What are they looking  
25 at tomorrow?

1                   ATTY. RINALDI:  -- review of a  
2                   recommendation to change zoning on a parcel of  
3                   land from E-1 to R-2.

4                   MR. RINALDI:  Recommended by?

5                   ATTY. RINALDI:  We're sending it to  
6                   them for recommendation.

7                   MR. RINALDI:  So recommended by  
8                   Council?

9                   ATTY. RINALDI:  Yeah.

10                  MR. RINALDI:  Okay.

11                  ATTY. RINALDI:  And they're gonna  
12                  approve the recommendation or deny it.  In any  
13                  event, it doesn't matter, you still have final  
14                  say what they do.

15                  MR. RINALDI:  So we're asking  
16                  planning, if I have this correct --

17                  ATTY. RINALDI:  To review a zoning  
18                  change.

19                  MR. RINALDI:  -- to review a zoning  
20                  change for a parcel of land.  Where?

21                  ATTY. RINALDI:  Howard and Forge  
22                  Streets, and I could give you the tax map  
23                  number, but there is a map attached to it.  So,  
24                  it's down below Holly Ridge but next to  
25                  Lackawanna Conservation District.

1 MR. RINALDI: Who owns the property,  
2 Holly Ridge?

3 ATTY. RINALDI: Holly Ridge Estates.

4 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: And then what I'll  
6 do is put the ads in for the public hearing  
7 and --

8 MR. KOMENSKY: You have those dates.  
9 Right?

10 ATTY. RINALDI: And 30 days they'll  
11 be sent to Lackawanna County Planning, and the  
12 public hearing, I think you -- it has to be 30  
13 days, so it'll be in June.

14 MR. KOMENSKY: 6/9.

15 ATTY. RINALDI: It'll be in June.

16 MR. KOMENSKY: 6/9.

17 MR. RINALDI: So, although we voted  
18 and approved plans for this property on  
19 4/20/22, we have to -- you're saying that part  
20 of that property is E-1?

21 ATTY. RINALDI: Part of the property  
22 is still zoned E-1.

23 MR. RINALDI: But the plans say it's  
24 R-2, right?

25 ATTY. RINALDI: The plan has a cover

1 sheet that says R-2.

2 MR. RINALDI: Residential medium  
3 density?

4 ATTY. RINALDI: And the preliminary  
5 plan is for the R-2 zone.

6 MR. RINALDI: And the acreage on  
7 that plan is 24. -- 26.33?

8 ATTY. RINALDI: The whole parcel is  
9 26 acres, right. But they're only subdividing  
10 and approving 13.2, I believe it is.

11 And I just checked the SALDO,  
12 there's -- and I'll have Dave look at it --  
13 your SALDO doesn't say you have to list the  
14 zoning for other areas, just the place that --  
15 the blocks and improvements you're doing. He  
16 can go over that again. I was just, while  
17 we're sitting here, just looking through that.

18 MR. RINALDI: So, on 4/20/22 when we  
19 approved these plans, you're telling me that  
20 only part of it was R-2?

21 ATTY. RINALDI: 4/20/22 you approved  
22 a preliminary plan to do construction within  
23 the 13.2 acres that was rezoned in 2008, yes.

24 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

25 ATTY. RINALDI: Only.

1 MR. RINALDI: Dave, on 4/20/22, did  
2 you know that the whole property was R-2 or --  
3 did you think it was R-2 or did you know it was  
4 R-2 and E-1?

5 MR. LOPATKA: The way it was  
6 presented, I thought it was R-2.

7 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Did you know it  
8 was R-2 and E-1?

9 ATTY. RINALDI: I knew part of it  
10 was R-2 and part of it was E-1.

11 MR. RINALDI: Okay. So, my question  
12 is, and it's just, again, I'm gonna ask it, if  
13 you knew it was that way, Bill, the plan only  
14 says R-2 on it, but you knew at 4/20/22 it was  
15 R-2 and E-1.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: I knew the property  
17 was, yes. I knew that we did the zoning  
18 changes.

19 MR. RINALDI: Why were you one of  
20 the people who reviewed this and recommend us  
21 to approve it then?

22 ATTY. RINALDI: I didn't review the  
23 new plan.

24 MR. RINALDI: You didn't review this  
25 one?

1                   ATTY. RINALDI: I don't review  
2 plans. I just look at it, and it was similar  
3 to -- same exact plan as John Giamber  
4 (phonetic), all the work was being done in the  
5 13.2 acres that was R-2. I had no problem with  
6 that.

7                   The only problem I had back in '22  
8 was that it needed to be re-reviewed because  
9 the preliminary plan was void. It wasn't --  
10 nothing was done for three years with it, so it  
11 had to be resubmitted and re-reviewed under our  
12 ordinance.

13                   MR. RINALDI: I know, but what I'm  
14 saying is on 4/20/22 you knew that it was two  
15 different zones.

16                   ATTY. RINALDI: I knew it was two  
17 different zones, yeah.

18                   MR. RINALDI: Okay. I didn't. I  
19 thought it was all R-2, and when I asked for a  
20 recommendation from Dave, which he thought it  
21 was all R-2, he said him and his company  
22 approve it, correct?

23                   MR. LOPATKA: We did.

24                   MR. RINALDI: And when I asked  
25 you --

1                   ATTY. RINALDI: I don't even know if  
2 I was even asked at that point.

3                   MR. RINALDI: No?

4                   ATTY. RINALDI: I don't remember,  
5 quite honestly.

6                   MR. RINALDI: Do we have the minutes  
7 from that meeting?

8                   ATTY. RINALDI: Once it went to  
9 him --

10                  MR. RINALDI: Marylynn, do we have  
11 the minutes from that meeting, 4/20/22?

12                  MS. BARTOLETTI: I'm sure they're in  
13 the back, yeah.

14                  MR. RINALDI: Would you mind getting  
15 them?

16                  MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. Sure.

17                  MR. KOMENSKY: Can I say something?

18                  MR. RINALDI: Sure.

19                  MR. KOMENSKY: So, in the future --

20                  MR. RINALDI: I just want to see if  
21 I asked Bill or not.

22                  MR. KOMENSKY: Okay.

23                  MR. RINALDI: I can't remember  
24 myself.

25                  MR. KOMENSKY: In the future when

1 plans have to be signed, if you would just look  
2 if there is a zone that may be and just advise  
3 us so we could put it on the record, I would  
4 appreciate it.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah, because I  
6 don't know that our --

7 MR. KOMENSKY: You know what I'm  
8 saying, Dave? Like, just to say, Hey, there  
9 could be something here. Just so it's on the  
10 record that we have it.

11 ATTY. RINALDI: I don't know that --  
12 under our design limitations, it only says  
13 where the work is done.

14 MR. LOPATKA: That's the way the  
15 ordinance reads.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Right. So, we'd  
17 have to change that zoning ordinance to say  
18 adjacent areas, or whatever you want to find  
19 out, because I was just trying to find it in  
20 here and I don't have it.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: (Hands transcript  
22 to Mr. Rinaldi.)

23 MR. RINALDI: Thank you.

24 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah, I think it's  
25 30525 where it says blocks and lots have to

1 list their zoning.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Wasn't it already  
3 marked off?

4 MR. RINALDI: No. That was 4/20.  
5 That was 5/3, I'm sorry. This meeting would  
6 have been 4/19. We would have signed them the  
7 next day.

8 Dave, I'm correct it was 4/19,  
9 right?

10 MR. LOPATKA: That's the way -- I'm  
11 just looking at the 4/19. The question was --  
12 planning approved them at their last meeting.

13 MR. RINALDI: Right. It would have  
14 been 4/19?

15 MR. LOPATKA: It is. It says it  
16 right here. She asked me, And they were  
17 approved? And Bill said, The only other items  
18 we're waiting for is Dave, and he signed it.

19 MR. RINALDI: Can I see it?

20 MR. LOPATKA: I just wanted to make  
21 sure everything we needed contingent upon the  
22 vote? And I said yes.

23 MR. RINALDI: Where'd you get those?

24 MR. LOPATKA: And you made a motion.  
25 Where'd I get them?

1 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

2 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I have them here.

3 MR. RINALDI: Oh, you had them  
4 already?

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: My notes from  
6 earlier, yeah.

7 MR. RINALDI: Oh, okay.

8 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: You said the date  
9 and it came to me.

10 MR. RINALDI: Yeah, I know, because  
11 I was trying to find them. I was on a couple  
12 different things.

13 Okay. So, Dave, you were the only  
14 one. We didn't ask Bill. The only thing that  
15 Bill said was -- we asked you, you said you  
16 reviewed them, and --

17 MR. LOPATKA: There were  
18 contingencies.

19 MR. RINALDI: And then Bill said,  
20 Three things, you have to sign the plan, the  
21 LMN agreement and the developers agreement.

22 MR. LOPATKA: Correct.

23 MR. RINALDI: And that's exactly  
24 what you said that night, correct. And I said,  
25 We have all those? You said, Yes, in my

1 office.

2 On any of those agreements, do we  
3 have the total acreage on them?

4 MR. LOPATKA: What were they again?

5 MR. RINALDI: You said you had them  
6 at your office.

7 MR. LOPATKA: No. What were the --

8 MR. RINALDI: Oh, I'm sorry. The  
9 plan, which we signed that has the total  
10 acreage on it.

11 MR. LOPATKA: Right.

12 MR. RINALDI: That obviously the  
13 acreage is wrong. And then the other thing was  
14 the LMN agreement.

15 MR. LOPATKA: The O&M agreement it  
16 should have been.

17 MR. RINALDI: It says the L -- I'm  
18 just reading the minutes -- the LMN agreement.

19 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. They typed it  
20 wrong.

21 MR. RINALDI: Would that have the  
22 acreage on it too?

23 MR. LOPATKA: No. That's just an  
24 agreement for operation --

25 MR. RINALDI: Would that have the

1 zone on it at the time? The developer's  
2 agreement, would that have the acreage on it?

3 MR. LOPATKA: I don't see the  
4 developer's agreement.

5 MR. RINALDI: Bill? Bill, does the  
6 developer's agreement have the acreage on it?

7 MR. LOPATKA: I don't review the  
8 developer's agreement.

9 ATTY. RINALDI: We don't even have a  
10 developer's agreement.

11 MR. RINALDI: Well, we said we did.

12 ATTY. RINALDI: They need an O&M  
13 like he --

14 MR. LOPATKA: O&M is a -- that's a  
15 storm water maintenance agreement.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: That's for the storm  
17 water. He's gonna take care of it, not us.  
18 That would tie in with the final plan.

19 MR. RINALDI: So it's supposed to  
20 say OMN?

21 MR. LOPATKA: It's supposed to be  
22 O&M.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: O&M.

24 MR. RINALDI: So, would that have  
25 the acreage on it?

1 MR. LOPATKA: No.

2 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

3 MR. LOPATKA: That's the storm  
4 water. That's just him saying that he's going  
5 to maintain the storm water.

6 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

7 MR. LOPATKA: Like, the inlets and  
8 the pond and everything.

9 MR. RINALDI: Mike, you could have  
10 these back. Thank you. Marylynn, thanks for  
11 getting me these, as well. Sorry, I couldn't  
12 find them. It's hard looking through there.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: I thought it was  
14 marked in there.

15 MR. RINALDI: Okay. So, that's what  
16 planning's going to be looking at tomorrow  
17 again? Bill, planning's going to be looking at  
18 to change --

19 ATTY. RINALDI: They're having a  
20 special meeting to --

21 MR. RINALDI: To change it -- to  
22 recommend the change of a zone.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: Review the change in  
24 zone.

25 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

1 ATTY. RINALDI: E-1 to R-2.

2 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

3 MR. KOMENSKY: Which will include  
4 that whole parcel?

5 ATTY. RINALDI: That's what it says,  
6 the additional 13 point --

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Right.

8 ATTY. RINALDI: Whatever which makes  
9 the whole parcel R-2.

10 MR. KOMENSKY: Right. Thank you.

11 MR. RINALDI: And, again, you knew  
12 at the time it was two different zones?

13 ATTY. RINALDI: I did.

14 MR. RINALDI: And, Dave, you didn't?

15 MR. LOPATKA: I did not.

16 MR. RINALDI: Okay. I didn't  
17 either. All right. Bill, anything else for  
18 tonight?

19 ATTY. RINALDI: The title search on  
20 that property I got back that Dave Cherundolo  
21 requested, we can't find any deeds from the  
22 land developer there, so Joe's gonna go down  
23 and see what's there on the property, if  
24 there's any sewer, what's there, and we'll  
25 figure out from there. We might not own it.

1 MR. KOMENSKY: Right. How about  
2 Beaver, did you get Bill that address, the one  
3 on lower South Main? Remember Bill was gonna  
4 check the --

5 MR. BUTLER: Yeah. It's 12  
6 something.

7 MR. KOMENSKY: 1130 something, but  
8 the last number's missing.

9 MR. BUTLER: It's the new house next  
10 door to it.

11 MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah. To find out if  
12 it's gonna go on the tax sale map or something.

13 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: 1138.

14 MR. KOMENSKY: 1138? That's the one  
15 with the hole in the roof that's next to the  
16 new house. Thanks, Bill.

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

19 (No response.)

20 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill. Borough  
21 manager, Marylynn Bartoletti. Good evening,  
22 Marylynn.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Hi.

24 MR. RINALDI: How are you?

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Great.

1 MR. RINALDI: Anything for tonight  
2 or the agenda?

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: For the agenda, we  
4 are going to have a resolution which names  
5 Councilman Hoover as the Old Forge Borough  
6 representative to the Greater Pittston Regional  
7 Compost Commission. So that will definitely be  
8 on the agenda. And that's all I have for  
9 tonight.

10 MR. RINALDI: Okay. And that was  
11 the one you asked last meeting for, right?

12 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

13 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

14 MR. HOOVER: I've been on it for the  
15 last two years.

16 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. No, I remember,  
17 but you mentioned you said you wanted to head  
18 it.

19 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

20 MR. RINALDI: Good.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Just, we had talked  
22 in the past about putting together a new  
23 committee that would work with myself, Joe,  
24 Dave regarding the MS4, and Jimmy had mentioned  
25 that he would be interested in being on it.

1 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: I think Mike  
3 mentioned about being interested.

4 MR. KOMENSKY: Yep.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: So, if we can put  
6 that committee together I'd appreciate it so  
7 that we can get to work.

8 MR. RINALDI: Would anyone else be  
9 interested in being on it?

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: One more person  
11 would be great.

12 MS. SHOTWELL: I'll do it.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. Good. I'll  
14 add it to the list.

15 MR. RINALDI: Anything else?

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: No.

17 MR. RINALDI: Anybody have any  
18 questions for Marylynn?

19 MS. SHOTWELL: I have one. How  
20 about the park program?

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. Well, I was  
22 going to ask for a recreation committee meeting  
23 after this meeting to discuss it since it's  
24 already May.

25 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

1 MS. SHOTWELL: That's why I'm  
2 asking, because I haven't heard anything yet.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. Maybe we  
4 could talk about it after the meeting.

5 MS. SHOTWELL: Okay.

6 MR. RINALDI: Jenna wants to have a  
7 quick executive after the meeting, so we could  
8 all just stay and talk about it.

9 MS. SHOTWELL: Thank you.

10 MR. RINALDI: I mean, if everyone  
11 wants to. I'm good.

12 MS. SHOTWELL: Thank you.

13 MR. RINALDI: Any other questions  
14 for Marylynn?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Marylynn.  
17 Chief, anyone from the public?

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, sir.

19 MR. RINALDI: Okay. We'll go down  
20 the table and see if anyone has anything before  
21 we adjourn. Councilwoman Jones-Shotwell?

22 MS. SHOTWELL: I don't think I have  
23 anything additional, no, but just to echo Mike,  
24 the fire department, obviously, that was, I  
25 don't know, that was a fire. God bless you

1           guys, God bless everybody. I'm glad everybody  
2           is safe and no one was hurt. That's it. Thank  
3           you.

4                       MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.  
5           Councilman Komensky?

6                       MR. KOMENSKY: I don't have anything  
7           additional. Thank you.

8                       MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.  
9           Councilman Lettieri?

10                      MR. LETTIERI: No. I'm good. Bill,  
11           God bless you.

12                      MR. RINALDI: Councilman Butler?

13                      MR. BUTLER: I have nothing. Thank  
14           you.

15                      MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.  
16           Councilwoman McCawley?

17                      MS. McCAWLEY: I don't have  
18           anything, but thank you, Bill, Jason, for your  
19           efforts on the fire.

20                      MR. RINALDI: Councilman Hoover?

21                      MR. HOOVER: Same. Bill, great job.

22                      MR. STULL: Your neighborhood.

23                      MR. HOOVER: Uh-huh. Yep.

24                      MR. RINALDI: Bill, Chief, all the  
25           emergency services, good job from our town and

1 everyone. It was, like Jenna said, that was a  
2 big fire, and you guys all did a great job.  
3 And thankfully everyone's safe.

4 If no one from the public would like  
5 to address us, the Chair would entertain a  
6 motion to adjourn into an executive.

7 MR. KOMENSKY: So moved.

8 MR. RINALDI: By Councilman  
9 Komensky. All in favor?

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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


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14 (Meeting adjourned.)

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