

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

MIKE LETTIERI

ALLISON McCAWLEY

MARIO NESE

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.

4  
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: Councilman Nese.

13 MR. NESE: Here.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
15 Komensky.

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Here.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman  
18 Lettieri.

19 MR. LETTIERI: Present.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler.

21 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

23 MR. HOOVER: Present.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

25 MR. RINALDI: Here. Once again,

1           ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the work  
2           session of the Old Forge Borough. Tonight is  
3           Tuesday, November 3rd.

4                     The purpose of our meeting will be  
5           to set the agenda for our next regular meeting,  
6           which will be Tuesday. Tonight is Monday,  
7           November 3rd, we'll be setting the agenda for  
8           our regular meeting Tuesday, November 11th at 7  
9           p.m.

10                    We'll hear from our department  
11           heads, we'll hear from our Mayor, Council,  
12           solicitor and borough manager.

13                    There's a public sign-in sheet. If  
14           anybody from the audience would like to address  
15           us, we'll give you a few minutes at the end of  
16           the meeting.

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

20                    MR. LENCESKI: Good evening.

21                    MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
22           for tonight's meeting or for the upcoming  
23           agenda?

24                    MR. LENCESKI: No.

25                    MR. RINALDI: Any members have any

1 questions for Joe?

2 MR. KOMENSKY: No.

3 MR. LETTIERI: I do not.

4 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Joe.

5 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

6 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Code  
7 enforcement/zoning officer Mike Sokolowski is  
8 absent. We'll go to our engineer, Dave  
9 Lopatka. Dave, good evening.

10 MR. LOPATKA: Good evening.

11 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Anything  
12 for our meeting tonight or for our upcoming  
13 meeting, the agenda?

14 MR. LOPATKA: I don't have anything  
15 for the upcoming meeting. I did do an  
16 inspection over at Marion Street park, the  
17 lighting project. They have all the pole bases  
18 in. They started setting some of the poles  
19 today.

20 They ordered the four additional  
21 ones. They have to get the bases made. It'll  
22 probably take a week or so.

23 In the meantime, they're going to  
24 start trenching where they need to trench for  
25 those. And they did start doing some

1 restoration of all the trench areas. So, I  
2 mean, it's in pretty good shape.

3 I actually stopped at Pagnotti, as  
4 well. I think they're pretty much done now,  
5 too. They had all the sod put in, they graded  
6 everything, diamond tex was put down.

7 I think they have to come back and  
8 still put the base pedestals in, but that's in  
9 pretty good shape, too. That's all I have.

10 MR. RINALDI: Any of the members  
11 have any questions for the engineer?

12 MR. HOOVER: Dave, you said you sent  
13 an estimate to Marylynn for that Nicholas and  
14 Casey Avenue where American Asphalt said they  
15 didn't think they were responsible.

16 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

17 MR. HOOVER: What do you think?

18 MR. LOPATKA: I mean, typically  
19 when they mill, they only mill an inch and a  
20 half.

21 MR. HOOVER: But don't go there,  
22 because they didn't mill an inch and a half on  
23 my street. They had to redo it.

24 MR. LOPATKA: Well, but aside from,  
25 looking at where that inlet is, there's no way

1 the water's getting to that.

2 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, I know. It's  
3 uphill.

4 MR. LOPATKA: It's uphill.

5 MR. HOOVER: What was the estimate  
6 that you decided?

7 MR. LOPATKA: It think it was 14  
8 something. I don't have it on me, but it  
9 looked to me, just looking at the road grades,  
10 that everything kind of went across the street  
11 and would end up in the inlet in the  
12 cul-de-sac.

13 But it looks like there is a low  
14 spot over there, too. So, I mean, I did get it  
15 surveyed and I graded it out, and I sent them  
16 the updated grades to get it to work. I mean,  
17 there's no way the water's getting to that.  
18 You were out there.

19 MR. HOOVER: No. It's uphill. I  
20 know.

21 MR. LOPATKA: I think it's -- I  
22 mean, the idea was for it to get to that one  
23 end of the cul-de-sac, so they may have lost  
24 the cross slope on the road when they paved and  
25 maybe that's why there was a little bit more

1 water getting to that driveway in particular,  
2 and probably something similar across the road.

3 Was it ultimately their fault? I  
4 don't know. I mean, we didn't shoot grade  
5 beforehand.

6 You know, we went out and reshot it  
7 since, and there's definitely low spots in  
8 front of those two driveways.

9 MR. HOOVER: Well, we'll have to  
10 decide, if we're going to do it, where we're  
11 going to get the money, and Council's got to  
12 approve it first.

13 MR. LOPATKA: Well, they are  
14 supposed to be going back the 1st. I sent  
15 them an updated plan with the grades on that,  
16 too.

17 MR. HOOVER: It's all marked out.  
18 They have dotted marks all over the place down  
19 there.

20 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. Well, I sent  
21 them the grades, like, every five feet or  
22 something so they can make sure that the water  
23 grades the way it's supposed to.

24 MR. HOOVER: All right. We'll have  
25 to talk to Mare, see where we're gonna get --

1 if we're gonna do this, if we're going vote on  
2 it, if we're going to do it, get the money.

3 That one lady keeps calling me. She  
4 texted me again tonight, she said, Call me.  
5 Let me know what happens at the meeting.

6 All right. Thank you.

7 MR. RINALDI: Any other members have  
8 any questions for the engineer?

9 MR. KOMENSKY: Dave, when you get  
10 caught up next week, can we get down to DPW?

11 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Look at that fence.

13 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. Actually, you  
14 guys tell me -- if you want to tell me before  
15 we leave tonight when you want to meet.

16 MR. KOMENSKY: Is Friday good for  
17 you, Jimmy?

18 MR. HOOVER: Yeah.

19 MR. KOMENSKY: Well, right after the  
20 meeting, stick around, we'll double check.

21 MR. LOPATKA: All right.

22 MR. KOMENSKY: Okay?

23 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

24 MR. KOMENSKY: We'll try to get that  
25 fencing thing done.

1 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah.

2 MR. KOMENSKY: That's all I have,  
3 Russ. Thank you.

4 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Any  
5 other members have any questions for the  
6 engineer?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, David.

9 MR. LOPATKA: Thank you.

10 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Jason  
11 Dubernas, Chief of police. Good evening,  
12 Chief.

13 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Good evening.

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

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: For the agenda, I  
18 believe it's just the streets with Attorney  
19 Rinaldi. He sent them back to me and we got  
20 them all corrected and --

21 MR. RINALDI: With the speed  
22 limits?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: -- upgraded with  
24 both Grace Street and Marion Street on them for  
25 the 15 miles an hour. That's it.

1                   But just for the meeting, I just  
2                   want to bring you all up to date, we're having  
3                   an issue that I became aware of last Saturday  
4                   night, I've been fighting back and forth with  
5                   PennDOT, got into a big argument with PennDOT.  
6                   So, it's the 900 block of South Main.

7                   MR. RINALDI: Is this Gray Lane?

8                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: Gray Lane.

9                   MR. RINALDI: Okay. Go ahead. I  
10                  was going to bring it up, but you'll have more  
11                  information than me.

12                 CHIEF DUBERNAS: So, if you Google  
13                 Electric City Ciderworks for the Borough of Old  
14                 Forge, it tells you to go down the 900 block of  
15                 South Main, make a right or a left-hand turn  
16                 onto Gray Lane, park there, and access the rear  
17                 parking area by walking 50 feet.

18                 So, we had an elderly gentleman,  
19                 came from out of town, came there, a  
20                 confrontation started with the homeowner --

21                 MR. RINALDI: Gray Lane takes you to  
22                 someone's home, though, correct? It takes you  
23                 to their yard.

24                 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Right. I'll get to  
25                 that in a second. So, it's the back yard of

1 the Gray's homestead.

2 So, she came here on a warpath last  
3 Monday, and I'm trying to get information off  
4 her, and things she was telling me just wasn't  
5 making sense.

6 She literally told me she paid  
7 PennDOT \$900 to get a HOP to create Gray Lane.  
8 Well, actually, to create an access that she  
9 named Gray Lane.

10 So I said, Well, where'd you get the  
11 signs from? She goes, Oh, PennDOT gave me  
12 approval and sent me Bassler's for them.

13 So, now if you turn -- there's two  
14 properties. The one property that is the  
15 entranceway, they classify it as, is Joseph,  
16 Sr. and Sally Gray. The exit is Joseph, Jr.  
17 and Jennifer Gray.

18 So, on Joe and Sally's side, it  
19 says -- it has Gray Lane, and then on Joseph  
20 and Jennifer's side, it says Gray Lane, no  
21 trespassing. And the other one says no U-turn.

22 So, I'm like, where'd you guys get  
23 these signs. They're telling me Bassler's. I  
24 said, Did anyone give you proper signage to say  
25 this is an access road? She's like, No, it has

1 nothing to do with the Borough. It's all  
2 PennDOT. I said, Okay. No problem. State  
3 highway, I understand that.

4 So I contact PennDOT to find out,  
5 because now it's on Google's maps, it's Google  
6 everything.

7 So, PennDOT tells me that they asked  
8 for a right of way for a driveway. So they  
9 took it upon themselves, so they had two right  
10 of ways, Joseph, Sr. and Sally's, one right of  
11 way, Joseph, Jr. and Jennifer as the other  
12 right of way, they connected to make it a  
13 horseshoe so you could drive through one and  
14 out the other.

15 So they make it one entrance, one do  
16 not enter, exit, going up to PennDOT, ask for  
17 approval of HOP, they pay the permit fee for  
18 900 and some dollars, they approve it, not  
19 coming to ask anybody, just, Yep, approve it.  
20 Never even looked at it.

21 The guy told me on the phone they  
22 never went down there to look at it. They just  
23 had the drawings of what they said they were  
24 doing, and says, Here's the signs you need. So  
25 then they said, You could name it whatever you

1 want.

2 So I said, Here's the issue. I  
3 said, You're accessing a state highway through  
4 somebody's driveway. No, it's not a driveway.  
5 It's a borough road now. Like, no it's not.  
6 They're like, Yes, it is.

7 Now, PennDOT's literally arguing  
8 with me. So I go on Google Maps and I tell  
9 them to look up the Ciderworks place, and I  
10 said, This is where our issue is.

11 So I specifically tell him that, and  
12 he goes, Oh, yeah, they could park there on  
13 Gray Lane. I'm like, No they can't. It's a  
14 driveway. It's the Gray's driveways, both  
15 Grays. They connected it.

16 So, PennDOT is like, No -- they're  
17 like, You know what, here an easy solution,  
18 tell the Grays to go on Google Earth and delete  
19 Gray Lane.

20 So, I'm just letting you know, it's  
21 been a headache for us. The people from  
22 Ciderworks have been calling us because they've  
23 been having problems because people are coming  
24 there, and it's telling them to turn on Gray  
25 Lane, and then the Grays are fighting with us

1           saying that people are trespassing on their  
2           property.

3                        So, I just want to give you an up  
4           to date that they have a HOP to a state highway  
5           and never got the proper approval except for,  
6           Yep, it looks good on a drawing, and this is  
7           what they got.

8                        MR. RINALDI: Quick question. Bill,  
9           for the HOP, although it's a state road and  
10          they own it, wouldn't they have to come before  
11          us first?

12                      ATTY. RINALDI: I guess it depends  
13          on what -- did they get a driveway permit?

14                      CHIEF DUBERNAS: They have two  
15          driveways.

16                      MR. LOPATKA: Is it their property?

17                      CHIEF DUBERNAS: It is their  
18          property.

19                      MR. LOPATKA: So, technically, it's  
20          not a right of way. It's just a driveway onto  
21          their property.

22                      CHIEF DUBERNAS: So, it's two  
23          driveways that they connected.

24                      MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. I see that.

25                      CHIEF DUBERNAS: They always had it

1           there, but now they connect from one driveway  
2           to the other driveway. It's like a horseshoe.  
3           And they got an occupancy permit from the State  
4           and renamed it the Gray Lane.

5                     MR. LOPATKA: So, technically, they  
6           got two driveway permits, one on either side,  
7           but they connected it on their own property.

8                     MR. BUTLER: Jay, doesn't that road  
9           go all the way back to the tracks?

10                    CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, not no more.  
11           What you call it, Northern Reading blocked it  
12           off.

13                    MR. BUTLER: Yeah, but why -- the  
14           studio had to put in a road --

15                    CHIEF DUBERNAS: Nope.

16                    MR. BUTLER: -- coming out the side  
17           of the building. They did, I'm telling you.

18                    CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. That road's  
19           always been there. Along the firehouse there?  
20           That road's always been there.

21                    MR. BUTLER: Yeah. But it never  
22           went all the way back.

23                    CHIEF DUBERNAS: No. It only went  
24           to the back parking lot.

25                    MR. BUTLER: Right. Now it goes all

1 the way back to the tracks and it comes out.  
2 If you go down, you could access that from the  
3 railroad tracks on --

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, you can't.  
5 There's two concrete barriers there.

6 MR. BUTLER: Who put them there?

7 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Railroad. Because  
8 the only ones that had access to that railroad  
9 was the Grays, they had a 99-year lease, and  
10 Alex Scubelek's Excavation, they had a 99-year  
11 lease.

12 And then once the Ciderworks came  
13 in, they had all the cars parking on the  
14 railroad bed blocking it, and they were afraid  
15 the train was going to hit the cars, they  
16 lifted -- took the lease, and that's why it's  
17 blocked off now. I just found that out the  
18 other day with all this.

19 MR. BUTLER: All right.

20 MR. RINALDI: Here's another weird  
21 part to the story, because Tom Borthwick called  
22 me.

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's the  
24 gentleman. I couldn't think of his name.

25 MR. RINALDI: And I told him to call

1           you. I said, Call the Chief of police or one  
2           of the officers on duty. I said, You have to  
3           make the report to them. He called me on  
4           Saturday night, I think, late. Like, 7:00.

5                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, my guys were  
6           there late Saturday night, 7:30.

7                   MR. RINALDI: He called me, and I  
8           told him to call you or one of the officers.

9                   Anyways, he said when you punch his  
10          address in, 948 South Main, it goes to  
11          Ciderworks. When you type Ciderworks in, it  
12          goes to Gray Lane.

13                   If you actually, like, physically  
14          punch the address in, the number, 948 goes  
15          right to his address. But then if you type  
16          Ciderworks in, it goes to Gray Lane. He told  
17          me he was contacting Google himself to double  
18          check his address is right.

19                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah. PennDOT  
20          didn't have an answer for me. So, I think they  
21          got new signs up that says no trespassing,  
22          private driveway now. So I'm not sure.

23                   MR. RINALDI: But it's still taking  
24          the customers to there.

25                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'm not sure if it

1 is. They said they were going to remove Gray  
2 Lane off on Google Earth.

3 MR. RINALDI: Oh, the Grays said  
4 they were gonna call and do it?

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The Grays said they  
6 were removing it off Google Earth.

7 MR. RINALDI: How long will it  
8 usually take, Chief, to get it off there?

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I don't know. This  
10 is last Monday I had it out with them.

11 MR. RINALDI: Because right now if  
12 you hit Electric City Ciderworks, it's still  
13 taking you to Gray Lane. Maybe it didn't  
14 update yet. Could you call them tomorrow, see  
15 when they called?

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'll find out.

17 MR. RINALDI: At least if we get an  
18 update from them to see when they -- I mean,  
19 maybe Google's going to take a couple days  
20 or --

21 MR. KOMENSKY: It probably takes a  
22 couple days.

23 MR. RINALDI: It might take a couple  
24 days to update. So, Bill, what's your  
25 recommendation for the Chief?

1                   ATTY. RINALDI: Well, I see Joe  
2                   Gray, Joe Gray, and a line down the middle.  
3                   That's they're --

4                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: There's two  
5                   properties there.

6                   ATTY. RINALDI: That's their  
7                   driveway, right. Okay. And I see Borthwick,  
8                   right. What's in that building?

9                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's Ciderworks  
10                  and SIS Studios, or SI Studios.

11                  ATTY. RINALDI: And then I don't  
12                  know how they get to that parking lot, because  
13                  there's --

14                  CHIEF DUBERNAS: That used to be the  
15                  old firehouse. It used to be the old  
16                  Lawrenceville Hose company, right alongside of  
17                  that --

18                  (Inaudible crosstalk.)

19                  MR. RINALDI: Left side of the  
20                  Ciderworks building.

21                  CHIEF DUBERNAS: Right.

22                  MR. BUTLER: Between the studio and  
23                  the house next door on the riverbank, there's a  
24                  driveway through there.

25                  ATTY. RINALDI: But that's property

1 supposedly owned by Scubelek who owns the  
2 property next door to that. So maybe --

3 CHIEF DUBERNAS: But they have an  
4 easement there.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: No.

6 CHIEF DUBERNAS: But Ciderworks has  
7 an easement to go to their parking lot.

8 ATTY. RINALDI: If they have an  
9 easement, then they're okay. So, I mean, this  
10 is all private because they got driveway  
11 permits from PennDOT.

12 MR. LOPATKA: It's not right of  
13 ways; it's just driveway permits, technically.  
14 They each have a driveway permit.

15 ATTY. RINALDI: It's not the Borough  
16 involved in it.

17 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah, the Borough has  
18 nothing to do with it. They shouldn't have  
19 names on the street there.

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah.

21 MR. LOPATKA: All PennDOT can do is  
22 give them access to the state road. PennDOT  
23 can't create a right of way.

24 ATTY. RINALDI: Dave can request a  
25 copy of the permit and see what it says on it,

1 but other than that --

2 MR. LOPATKA: I can almost guarantee  
3 they're minimum use driveway permits.

4 ATTY. RINALDI: So that's not the  
5 Borough's involvement.

6 MR. LETTIERI: But the biggest  
7 issue, I think, is just getting that street off  
8 there, because I think the directions are  
9 taking them to those people's property, so --

10 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Here's my question  
11 to Dave, if it's just a driveway use, a minimal  
12 driveway use, whatever, how are they able to  
13 name it Gray Lane?

14 MR. LOPATKA: Well, they shouldn't.  
15 There should not be a street sign on that.

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The guy I spoke to  
17 from PennDOT, he said --

18 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

19 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, it's not  
20 listed on the County's map as a road.

21 MR. LOPATKA: No.

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: And he told me they  
23 told them that they could go to Bassler's, get  
24 the signs, and make it a street. Bassler's in  
25 Forty Fort.

1                   ATTY. RINALDI: It doesn't show them  
2 on Google Maps as a road.

3                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, they do  
4 official PennDOT signs.

5                   (Inaudible crosstalk.)

6                   ATTY. RINALDI: So you need to have  
7 Mike go down and tell them they got to remove  
8 the street sign if there's no such street.  
9 It's a private driveway.

10                  MR. LETTIERI: They gotta get that  
11 Gray Lane off Google Maps. That's it. That'll  
12 solve the whole problem.

13                  MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

14                  MR. LOPATKA: Well, they have to  
15 get, yeah, that, and they shouldn't have road  
16 names there. If somebody's coming and sees  
17 Gray Lane, they're thinking they could turn  
18 there.

19                  MR. LETTIERI: Right.

20                  CHIEF DUBERNAS: And that's it.  
21 That's where all these cars are coming.

22                  MR. LOPATKA: It's not a right of  
23 way.

24                  ATTY. RINALDI: So I don't know  
25 where they're getting Gray Lane from. Somebody

1 must have --

2 MR. LOPATKA: Well, they got Gray  
3 Lane because that's their name.

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: For the homeowners,  
5 that's their last name.

6 ATTY. RINALDI: Right. But it's not  
7 showing up on the county maps. It's not  
8 showing up on Google Maps.

9 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

10 MR. LOPATKA: It shows up as two  
11 separate properties.

12 ATTY. RINALDI: So, I don't know  
13 where Google's picking up Gray Lane, in other  
14 words.

15 MR. LOPATKA: Well, if Google was  
16 driving around and they saw Gray Lane, they  
17 probably drove around the loop and said, This  
18 is Gray Lane. That's probably what they did.  
19 That's all they do, they drive around on the  
20 roads.

21 ATTY. RINALDI: And it doesn't show  
22 up in the tax maps, so --

23 MR. RINALDI: Chief, why don't we  
24 call them, ask them to remove it off of Google  
25 Maps. Let's see if that works. And if we have

1 to, we'll send the zoning officer down and  
2 we'll ask him to remove the signs.

3 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah, they shouldn't  
4 have street signs.

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: PennDOT told them  
6 to go to Bassler's.

7 MR. LOPATKA: I don't even know if  
8 PennDOT could make that decision.

9 MR. HOOVER: I don't know how they  
10 could take the lady's money.

11 MR. LOPATKA: Well, they could take  
12 money for a driveway permit, but --

13 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

14 MR. LOPATKA: I mean, the right of  
15 way wouldn't even be theirs. It would be the  
16 Borough's if it was anybody's.

17 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Chief, so do  
18 you want to give them a call tomorrow, let's  
19 take that approach, and then we'll see if it  
20 comes off Google. If not, we're gonna send  
21 Mike down, have him remove the signs.

22 Okay. Any other questions for the  
23 Chief?

24 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'll just finish  
25 one more thing. Ms. Dougherty's here about the

1 crosswalk. Another PennDOT issue. I was in  
2 contact with them multiple times, nobody's  
3 giving me an answer.

4 So, the reason the crosswalk comes  
5 to Ms. Dougherty's father's house is when they  
6 redid all the sidewalks on the corner, they had  
7 to make sure that they're handicap accessible.

8 So, on Elm Street you have it by  
9 Mr. Stone's house and then on the other side.  
10 So, the reason it didn't come across on the  
11 other side like it used to is because  
12 Ms. Majors' driveway is there.

13 So they had to cross at Stone's, and  
14 when they crossed at Stone's, unfortunately it  
15 comes directly right in front of her house,  
16 which is only about 15 feet from her driveway  
17 where her dad was parking.

18 MR. RINALDI: So, if her dad parks  
19 there because it's easy for him to walk --

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Right. It was  
21 blocking the crosswalk because the way his car  
22 was, half of his car was crossing on either  
23 side.

24 If he parked below the crosswalk, it  
25 would block the Marinelli's (phonetic)

1 driveway; if she parked above it, the  
2 crosswalk, he would block his  
3 driveway/Ms. Majors' driveway.

4 So I asked her to ask Ms. Majors,  
5 since it's the level portion there where he  
6 could walk, would it be easier if she has a  
7 handicap spot in front of Ms. Majors', but she  
8 was worried about Ms. Majors backing out of the  
9 driveway and blocking the line of sight if her  
10 dad's car was on top.

11 MS. DOUGHERTY: Yeah, because I  
12 don't think Bill -- like, as she's backing up,  
13 if a car's there, I don't think anyone could  
14 see in a car's there. And I like my neighbors,  
15 I don't want to see anybody get hurt or  
16 anything.

17 MR. NESE: Is this the crosswalk you  
18 talked about a while ago?

19 MR. RINALDI: On Drakes Lane.

20 MS. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

21 MR. LETTIERI: Could we eliminate  
22 that crosswalk?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No.

24 MR. LETTIERI: I mean, because  
25 there's a crosswalk up past Ms. Majors' house

1 by Largo's in that alley. Can't they use that  
2 crosswalk?

3 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's up to  
4 PennDOT. We didn't put it in; PennDOT did.

5 MR. NESE: Who contacts PennDOT  
6 to --

7 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I've been in  
8 contact with PennDOT. I've been getting no  
9 answer.

10 MR. LETTIERI: Because there's one,  
11 like, right up the next block, there's a  
12 crosswalk, why can't we just keep that one and  
13 get rid of the other one?

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: I think it's the  
15 handicap accessibility issue.

16 MR. LENCESKI: Years back, Pat  
17 Stossi (phonetic) wanted to eliminate the  
18 crosswalk on Moosic Road.

19 MR. LETTIERI: Moosic Road. I  
20 remember that, yes.

21 MR. LENCESKI: And he got the okay  
22 to do that, but he had to do it, and he didn't  
23 want to spend the money.

24 MR. LETTIERI: Right. Because I  
25 remember when he didn't want it there when they

1 put it in front of his house.

2 MR. LENCESKI: They gave the okay to  
3 get rid of it.

4 MR. LETTIERI: Right.

5 MR. LENCESKI: He just didn't want  
6 to spend the money and get rid of it.

7 MS. DOUGHERTY: Is that an option?

8 MR. LETTIERI: Is that an option?

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: They didn't tell me  
10 that. They just told me that was the only  
11 place they could cross it because if it went to  
12 the north -- or, sorry, the east side of the  
13 road and to come across, it would be right  
14 directly in front of Ms. Majors' driveway. It  
15 would actually go into Ms. Majors' driveway.

16 MR. RINALDI: I have a question.  
17 April Hannon who works for PennDOT, or she used  
18 to, does she still work with PennDOT?

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: She does.

20 MR. RINALDI: Why don't we give her  
21 a call and we could ask her if she could find  
22 out any information if we could remove that  
23 crosswalk.

24 Obviously, we can't move it because  
25 it's on the other side, as well, but if we

1           could just remove that one --

2                   CHIEF DUBERNAS:  No, no, it's on her  
3 side of the road.

4                   MS. DOUGHERTY:  No, it's on my side.

5                   MR. RINALDI:  No, no, I know that,  
6 but it's connected to the other one on the  
7 other side, as well.

8                   MS. DOUGHERTY:  Yeah, because I was  
9 even saying, as long as we're not blocking it,  
10 we're still, like, five to ten feet maybe away  
11 from it, but we're not the fifteen to twenty.

12                   That's why we got another ticket,  
13 because we didn't come home one night and I  
14 didn't pull the car down, we got another  
15 ticket.

16                   And that ended up getting lost, and  
17 then my mother got a letter from the  
18 magistrate, and I went to Chief Dubernas, and  
19 he was able to take care of it.

20                   MR. RINALDI:  So, if you park  
21 there --

22                   MS. DOUGHERTY:  We get a ticket  
23 every time.

24                   CHIEF DUBERNAS:  She's technically  
25 blocking the crosswalk.

1 MS. DOUGHERTY: I'm not blocking it.

2 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

3 MR. RINALDI: She's not blocking it.

4 You're too close to within the fifteen feet.

5 Couldn't we just make a special parking there

6 for her father?

7 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's not up to

8 me.

9 MR. NESE: You got to think about if

10 someone's using the crosswalk, there's a reason

11 they want you fifteen to twenty feet from it.

12 MR. RINALDI: Let's call April --

13 that's a good point. Let's call April Hannon

14 up and see if she could get permission for us

15 to remove the crosswalk, and let it come from

16 PennDOT or not.

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Okay.

18 MS. DOUGHERTY: I mean, wouldn't

19 there be an exception if a handicap thing was

20 put on the sign for the parking or --

21 MR. RINALDI: Well, when we contact

22 Mrs. Hannon, she's one of the representatives

23 for PennDOT, and the chief could also ask her

24 that, as well, if we could remove it or if we

25 could leave it. And if we could put the sign

1           there, she'll let us know.

2                         But as Councilman Nese said, he said  
3           it's better off we do that and get the  
4           permission from them just in case anything in  
5           the future might happen.

6                         MS. DOUGHERTY: I'll take any  
7           recommendations I can get.

8                         MR. RINALDI: But if we can't remove  
9           it, maybe she'll give us another option where  
10          we could. Like I said, maybe they will allow  
11          us to put the sign there.

12                        MS. DOUGHERTY: Okay.

13                        MR. RINALDI: As long as we get  
14          permission from them, then we have the correct  
15          authority to do it.

16                        MS. DOUGHERTY: Okay. Thank you.

17                        MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

18          Chief, will you call April, or do you want --  
19          Marylynn, would you want to call her, or would  
20          you rather the Chief?

21                        MS. BARTOLETTI: I'm just giving Jay  
22          the information now, but he could call because  
23          he has all the information.

24                        MR. RINALDI: Okay. Chief, anything  
25          else for us?

1 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Nope. That's it.

2 MR. RINALDI: Any members have any  
3 questions for the Chief?

4 MR. NESE: Thanks for sharing the  
5 information from Taylor Walmart with their  
6 donation. I appreciate hearing that stuff.

7 MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah, thanks, Chief.

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The school is the  
9 only ones on the list.

10 MR. RINALDI: Okay. We have two  
11 more people to go through first then we'll get  
12 right to you. Sorry.

13 Attorney Rinaldi, anything for the  
14 meeting tonight or for the upcoming agenda?

15 ATTY. RINALDI: So, you have the  
16 speed limit ordinance meeting.

17 MR. HOOVER: What ordinance, Bill?

18 ATTY. RINALDI: Speed limit, the  
19 fifteen mile an hour, I think for four of the  
20 streets and two or three other streets that  
21 were added.

22 I haven't heard anything back on  
23 what you want to do any of the real estate, so  
24 they aren't on.

25 And you have two plans that planning

1 approved. One is a final corrective plan for  
2 S.W. Krauss, which is now Geo sign, or Geo  
3 something.

4 MR. LOPATKA: Geo Generating.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: Geo Generating. It  
6 corrects all the easement issues over there.  
7 And the second one is their preliminary plan  
8 for their land development.

9 So they go in that order. And the  
10 only contingency was they just have to get the  
11 deeds all squared away for the final plan.

12 MR. RINALDI: Is this for the  
13 storage units?

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Yes.

15 MR. RINALDI: Up on Keyser Avenue,  
16 right?

17 ATTY. RINALDI: Yes.

18 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Anything else,  
19 Bill?

20 ATTY. RINALDI: No. That's it.

21 MR. RINALDI: Any of the members  
22 have any questions for the solicitor?

23 MR. HOOVER: Do we know what Mike  
24 did with that sign on Moosic Road? Bill told  
25 him what had to be done.

1                   ATTY. RINALDI: I e-mailed him back.

2                   MR. HOOVER: Do you know if he did  
3 anything with it?

4                   MR. RINALDI: Mike said that he was  
5 gonna cite them and mail the fine out.

6                   MS. BARTOLETTI: So, he's been in  
7 touch with the person who did put the sign in.  
8 He's also been in touch with the railroad.  
9 They do have the -- they provided a permit and  
10 an easement from the railroad to them allowing  
11 them to put a sign on their property.

12                   So, it's kind of been a back and  
13 forth thing, and Mike is out today. So, that's  
14 where it is.

15                   MR. RINALDI: Okay. But the  
16 railroad never got a permit from us, though,  
17 right?

18                   MS. BARTOLETTI: No. They're saying  
19 they don't need one because it's private  
20 property and they have an easement and a permit  
21 from the railroad allowing them on their  
22 property.

23                   And as we have found out over the  
24 past week, the railroad has a different set of  
25 rules they have to follow.

1 MR. LOPATKA: They have their own  
2 set of rules.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

4 MR. RINALDI: Yeah, we heard.

5 MAYOR LEGG: Why would they put a  
6 sign there Welcome to Moosic? That's not even  
7 Moosic. That's asinine.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Well, I think  
9 that's another question for maybe Mr. Kearney,  
10 because it's his sign and it's not anywhere  
11 close to the property, you know, to the line,  
12 to the Old Forge/Moosic line, so I'm not sure  
13 why it was put there.

14 MR. LOPATKA: Well, they have  
15 another one down here that says Welcome to Old  
16 Forge.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah, there is a  
18 Welcome to Old Forge, and it's on this side.

19 MAYOR LEGG: Yeah, I've seen that  
20 one, but --

21 MR. LOPATKA: It's the same sign.

22 MAYOR LEGG: But that's in Old  
23 Forge.

24 MR. LOPATKA: It's the same sign.

25 MAYOR LEGG: Welcome to Moosic sign

1 in Old Forge, that makes no sense.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. It seems  
3 like something that would be on a line, you  
4 know, delineating the end of one town and the  
5 beginning of another.

6 MAYOR LEGG: Right.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: But neither one  
8 reflect that, so I'm really not sure why  
9 they're putting signs up like that. It doesn't  
10 make any sense.

11 MR. LOPATKA: They're made by the  
12 same company, because they look identical.

13 MR. RINALDI: Yeah. No, it's the  
14 same company, because the guy does them in the  
15 area and out of the area.

16 The confusing part about it is he  
17 came here in March to a planning meeting and  
18 asked how he could put that sign back up that  
19 fell down after a storm, and they explained  
20 everything to him, and all they said was you  
21 have to go to zoning and just request a  
22 variance. If zoning gives you a variance, put  
23 the sign up, come back to the zoning officer,  
24 get a permit for \$25, and erect the sign.

25 MAYOR LEGG: And did they do that?

1 MR. RINALDI: No. The guy said,  
2 Well, we're probably not gonna do that, so  
3 we're just gonna leave it.

4 They left it up until two Saturdays  
5 ago, they just went over there on a Saturday,  
6 and they just erected it. Yeah.

7 And then the guy who also has that  
8 sign has another sign on the other side of  
9 the street, but there's no sign there no more.  
10 It fell down in that storm, the last storm we  
11 got where we had a lot of the water damage in  
12 town.

13 MAYOR LEGG: Yes.

14 MR. RINALDI: It's made of, like --  
15 I don't even know what it's made of. It looks  
16 like dry rotted wood and two by fours. You  
17 know what I'm talking about. Joe, have you  
18 driven by and seen it?

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: The one up on the  
20 hill, on the other side of the tracks.

21 MR. RINALDI: It's right across the  
22 side. There's no sign on it no more, but I  
23 guess, like, the shell of it is still there,  
24 which planning also told him to take that down  
25 and reconstruct it the right way. And he said,

1 I'm not doing that either.

2 But then he, again, he just went and  
3 did the sign. That's why we --

4 MAYOR LEGG: So where are we at?  
5 They have a sign, Welcome to Moosic, in Old  
6 Forge.

7 MR. RINALDI: Well, we sent Mike  
8 down last week. Mike said he was mailing out a  
9 fine to him, but that's the last we heard of it  
10 until Marylynn just gave us the update tonight.  
11 Se, we're gonna have to wait until we see Mike  
12 either tomorrow or one day this week and ask  
13 him.

14 MAYOR LEGG: Okay. Thanks, Russ.

15 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Any  
16 other questions for the solicitor?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill.  
19 Marylynn, good evening. Anything for the  
20 meeting tonight or our upcoming agenda?

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: So, for the agenda,  
22 I guess you could do it in November or  
23 December, LLVSA has requested that we pass a  
24 motion to reappoint Mr. Theodore Giglio as the  
25 Old Forge Borough representative on the Board

1 of Directors for the Lower Lackawanna Valley  
2 Sanitary Authority, so LLVSA.

3 So, Mr. Giglio has been our  
4 representative, and they're just asking that  
5 you reappoint him, and the term will expire  
6 December 31, 2030.

7 So, if you'd like it on the agenda  
8 for next week, we could do that. Otherwise, it  
9 would have to be in December.

10 MR. RINALDI: Everyone good with it  
11 on the agenda for next week?

12 MR. KOMENSKY: Yeah.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. Just a  
14 reminder, November 11, next week, is Veterans  
15 Day and there'll be a ceremony outside our  
16 building at 11 a.m., and we do have some light  
17 refreshments planned afterwards.

18 And just one other thing. So Dave  
19 was going over some of the projects that we've  
20 been working on, and I just want to throw out  
21 there, between the lighting project and, you  
22 know, we did some changes and added lights on,  
23 Pagnotti Park with all the work that's going on  
24 there, the railroad issue, the park equipment  
25 that's coming next week, the installation of



1 president, Lilly Lenceski, along with her class  
2 officers approached me in September about doing  
3 a bonfire. Conditions at that time were not  
4 very good, the ground was very dry, and I just  
5 told them no because of burn conditions.

6 Over the last week, you know, with  
7 all the rain, something that I'm looking at  
8 doing is doing a bonfire to kick off the winter  
9 sports season, and when asking people about the  
10 possibility of doing a bonfire, they said they  
11 didn't know when the last bonfire in Old Forge  
12 was.

13 So I'd like to get permission to do  
14 a bonfire at Eagle McClure. I've been in  
15 contact with Chief Stull. He said the  
16 conditions are favorable at this time to do  
17 that.

18 The plan would be to do the bonfire  
19 at Eagle McClure November 13th, Thursday. It's  
20 the day before the winter sports season kicks  
21 off, from 6 to 7:30, or 6 to 8:00, depending on  
22 how long the fire burns.

23 It'd be a ten by ten by ten wood  
24 pile. I would use clean wood, only pallets.  
25 Nothing that has any paint or stain or any

1 pressure treated wood, as well.

2 And so, you know, I'm just asking  
3 for permission to do it on November 13th from 6  
4 to 7:30.

5 MR. LETTIERI: You should have did  
6 it for homecoming.

7 MR. GRIFFITH: What's that?

8 MR. LETTIERI: You should have did  
9 it for homecoming.

10 MR. GRIFFITH: We could have, but I  
11 mean, like I said, the burn conditions at that  
12 time weren't very good.

13 MR. LETTIERI: No, I'm only teasing  
14 you.

15 MR. GRIFFITH: Our winter sports  
16 teams I believe are going to be very good this  
17 year, so, you know, and the way that I'd like  
18 to start the bonfire is that Miss Devilette  
19 would light it with her torch to start the  
20 fire, and then kind of passing of the torch to  
21 the winter sports season.

22 MR. RINALDI: Not to go behind you,  
23 but Assistant Chief Stull, you guys are  
24 obviously --

25 MR. STULL: Aware of it.

1 MR. RINALDI: Well, I know you're  
2 aware, but you're going to get permission on  
3 your property, you guys will be there,  
4 obviously, with the fire trucks?

5 MR. STULL: Yes.

6 MR. RINALDI: It'll be controlled  
7 and watched so?

8 MR. STULL: Yes.

9 MR. RINALDI: Right.

10 MR. STULL: The only thing we  
11 probably won't is let Miss Devilette light the  
12 fire. We will not let her do that.

13 MR. GRIFFITH: Okay. We could  
14 pretend.

15 MR. STULL: She could go there with  
16 her flame fork, I don't care, but she's not  
17 lighting it.

18 MR. GRIFFITH: Got it.

19 MR. RINALDI: I can't see -- Bill,  
20 as long as we just give them permission and the  
21 fire department is in agreeance because it's  
22 their property, the fire department is going to  
23 be there to watch it from start to finish --  
24 correct, Chief?

25 MR. STULL: Correct.

1                   ATTY. RINALDI: Well, you've got an  
2 ordinance that deals with that, so --

3                   MR. STULL: That's another reason  
4 why I told them they have to come to Council.

5                   ATTY. RINALDI: You might want to  
6 pass something that says you're doing some kind  
7 of a license, Chief.

8                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah.

9                   ATTY. RINALDI: We'll have to look  
10 at that.

11                   MR. RINALDI: You wanted to do it  
12 for November 13th?

13                   MR. GRIFFITH: 13th.

14                   CHIEF DUBERNAS: Next Thursday.

15                   MR. RINALDI: Next Thursday. So we  
16 should put it on our agenda on Tuesday. We're  
17 going to put it on the agenda for Tuesday.

18                   MR. GRIFFITH: Okay. Do I have  
19 permission to start planning or --

20                   MR. NESE: You're going to need to  
21 build the ten by ten fire box probably before  
22 Tuesday then, I'm guessing, right?

23                   MR. GRIFFITH: Yeah.

24                   ATTY. RINALDI: They got to vote.

25                   MR. RINALDI: We have to vote.

1 MR. GRIFFITH: Okay.

2 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

3 MR. GRIFFITH: All right.

4 MR. RINALDI: But here's the thing,  
5 even if you start building and you don't get --  
6 it's built and ready to go in case we do vote  
7 and it's yes.

8 MR. GRIFFITH: Okay.

9 MR. RINALDI: Sound good?

10 MR. GRIFFITH: Yeah.

11 MR. LETTIERI: Start building.

12 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

13 MR. GRIFFITH: All right. Thank  
14 you.

15 MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.  
16 Anyone else, Chief?

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Dr. Gatto, but I'm  
18 not sure if he wanted to speak.

19 MR. RINALDI: You good, Dr. Gatto?

20 DR. GATTO: I'm good.

21 MR. RINALDI: Okay. We'll go around  
22 the table before we adjourn. Mayor Legg.

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

25 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

1                   MAYOR LEGG: The next meeting will  
2 be what date, what is that, the 11th?

3                   MS. BARTOLETTI: The next meeting is  
4 November 11th.

5                   MAYOR LEGG: Okay.

6                   MS. BARTOLETTI: A week from  
7 tomorrow.

8                   MAYOR LEGG: Okay. And this Sunday  
9 at 10:00 we're meeting at the church?

10                  MS. BARTOLETTI: Correct.

11                  MAYOR LEGG: Okay. That's all I  
12 have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

13                  MR. RINALDI: You're very welcome.  
14 Councilman Nese?

15                  MR. NESE: No, I don't have  
16 anything.

17                  MR. RINALDI: Mare, this Sunday, the  
18 9th; am I right?

19                  MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

20                  MR. RINALDI: Okay. Yes, I have it,  
21 10 a.m. I just wanted to mark it in my phone.  
22 Councilman Nese, nothing?

23                  MR. NESE: I don't have anything.

24                  MR. RINALDI: Okay. Councilman  
25 Komensky?

1 MR. KOMENSKY: I would just like to  
2 remind everybody tomorrow is election day, and  
3 I'd like to wish everybody who is on the ballot  
4 good luck. Not an easy task, but I know we  
5 should get some good people out, and I wish  
6 everybody the best of luck.

7 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Lettieri?

8 MR. LETTIERI: I'd like to thank you  
9 two guys because I was just talking about that  
10 two weeks ago, what happened to the bonfires.  
11 But that's a great idea. I'm kind of excited  
12 myself about it, so hopefully everything works  
13 out for you. And you got Bill there to take  
14 care of you, so you'll be all right. That's  
15 all.

16 MR. RINALDI: Anything else?

17 MR. LETTIERI: No. I'm good.

18 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

19 MR. LETTIERI: Thank you.

20 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

21 Councilman Butler?

22 MR. BUTLER: I have nothing. Thank  
23 you.

24 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

25 Councilwoman McCawley?

1 MS. McCAWLEY: I don't have  
2 anything. Thank you.

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

5 MR. HOOVER: Just that the Marion  
6 Street Park is coming out very nice. I didn't  
7 expect the lights to be that --

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Thank you.

9 MR. HOOVER: -- coming towards the  
10 road that much, but it looks nice. It's going  
11 to be lit up. A lot of people are going to  
12 complain about those lights now.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: But they should be  
14 down this way.

15 MR. LOPATKA: They're all down shot.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

17 MR. LOPATKA: Especially the ones  
18 near the road. And the ones that are on the  
19 courts will all be basically within the  
20 boundaries of the courts. They won't overshoot  
21 a lot because they're all directed down.

22 MR. RINALDI: The only thing I have,  
23 I'm just going to echo Councilman Komensky's  
24 words, good luck to all the candidates running.  
25 We have five sitting here currently.

1                    Mayor Legg, good luck tomorrow,  
2                    Councilman Nese, Councilman Lettieri,  
3                    Councilman Hoover, Councilwoman McCawley, and  
4                    Councilman Butler.

5                    If no one has anything, the Chair  
6                    would entertain a motion to adjourn.

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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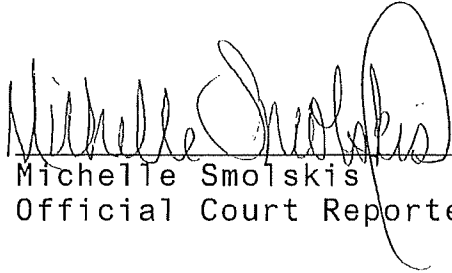
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