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17	COUNCIL MEMBERS:
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19	ROBERT SEMENZA, PRESIDENT
20	JOSEPH LENCESKI, VICE-PRESIDENT JOSEPH FERRETT
21	RUSSELL RINALDI DEVON BROWN
22	JEN CORDIANO LOUIS FEBBO
23	WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER
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Mark Wozniak Official Court Reporter

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1	MR. SEMENZA: Good evening. We'll
2	call the meeting to order with the Pledge of
3	Allegiance.
4	(The Pledge of Allegiance was
5	recited.)
6	MR. SEMENZA: Welcome to the March
7	15th borough council meeting. Roll call,
8	please.
9	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Brown?
10	MR. BROWN: Here.
11	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
12	Cordiano?
13	MS. CORDIANO: Here.
14	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?
15	MR. FEBBO: Here.
16	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?
17	MR. FERRETT: Here.
18	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
19	MR. RINALDI: Here.
20	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
21	Lenceski?
22	MR. LENCESKI: Here.
23	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?
24	MR. SEMENZA: Here. The chair would
25	call for a motion to approve the minutes

1	from the prior meeting.
2	MR. LENCESKI: I'll make that
3	motion.
4	MR. SEMENZA: By Councilman
5	Lenceski.
6	MR. FEBBO: I'll second it.
7	MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
8	Febbo. On the question? Public input?
9	Roll call, please.
10	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Brown?
11	MR. BROWN: Yes.
12	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
13	Cordiano?
14	MS. CORDIANO: Yes.
15	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?
16	MR. FERRETT: Yes.
17	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?
18	MR. FEBBO: Yes.
19	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
20	MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.
21	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
22	Lenceski?
23	MR. LENCESKI: Yes.
24	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?
25	MR. SEMENZA: Yes. The chair would

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1	entertain a motion to approve treasurer's
2	reports. Note, this does not include sewer
3	accounts.
4	MR. RINALDI: I'll make that motion.
5	MR. SEMENZA: By Councilman Rinaldi.
6	Second?
7	MR. FERRETT: I'll second that.
8	MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
9	Ferrett. On the question? Public input?
10	Roll call, please.
11	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Brown?
12	MR. BROWN: Yes.
13	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
14	Cordiano?
15	MS. CORDIANO: Yes.
16	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?
17	MR. FERRETT: Yes.
18	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?
19	MR. FEBBO: Yes.
20	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
21	MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.
22	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
23	Lenceski?
24	MR. LENCESKI: Yes.
25	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?
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1	MR. SEMENZA: Yes. The fourth
2	motion is a motion to approve invoices for
3	payment. Note this does not include sewer
4	accounts.
5	MS. CORDIANO: I'll make that
6	motion.
7	MR. SEMENZA: By Councilwoman
8	Cordiano. Can I have a second?
9	MR. RINALDI: I'll second that.
10	MR. SEMENZA: Second on the floor by
11	Councilman Rinaldi. On the question?
12	Public input? Roll call, please.
13	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Brown?
14	MR. BROWN: Yes.
15	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
16	Cordiano?
17	MS. CORDIANO: Yes.
18	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?
19	MR. FERRETT: Yes.
20	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?
21	MR. FEBBO: Yes.
22	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
23	MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.
24	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
25	Lenceski?

1	MR. LENCESKI: Yes.
2	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?
3	MR. SEMENZA: Yes. The fifth motion
4	is a motion to approve sewer department
5	financial reports.
6	MS. CORDIANO: I'll make that
7	motion.
8	MR. SEMENZA: By Councilwoman
9	Cordiano. Can I have a second?
10	MR. LENCESKI: I'll second that.
11	MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
12	Lenceski. On the question? Public input?
13	Roll call, please.
14	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Brown?
15	MR. BROWN: Yes.
16	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
17	Cordiano?
18	MS. CORDIANO: Yes.
19	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?
20	MR. FERRETT: No.
21	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?
22	MR. FEBBO: Yes.
23	MS, BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
24	MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.
25	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

1	Lenceski?
2	MR. LENCESKI: Yes.
3	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?
4	MR. SEMENZA: Yes. Sixth motion is
5	a motion to approve sewer department
6	invoices for payment.
7	MS. CORDIANO: I'll make that
8	motion.
9	MR. SEMENZA: By Councilwoman
10	Cordiano. Second?
11	MR. LENCESKI: I'll second that.
12	MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
13	Lenceski. On the question? Public input?
14	Roll call, please.
15	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Brown?
16	MR. BROWN: Yes.
17	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
18	Cordiano?
19	MS. CORDIANO: Yes.
20	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?
21	MR. FERRETT: Yes.
22	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?
23	MR. FEBBO: Yes.
24	MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?
25	MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lenceski?

MR. LENCESKI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?

MR. SEMENZA: Yes. Now we'll go to our department heads. There is a public sign-in sheet. If anyone wants to address council we'll give you a few minutes at the end of the meeting. But I'll go to our department heads now. Paul, DPW report?

MR. PAPI: Good evening, everybody.

DPW report for February. I'll be brief.

I responded to 50 PA-1 calls for the month of February.

Sent two trucks out and four men pothole patching on February 5th.

We cleaned a storm drain on Oak
Street that was blocked solid.

I met with the project manager for Dunbar Evergreen and walked Saint John's Creek. He showed me the garbage and debris they had removed from the creek.

I was called out Saturday, February 6th, 7:30 in the morning to Susquehanna Avenue to mark all lines for a gas leak.

I was called out February 9th at 6 a.m. to Bath Street to mark lines for a gas leak.

I removed one cat and two dead skunks from the borough streets.

Met with Karen Shaeffer on Sibley

Avenue to discuss a water problem in her

alley. Just going to take a little bit of

hot patch as soon as we can get it.

I met with Alex from the Old Forge Elementary. She was doing a school project, and I met with her and explained how the borough conveys all its storm water to the LLVSA treatment center.

I responded to PA-1 emergency on February 12th on Keyser Avenue and Oak Street, water main break.

I sent the 2003 red packer to Triple Cities Mack for bodywork and inspection.

I was called out on a PA-1 call to Bridge Street and Broadhead to mark all lines.

I was called out Saturday at 7 a.m., Sunday at 12:30 a.m., and Monday at 6:30 a.m., all PA-1 emergencies.

On the back page is all the mileage on the vehicles.

The last thing I have, I know

McClure Avenue is on the list to get paved.

We have a stretch of over 700 feet without

any manholes. We can't clean the line. We

had a blockage there. Luckily, we were able

to reach it from the lower end, but it's

physically impossible to clean that line.

Luckily it hasn't blocked all these years.

But I recommend to put two manholes before we do the paving on McClure. I have an estimate here from Earthworks. They do most all of our local plumbing, and it would be \$5,000 per manhole. So that would be digging the lines, about eight or nine feet deep, and installing two new manholes before the paving.

MR. RINALDI: Bill, is that something that will have to go on the agenda?

MR. PAPI: It's \$10,000 for the two.

I just want everybody on the same page so we all know what's going on.

MR. RINALDI: I wasn't sure if we

had to vote on it or not.

MR. PAPI: I don't believe so. I just wanted to make sure everybody knew about it. That's it.

MR. FERRETT: Paul, what was the reason that you had to meet with the project manager from Dunbar being that's private property and so forth? I believe you said something about --

MR. PAPI: He called me because he wanted us to know what they were doing in the creek. They called DEP, they told DEP what they wanted to do. DEP thought it was a great idea. They were taking out all the garbage, debris, tires and big stumps they could reach with the excavator, and they had two guys in the creek with chain saws. They were opening it up so it wouldn't flood as easily, and he just wanted somebody from the borough to see it, to know what they were doing so I could explain it.

MR. FERRETT: The price that you just talked about for McClure Avenue, is that a complete price with material and labor?

MR. PAPI: All done, complete.

MR. LENCESKI: What was that length again?

MR. PAPI: It was over 700 feet between manholes. There's no manhole at Phillips and Baker, and we did everything -- we cameraed the lines to make sure that there wasn't any turn offs and there isn't.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Paul, at the bottom of Grace Street and the elementary road and Apache, we don't have any crosswalks painted there. Are we supposed to because of the school road?

MR. PAPI: I don't know if crosswalks are something that is done for convenience or safety, but I don't think it's mandatory.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I wasn't sure if it was. If it's not mandatory, could we -- if council is in agreement to paint them there because a lot of people are crossing -- and, I mean, I'm not saying the crosswalks are going to make the cars stop, obviously, but I'm just saying that there's a lot of children there crossing and a lot

officer's report, please.

(Mr. Bieryla read his report, which is attached.)

MR. SEMENZA: Any questions for Steve?

MR. FERRETT: Steve, that report you made, number 11, you spoke with PennDOT and UGI about paving complaints, what's that about?

MR, BIERYLA: There was a pave cut that had been done up by Convenient. I believe Russell found it the last time, and then there was a pave cut at the end of Taroli Street that people were complaining about. So I believe they fixed both of them.

MR. SEMENZA: Steve, when were these pave cuts done? Was it before we put the ordinance for -- the pave cut ordinance into effect?

MR. FERRETT: We have an ordinance on it, don't we, pave cuts?

MR. BIERYLA: No.

MR. SEMENZA: Correct me if I'm wrong. When a PA-1 is call made GeoScience

Street. Does the state have somebody that comes in and checks the compaction of their pave cuts when they're filling them?

MR. SICCONE: It probably was a temporary fix on Main Street. Once they get enough of them they send a contractor around and they have an inspector with them.

They're supposed to have an inspector with them when they're patching them permanently.

MR. PAPI: The trouble is that time frame from when they patch them --

MR. SEMENZA: Any other questions for Steve?

MR. RUSSICK: There's a standard to fill these holes when the repairs are done.

Is that standard being followed?

MR. SEMENZA: Well, see, the borough had retained GeoScience. They do a compaction test as the hole is being filled. So any pave cut, correct me if I'm wrong, when it's being filled they'll do the tests so we know it's up to the standard. Correct?

MR. LOPATKA: Correct, on borough roads.

MR. SEMENZA: A state road is a different story.

MR. RUSSICK: You can't wait until they decide to come down.

MR. SEMENZA: Like they said, as soon as they called they were right up there fixing it.

MR. FERRETT: Steve, the only thing, being at a planning commission one time I seen that you're taking the minutes. I don't know whether you're the secretary or temporary secretary or whatever the case may be, but I've noticed that you always make recommendations when you come in. For instance, like the report that you're making. When any developer has anything to do with it, is it possible besides giving use these recommendations that you can give us the sketch plan of what this developer is coming in to council for approval for so we can have this?

MR. BIERYLA: Right now what I can do is i can print out the agenda, but you guys will get -- I can give you the agenda because now we have Mark taking the minutes.

So I can let you know what is on the agenda, but Mark has the full capacity of word by word minutes now that he is --

MR. FERRETT: I'm not too concerned about what the minutes are word for word. What I'm concerned about is the sketch plan, the map. When the developer comes and he throws the map on the table, this is what we're doing, this is what we're doing, this is what we're doing, we don't have time to look at this or study this in advance to know exactly what's there and what isn't there. The thing is, you have to make that decision the last minute. By the time you read your report, by the time you read everything the motion is already on the floor.

This way if you have this, just like the minutes, we get them three days in advance, we have an opportunity to look at them, study them.

MR. BIERYLA: The only thing I can do, Joe, is tell the developer that I need extra plans, because he usually comes in and he has --

MR. FERRETT: Just a small sketch

plan like this so you can look at it and know exactly what the agenda is and what they're talking about.

MR. PAPI: They don't have them like that. They're a full set of plans.

MR. FERRETT: Dave, can do you this?

MR. LOPATKA: Yes, I could.

MR. FERRETT: I rest my case to say --

MR. BIERYLA: What I was going to say is exactly what Rick said. I can ask the architect to send me a PDF file of the big files, and then in that tone we can print it out and that could be supplied to you.

MR. FERRETT: Whatever.

MR. BIERYLA: Tough to see but you can get them that way.

MR. SEMENZA: Let's try to do that. We'll start that way.

MR. BIERYLA: For all the new stuff that comes in I'll request a PDF file from the architect.

MR. LENCESKI: I have a question.

You called owner of Hoover apartments about

snow removal. Who owns them now?

MR. BIERYLA: I'd have to remember his name. I have it written in there. He's oriental. I can give you his name after.

MR. FEBBO: Is he local?

MR. BIERYLA: New York, but he has somebody up here that takes care of the stuff. Whatever you need, he's right on the spot. That was just for that corner of Hoover Street because the kids were standing there for the bus. It was kind of piled up and a little icy. I had a complaint from a parent. I asked him to go over there and remove the snow, clear a little path and throw some ice melt down. That was it.

MR. SEMENZA: Taken care of?

MR. BIERYLA: Yes.

MR. SEMENZA: Any other questions for Steve?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Steve, a few properties in Old Forge -- and I know it's not the property owners' fault, obviously because they wouldn't go and graffiti their own building. But a few properties in Old Forge have been graffitied, Ray's Market,

the garage by Ray's Market, the old Loiacono property, on Oak Street where they guy's putting in the new car lot. Do we have any type of ordinance -- and I'm not trying to punish the owners of the property. If they would give me permission I would go and paint it because it looks terrible. But do we have anything on our ordinance that says, like --

MR. BIERYLA: Remove graffiti?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Could the
people just leave it there as long as they
want?

MR. BIERYLA: I don't believe we have anything on the books. The only thing I can say is we can quote underneath as being a nuisance for the people around the property that have to look at it all the time and you can ask them to kindly clean it up.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So we could ask them to clean it up but they don't have to, or maybe if it falls under that ordinance they do.

MR. BIERYLA: Basically it's not

dirty, it's not garbage. It's just something that's there on their property.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I wasn't sure where it would fall. For some people it looks very intimidating and scary. They think -- and maybe there is. I don't know. Maybe some gang spray painted it on there because it's all gang signs -- or they look like gang signs to me.

MR. BIERYLA: Can call the homeowner and ask them to kindly paint over it or remove it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Could we do that?

MR. BIERYLA: Sure.

MR. SEMENZA: Any other questions for Steve? Thanks, Steve. Joe McAndrew, recreation director's report, please.

MR. MCANDREW: I left my minutes at home. The recreation board had a meeting first Wednesday of March, and Paul, Larry Frank and I have been having meetings on the maintenance of the fields. We've had three meetings so far and good results coming. Bobby was around, other ones.

I have two tractors in to be serviced and I still haven't gotten them back. I've been calling them. Yeah, we're working on it now. I better have them this week.

I also talked to Chunky. He said he's ready to put the water on for us later this week. We get the water on we'll be able to do a few things.

MR. SEMENZA: Did you get in touch with anybody about that rain gauge?

MR. PAPI: Yes. I talked to George Dunbar and he said it was reinstalled.

MR. SEMENZA: Not there.

MR. PAPI: I don't know. I don't even know what it looked like. I never saw it.

MR. MCANDREW: That was outside press box, and when his men tore that down, they tore that down also. So I don't care if they said they put it back up or not, that was his responsibility when he rebuilt the press box.

MR. SEMENZA: I'm sure everybody's unaware of what we're talking about. It's

for the sprinkler system. It tells the sprinklers -- if there's rain the sprinklers won't come on, if there's not it will. It's missing. It's not on the dugouts. The sprinklers are coming in if it's raining or whatever. So I guess we'll contact the little league, maybe.

MS. BARTOLETTI: This is Miles Street?

MR. SEMENZA: Miles Street.

MR. MCANDREW: It's like a rain gauge.

MS. BARTOLETTI: I'll take care of it.

MR. SEMENZA: Any other questions for Joe? Thanks, Joe. Lucille, sewer report?

MS. YEAGER: Nothing to add.

MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any questions for Lucille?

MR. FERRETT: Lucille, this financial report that we get and everything, is there any possibility that you can revise that around and try to come up with something much better, like a profit and

loss, something so we would know exactly how much money is being collected every month?

Because in your budget you project how much money you're going to collect.

The fact is you have outstanding accounts and you have accounts that you're actually collecting \$40 with. You have to have some idea how much money has to come in. You have to know exactly how many people are in this town to know just how you're coming up with this figure at the end of the year. The fact is, it gives us some general idea of whether everybody's paying or not.

And the question here is you want to make sure everybody's paying their \$40 because we don't want to get back into the same old subject that we had before that we had people not paying their bills and everything like this here. There has to be some kind of a policy that if they're not paying the \$40 something has to be done. This can't just keep going on because that outstanding account we have, it's too huge and there's no report. Nobody has any idea

whatsoever.

Like, with a profit and loss, the way we get our borough report, it's very clear. It's projected how much money's being collected month by month. Then it gives you some idea if you could obtain how you came up with that figure at the end of the year that this is what you're anticipating.

I realize -- I know you can probably do it. It's just the idea that you --

MS. YEAGER: Well, that's what I do at the end of the year, everything that came in.

MR. FERRETT: The financial report is not --

MS. YEAGER: I don't know exactly what you want. You just want to know who is not paying the \$40?

MR. FERRETT: I'm not worried about who's not paying it. I want to know how much money is being collected on the \$40 --

MS. YEAGER: I can give you that on a monthly basis, how much is being collected. To find out if it's only from

the \$40 I'd have to go through everybody.

MR. FERRETT: Well, that's the reason why you have --

MS. YEAGER: I thought you just wanted to know, like, say we said \$200,000 and we got \$150,000 --

MR. FERRETT: That's the reason why you have somebody else working in here and helping you out, so we have -- listen, all you have to do is get with the borough manager and I'm sure that you can probably come up with some kind of a solution how this could be done and how it shouldn't be done.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Well, Lucille is the manager of that department and she reports to the council. She doesn't report to me. I'm not over that department.

MR. FERRETT: Well, I agree and I understand what you're saying, but I'm just merely trying to say that some way, somehow we have to know what's going on. We really don't know what's going on. There's people probably not paying their bills. I don't know. All I can tell you is I'm not

satisfied. If the rest of council is satisfied, let them be. I happened to go to work and look at some of your things you showed me. You got a stack. This bill, all kind of agreements that you have and everything --

MS. YEAGER: Stack this high, but there's --

MR. FERRETT: I understand that, but I see so many agreements over that doesn't make sense whatsoever, and I'm just merely saying is because of the fact that, number one, there should be --

MS. YEAGER: Joe, you're one of the people that told me to give payment agreements. That's what I did. As long as they're meeting their payment agreement I haven't been bothering them. If they don't live up to their payment agreements their water gets shut off. I can't tell you who's late until after April 20th. That's the due date.

MR. FERRETT: I'm not asking you for any personal information, I'm asking you what is the total amount of money that you

collect for the month of March, for the month of February, for the month of June?

MS. YEAGER: I can tell you what I collect. I can't tell you who is late until after April 20th.

 $$\operatorname{MR}.$$ FERRETT: That's not what I'm asking you.

MS. YEAGER: Well, you wanted to know how many people aren't paying the \$40.

MS. BARTOLETTI: You're saying that you want her reports to be like the reports that you get for the rest of the accounts.

MR. FERRETT: Exactly.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Lucille doesn't use the software, QuickBooks, which is what I use for everything else in the borough. You would have to take all of her information and transfer it. I know you've asked me about doing this and I told you I'm not over that department, but you'd have to transfer all of her information onto another software to be able to produce what you want. It's doable but Lucille has no idea in the world how to do that.

MR. FERRETT: This is exactly what

I'm trying to say. If this is what is needed to make it work, this is what it should be. You see this report I get, the financial --

MS. BARTOLETTI: I put it together.

MR. FERRETT: Correct. There's no reason in the world why this couldn't be followed. You got your revenues, you got your expenses, you got everything listed down below. There's no reason in the world that if you project this --

MS. YEAGER: That isn't what you told me you wanted.

MR. FERRETT: Wait, let me explain. If there's no reason in the world that if you could project at the end of 2016 this is what everything it should be, there's no reason in the world from month to month why you can't follow this process and say exactly what we should and what we shouldn't.

MS. YEAGER: Joe, I can tell you what was collected on a monthly basis.

MR. FERRETT: I don't want you to tell me, I want a report so every councilman

would know. I don't want anybody to think that this is what I'm personally looking for. Okay.

MR. SEMENZA: Joe, this is what we're going to do. Councilman Rinaldi is the chairman of the sewer committee. I'm going to sit with him, myself and Councilwoman Cordiano. We're on the committee. We'll sit down and we'll go to Lucille --

MR FERRETT: I don't have a problem with that. All I'm interested in is the fact, Bob, that you have to understand that, number one, somebody has got to be watching the store. The fact is that if everybody paid their \$40 per year there should be --

MR. SEMENZA: I understand what you're saying.

MR. FERRETT: The fact is I don't want to be going back two years, five years and say this person didn't pay their \$40, this person, we put them on a payment plan.

MR. SEMENZA: We'll get her set up to do any of that and we'll take care of it.

MR. FERRETT: I don't have a problem

if you look into it and come up with a plan.

MR. SEMENZA: Any other questions for Lucille? Thank you, Lucille. Rick Notari, Lackawanna County.

MR. NOTARI: Good evening. Some information I brought from the county in the packet that I've given to Mr. Semenza includes the parks and rec schedule for the summer. It includes some clinics and different events -- golf, tennis, soccer -- that will take place this summer. Also, the youth and women's golf clinics will be the first to kick things off in May.

There's also a trolley schedule there for the RailRiders, nine different dates where the trolley will leave the trolley museum in downtown Scranton and take you on ride to the stadium for a game and then bring you back. It's actually a pretty neat ride.

There's also information there on grant writing seminars for nonprofits.

That's going to take place April 6th.

Also, there is a principal zoning seminar that will take place at the 911

center. It's kind of a nuts and bolts of zoning. It's a three-part workshop. It starts May 28th. It's open to planning commission members, elected officials, zoning hearing board members, zoning officers, administrative solicitors and architects and attorneys.

I believe there is information on the library lecture series, Rainbow Roll, at the Scranton Cultural Center on April 14th.

That's all I have.

MR. SEMENZA: Any questions?

MAYOR MULKERIN: Mr. Notari, I saw where Commissioner Cummings and the DA,

Shane Scanlon, were doing something regarding a heroin task force.

MR. NOTARI: They are. It's a drug task force that the commissioner is very interested in that she has just kind of gotten her hands into, and I believe she is teaming up with the DA and also, I think, with U.S. Congressman Marino.

MAYOR MULKERIN: Can you relay that the chief and I would both be very interested in getting any participation or

anything we can do to help. I saw that they were scheduling visits to various communities. If we can get on that list.

MR. NOTARI: I will do so.

MR. SEMENZA: Thanks, Rick. Chief, police report?

CHIEF DUBERNAS: Good evening. I only have two things. First thing, our department was accepted into a DUI roving grant through the Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office. It was last week, and it will be this weekend in anticipation of the Saint Patrick's Day events with both parades, one in the city and one in Wilkes-Barre.

I got to participate in an interview process with three girls from All Saints that were doing a study on seatbelts, and out of 60 in northeast Pennsylvania the girls finished fifth and they're moving on to Millersville University. You have the rest of my report.

MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any questions for Chief Dubernas?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chief, I spoke

with Officer Kimball just because he was doing a traffic -- monitoring traffic and I notified him about it. On Marion Street, coming west up Grace, make a right on Marion, Tommy Farrell's building, right there on the right there's a car parked there. It has a 1/14 inspection, the registration's up, flat tire, it's smashed up a little bit.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: By where the white van --

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It's parked in front of the white van.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'll talk to Dave tomorrow. He might have it. It takes usually four to six weeks in the process.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The inspection is up it can't be on the road. Correct?

CHIEF DUBERNAS: Right, and the registration, but if he sends a letter and the owner gets it registered and inspected it can sit there.

MR. SEMENZA: Thanks, Chief. Dave, engineer's report?

MR. LOPATKA: Good evening,

everyone. Engineer's report. The Old Forge paving project has been advertised and out to bid currently. We had a prebid meeting, at which point I prepared meeting minutes and an addendum based off some of the questions at the meeting and issued that.

The bids are due this Friday at 1 p.m. and will be opened immediately following in borough council chambers. A copy of the plans and specifications have been dropped off in the borough manager's office for review if anybody wants to see them.

Rosemount reclamation project and Mountain Road plans and deeds of dedication from the developer's attorney. We reviewed documents as provided and found some discrepancies in the mapping and descriptions. Contacted the developer and the developer's engineer, let them know of my findings.

I attended the planning commission meeting and reviewed plans at the meeting.

Additional information is required. R&B requested a meeting with the owner and

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owner's engineer to review the survey information.

The Old Forge Borough Chapter 94 sanitary sewer collection report we prepared and submitted to Lower Lackawanna Sewer Authority.

Sampson Street storm water improvement project, we were asked to take a look at potential collecting storm water along Sampson Street just above vacated portion of Stewart Street where water currently runs down an abandoned portion of the street, creating erosion problems for a downstream neighbor. Reuther-Bowen looked at capturing the runoff in a new catch basin and conveying the flow along Reilly Street, a portion of Dunn Avenue, and then along Sampson Street to an existing inlet in an unnamed alley adjacent to Sampson Street. The project would include a minimum of eight inlets, approximately 1,500 feet of storm pipe at an estimated cost of approximately \$176,700.

MR. SEMENZA: I just want to thank
you for your quick work doing that report

for LLVSA. Anybody have any questions for Dave?

MR. FERRETT: Dave, that project that you're talking about, it says basins, about a minimum of eight, and I've noticed that in the listing of the price we have ten over here whatsoever. Ten storm inlets. I'm looking at the map. I guess I probably could put ten in there, but I'm looking at new 18-inch inlet pipe, and I'm looking at the arrows that you have and everything and I see that you only got about seven. But I'm sure that you probably referred to eight, except that in the bid package I think you got listed ten.

MR. LOPATKA: We didn't call every one out, we made an estimate. We called a few of them out on that map. We didn't call every one of them out on the map. So we just kind of did a quick estimate as to what would be installed.

MR. FERRETT: Just so I wouldn't get confused on this situation, are we going to go to work and dig everything? Are we going to go to the Sampson Street and dig across

Sampson Street, meeting the inlet in the alleyway?

MR. LOPATKA: Correct. That's what we showed on the estimate, yes.

MR. FERRETT: Do we have any idea how big that pipe is, the pipe crossing the street?

MR. LOPATKA: Probably an 18 inch.

We kind of did a quick study. We didn't

actually size all the pipes yet. I would

assume we're going to be somewhere around 15

or 18 inches.

MR. FERRETT: Well, shouldn't that be big enough to carry the water at 15 inches? Why should we spend money digging that up and spending all that money for --

MR. LOPATKA: Excuse me?

MR. FERRETT: That's the one crossing Sampson Street, going into the alleyway, into our system. According to this, if I'm looking at this right, you have that we're going to dig that up, and I'm assuming that the pipe has to be too small.

Paul, did we check that pipe or no?

MR. PAPI: No.

MR. FERRETT: Then, in other words, we have no idea how large that pipe is, whether it's large enough or not. I remember when we put it in but I can't remember exactly what size it is, whether it's 12 inch or bigger.

MR. LOPATKA: I couldn't tell. We looked down in the inlet.

MR. FERRETT: If you open up the inlet that's in the alleyway that will you give you some indication how big the pipe is and give you some indication how big the pipe is that's running down the alleyway.

MR. LOPATKA: Right.

MR. FERRETT? Do we have that information? Because if we're going to do all this work and the pipe going down the alleyway is only a 12-inch pipe we're stopping at this point and we're not continuing to get it into the conveyance system.

MR. LOPATKA: Right. Well, me, personally, at this point we were just asked to do a quick study to see if it was possible to do it. We didn't get into all

the details. I mean, for us to do an actual design would take survey and --

MR. FERRETT: Paul, will you take a look that it?

MR. PAPI: I can pop the grate and measure it.

MR. FERRETT: All you have to do is pick up the inlet, the pipe and you should be able to see how.

MR. PAPI: I'll hop right down there and measure it.

MR. FERRETT: Well, whatever it takes. In order for us to go to work and put 18-inch all the way down and find out that we only have a 12-inch pipe going into the conveyance system that don't make sense.

MR. FEBBO: Looking at this, why are we going to put this up there? What's the original purpose for it?

MR. SEMENZA: The purpose for it, I believe the guy's name is Mark Kania. He lives on Powell Street.

MR. FEBBO: We're all familiar with that. Right? He has water coming down. I have an issue here. We're going to spend

all this money to do that. Now, up on Angela, again, up on Iaccovazzi Drive, where we get flooded every time it rains -- and I've been here many times as a councilman and as a private citizen and I've gotten no response as to what we are going to do with the runoff coming from Mountain Road and Iaccovazzi Drive. I don't want to get into the whole detail but are we going to act on that, Bill, as to water runoff?

I'm saying all this only because we're going to loop into what is going to happen with Mountain Road and accepting that road. My contention is that everything is supposed to be according to the HOP plan. What he has done up there with the disturbance of land is part of HOP. The fence that he put all the way from Mountain Road to Pittston Avenue. So he has created a situation that needs to be dealt with before we accept Mountain Road.

Now, are we going to let that go by and have the borough assume putting all that drainage in or are we going to have the developer address that?

MR. LOPATKA: Are we still on his or are we on Mountain Road?

MR. FEBBO: I'm asking this question because I see that we're going to spend \$176,000 to take care of Kania down there and we have a far greater problem and we're going to have a future greater problem if we do not address the Mountain Road issue now.

MR. LOPATKA: I'm not disagreeing with you. All I was asked was to take a look at this issue and put a quick estimate together. I don't know if this is a project you guys actually voted on doing. This is just an estimate to alleviate that situation.

MR. FEBBO: We'll go back to that question. I just wanted to get for the official record.

MR. FERRETT: I think the situation here was the fact that someone came in here complaining about a water situation and we were talking about putting in the storm drains. The fact is we have to understand that we cannot have water going from a storm drain into a sanitary line because it's a

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violation of the law. The fact is that we already have a conveying system which is separating the storm water from the sanitary water. It's unfortunate that the distance is so long in how to do this.

So the question is what options do we have? What are we actually going to do? Are we going to go to work and put a storm drain and just let the water run downhill and have DEP, maybe someone from the Lower Lack come after us? This is a question that council has to make a decision on and we don't know exactly what we're going to do. We don't know if we're going to do this project or not.

But the idea is -- the reason for you doing this is to try to have council understand this is one of the ways that you could actually resolve this situation. So that's altogether different from Angela Drive. That's a different kind of condition.

MR. LOPATKA: Agreed.

MR. FEBBO: I agree with you, Joe, but I just wanted to make mention of the

fact that you as a taxpayer and he had a water problem, and we're willing to spend \$176,000 to eliminate the problem.

Therefore, the residents of Angela Drive -not only myself -- and Iaccovazzi Drive have
a water problem created by the developer.

If you look at all your codes, so on --

MR. FERRETT: All you have to do is draw up a plan how you're going to go to work and where you're going to put that water to make sure it does not go into a sanitary line because it's a violation.

MR. FEBBO: Not me, that's the developer's problem. I believe that zoning and planning and council should hold him to the letter of the law and abide by the codes. Conversation and Waterways have been up there four times and cited him. So we're going to have an issue with water runoff up there and it's not going to go away until we resolve it.

This all ties into the HOP plan on Angela Drive. Everybody's concerned about getting the roads paved and in the course of doing that they exacerbated a problem that

we have, a water runoff. He created more.

It's on the side of a mountain. Check with

Jerry Styles. He has all the reports on it.

MR. LOPATKA: I have a call in to him.

MS. BARTOLETTI: I have a question.

This proposal, I know you put it together rather quickly. Are there any other options that are not so extravagant since that's quite expensive? That's going to benefit one house and one property.

MR. LOPATKA: I agree. I mean, the only other option is to somehow get it down the hill and discharge it to grade. The majority of the borough is a combination system.

MR. SEMENZA: I work for LLVSA, and somehow, some way they got wind of this possible project going on, and they told me that anytime we direct water in any sort of way it's going to -- because all the sudden we're directing water. If we put a pipe on that hill and dead-end it halfway down that hill it would be in violation of sending water into the sewer system.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MR}}.$ LOPATKA: Well, it ends up there.

MR. SEMENZA: But we're changing the direction. Otherwise it's naturally flowing and it ends up in the sewer system. But we're trying to funnel it a certain way. They told me we're going to be in violation.

MR. LOPATKA: So if you bring it down the hill.

MR. SEMENZA: Right. If we put a storm drain up there and put a pipe down that hill and let it go onto the road. So we're better off let it go, not put a pipe on the hill, my personal opinion. They said we will be in violation. I said I didn't even see this yet. How do you know about this?

MR. LOPATKA: This would actually take it and tie it into a storm system, dedicated storm line.

MR. SEMENZA: This would get tied into the Sampson Street project. But the original way --

MR. LOPATKA: The other way it would just discharge to grade.

MR. FEBBO: We don't have a catch system down there?

MR. SEMENZA: We do, but it goes into the sewer.

MR. FEBBO: What we have up on Dunn Avenue we don't have on the bottom?

MR. LOPATKA: Right. That's also a combined system. There are inlets, but the inlets tie into the sewer.

MR. FEBBO: Are we going to have to eventually address that?

MR. LOPATKA: Well, I think all boroughs at some point are going to have to address it.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Since we've done projects like this in the past and used CDBG money to fund it, this may be something that we could see if CDBG could step in for us. We have a stockpile of money with them, and ironically they're going to be at our April work session, coming to discuss our future project. So if we have a little more information for them at that time it might be something that they can do their surveys and see if it fits the bill for incomes and

that type of stuff. It may be a project that we can fix his problem but turn it into a positive for some other stuff and fix that whole area and put it into a separated system.

MR. SEMENZA: Eventually we'd like to do all of Old Forge.

MR. FERRETT: Since none of us don't seem to understand what's really transpiring up there, how the water is running and so forth with the exception when the gentleman came in and was complaining about erosion and how it was affecting his sidewalk and et cetera, is it possible, does it make sense that we go up there and put a lip on that open area where the water is going down -- which it was a road that actually goes up but was detained not to open it up. It's all open and the water is running down and none of us has any idea how much water is running down.

But by putting up a lip and just having a minute opening, whatever you think is visible, that the water would just trickle down maybe to the center or to the

right, more preferably away from his property, if that's possible, only temporary until we can come up with some kind of a solution? Because what you have drawn up, that's an exorbitant price.

So the question is this, is it possible that we should try something like this and see if it's workable?

MR. LOPATKA: You can't. You're going to end up -- potentially you can end up ponding a good amount of water up on top of the hill before it actually discharges.

MR. FERRETT: Yeah, but we have no idea how much rainwater is really going down there.

MR. LOPATKA: No, we don't, but we can figure it out.

MR. FERRETT: The rainwater that is going down there may trickling toward his property and causing this problem. If we can divert that would it not be a helpful thing that might be able to solve the problem?

MR. LOPATKA: Potentially it can.

Is it going to fix the situation? It's not

going to fix.

MR. FEBBO: Put a Band-Aid on it.

MR. PAPI: Do we have Dunn Avenue scheduled for paving?

MR. FERRETT: Yes.

MR. PAPI: So this would all have to take place before the pave job.

MR. FERRETT: First of all, you can resolve that problem without any problem whatsoever as far as paving Dunn Avenue.

MR. SEMENZA: Any other questions for Dave?

MS. CORDIANO: I don't know if you were aware, but up on Edgewood Drive in Rosemount a few cracks going right across the road as soon as you come up to the top of the hill. A couple residents brought it to my attention. If you can take a look at it.

MR. SEMENZA: Dave, there's still puddling in front of the driveways.

MS. CORDIANO: In front of mine, but we also have to have our driveway done. I'm assuming that once we get it done that we wouldn't have that puddling. We purposely

waited to have our driveway done until the roads were finished.

MR. FEBBO: What about Keyser

Avenue, Dave, before you get out on the road?

MR. LOPATKA: That's still one of the issues that needs to be resolved. They didn't mill out far enough. That's where the puddle was from the beginning.

MR. SEMENZA: If you could, after a rain event, maybe take a ride up there. I know just because I go there, my sister's house, 109. I also noticed Councilwoman Cordiano's house. I know there's a few of them. There was never puddles there before. Not to the extent they are now.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Dave, the cracks on Edgewood Drive, contractor's responsibility?

MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

MR. SEMENZA: Even the puddles.
Right? Any other questions?

MR. LENCESKI: I'd like to say something with the Dunn Avenue / Reilly Street storm water project. I know we've

had one person complain, Mr. Kania that came in, but I think this problem is greater than just one person. I think it's the whole neighborhood. Like Councilman Ferrett said, we don't know what's going on up there when it rains. We have no clue where the water's going, who's houses it's passing by, at what rate.

So I just think it's a way to solve -- I know it's expensive, but I see it as a solution for the next 60, 70 years for a whole entire neighborhood and being able to tie into it in the future also.

MR. LOPATKA: That would be one of the things you look at. You look at the pipe that was installed on Sampson Street, you also look at these pipes and see potentially what can be tied into them at a later date so you can start separating other stuff out there. There's potential to do all that.

MR. LENCESKI: The Dunn Avenue project, if we can get it across Dunn Avenue and get it started and start coming towards the problem at Mr. Kania's house.

MR. SEMENZA: Well, it's going to come to a point that it's going to be mandated to be separated. Right?

MR. LOPATKA: The problem is the cost. For you guys to separate the whole borough would cost millions.

MR. SEMENZA: There's some already taken care of. I'd also like to see what LLVSA would say. Maybe they would go to work with us on it or something because it's actually helping the sewer authority by lowering the amount of effluent we're getting in.

MR. FERRETT: I don't think you'll get anybody because but I had an opportunity to talk to McDermott about the whole situation, and he nailed me to the cross and said prove to me how this is going to benefit the sewer authority in every way whatsoever. I said what we want to do is separate the water. He says how is it going to help us. I said the water's going downhill right now. It's going to the sanitary. He said no, we're talking about the system you're putting in. He said all

you're doing is putting a system in and connecting it into your system and everything. He said if you have your sewer connected into the sanitary line --

MR. SEMENZA: There's grates, Joe.

There's storm inlets that go right into the sanitary system.

MR. FERRETT: But we don't have any of that on that line.

MR. SEMENZA: They're coming down the hill, Stewart Street.

MR. FERRETT: You're exactly right because I was trying to get some money out of him, and he said no, the system that you're putting in, the storm drain that you're putting in on Corcoran Street is not hooked into anything. All you're doing is just separating your water. He said I gave you \$25,000 in December. How much more do you want? I said listen, we'll take whatever we can get. We need help.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Does he have a better idea?

MR. FERRETT: No. All he wants to know is if it benefits them they will put it

on the board and see if they can give us some money.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Did you ask him does he have a better idea?

MR. FERRETT: That's not his problem, he said. That's our problem, what we have to do to get the water away.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: But he wants to know if it benefits them.

MR. FERRETT: Getting back to what Joe was saying about all these storm drains, I was going to talk to Marylynn about it because I think that's what all this was about before. Personally speaking, in my opinion I think we should go to work and put two storm drains on Dunn Avenue and hook it into that thing there because it's going to cost less than \$18,000 to do the job. Why? Because you're only putting two storm drains.

Paul, you have a lot of 18 pipe behind the borough building. We can use that pipe. We don't have to buy any of that pipe. All you got to do is pay for labor, and I know labor's not going to cost that

bothers me so much is when you turn the clock back -- it's probably before your time, back in 1998. The old council said they approved these roads and blah, blah, blah right down the line. How does it come where the people get in and out of there? How is that development there when there's no ingress or outgress? He said that he doesn't own Villa Drive, Mountain Road wasn't there. It was just bought seven or eight years ago. How did this all come about? I wasn't there in 1998 but it's bothering me. How did this development get there when there was no ingress or outgress?

ATTY. RINALDI: The short answer is you'd have to ask the people that approved it in 1995. I wasn't here either. If somebody was on planning.

MR. FEBBO: I wasn't on it.

ATTY. RINALDI: I only see the plan that was approved.

MR. FERRETT: It doesn't seem to make sense to me.

MR. FEBBO: I believe they used Villa Drive.

department. If Lucille needs help we'll get her help. Marylynn has enough on her plate to handle. Lucille, if you feel you need help you come to us, we'll get you help. But like I said, we'll sit down with our committee. Councilman Rinaldi's chairman. I'm speaking for him. Sorry about that.

MS. YEAGER: I can tell you what I can produce. I can give you a monthly statement telling you what we collected. I can deduct it from the amount that we said he would be collecting. That's the balance to collect.

As far as spreadsheets, my computer's not set up to do that.

MR. SEMENZA: That's what we're going to sit down and talk about.

MS. YEAGER: You said you're going to get this much, you got this much this quarter. Deduct it from the amount we said, balance to collect.

MR. FEBBO: Instead of getting into that again, why don't you wait until your committee gets together. They'll help you out.