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OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

IN RE: COUNCIL WORK SESSION

HELD:

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

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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 :

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LOUIS FEBBO

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MR. RINALDI: Good evening, ladies and gentleman. I'd like to call the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. RINALDI: Roll call, please, Marylynn.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman Avvisato is absent. Councilman Butler?

MR. BUTLER: Here.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

MR. FEBBO: Here.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

MR. HOOVER: Here.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri? He's absent. Councilman Notari? Absent. Councilman Rinaldi?

MR. RINALDI: Here. Once again, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Old Forge Borough work session. Tonight is Tuesday, October 3rd. The purpose of the meeting is to set our agenda for our regular meeting, which will be Tuesday, October 17th at 7 p.m.

You'll hear from our department

1 heads, we'll see if they have anything for the
2 meeting. We'll go down the table, we'll hear
3 from our mayor, our Borough manager, solicitor
4 and all our Council members, see if they have
5 anything.

6 The Chief of police has a public
7 sign-in sheet if anyone from the public would
8 like to address us. At the end of this meeting
9 we'll give you a few moments.

10 With that said, we're going to move
11 into our first department head which is Joseph
12 Lenceski, DPW manager. Anything for the
13 meeting, Joe, or for the agenda?

14 MR. LENCESKI: For the agenda, I
15 did get a price from Russo & DeMaio to restore
16 an old pave cut on Bertha Street and Fred
17 Street.

18 MR. HOOVER: Where to Fred?

19 MR. LENCESKI: Bertha and Fred.

20 MR. HOOVER: What's that a utility
21 cut or is it just a --

22 MR. LENCESKI: It's an old, it's a
23 storm water cut that we put in that failed.
24 I'm not sure when it was done, but it's bad.

25 MR. HOOVER: What's the size of it?

1 MR. LENCESKI: Eight by 29, 5 by 73
2 and 73 foot curb.

3 MR. HOOVER: What was their number?

4 MR. LENCESKI: \$6,129.

5 MR. RINALDI: 6,129?

6 MR. LENCESKI: Yes.

7 MR. HOOVER: There was a problem
8 with the sewer that you had to dig up or --

9 MR. LENCESKI: Storm water.

10 MR. HOOVER: Storm water?

11 MR. LENCESKI: At the end of Bertha.

12 MR. HOOVER: Well, if it has to be
13 done it has to be done.

14 MR. RINALDI: Bill, if it's under
15 the amount, does it have to be on the agenda?

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: I just wanted it to
17 be part of the meeting.

18 MR. RINALDI: Oh, okay.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. No, it
20 doesn't have to be.

21 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Anything else,
22 Joe?

23 MR. LENCESKI: Nothing for the
24 meeting but I just wanted to let you guys know
25 that I listed the 2014 Dodge 5500. I need to

1 submit it on Friday. I started the asking
2 price at 8,000, and as of today we're up to
3 15,200 on that vehicle.

4 I know in the past we said we were
5 going to, as we purchased new vehicles, while
6 the old vehicles are still in decent shape,
7 we're going to try to get rid of them and use
8 that money to pay for the new vehicle that we
9 bought, so that's where we're at. The end date
10 for the bid will be Tuesday, October 31st.

11 MR. HOOVER: So it's going up?

12 MR. LENCESKI: Yeah. Fast.

13 MR. RINALDI: Good job, Joe.

14 MR. LENCESKI: Thank you.

15 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

16 Anything else?

17 MR. LENCESKI: That's all I have.

18 MR. RINALDI: Anybody have any
19 questions for Joe?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Joe.

22 MR. LENCESKI: You're welcome.

23 MR. RINALDI: Mike Sokolowski, code
24 enforcement/zoning officer, anything for the
25 agenda or for the upcoming meeting?

1 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I believe I don't
2 have anything for the agenda, but I just want
3 to let you know that the Emlaw property, we
4 have a court date of November 16th at 8:45 at
5 the magistrate. Emlaw, the fence company.

6 MR. RINALDI: Oh, fence company?

7 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah. And the
8 mortgage company from the property on Mulberry
9 on Drake Street and Grace Lane, they contacted
10 me and he's supposed to get back to me
11 tomorrow.

12 MR. RINALDI: About the garage?

13 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes. Yeah. But
14 that's it. I don't really have nothing else.

15 MR. RINALDI: The Emlaw property,
16 since last meeting, has he contacted you for --

17 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Nothing.

18 MR. RINALDI: Nothing?

19 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Nothing. Nothing
20 at all. So, we have three fines --

21 MR. RINALDI: So, we're just going
22 to wait for the court date?

23 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah. We have
24 three fines at the magistrate for November
25 16th.

1 MR. RINALDI: Okay. I just was
2 wondering if he contacted you to figure out how
3 he should go about getting his permits and
4 getting what he needs to get to --

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: No contact at all.

6 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

7 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: The last time we
8 had this, his attorney was here, Dave
9 Cherundolo.

10 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

11 MR. HOOVER: That's the last we
12 heard was when Dave was at the planning
13 meeting.

14 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yep.

15 MR. RINALDI: Anything else, Mike?

16 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: That's it.

17 MR. RINALDI: Anyone have any
18 questions for Michael?

19 MR. BUTLER: I have one question.

20 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

21 MR. BUTLER: Mike, I saw that they
22 took the cars off that Gerary (phonetic)
23 property down there.

24 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yes.

25 MR. BUTLER: What about the RVs?

1 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: One's gone.

2 MR. BUTLER: One is gone?

3 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah. I was
4 talking to him, he actually picked up one of
5 our police cars yesterday or the day before --
6 Monday, and he said he's going to work on them.
7 Probably have another one gone by Thursday.

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I think tomorrow he
9 told me that they're gonna --

10 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

11 MR. BUTLER: All right. Thank you.
12 That's a lot better than it was.

13 MR. FEBBO: So, in other words,
14 legally they will be gone?

15 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah. The cars are
16 gone. One camper. There's two left. I think
17 he's taking one tomorrow and then possibly one.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: He'll call us
19 before he takes it because he wants us to block
20 the road when he makes the swing so it doesn't
21 fall apart.

22 MR. FEBBO: After eight years.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. RINALDI: Anything else,
25 Councilman Butler?

1 MR. BUTLER: No. I'm good. Thank
2 you.

3 MR. RINALDI: Anyone else have any
4 questions for Mike?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Mike.
7 Engineer, Dave Lopatka, anything for the agenda
8 or for the upcoming meeting?

9 MR. LOPATKA: I have nothing for the
10 agenda.

11 MR. RINALDI: Anything for the
12 meeting?

13 MR. LOPATKA: I don't believe so.

14 MR. RINALDI: Anyone have any
15 questions for Dave?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, David.

18 MR. LOPATKA: Yep.

19 MR. RINALDI: Chief Dubernas,
20 anything for the agenda or for the upcoming
21 meeting?

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: For the agenda,
23 just the parking on First Street by the park,
24 we have to -- the ordinance says no parking
25 both sides, and I think it needs to be changed

1 that they're going to allow parking on the west
2 side not the east side.

3 MR. RINALDI: So, no parking on the
4 fence side?

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Correct.

6 MR. RINALDI: Chief, how far up is
7 it going?

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: It's going to go
9 from Miles Street to Susquehanna Avenue, just
10 on the east side, just the park side. So, that
11 allows the two residents to park in front of
12 their house there.

13 MR. RINALDI: And also in case we
14 have to get emergency vehicles through.

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Correct.

16 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Anything else,
17 Chief?

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's it.

19 MR. RINALDI: Anyone have any
20 questions for the Chief?

21 MR. HOOVER: Is there enough room
22 there for the residents to park the cars?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: On the whole right
24 side, yeah.

25 MR. HOOVER: Yeah?

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

4 MR. STULL: Yeah. I have two
5 things.

6 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

7 MR. STULL: At the last Council
8 meeting, Solicitor Rinaldi asked me to get
9 ahold of Marylynn. I talked to her on the
10 operator firefighters per diem that we're going
11 to be hiring. So, we have that ironed out.

12 I'm going to let her speak on that
13 part of it, on what we discussed, and hopefully
14 we can get that on the agenda for this coming
15 meeting.

16 And on a lighter note, everybody
17 knows Saturday's event that was down at the
18 stadium, the fire department has a couple
19 concerns with that. Parking was ferocious. We
20 couldn't get fire apparatus in there to save
21 our lives.

22 I think in the future if any of
23 these organizations are going to do anything
24 like that or any event in town, we should have
25 some kind of action plan between department

1 heads, fire, police, EMS, DPW, EMA coordinator.
2 It was a mess down there.

3 You were down there, the mayor was
4 down there, again, cars were parked where they
5 shouldn't have been parked, hydrants were
6 blocked in. So, something's got to be done.

7 I know rumor has it that the Junior
8 Devils are there on the 14th of this month,
9 there's 17 teams that are going to be playing,
10 like, in a super bowl or whatever it is, so
11 it's going to be another fiasco down there.

12 So, just making you aware of it. I
13 mean, we have over 8500 residents in this
14 Borough, and from South Main Street to
15 Susquehanna, from Moosic Road all the way over
16 to Alicia, you couldn't get around in there at
17 all.

18 MR. BUTLER: They were parked on
19 Taroli Street.

20 MR. HOOVER: Well, who needs to meet
21 with the people in charge of the --

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'll speak on
23 behalf of that. So, they gave us a plan where
24 they were supposed to have designated parking
25 at Ray's, the high school, elementary,

1 playground, and all these teams received this
2 map of where they're supposed to park, where
3 bus drop offs were.

4 The rear gate on the back side by
5 the magistrate's office was supposed to be
6 closed once the buses were dropped off at 8:00,
7 that was supposed to be an emergency way for
8 the police, EMS, ambulance, fire apparatus to
9 get through, and none of that they followed.

10 So, we issued a pile of parking
11 tickets for the cars that were completely
12 blocking curbs, driveways, fire hydrants, but
13 where the designated parking area is that all
14 these other teams were supposed to be
15 following; they never followed them.

16 MR. BUTLER: There was out of state
17 cars parked here, too.

18 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, because there
19 was 18 different school districts that were
20 there.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Well, there's one
22 good thing, it only happens once every 15
23 years.

24 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Once every 18
25 years.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Being that every
2 group has their own opportunity to host the
3 competition, you won't see it again for a long
4 time.

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Eighteen years they
6 told us.

7 MAYOR LEGG: Most of us will be dead
8 by then, so we won't have to worry.

9 MR. RINALDI: Bill, my question
10 would be, and it echos Councilman Hoover, if we
11 have an event like that again, which that type
12 of event is not going to happen because they
13 rotate it every year, so we will get it in
14 another 18 years, but like you said, in a few
15 weeks there's going to be 17 more teams there
16 for the super bowl --

17 MR. STULL: Right.

18 MR. RINALDI: -- even if the fire
19 department, the police, us, and we meet with
20 Junior Devils organization or whatever
21 organization it is for the future, would we
22 have to require more officers on and then they
23 would have to pay for the officers? Just to
24 help coordinate the parking or help coordinate,
25 you know, like, the traffic or help move it

1 along, keep it safer. You know what I'm
2 saying?

3 MR. STULL: Could we make -- I'm
4 just going to take East Grace Street, because
5 it's probably one of the worst sections down
6 there, okay, can we just have no parking on one
7 side of that?

8 MR. RINALDI: Well, that was going
9 to be my next question to you, or would we go
10 ahead and take the initiative and take parking
11 away before the event starts to leave parking
12 open just in case we have to get emergency
13 services down there?

14 MR. STULL: Correct.

15 MR. RINALDI: Because I can't see
16 any organization stand there. They wouldn't
17 have the authority to tell people where they
18 could park and where they can't, unless you're
19 an actual police officer.

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Well, according to
21 what they told me, when they sent out this map
22 they spoke to all of these business owners to
23 allow them to park there and that's why the
24 back side by the little league field and the
25 magistrate's office was a designated bus route

1 for all the kids that were getting bused in and
2 all emergency vehicles, and that never
3 happened.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: The problem with
5 that was because people didn't want to walk
6 from the school to --

7 MR. RINALDI: Right. So, they were
8 just parking wherever they felt they wanted to
9 park.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Right. So, if
11 there's a shuttle or something, that would make
12 things a lot easier, you know, to be able to
13 handle that in the future, but I don't see
14 people, if they could easily stick their car
15 someplace else, they're not going to walk three
16 blocks.

17 MR. RINALDI: But I like Bill's idea
18 that if that's the case, then we'll take
19 parking away before the event in certain areas,
20 you know, where the fire department and the
21 police department designate. So you tell us
22 where we need to take it away so we could fit
23 the emergency vehicles if we ever had to get
24 them through, and then we take them away
25 before.

1 MR. STULL: Yeah, because it was
2 just -- like, I don't know how many citations
3 the police department issued down there, but I
4 mean people were just no regards for any of the
5 so far from a stop sign, so far from the fire
6 hydrant. If they were able to get a car in
7 there, they got it in.

8 MR. RINALDI: Yeah, they were just
9 squeezing in wherever they could.

10 MR. STULL: They were just squeezing
11 in wherever they could, but that's what I'm
12 talking about with an exit plan, something that
13 we could work with these organizations that are
14 going to use it, the stadium or wherever in
15 town, so that we can get things coordinated
16 before something does happen.

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We even told them
18 they could contact Mariotti's, because
19 Mariotti's used the parking there for that
20 concert ten years ago.

21 MR. STULL: Right.

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We told them to use
23 that.

24 MR. STULL: Yeah.

25 MR. RINALDI: So, Chief, with this

1 event that's coming up in a few weeks or --

2 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I know nothing
3 about it. It's the --

4 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: The 14th of
6 October.

7 MR. RINALDI: The 14th of October?

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 MR. RINALDI: Okay. So then, Bill,
10 would you or the Chief go out in the next few
11 days, find the areas where you would like to
12 take the parking away?

13 MR. STULL: Yeah, we could do that.

14 MR. RINALDI: Bill, it's before our
15 next meeting. To take parking away, would we
16 have to require a vote?

17 ATTY. RINALDI: Chief, you got
18 powers to --

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, we could put
20 a no parking --

21 MR. HOOVER: It's only a temporary
22 thing.

23 MR. RINALDI: Right. It's just
24 temporary for the day. Right.

25 ATTY. RINALDI: He has the ability

1 to do that.

2 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

3 MR. HOOVER: Put some cones up, put
4 some caution tape and --

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: And maybe we could
6 get the details, more details of how many
7 people are actually coming and --

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: And if that's the
9 case -- is the same people in charge of the
10 cheerleaders in charge of the football thing,
11 too?

12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I would say
13 probably talk to Joe Dominick.

14 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'll reach out to
15 him, tell him, like, reach out to Mariotti's.
16 It's only right down the street, if they're
17 going to have that many kids there, because
18 like I said, they told us Ray's, the
19 restaurants, Arcaro and Genell's, Revello's,
20 the high school, elementary, elementary
21 playground, that's where everybody was supposed
22 to park.

23 MR. RINALDI: Right. And, I mean,
24 we can't blame the organizations. I mean, it's
25 just the people were just parking wherever they

1 want to.

2 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Right.

3 MR. RINALDI: They were told where
4 to park --

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Right.

6 MR. RINALDI: -- they just didn't
7 listen.

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah, they had the
9 map.

10 MR. RINALDI: Right.

11 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Because we got a
12 copy of the map that had all the parking areas.

13 MR. RINALDI: Right.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Chief, 328 3A,
15 that's emergency.

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Oh, okay. I
17 thought you were talking about for Miles
18 Street, no parking.

19 ATTY. RINALDI: I'm sorry.

20 MR. RINALDI: Okay. So then, Bill,
21 that's what we'll do for the next event and for
22 any future events just to keep it safe for
23 everybody, more safe.

24 MR. STULL: Now, could we reach out
25 to this organization, say, Listen, you've got

1 to talk to more than just, you know, like, the
2 police department, you got to get more involved
3 in this?

4 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

5 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'll reach out to
6 Joey tomorrow find out exactly what's going on,
7 who's coming here. Again, this is the first
8 time I'm hearing about it.

9 MR. FEBBO: Have a pre-meeting, a
10 meeting beforehand, with all the organizations.
11 Have it here.

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yeah. I'm not sure
13 if they have a board or something.

14 MR. RINALDI: The Junior Devils?
15 Yeah, they have a board.

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Okay. Then we can
17 meet with them.

18 MR. RINALDI: And to answer your
19 question, Bill, which he already did, but the
20 same board runs the football and the
21 cheerleaders.

22 MR. STULL: Okay.

23 MR. BUTLER: We could send out
24 fliers with the players and the team or
25 whatever to their parents, say that there's

1 going to be restricted parking. Let them know
2 ahead of time.

3 MR. RINALDI: Or if we let the
4 organization know ahead of time, then let
5 them --

6 MR. BUTLER: Yeah, let them send out
7 fliers.

8 MR. RINALDI: Yeah, let them send it
9 out.

10 MR. BUTLER: Right. That's what I'm
11 saying.

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: So that outlines
13 restrictive parking.

14 MR. FEBBO: Oh, so the visiting
15 teams that are coming in --

16 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

17 MR. RINALDI: Well, yeah. Just like
18 they gave you the map blast time, they would
19 show the streets, show the maps of where you
20 could park and where there's going to be
21 parking restricted.

22 CHIEF DUBERNAS: They said it's
23 every cheerleader that got one of them maps to
24 take home to their parents of where to park and
25 where to enter, but the problem was they told

1 us one thing and then they did something else
2 on Sunday.

3 MR. RINALDI: Right.

4 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Or Saturday. And
5 that didn't help matters.

6 MR. RINALDI: So, again, we can't
7 blame the organization.

8 MR. FEBBO: No.

9 MR. RINALDI: It's the people who
10 just came here and --

11 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, no, the
12 organization did something. They closed their
13 block in the back gate to allow nobody there,
14 and they left the back gate open so people
15 could park and enter that way.

16 And that was only supposed to be a
17 drop off for busses at 8:00, and then after all
18 the buses were there, they were supposed to
19 close that gate, but they left it open because
20 they thought it was more convenient for the
21 parents to go back to their cars.

22 MR. RINALDI: All right. Okay. So,
23 from here on, let's do what your recommendation
24 was then would be take the parking away prior
25 to the events.

1 MR. STULL: Okay.

2 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Anything else?

3 MR. STULL: Nope. That's all I
4 have.

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

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, Bill.

9 Attorney Rinaldi, anything for the meeting and
10 the agenda?

11 ATTY. RINALDI: Yep. I think you're
12 going to have a fire department stipend
13 resolution after Marylynn gives her
14 presentation. You may have a CDB resolution
15 from the county if they send it over. They're
16 a little late with it.

17 The St. Lawrence church addendum,
18 if the details to that are worked out. You
19 have a request from a DPW employee for an
20 extension of his probation period, and a
21 resolution appointing construction code
22 official or officials. That's all I have right
23 now.

24 MR. RINALDI: Anybody have any
25 questions for the solicitor?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. RINALDI: Thank you, Bill.

3 Borough manager, Marylynn, anything for the
4 meeting or the agenda?

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: I do. Okay. So,
6 on the first thing is I'm going to have a
7 resolution for an LSA grant. So, we'll have
8 to pass a resolution for that at the next
9 meeting.

10 The next thing is I'd like to
11 advertise to hire a company to help us to
12 prepare the master site plan for Pagnotti Park.
13 We're doing a little bit of a change of our
14 plan. So, first we'll hire someone to do the
15 master cite plan. If we can get it done quick,
16 then we'll be able to just apply for the grant
17 without having to wait a full year.

18 So, I don't want to waste that much
19 time, so if we hire someone first, then we can
20 just apply for a grant later. So, if we can do
21 that at the next meeting.

22 Advertise for a DPW member. One of
23 our guys is going to be resigning, so I'd like
24 to move quick on advertising.

25 Just for the notes, if we could see

1 if everyone's available to change the November
2 meeting from the 7th to the 8th, that would be
3 the work session, since the 7th is election
4 day.

5 MR. FEBBO: What's the day, Mare?

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Change from Tuesday
7 the 7th to Wednesday the 8th, because the 7th
8 is election day, so we wouldn't be able to meet
9 on that day.

10 As Bill Stull mentioned, so we had a
11 little meeting to discuss the whole scenario
12 with starting January 1st with the paid driver
13 for the fire company, so what we decided that
14 we would do is do quarterly payments.

15 I would pay him the beginning of the
16 quarter, and at the end of the quarter they
17 would give us a report letting us know where
18 they're at, how it's working, the whole bit,
19 since the first year is basically going to be,
20 like, a test.

21 So, since we're talking about that,
22 what I'd also like to do is set up a budget
23 meeting with the budget committee because we
24 have to get moving on the budget. So, maybe
25 after the meeting, after this meeting's over,

1 we could come up with a date. And that's all I
2 have for the agenda.

3 MR. RINALDI: Anyone have any
4 questions for Marylynn?

5 MR. HOOVER: Mare, you want to have
6 the budget meeting before our next meeting
7 or --

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: If we could.

9 MR. HOOVER: Mondays and Tuesdays
10 are usually the better --

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. Maybe next
12 week. After this meeting's over, maybe we
13 could put it together.

14 MR. HOOVER: Put a text out or
15 something.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

17 ATTY. RINALDI: I have one add if
18 you didn't know it, October 19th is the
19 planning commission holding the meeting on the
20 comprehensive plan for the public. You guys
21 could attend that if you want.

22 MR. RINALDI: October 19th?

23 ATTY. RINALDI: Yeah.

24 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Anyone else
25 have any questions for Marylynn?

1 MR. BUTLER: I don't have a question
2 for Marylynn. I actually have a question for
3 Bill.

4 MR. RINALDI: Sure.

5 MR. BUTLER: I forgot to ask him.
6 What are the procedures if a house doesn't have
7 water or electricity?

8 ATTY. RINALDI: What you're talking
9 is a BOCA code violation.

10 MR. BUTLER: Yeah. Because I talked
11 to Mike and I talked to Bill Stull about it,
12 so, I mean, we could go in there --

13 ATTY. RINALDI: I don't think it
14 would stop --

15 MR. BUTLER: -- do whatever we have
16 to?

17 ATTY. RINALDI: We could try and get
18 a warrant if we have to, but I think that's
19 a --

20 MR. BUTLER: 602 Maple.

21 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

22 ATTY. RINALDI: I sent the, I don't
23 know if you got that e-mail, under the BOCA
24 code, we got a lot of power there under our
25 ordinance.

1 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Yeah.

2 ATTY. RINALDI: So, we should have a
3 book back there. I think we paid for one. So,
4 if you don't have it --

5 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: I think I did see
6 one in there.

7 ATTY. RINALDI: Because we ordered a
8 new one. What street is that?

9 MR. BUTLER: Maple. 602 Maple. I
10 guess that's been a problem for a while.

11 MR. FEBBO: Mike, while we're
12 talking about Maple, let's check that house,
13 too, on Patrice (phonetic) Lane. Remember we
14 talked about that, whether it's fit for
15 habitation?

16 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: Well, like I said,
17 I got to talk to the lawyer tomorrow for the
18 mortgage company, and I'll mention it.

19 MR. FEBBO: Mike, tell him the
20 Borough wants to get in there and inspect it
21 for safety purposes.

22 MR. SOKOLOWSKI: All right.

23 MR. FEBBO: Thank you.

24 MR. RINALDI: Anything else?

25 MR. BUTLER: No. I'm good. Thank

1 you.

2 MR. RINALDI: Anything else,
3 Councilman Febbo?

4 MR. FEBBO: No. Thank you.

5 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Before we go
6 around the table, we have two things this
7 evening. We'll go into public comment first,
8 and then also we have two inspection companies
9 here to give us a presentation.

10 We know NEIC gave us theirs a few
11 weeks back, and we invited BIU, our current
12 inspection company, as well.

13 Mr. Hudak is here with Mr. Supulski
14 from BIU, and John and Ken Marino are here from
15 NEIC.

16 We'll go into our public comment
17 first, though. We have two members who want to
18 speak, and then we're going to hear both of you
19 guys, both your companies again.

20 Jeff Casella, you're first on the
21 public comment. If you want to come up to the
22 podium and address us?

23 MR. CASELLA: Sure.

24 MR. RINALDI: Good evening, Jeff.
25 How are you?

1 MR. CASELLA: Good evening. Good
2 evening everyone. Jeff Casella, C-A-S-E-L-L-A.
3 Do you need an address, too, or --

4 MR. RINALDI: No. Just your name.

5 MR. CASELLA: All right. First off,
6 we wanted to thank everybody that helped make
7 this year's festival a success as it was.
8 Marylynn for allowing for handicap parking, Joe
9 for coming up with some kind of concoction of a
10 sign that worked perfectly and should work for
11 years to come, and from the Scranton Diocese,
12 they wanted us to express their thanks to Chief
13 Dubernas and the police department for making
14 the Bishop's procession as safe as it was. So,
15 they thank everybody very much.

16 What we're here today for is a story
17 that started over a hundred years ago. People
18 from Felitto, when they wanted to come to
19 America, they decided to come to this town, to
20 this burg, and the story of the Felittese
21 started there.

22 Over these last years, we've become
23 a very helpful organization. We try to be as
24 charitable as we can, give to people that are
25 burned out of houses, whatever we could do. If

1 anybody needs our kitchen for a pasta dinner,
2 we're more than welcome to allow them to use
3 it.

4 We give to the children in the
5 community, the less fortunate, making sure
6 Santa Claus arrives every year, and we've been
7 doing that for years, and also scholarships
8 that we give out every year.

9 What we are asking for is a process
10 that we have already started in the making.
11 When I went to Felitto this year, we presented
12 them a plaque, an American flag that flew over
13 our festival grounds. They presented us an
14 Italian flag that flew over Felitto, which now
15 flies over our festival grounds. They also
16 gave us the order of Felitto, basically
17 acknowledging us as a key part of the way that
18 they live in Felitto.

19 It's a great community. They want
20 us to become sister cities, or twinning our
21 cities. Much like Jessup does with Gubbio and
22 others. Scranton has one in Ireland, I
23 believe, as well.

24 So, what we are asking for is one
25 thing, there is no money that it's gonna cost

1 the Borough. The Felittese Association will
2 assume all costs and through private donations
3 and everything else that we would need to make
4 this happen. What we are asking for is a vote
5 from the Borough to approve this motion that we
6 could do this so that we can -- we'll have
7 signs wherever we're welcoming people into Old
8 Forge that we would also have approved by
9 everybody to say, Okay, well, that looks good.

10 And we just want to do it and it's a
11 good -- it's a feel good thing for the
12 community. I think Old Forge is known as an
13 Italian community, no matter how many different
14 nations move here, we're always going to be
15 known as an Italian community, and Felitto is a
16 key part in building that.

17 St. Mary's was St. Mary's because in
18 Felitto it's Santa Maria, that's their church,
19 and that's why we had St. Mary's here. People
20 of Felitto pretty much demanded it. The
21 cemetery was founded by a large board
22 consisting of a lot of the citizens of Felitto.

23 So, we want to keep that tradition
24 going and we want to just celebrate our
25 national recognition with them. Anything that

1 happens here would also be recognized in Italy
2 itself. It will go down on their sister cities
3 inside the Italian government. So, it could be
4 looked up by anyone that wants to go on a
5 computer, like Jessup has Gubbio, Gubbio has,
6 like, seven cities with it.

7 We're not trying to make a battle
8 with any other people from Italy, we know
9 there's people from Sicily, from Calabria and
10 everything else, but we just feel that our tie
11 to Felitto is a lot stronger right now with the
12 Felittese Association, our festival every year,
13 parade every year, and we just humbly ask for
14 your vote.

15 MR. RINALDI: So, my question to
16 you, Jeff, would be when would your
17 organization be ready for us? We'd have to do
18 a resolution on --

19 ATTY. RINALDI: I remember looking
20 at it a couple years ago when they made their
21 request.

22 MR. CASELLA: Pre Covid.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: There's stuff that's
24 got to be done.

25 MR. RINALDI: So, when would you,

1 you and your organization, be ready for us?
2 Because, I mean, we could have the solicitor,
3 starting tonight, look into it on our end,
4 because we're going to have to do a resolution
5 for it and just have him get, you know, the
6 details for the resolution.

7 MR. CASELLA: Yeah. Sorry. Can
8 I --

9 MR. RINALDI: And is there anything
10 that you are going to have to give to him of
11 anything we're going to need from them?

12 ATTY. RINALDI: I can find out.

13 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

14 MR. CASELLA: Yeah. So far as a
15 resolution would be, as soon as you're ready,
16 we're ready. We want to have this voted on and
17 a resolution before we proceed with the moneys
18 that are going to be involved with sending a
19 delegation over to Felitto. And Felitto is
20 also going to be sending a delegation over here
21 prior to any of this happening.

22 Also, the priest in Felitto, Don
23 Domenico Sorrenti, is planning on attending the
24 festival next year, because our festivals are
25 going to be, being it's happening on the 8th

1 and they have some traditions in Felitto of the
2 8th being a bad day to have any kind of a
3 celebration, twice the statue, things happened
4 to it on the 8th, so they no longer have it on
5 the 8th.

6 So, we're going to have ours on the
7 8th simply because people are familiar after
8 the week after La Festa, they have us for the
9 real food. But, you know, other than that,
10 they are going to send him over and we'll
11 probably send a representative over there if we
12 can.

13 MR. RINALDI: So, then who from your
14 organization should we have be in contact with
15 our solicitor? Would it be you?

16 MR. CASELLA: You could contact me.

17 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Because then
18 whatever questions he has for you, you can get
19 him the answers, or whatever questions you have
20 for him.

21 MR. CASELLA: Right.

22 MR. RINALDI: And then we can get
23 moving on it.

24 MR. CASELLA: Lou's fun to talk to,
25 too, so you could talk to him. But, yeah, we

1 just want to get it started as quickly as
2 possible so that it's ready to go and we
3 could -- because there's a lot of planning, and
4 we would like to have it ready for next year.

5 So, in order to have it ready for
6 next year, we got to start now. We're actually
7 probably about three months behind schedule.

8 MR. RINALDI: If they already don't
9 have it, why don't you leave your e-mail and
10 phone number with Marylynn and Bill and then
11 you guys could contact each other that way and
12 then we could get started on it.

13 MR. CASELLA: Okay. Sounds great.

14 MR. RINALDI: Anyone have any
15 questions for Jeff?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RINALDI: Anything else for us,
18 Jeff?

19 MR. CASELLA: No. That's it.

20 MR. RINALDI: Sounds good.

21 MR. CASELLA: All right. Thanks.

22 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. Have
23 a good night, Jeff.

24 MR. CASELLA: You, too.

25 MR. RINALDI: Thank you.

1 Mr. Terruso?

2 MR. TERRUSO: If I can just talk
3 from here? I don't have anything to add to
4 what Jeff said, I just agree with everything he
5 said tonight.

6 I think it would be a good thing
7 because there are still a lot of Felittese
8 descendants in Old Forge, and some of them
9 still have relatives over in Felitto. But I
10 think it would be a good thing for the Borough
11 and for the Felittese Association.

12 MR. RINALDI: Anything else,
13 Mr. Terruso?

14 MR. TERRUSO: No, that was it.

15 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Thank you.
16 Okay. Before we go around the table, we're
17 going to go into our presentations with our
18 inspection companies. John, we're going to ask
19 you and Joe to come first and --

20 MR. HUDAK: Should I come up?

21 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

22 MR. HUDAK: Well, for those that may
23 not know me, my name's John Hudak. Forgive me
24 for my back facing you guys. I represent a
25 company called Building Inspection Underwriters

1 of PA. Joe Supulski, my associate, he's the
2 northeast regional manager. I represent the
3 company as the president. I've been a part of
4 the company for 35 years, and Joe's been a part
5 of our company for 17 years.

6 I'll give you a brief background on
7 our company. It's approximately 65 years old
8 doing code inspection services. We're in
9 various offices throughout the state. Speaking
10 here about Northeast Pennsylvania, we have
11 approximately 145 contracted municipalities for
12 UCC services, and our office is located over at
13 1010 Albright Avenue in Scranton. We've been
14 there since 1972.

15 And with that, we've been serving
16 the Borough for the past 17 years, and I hope
17 that we're lucky and fortunate enough to be
18 picked to be one of the multiple agencies that
19 you're looking for to continue our services. I
20 myself have been part of Old Forge as a
21 resident for the past 45 years.

22 So, I think that about sums it up.
23 I'll keep it brief. I have a proposal here to
24 hand in.

25 MR. RINALDI: Yeah, if you could

1 give it to the solicitor, please, John?

2 ATTY. RINALDI: I got it.

3 MR. RINALDI: Oh, you have a copy?

4 ATTY. RINALDI: It's the same one
5 you e-mailed me, right?

6 MR. HUDAK: Yeah. Should you have
7 any questions, feel free, and if you think of
8 any questions later, my cell phone number is
9 with Mr. Rinaldi.

10 MR. RINALDI: John, as you stated,
11 you have been employed with the Borough for
12 quite some time, my question to you would be
13 what is the exact rate we get from your company
14 percentage-wise?

15 MR. HUDAK: We're working for 65
16 percent of the Borough's adopted fee schedule.

17 MR. RINALDI: So, John, for a \$100
18 permit, we get 35 dollars?

19 MR. HUDAK: Yes.

20 MR. RINALDI: Okay. And how long
21 has it been 65/35?

22 MR. HUDAK: Since 2018. In 2018 the
23 Borough called us together and wanted to raise
24 the rates. They raised the rates, we lowered
25 our percentage and didn't take any of that

1 increase towards us, we just gave it to the
2 Borough.

3 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

4 MR. HUDAK: So, we're still --
5 originally it was 70 percent of the fee
6 schedule. When the Borough raised their rates,
7 we dropped ours to 65.

8 MR. RINALDI: Does the Borough
9 charge you any administrative fees?

10 MR. HUDAK: The Borough does charge
11 an administration fee, don't they?

12 MR. SUPULSKI: Yeah, there's -- my
13 name is Joe Supulski, S-U-P-U-L-S-K-I. I'm the
14 current building code official for Old Forge.
15 The administrative fee is based on the total
16 permit costs. The current rate is 20 percent.
17 That goes entirely to Old Forge Borough.

18 MR. HUDAK: So, if the permit's
19 \$100, it's \$20 extra for the administration
20 fee, which goes directly to the Borough.

21 MR. RINALDI: Anybody else have any
22 questions for John or Joe?

23 MR. HOOVER: What's your process of,
24 Joe, when they do utility cuts? You guys come
25 out when they do utility cuts? Do you send

1 anybody there while they're digging the hole,
2 backfilling the hole?

3 MR. SUPULSKI: Like, in the public
4 street?

5 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, in the public
6 street.

7 MR. SUPULSKI: Technically, the UCC
8 code regulates sewer lines up to the point of
9 connection to the public sewer, and that's
10 typically something we would look at --

11 MR. HOOVER: I'm talking about gas,
12 though, gas and water utility cuts, do they
13 come out and do a water leak, do they do a gas
14 leak or run a gas service or run a new water
15 service?

16 MR. SUPULSKI: The only time we
17 would get involved with any of that is in new
18 construction.

19 MR. HOOVER: Just new construction?

20 MR. SUPULSKI: Yes.

21 MR. HOOVER: So, in other words, any
22 emergencies that they have, you guys don't go
23 on? Like, when they have a water leak during
24 the day on Bubernak Boulevard and they destroy
25 a road, you guys --

1 MR. SUPULSKI: That has nothing to
2 do with the uniform construction code.

3 MR. HOOVER: Nothing to do with you,
4 no?

5 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

6 MR. HOOVER: All right. I'm just --

7 MR. HUDAK: Generally, when a third
8 party in general gets involved with
9 inspections, like, it starts at the point of
10 permits. People apply for permits, then the
11 inspections get involved.

12 MR. HOOVER: Because I think
13 that's -- I mean, we have a problem with that,
14 with the utility, both the gas and water
15 utility companies, and just going out there
16 doing what they want and it's not being
17 supervised or not compacting the hose properly
18 enough to tie in.

19 It's the same story over and over
20 and over again. You've done it, I've done it,
21 but something has to be done with those.

22 MR. HUDAK: You can always modify.

23 MR. HOOVER: Yeah. We have to do
24 something with those cuts.

25 MR. HUDAK: Make adoptions and call

1 for other inspectors. Just like the code
2 doesn't call for, let's say, like, rough end
3 inspections to a degree on homes, okay, you can
4 do alteration repairs with no inspections, but
5 some municipalities adopt an ordinance and call
6 for inspections on alterations and repairs, but
7 if you don't have that adoption, alterations
8 and repairs for residential homes are totally
9 exempt.

10 So, you could literally rewire your
11 whole house, you could do plumbing throughout
12 the whole house and call for no permit and have
13 no inspections.

14 But a number of municipalities
15 around Lackawanna County do have an ordinance.
16 And the same thing for what you're speaking
17 about, if you wanted to have that looked at by
18 a third party, just create an ordinance.

19 MR. HOOVER: Thank you.

20 MR. RINALDI: Anyone else have any
21 questions for John or Joe?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RINALDI: John or Joe, anything
24 else?

25 MR. HUDAK: No.

1 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Thank you. I
2 appreciate it. John and Ken Marino, whoever
3 you guys would like to come forward.

4 MR. MARINO: Excuse my back. Good
5 evening. As you know, I was here two weeks ago
6 to do a presentation. I'm John Marino from
7 Northeast Inspection Consultants. We are one
8 of the only ones that are owned and operated in
9 Lackawanna County.

10 Ken and I started our company about
11 16, 17 years ago because we were contractors
12 for 30 years and decided we wanted to get in
13 the field and put people in the field who know
14 what they're doing, instead of just reading
15 books, hands on, tradesmen doing the
16 inspections.

17 With that, we've become one of the
18 leaders in the county and then a couple other
19 counties throughout the Northeast.

20 Again, as John has contracted a
21 hundred and some towns, we've contracted about
22 75 to 92 municipalities throughout Pennsylvania
23 in the small time that we've been in business,
24 again for 17 years.

25 What we're asking is to become one

1 of the agencies here in Old Forge so that
2 people have a choice of agencies. A lot of
3 municipalities we work with, along with John's
4 company, we're shared. We're shared up to, I
5 think, 20 or 22 municipalities along with BIU.

6 Other companies as far as Veritas,
7 we're shared with them, and a couple other
8 companies south of the border, south of 80. So
9 people have a choice when they come to your
10 municipality to pick who they want to do their
11 inspections. That's the way the law is
12 written, to have a choice.

13 So, we're here to request that you
14 allow us to work within your municipality.
15 That's about it.

16 MR. RINALDI: Anyone have any
17 questions for John or Ken?

18 MR. MARINO: No questions? Nothing?

19 MR. RINALDI: John, my question
20 would be the same that I asked Mr. Hudak, your
21 fee schedule and fee amount?

22 MR. MARINO: Right now we have
23 workman's municipality. Our standard fee
24 practice is a 70/30 split, so but it is also
25 negotiable. Again, you have an agency that's

1 here giving you 65/35 and we'll be willing to
2 match that so there's no extra burden upon the
3 municipality or its residents.

4 MR. RINALDI: And also as we already
5 charged them an administrative fee, we would
6 charge your company an administrative fee, as
7 well.

8 MR. MARINO: That's correct. Same
9 exact plan.

10 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

11 MR. MARINO: So there's no change in
12 the Borough system.

13 MR. RINALDI: Okay. And then I'm
14 going to echo off of Councilman Hoover again,
15 unless he wanted to ask you the question --

16 MR. MARINO: Sure.

17 MR. RINALDI: -- besides building
18 inspection for this state building inspector,
19 do you offer any other services that come with
20 that price and that fee?

21 MR. MARINO: Well, there's different
22 contracts for different fees --

23 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

24 MR. MARINO: -- obviously, because
25 there's different rates that are controlled.

1 UCC has its own rate. We have property
2 maintenance that has its own rate, we have
3 rental registration inspection has its own
4 rate.

5 Floodplain management, we offer all
6 those modules to our building plan,
7 administrative plan for municipalities. It's a
8 pick and choose. It's like going to the
9 grocery store, you could pick exactly what you
10 want.

11 Right now the contracts we submitted
12 to you are for UCC work. We could gladly add
13 zoning, property maintenance, rental
14 registrations, rental inspections, commercial
15 inspections, whatever you'd like.

16 MR. RINALDI: If any of those were
17 to be added with your company in the future, if
18 Council decided that, would the fees work the
19 same way, at a different number maybe, but
20 would the fees work the same way?

21 MR. MARINO: They're similar but not
22 exactly the same, because the UCC is a larger
23 pickle, a larger animal. Property maintenance
24 is more like an on demand, on the complaint.
25 So it's more like an hourly rate.

1 We've done retainer fee of a minimal
2 fee of \$500 a month, pick off the retainer fee
3 of how many complaints come in, complaints come
4 in through an agent with the municipality to
5 relay it to our company, we send out the field
6 personnel, and we take it off of that retainer.
7 Anything that goes above and beyond is an
8 hourly rate.

9 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Again, that's
10 just for the future. Like you said --

11 MR. MARINO: Yes.

12 MR. RINALDI: -- what your company
13 and Mr. Hudak's company forward us was just for
14 the uniform code inspection?

15 MR. MARINO: Correct.

16 MR. RINALDI: If you don't mind,
17 could I just ask John one question, too?

18 MR. MARINO: Sure.

19 MR. RINALDI: I don't mean to take
20 your time, but just --

21 MR. MARINO: No, go right ahead.

22 MR. RINALDI: John, as I just asked
23 Mr. Marino, is there other services that your
24 company offers, like some of the things he
25 stated that their company has?

1 MR. HUDAK: Yeah. We basically
2 provide everything that he's speaking of.

3 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

4 MR. HUDAK: Except for zoning. We
5 don't do zoning.

6 MR. RINALDI: And the same thing
7 with, I mean, you said there's just the code --
8 or, I'm sorry, the code inspection right now,
9 but also with the fees and the schedule, I
10 mean, those are things that have to be, if we
11 decided with your company, as well --

12 MR. HUDAK: Yeah.

13 MR. RINALDI: -- we could work that
14 out in the future?

15 MR. HUDAK: Yes.

16 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

17 MR. HUDAK: I have in the past
18 submitted a property maintenance here before --

19 MR. RINALDI: Okay.

20 MR. HUDAK: -- a couple years ago.
21 So, I mean, we can sit down. As John said,
22 everything's negotiable.

23 MR. RINALDI: Right. Just so
24 Council knows and the public knows what
25 services you offer --

1 MR. HUDAK: Yeah.

2 MR. RINALDI: -- what you're
3 offering now, what you could offer in the
4 future, what the rates are, what the rates are
5 negotiable at or, you know, aren't at, you
6 know?

7 MR. HUDAK: Uh-huh.

8 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Thank you,
9 John.

10 MR. MARINO: Anything else?

11 MR. RINALDI: John Marino, if you
12 have anything else. I don't have any more
13 questions for Mr. Hudak or Mr. Marino. If any
14 of the Council members do, or if Marylynn, the
15 Mayor, the solicitor. Sure.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Depending on what
17 Council does, if I got to work out two
18 contracts, can you guys figure out the fee-wise
19 and keep them the same? I mean, is it
20 negotiable, keep them similar?

21 MR. MARINO: Yes. We've worked
22 together with John and our fees are the same in
23 those towns that we share.

24 ATTY. RINALDI: Okay.

25 MR. MARINO: That way it's no cause

1 of complaint to the Borough or any hardship
2 upon you guys.

3 MR. RINALDI: Okay. Anything else
4 for Mr. Marino or Mr. Hudak?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. MARINO: Thank you very much.

7 MR. RINALDI: Thanks, John. And
8 thanks, John. Thanks, Joe. And thanks, Ken.

9 Gentlemen, just so you know, our
10 next meeting is October 17, 7 p.m. here again.
11 It's going to be on the agenda that evening to
12 hire a or multiple inspection companies, so we
13 welcome you both to come back that evening, as
14 well.

15 MR. MARINO: Thank you.

16 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome. If
17 nobody from the public has anything, I'm going
18 to go around the table. Is there any members
19 of the public that want to speak first before I
20 go down?

21 MR. STULL: Just one thing with BIU
22 and NEIC, I think it behoove of Council to look
23 at the other services that they offer. Reason
24 being is it might help Mike out in the long
25 run. It will definitely help the fire

1 department out because I didn't realize that
2 they offered those kind of services myself.

3 I know I'm constantly on the phone
4 picking Joe Supulski's brain, he probably calls
5 me his second child by now, but I know we want
6 to get the inspections going on these
7 multi-family units and everything like that,
8 property management, it's -- I think you just
9 ran it around town and see what it looks like
10 in some of these places, but I think it would
11 be very wise of Council to really look into the
12 other services that they offer and, you know,
13 maybe get the ball rolling on stuff like that,
14 however the fire department and, you know, code
15 enforcement, you know, we could work with them
16 to get these properties back to where they
17 should be, you know?

18 MR. RINALDI: Bill, after -- oh, I'm
19 sorry. Go ahead.

20 MR. HOOVER: There's a lot of
21 houses, Lou and -- will tell you, once a week
22 we get a call that there's a house that's
23 vacant or something like that and we just don't
24 have the time to get to them all.

25 You know, maybe it's something that

1 we should think about, having one of these two
2 companies, or even both of them, you know,
3 split them and get these vacant houses and get
4 either back on the books or rip them down or
5 whatever has to be done to them, you know,
6 because there's just so many of them we just
7 can't handle it in house.

8 We keep saying we're going to hire
9 somebody else, but that one person isn't going
10 to help us with all these vacant houses that
11 are going. You know, we got one, just a new
12 one tonight, with no water.

13 You know, like, I think we really
14 have to look at doing something with one of the
15 two of you or both of you even, you know, we'll
16 have to decide, but --

17 MR. FEBBO: I think we all agree
18 with you, Jimmy. It's been an ongoing problem
19 for years, and you feel like the people coming
20 forward to tell us about the complaints they
21 have, and we're told that we can't do anything,
22 it's very frustrating.

23 It's not fair to us, it's not fair
24 to the community. So, that being said, I think
25 that we should --

1 MR. HOOVER: I mean, we need
2 somebody with --

3 MR. FEBBO: Give us something with
4 some bite.

5 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

6 MR. HOOVER: Some professional
7 opinions and give us some, like -- I don't
8 know, I think we do really need that.

9 MR. RINALDI: Both great ideas.
10 Bill, going back to what you said, after
11 October 17th and a company or multiple
12 companies is hired, I would think that between
13 you, the assistant fire chief, our code
14 enforcement officer, Council, I mean, public,
15 whoever would want, if we could bring in the
16 inspection companies or company that's hired
17 that evening a little bit after that in the
18 future and have a meeting with them and go over
19 all this and get some questions asked and
20 answered as to what services they have, what
21 services they offer, how we could go about it,
22 just to say, like, what Councilman Febbo said,
23 Councilman Hoover, and what you said, I think
24 that would be a good idea.

25 MR. HOOVER: I think we should be

1 first and find out what we need as a Borough to
2 help.

3 MR. RINALDI: That we should meet
4 with Bill?

5 MR. HOOVER: To help, like, sit down
6 with Mike and sit down with Joe with us --

7 MR. RINALDI: Yeah.

8 MR. HOOVER: -- Marylynn.

9 MR. RINALDI: I agree.

10 MR. HOOVER: Sit down with the
11 Chief, find out what we really need to help us
12 and work from there, and then I'm sure these
13 guys will help, you know --

14 MR. FEBBO: A public safety
15 committee.

16 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, safety committee
17 or something.

18 MR. RINALDI: All great ideas.
19 Anything else, Bill?

20 MR. STULL: Nope. That's it.

21 MR. RINALDI: Anybody else from the
22 public before we go around the table?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. RINALDI: Thank you. Mayor
25 Legg, anything for the upcoming meeting, this

1 evening or the agenda?

2 MAYOR LEGG: Yeah. Thank you,
3 Mr. Chairman.

4 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

5 MAYOR LEGG: Yeah, I was at the
6 stadium on Saturday, the first person I ran
7 into was Bill and he was hot. There was -- I
8 couldn't park my motorcycle. I couldn't find a
9 place to park my motorcycle.

10 There were 8,000 people there if
11 there was one. I never saw so many people
12 there. But I think what has to happen before
13 these super bowl games, I think who's ever the
14 president of the Junior Devils, when they have
15 their meeting, should inform these teams that
16 are coming there's going to be designated
17 areas, okay, and if you don't park there,
18 you're going to get ticketed, okay?

19 He was absolutely right, it was a
20 mad house. We had every one of our officers
21 had a shift down there, okay, so we had people
22 there, but you just couldn't control some of
23 the things that was going on.

24 When I left, I went up by the school
25 and there were no cars there, and that was one

1 of the areas that was designated. So, I think,
2 you know, the Chief did a good job with our --
3 our police did a good job, okay, but we had
4 every cop out there with a certain amount of
5 hours for a shift, you just couldn't do
6 anything with it. It was just mass hysteria,
7 okay?

8 So, I think we should put the
9 impetus on coaches from the Junior Devils or
10 the president or whatever, let them inform
11 these teams that they have to follow the rules
12 here or they're going to get ticketed, okay.
13 And I don't know how many tickets were
14 distributed, but I'm sure there were a ton,
15 okay.

16 So, put the impetus on them, okay,
17 not necessarily on us. We'll enforce it, but,
18 you know, you got to follow the rules here, you
19 know.

20 MR. RINALDI: That's why we're going
21 to have the Chief reach out to them and let
22 them know.

23 MAYOR LEGG: Well, if Joe Dominick
24 is a coach or if he's the president, when they
25 have a meeting, he's got to inform these

1 people. He's gotta, you know, tell them,
2 there's going to be ramifications. There's
3 going to be ramifications.

4 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. RINALDI: You're welcome.

7 Councilman Febbo?

8 MR. FEBBO: No, I'm good.

9 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Butler?

10 MR. BUTLER: I have nothing.

11 MR. RINALDI: Councilman Hoover?

12 MR. HOOVER: Well, the Borough
13 paving program is done. Sunny Drive is finally
14 done, finished it today. It looks good.

15 MAYOR LEGG: Good job, Jim.

16 MR. HOOVER: Now I want some streets
17 for next year. I have about seven already.
18 Spring Street is on there, though, because
19 doing Sunny Drive and not doing Spring Street
20 was kind of like -- but anyway, Spring Street
21 is on there, a couple other streets are already
22 on there.

23 MR. LOPATKA: Get it together
24 earlier.

25 MR. HOOVER: Yeah. Oh, yeah.

1 That's why I want to drive around, you want us
2 to do a street, text me the street, we'll look
3 at it, text me and we'll get it together and
4 we'll start the next year. Lady with the
5 money.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: I'm good with it.
7 I'm actually, I've been doing a lot of thinking
8 about possibly, the loan that we have right
9 now, that million-dollar loan, possibly paying
10 the balance of that off early and then maybe
11 giving you guys the opportunity to do another
12 million-dollar loan next year.

13 MR. HOOVER: Well, if prices stay
14 the same --

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

16 MR. HOOVER: -- instead of doing
17 eight or nine streets that we did this year,
18 seven or eight, maybe we'll be able to do ten,
19 twelve or fifteen.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: It just works out
21 better. I mean, you get so much more for your
22 money.

23 MR. HOOVER: Yeah. That's all I
24 have.

25 MR. RINALDI: All right. I have no

1 items. All I would ask is that Council stay
2 after our meeting just for a brief executive
3 just for a few minutes.

4 With that said, the Chair would
5 entertain a motion to adjourn.

6 MR. FEBBO: I'll make the motion.

7 MR. RINALDI: Motion on the floor by
8 Councilman Febbo. All in favor?

9 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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

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13 (Meeting adjourned.)

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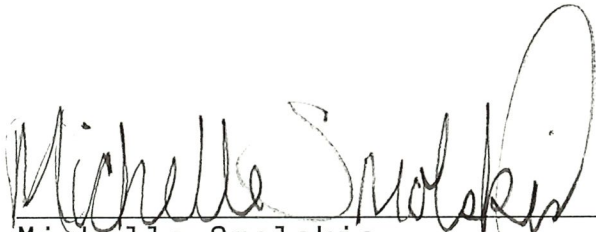
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