

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

APRIL 17, 2018

7:00 P.M.

OLD FORGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

314 SOUTH MAIN STREET

OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ROBERT SEMENZA, PRESIDENT

JOSEPH FERRETT

RUSSELL RINALDI

LOUIS FEBBO

RICK NOTARI

JAMES HOOVER

WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR

MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER

Mark Wozniak  
Official Court Reporter

1 MR. SEMENZA: Good evening, ladies  
2 and gentlemen. Sorry about the late start.  
3 We had an executive session. I'd like to  
4 start the meeting with the Pledge of  
5 Allegiance.

6 (The Pledge of Allegiance was  
7 recited.)

8 MR. SEMENZA: Bill, roll call.

9 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Febbo?

10 MR. FEBBO: Present.

11 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Ferrett?

12 MR. FERRETT: Here.

13 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Hoover?

14 MR. HOOVER: Here.

15 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Notari?

16 MR. NOTARI: Present.

17 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Rinaldi?

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Here.

19 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Lenceski is  
20 absent. Mr. Semenza?

21 MR. SEMENZA: Here. Good evening,  
22 ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the April  
23 17, 2018 regular borough council meeting.  
24 We will go to our department heads, go down  
25 the table and see if council has anything to

1 address. There's a public sign-in sheet if  
2 anybody would like to address council.

3 At this time we'll go through some  
4 housekeeping items. The chair is going to  
5 entertain a motion to approve the minutes  
6 that are in your packet.

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll make that  
8 motion.

9 MR. SEMENZA: By Councilman Rinaldi.  
10 May I have a second?

11 MR. FEBBO: I'll second that.

12 MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman  
13 Febbo. On the question? Public input?  
14 Roll call, please.

15 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Febbo?

16 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

17 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Ferrett?

18 MR. FERRETT: I abstain. I didn't  
19 receive a package to study the situation, so  
20 I'm abstaining.

21 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Hoover?

22 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Notari?

24 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

25 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Rinaldi?

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

2 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Semenza?

3 MR. SEMENZA: Yes. The next motion  
4 is a motion to approve the treasurer's  
5 report. Note that this does not include  
6 sewer accounts.

7 MR. HOOVER: I'll make the motion.

8 MR. SEMENZA: By Councilman Hoover.  
9 Can I have a second?

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll second  
11 that.

12 MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman  
13 Rinaldi. On the question? Public input?  
14 Roll call, please.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

16 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?

18 MR. FERRETT: Abstain.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

20 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

22 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?

1 MR. SEMENZA: Yes. The next motion  
2 is a motion to approve invoices for payment.  
3 Note that this does not include sewer  
4 accounts.

5 MR. FEBBO: I'll make that motion.

6 MR. SEMENZA: By Councilman Febbo.  
7 May I have a second?

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll second  
9 it.

10 MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman  
11 Rinaldi. On the question? Public input?  
12 Roll call, please.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

14 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?

16 MR. FERRETT: Abstain.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

18 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

20 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?

24 MR. SEMENZA: Yes. The next motion  
25 is a motion to approve sewer department

1 financial reports.

2 MR. NOTARI: I'm make that motion.

3 MR. SEMENZA: By Councilman Notari.

4 May I have a second?

5 MR. HOOVER: I'll second it.

6 MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman

7 Hoover. On the question? Public input?

8 Roll call, please.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

10 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?

12 MR. FERRETT: Abstain.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

14 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

16 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?

20 MR. SEMENZA: Yes. The next motion

21 is a motion to approve sewer department

22 invoices for payment.

23 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

24 MR. SEMENZA: By Councilman Notari.

25 Can I have a second?

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll second  
2 it.

3 MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman  
4 Rinaldi. On the question? Public input?  
5 Roll call, please.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

7 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?

9 MR. FERRETT: Abstain.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

11 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

13 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?

17 MR. SEMENZA: Yes. At this time I'm  
18 going to go to our department heads.

19 Everybody has Paul Papi's DPW manager's  
20 report. Paul, do you have anything to add?

21 MR. PAPI: No.

22 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any  
23 questions for Paul?

24 MR. NOTARI: I have a few. Paul,  
25 grass cleanup and yard waste?

1 MR. PAPI: It looks like it's going  
2 to start Thursday or Friday.

3 MR. NOTARI: So this week. I told  
4 them when the weather breaks. So you think  
5 this week?

6 MR. PAPI: I think so.

7 MR. NOTARI: My other question is at  
8 the end of Smith and First streets there are  
9 some trees down. Is that our  
10 responsibility? Is that the property  
11 owner's responsibility to clean?

12 MR. PAPI: Property owner's.

13 MR. NOTARI: Steve, can you contact  
14 or -- it's the big slope that goes up to  
15 Garber. The end of Smith and First there's  
16 a couple trees down.

17 MR. BIERLYA: All right.

18 MR. NOTARI: Right at the stop sign  
19 there's some trees sticking out and one fell  
20 down.

21 MR. SEMENZA: Are they on the  
22 borough street?

23 MR. NOTARI: I want to say the one  
24 tree that's fallen is probably close to, if  
25 not on the borough street.

1 MR. BIERYLA: I'll look into it.

2 MR. SEMENZA: Anything else?

3 MR. NOTARI: That's all I have for  
4 Paul, I believe.

5 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody else have any  
6 questions for Paul? Paul, how did we do  
7 yesterday?

8 MR. PAPI: One fixed and we're up  
9 and running on Babb Street. We have another  
10 one we're going to dig up tomorrow on  
11 Butler.

12 MR. SEMENZA: Bad?

13 MR. PAPI: No, shouldn't be too bad.

14 MR. SEMENZA: Good.

15 MR. PAPI: We're vacuuming the  
16 manhole out twice a day so nobody gets  
17 any --

18 MR. SEMENZA: Do you want to update  
19 everybody on council?

20 MR. PAPI: We had a sewer blocked  
21 down on Babb Street. I was called out in  
22 January. It was a bitter cold night. The  
23 gas company was there with gas leaks and  
24 they were all over. They were there for 24  
25 hours working in the middle of January. It

1 was terrible. But I had marked all our  
2 lines and they did all the work right on top  
3 of our lines. The water company was there.  
4 They did a couple of cuts also.

5 All the sudden our line blocked up.  
6 When we went to flush it we couldn't get  
7 through. It was all gravel from the fresh  
8 cut. As we were flushing it down we could  
9 see the ground dropping ahead of us. So I  
10 called Steve Ozalinski. They had to come  
11 and replace their line because it was  
12 contaminated with sewage. So they did  
13 everything. Earthworks was there the day  
14 before opening the line because it was  
15 backing up into the lady who lives on the  
16 corner. It went into her basement. So  
17 about three, four inches of sewage she had  
18 in her basement.

19 MR. FEBBO: Who is responsible for  
20 that?

21 MR. HOOVER: We cleaned it up, the  
22 water company.

23 MR. PAPI: My job is to get that  
24 sewer open ASAP. We dug it open and let it  
25 flow, then the water company said we're on

1 our way to fix everything. We might as well  
2 do the sewer line also. So they took care  
3 of that.

4 MR. SEMENZA: Thank you, Paul.  
5 Steve, zoning code enforcement. Everybody  
6 has Steve's report in their packet. Steve,  
7 anything to add?

8 MR. BIERYLA: The only thing I  
9 wanted to address to council was the letter  
10 about the garage on Orchard Street. I did  
11 not receive anything to date, so I didn't  
12 know --

13 MR. SEMENZA: Let's move forward on  
14 that. Okay. We gave them enough time.

15 MR. BIERYLA: I think we've been  
16 more than fair. Even on that I asked for a  
17 letter ASAP as far as to demolish or repair,  
18 and that was back in March.

19 MR. FEBBO: So what's the next step?

20 MR. BIERYLA: The next step is we  
21 have to go down to the magistrate's.

22 MR. SEMENZA: I think we'll move  
23 forward on that.

24 MR. NOTARI: I agree.

25 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any

1 questions for Steve?

2 MR. NOTARI: I have one question.  
3 Steve, there's a letter in our packet  
4 regarding Panel Prints, DEP.

5 MR. BIERLYA: They're building an  
6 explosion-proof room down there, so DEP has  
7 to go down and do their inspections for  
8 contaminants within the building.

9 MR. NOTARI: So it's just all part  
10 of the process? It's nothing we have to  
11 worry about?

12 MR. BIERLYA: Correct, because  
13 that's DEP getting involved to do step one,  
14 and then they have a building permit in to  
15 BIU for the room itself.

16 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody else have  
17 anything for Steve? Thanks, Steve. Dave,  
18 engineer's report?

19 MR. LOPATKA: I just had one --  
20 well, two things. One was the DPW. At the  
21 last meeting you guys requested that I send  
22 out the plans to three contractors. A.R.  
23 Linde that's doing Corcoran Street; TSE, who  
24 was going to do Grace Street; and to  
25 Earthworks. I only received one bid back.

1           The bid was from Earthworks for \$16,000. I  
2           did e-mail it to Marylynn. I'm not sure if  
3           you guys require three quotes or  
4           solicitation of three quotes for it to --

5                   MS. BARTOLETTI: I think even though  
6           we asked and people didn't respond, we have  
7           one, Bill. Do we still have to try to get  
8           two others?

9                   ATTY. RINALDI: That's what I have  
10          to look up.

11                  MR. LOPATKA: I can send it out  
12          right away. We got one back. We didn't get  
13          them from the other two. I can send it out  
14          tomorrow to a couple other contractors.

15                  MS. BARTOLETTI: I would feel more  
16          comfortable.

17                  MR. LOPATKA: The church, I was  
18          talking with Bill and he asked me if we can  
19          get a survey, boundary survey done of the  
20          church property, and I got a number together  
21          to do that survey. It was \$2,665. That's  
22          the complete boundary, a map and a  
23          subdivision plan. You have to combine the  
24          lots and then resubdivide them.

25                  ATTY. RINALDI: Separate them and

1 combine.

2 MR. LOPATKA: That includes setting  
3 whatever corners are missing, the complete  
4 boundary and mapping. That's all I have.

5 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any  
6 questions for Dave?

7 MR. HOOVER: We did two jobs on  
8 Brook Street and Oak Street last year, the  
9 water company. They're paved. There's a  
10 small problem down on Brook Street we're  
11 going to take care of when the weather  
12 breaks. Corcoran Street is still up in the  
13 air.

14 MR. FERRETT: Dave, I believe  
15 Russell brought it up at the last meeting or  
16 something about the roads that were supposed  
17 to be paved last year that were pushed off  
18 for this year. Where do we stand on this  
19 thing? Everybody's asking about the project  
20 down on Eisenhower Drive and everything like  
21 that, what's going on. Are they -- the  
22 county giving us money before we get  
23 started?

24 MR. SEMENZA: That's a question  
25 towards Bill.

1                   ATTY. RINALDI: I actually talked to  
2                   the chairman on Friday who, I found out,  
3                   isn't their chairman anymore. Paul Walker  
4                   was the chairman. He just got fired.  
5                   That's why I didn't get any answer Friday.

6                   MR. SEMENZA: Who is the new one  
7                   now?

8                   ATTY. RINALDI: He told me. I don't  
9                   know.

10                  MR. LOPATKA: We just need to  
11                  coordinate with them because there was an  
12                  agreement between you and their solicitor as  
13                  to how it was going to happen. Pennsy  
14                  actually called me and asked me if that was  
15                  going to take place and when it was going to  
16                  take place. Until the housing authority  
17                  tells or Bill finds out how it's going to be  
18                  paid --

19                  ATTY. RINALDI: Just cut the check.  
20                  Do it that way. We'll get it paid. The  
21                  contract's going to be our change order  
22                  anyway.

23                  MR. LOPATKA: It has to be a change  
24                  order.

25                  MR. FERRETT: Wait a while. Let me

1 understand this correctly. Are we going to  
2 get the money before we get involved in this  
3 thing?

4 ATTY. RINALDI: That's what I just  
5 said, tell them to cut the check.

6 MR. FERRETT: Well, make sure we're  
7 not cutting our check.

8 MR. LOPATKA: I'll call Pennsy and  
9 we'll coordinate it with them.

10 MR. FERRETT: Mr. Chairman, I'm just  
11 wondering at this point whether it might be  
12 in our interest, the remaining hundred-some  
13 thousand dollars that we were involved in  
14 doing these additional streets, that we  
15 postpone that until next year when we do  
16 paving and we can do a match. I'm not too  
17 crazy getting involved with our extension of  
18 this project along with the county and so  
19 forth like this. We're only doing --

20 MR. SEMENZA: So what do you want to  
21 do, another paving project?

22 MR. FERRETT: Next year? It's up to  
23 you guys. I can only recommend.

24 MR. SEMENZA: I think we should look  
25 into a storm water project before we start

1                   doing any more paving projects.

2                   MS. BARTOLETTI: What Joe is saying  
3 is the part that the borough --

4                   MR SEMENZA: I got you.

5                   MS. BARTOLETTI: Based on last  
6 year's contract, to not do that this year.  
7 Wait until next year.

8                   MR. LOPATKA: You guys have to wait  
9 to see if you can carry that contract. I  
10 don't think you can carry that contract to  
11 another year.

12                  MR. SEMENZA: So we have to do that  
13 now?

14                  MR. LOPATKA: Well, if you want to  
15 do you -- if you had planned on adding you  
16 can do it or you can take it off. We can do  
17 a change order to remove it. I mean,  
18 Pennsy's not going to carry the contract for  
19 another year.

20                  MR. FERRETT: I'm not interested in  
21 extending the contract for another year.  
22 All I'm merely saying is being that we  
23 didn't do the project last year, when we  
24 were supposed to do it, we extended it for  
25 this year. Being that we had extended that,

1 the county wanted to jump in with us to try  
2 to get -- all I'm merely saying is let the  
3 county go ahead and do the project as  
4 directed. I'm saying that we should back  
5 away with it, and then next year when we do  
6 a project we'll post those streets on the  
7 project, whatever the cost --

8 MR. LOPATKA: We'll do the change  
9 order for that, do that work, then close the  
10 contract out.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

12 MR. FERRETT: That's up to the  
13 council if they want to do that. That's  
14 only what I'm recommending.

15 MR. SEMENZA: That's your  
16 recommendation?

17 MR. FERRETT: That's what I'm  
18 recommending, because rather than doing five  
19 little streets, we're better off doing a big  
20 project, do \$500,000 or \$600,000, and do  
21 volume. You get a better price.

22 MR. SEMENZA: All right.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: You're better off  
24 doing it that way because usually we like to  
25 use our liquid fuels money to pay for the

1 paving, and because that -- the amount of  
2 streets that you were going to add on is  
3 over ten percent of the cost of the entire  
4 project we wouldn't be able to use liquid  
5 fuels funds. You would have to use borough  
6 money. So if you start over again and have  
7 a new contract next year you'll be able to  
8 use the whole thing from liquid fuels. So  
9 it's definitely a better way to go.

10 MR. FERRETT: I'm just more  
11 interested in getting away from the county.  
12 I don't trust the county.

13 MR. NOTARI: So last year we did the  
14 paving project. Right? It came in way  
15 under bid. Right? When it came in way  
16 under bid you suggested that we add streets  
17 to make up the difference in the money that  
18 we were saving.

19 MR. FERRETT: That's correct.

20 MR. NOTARI: So now you're saying  
21 let's save the money and not do the streets?

22 MR. FERRETT: Right.

23 MR. NOTARI: Okay, that's fine.

24 MR. HOOVER: What streets are we  
25 supposed to pave?

1 MR. LOPATKA: I have to go back.  
2 I'll get you the information in the  
3 contract, what was added and what wasn't,  
4 get back to you guys.

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: There were six  
6 streets. Right?

7 MR. LOPATKA: I believe. I'll pull  
8 that out, get it for you. If we added them  
9 we can just do a change order and take them  
10 out and do a change order to add the ones  
11 once we get their information.

12 MR. NOTARI: Dave, Corcoran, do we  
13 have a start time on that yet?

14 MR. LOPATKA: I don't. I noted the  
15 contractor had contacted me. We sent him a  
16 letter -- I think we sent him a notice to  
17 proceed letter. So I'm waiting for him to  
18 get shots back to me. I'll call him, see  
19 where they're at. I know that they were  
20 looking to get started and the last two  
21 weeks I didn't hear from them.

22 MR. NOTARI: And Kohler, the meeting  
23 is tomorrow, Marylynn?

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Kohler is tomorrow  
25 at 3:00. It's a preconstruction meeting,

1 and if the weather is good it's on Kohler  
2 Avenue. If the weather is not good it's  
3 here.

4 MR. FEBBO: Is Soden still the  
5 contractor on that?

6 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

7 MR. NOTARI: There's a pave cut on  
8 Hoover Street between Susquehanna and Moosic  
9 Road, right next to Marmo's house. In that  
10 area. It hasn't been paved. It looks like  
11 it needs to be paved. Jason Evans, maybe,  
12 in front of his house.

13 MR. BIERLYA: But I have a  
14 Francelli. They were going to be in town,  
15 and I guess they started and the weather  
16 changed on them. But they were doing all  
17 the reclaim of all the pave cuts. I  
18 believe, if I'm saying this right, there was  
19 42 of them. I don't know exactly where they  
20 were, but there was 42 reclaims for final  
21 finish. I'll check the file.

22 MR. NOTARI: Attorney Rinaldi, Chris  
23 Patrick is the new chairman of the housing  
24 authority.

25 MR. SEMENZA: Anything else?

1 MR. NOTARI: No. Thank you.

2 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody else have any  
3 questions for Dave?

4 MR. BIERYLA: What I'd like to add,  
5 being that Pride Mobility is doing that  
6 massive project, and they were here at the  
7 planning meeting in April, they're coming  
8 back in May. So that would be May 3rd,  
9 7:30. If all of the council members were  
10 there, because it is going to be a big  
11 project, so you're aware of exactly -- the  
12 residents. We had a map -- we had more  
13 people in here than you had at the voting  
14 because of the project.

15 MR. LOPATKA: We're in the process  
16 of reviewing it now.

17 MR. BIERYLA: So you'll understand  
18 exactly where they stand and where the  
19 residents stand question-wise and what  
20 they're actually doing for the residents  
21 just so everybody could know when it comes  
22 in front of you for the plan approval.

23 MR. SEMENZA: Can we get council all  
24 the information, Dave, as we go forward?

25 MR. LOPATKA: I'll review it and

1 I'll send it to Marylynn and I can have her  
2 copy you guys.

3 MR. SEMENZA: Just so if anybody  
4 wants to look anything over before that  
5 meeting.

6 MR. NOTARI: It was at the last  
7 planning meeting. If you can get to it to  
8 listen to what's going on. It's a pretty  
9 big project and some of the residents were  
10 upset that --

11 MR. HOOVER: Very.

12 MR. NOTARI: -- they're going to  
13 lose some of their quality of life. There's  
14 nothing we can do as long as they follow the  
15 rules of the borough.

16 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody else have  
17 anything for Dave? Thanks, David. Chief,  
18 what have you got?

19 CHIEF DUBERNAS: You guys have my  
20 report, you have my traffic study for Butler  
21 Street. Any questions on that? In between  
22 the driveway, Cedar Lane and Garber Street,  
23 the short distances. Then with the parking,  
24 offset of 15 feet for each one, maybe get  
25 one to two cars on the right hand side. So

1 from North Main to Garber make it no parking  
2 because it will be all chopped up. You're  
3 going to allow one car to park there. You  
4 have a house there. They're saying it's  
5 vacant now, but if it becomes occupied  
6 you're going to block the people's driveway.

7 Then Cedar Lane comes out behind the  
8 church, Turkey Hill, and then the  
9 intersection of Garber Street. At the  
10 widest it's 24 feet there.

11 MR. SEMENZA: Bill, did you look  
12 into any ordinances that would come into  
13 play here for having cars in the street with  
14 a business like that? Do you understand  
15 what I'm saying?

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Well, if they're  
17 customers --

18 MR. SEMENZA: Well, one ordinance I  
19 did see in our code book was a vehicle  
20 parked on the road for 72 hours or more --  
21 correct me if I'm wrong, somebody -- is  
22 against our code.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: I think that's a  
24 ticket that the chief hands out.

25 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We can give tickets

1 for cars parked in certain areas, but if a  
2 car is parked in front of your house for  
3 more than 72 hours, you're a resident there.  
4 But if it's abandoned, then you have to go  
5 by the abandoned vehicle code.

6 MR. SEMENZA: I'll pull up the code  
7 after the meeting.

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: We have to follow  
9 with the abandon vehicles through PennDOT.  
10 We have to send certified letters and all  
11 that.

12 MR. SEMENZA: We have codes in this  
13 borough for a reason.

14 CHIEF DUBERNAS: But you're taking  
15 somebody's property. That's why we go  
16 through PennDOT.

17 MR. SEMENZA: I'm not saying take  
18 the car, I'm saying ticket the car. It's  
19 illegally parked if it's more than 72 hours  
20 and it's not a resident.

21 CHIEF DUBERNAS: If you ticket  
22 somebody that's at a garage nobody's going  
23 to pay it. Then we'd be trying to get a  
24 warrant --

25 MR. HOOVER: Are you going to ticket

1 the garage owner or the guy who owns the  
2 car?

3 MR. NOTARI: Is there any way -- and  
4 my concern, I agree. I like your -- thanks  
5 for doing this, and I think we should have a  
6 motion later to restrict parking on Butler  
7 Street.

8 ATTY. RINALDI: You need an  
9 ordinance.

10 MR. NOTARI: Well, we can start that  
11 process, hopefully, later tonight. But my  
12 question is Garber Street. Because Garber  
13 Street doesn't border a commercial zone, is  
14 it possible for us to put permit parking or  
15 make that residential parking only on Garber  
16 Street? I mean, I drove by the other day  
17 and there was a van -- and I'm sure it's the  
18 van Mr. Jurosky's been talking about --  
19 right on the corner with no license plate on  
20 it.

21 CHIEF DUBERNAS: No, there's a  
22 little Subaru hatchback on the corner when I  
23 was there.

24 MR. NOTARI: When I drove by there  
25 was a van on the corner of Garber parked the

1 wrong way with no license plate.

2 CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's up a little  
3 further. That one's under process with  
4 abandon vehicle. There's a Subaru that's  
5 being processed and there's another car.  
6 There's three of them.

7 MR. NOTARI: Is there any way we can  
8 make that side of Garber Street -- both  
9 sides of Garber Street residential parking  
10 only?

11 MR. FEBBO: Are all three cars there  
12 related to the garage?

13 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I'm not sure.

14 MR. SEMENZA: What do you mean by  
15 residential?

16 MR. NOTARI: You have to live in  
17 that house to park there.

18 MR. SEMENZA: I really don't know if  
19 we want to get involved in something like  
20 that because then everybody will be saying I  
21 want it for my house. I'd want it for my  
22 house.

23 MR. NOTARI: But everybody living on  
24 your street lives there. Everybody parking  
25 on your street lives there.

1 MR. SEMENZA: I get what you're  
2 saying. I really do.

3 MR. NOTARI: We have a business  
4 owner -- I don't want to say circumventing  
5 the rules, but kind of pushing the limit.

6 MR. FEBBO: I agree with that. I  
7 don't think that's commercial space up there  
8 so he can be allowed to park his vehicles on  
9 a resident street even for repairs. He  
10 should find a place.

11 MR. NOTARI: Let them park on Main  
12 Street. Main Street is commercial. The  
13 front of his business faces on Main Street.

14 MR. FEBBO: So are we working  
15 towards a solution on that?

16 CHIEF DUBERNAS: I gave you my  
17 solution as per the ordinance.

18 MR. NOTARI: So we're basically  
19 saying there's nothing we can do for Garber  
20 Street.

21 ATTY. RINALDI: I thought his no  
22 parking was -- you don't want to do that  
23 one? He's in the process of towing the cars  
24 that are there.

25 MR. SEMENZA: That's just going to

1 solve this problem just this once. What  
2 about next year when it happens again and  
3 the year after that and the year after that  
4 and so on and so forth?

5 ATTY. RINALDI: If he's putting  
6 abandoned vehicles out there and you keep  
7 picking them up it's going to cost him money  
8 to pull it out of the impound.

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: And if they don't  
10 respond by a certain time and we impound it,  
11 if they don't take it from the impound  
12 lot -- our salvage is Anthracite -- they  
13 send to PennDOT for a certificate of title  
14 and they become owners of it after so long.  
15 That's why there's a whole process that we  
16 have to follow.

17 MR. BIERLYA: I kind of have an  
18 idea. I spoke to the mayor about it. When  
19 the police go out and they do their job and  
20 run the license plate and they go through  
21 the process of certified letters, and  
22 people -- if a person just happen to move he  
23 doesn't get the certified letter. He  
24 doesn't even know that his car is involved  
25 in anything.

1 I had mentioned to the mayor  
2 couldn't you put like the state police would  
3 do on 81 or 80, just a red sticker to say  
4 please tow. That would inform the garage  
5 and inform the person that your vehicle's  
6 here too long, or the garage would call and  
7 say what's going on. The police can say  
8 well, it's an abandoned vehicle, it's parked  
9 there illegally, and you have to tell the  
10 owner to get it out of here. That might  
11 move it along a little quicker than the 30  
12 days.

13 MR. SEMENZA: That's what I'm saying  
14 about this ordinance about 72 hours. If we  
15 do something like that. You're illegally  
16 parked, 72 hours, tag the car. If they  
17 don't move it you tow it.

18 MR. FEBBO: Courtesy warning.

19 MR. SEMENZA: Tow it to Billy's or  
20 Schuback's. I don't think anybody here  
21 wants to hurt anybody in business, but I  
22 think we're all in a tough situation with  
23 the residents having problems with line of  
24 sight onto Main Street. I get what you're  
25 saying. But is it going to pile cars up all

1 on the other side now?

2 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Well, the other  
3 side you can only put maybe four cars.  
4 There's already a sign there that says no  
5 parking.

6 MR. SEMENZA: It's going to pile  
7 them up up the street in front of all the  
8 residents' houses.

9 MAYOR LEGG: Can we solve one  
10 problem at a time? The big problem with the  
11 gentlemen that came to the last two meetings  
12 is they can't get up that road or they can't  
13 get down the road safely. So I think it  
14 would be a good idea to worry about one  
15 problem at a time. If we have to pass an  
16 ordinance, pass an ordinance, no parking on  
17 that side of the street. That eliminates  
18 one problem right out of the chute.

19 As far as the abandon cars, that's  
20 something we can talk about another day, or  
21 if you want to ticket them or put red dots  
22 of whatever.

23 MR. SEMENZA: I think abandoned cars  
24 are one of their main issues.

25 ATTY. RINALDI: I think the one

1           you're asking about is under 328.17: "It's  
2           unlawful for any person to have a motor  
3           vehicle or any part of the same to remain  
4           upon any of the public streets or highways  
5           of the borough for a period of 72 hours if  
6           the motor vehicle or a part thereof does not  
7           have a valid registration, license plate or  
8           valid certificate of inspection which would  
9           permit the motor vehicle to travel legally  
10          on the highways."

11                 MR. SEMENZA: So if it doesn't have  
12           a valid registration or inspection and it's  
13           there 72 hours it can be towed. Correct?

14                 ATTY. RINALDI: I don't know if it  
15           can be towed, but it can be --

16                 MR. SEMENZA: Why can't we tow it  
17           off the road?

18                 ATTY. RINALDI: Actually it's a  
19           fine. You cite them.

20                 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Issue them a  
21           parking ticket.

22                 ATTY. RINALDI: Just keep issuing  
23           them and let them build up. They'll get  
24           tired of paying them all.

25                 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I guess you

1 would be the one I should ask. You've been  
2 living there how long?

3 MR. JUROSKY: Thirty-some years.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It seems to me  
5 the past two months it really became an  
6 issue, or has it been an issue? This is the  
7 first time we've ever heard about it.

8 MR. JUROSKY: It has always been an  
9 issue. He bought this place in October and  
10 it has gotten worse. We tried talking to  
11 him, he wouldn't -- I talked to him last  
12 week and he got the three vehicles moved.  
13 He could move them so fast if he cleaned his  
14 lot up and he parking some vehicles in his  
15 lot.

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I noticed  
17 that. I drove up a couple times.

18 MR. JUROSKY: Because we made a  
19 little noise. I think the mayor is right.  
20 If you put no parking on that side I think  
21 that solves the problem. He'll be mad.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Was it like  
23 this when Mr. Williams was alive and he  
24 operated this?

25 MR. JUROSKY: Not as bad.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Was he more  
2 responsive to the neighbors if you said  
3 something to him? Did you guys ever go down  
4 there and talk to him?

5 MR. JUROSKY: Yes.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: And say Roy,  
7 this car is blocking the sight, my wife  
8 can't get in, the other neighbors --

9 MR. PARKER: I talked to Ron, okay,  
10 in November and December. I go please, if  
11 you park vehicles on that corner, if it  
12 snows we can't make it up the hill. In a  
13 snow storm we can't make it home.

14 MR. RUSSEL RINALDI: I was up there  
15 a few times.

16 MR. JUROSKY: He snickered at us.  
17 The only thing, we made a little noise and  
18 now he's abiding by it. I talked to him, he  
19 goes I will try to work with the neighbors.  
20 But I think if you put no parking on that  
21 side of the street, I think it will solve a  
22 lot of problems.

23 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'm up for  
24 whatever's making the street more safe for  
25 everybody.

1 MR. FEBBO: Let's go with the  
2 ordinance first. One step at a time.

3 MR. SEMENZA: Bill, could you move  
4 forward on that, please.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: Yes. Maybe the  
6 chief can drop a couple tickets off.

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Chief, this is  
8 where your recommendation is?

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yes, from North  
10 Main to Garber.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So no parking  
12 both spots?

13 MR. SEMENZA: Right. Anything else,  
14 Chief?

15 CHIEF DUBERNAS: To hire two  
16 part-timers.

17 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any  
18 questions for the chief?

19 MR. NOTARI: How are our officers at  
20 the school doing? Can we get a report,  
21 school report every month as to whether any  
22 incidents or are they hanging around?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: It's been pretty  
24 quiet. In the morning we still do the  
25 two -- my two day shift guys. One goes

1 elementary, one goes to the high school, and  
2 then if I have a school officer usually gets  
3 there around 7:30, 8:00. Then he's in the  
4 school. He goes back and forth. If I don't  
5 have a school officer myself we just rotate  
6 around. They're there until, like, 12:30,  
7 and then I'm there usually by quarter after  
8 three. I stay out front and walk around,  
9 look at all the high school kids leave, then  
10 I turn around and go to the elementary. I  
11 stand there.

12 Once the kids leave there we make a  
13 walk through the high school, make sure  
14 there's nobody roaming around. I'll see --  
15 I think it's the second bussers, they have  
16 them lined up in the cafeteria. Then  
17 they're getting released as we're getting  
18 ready to leave, quarter after three, 3:30.

19 But it's going well. We have a  
20 pretty good rapport with a lot of the kids.  
21 I think just seeing us there.

22 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody else have  
23 anything for Chief Dubernas?

24 MR. FEBBO: Let's go back to the two  
25 part-time officers.

1 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Do you want the  
2 names now or later?

3 MR. SEMENZA: Later. Anybody else?  
4 Thanks, Chief. Lucille is not here. Bill,  
5 what do you have for us?

6 ATTY. RINALDI: I should be able to  
7 get the deed for Pagnotti Park this week.  
8 I'll let Marylynn know and we'll just have  
9 to record it.

10 I asked Dave to get me the price  
11 just to move the project forward with that  
12 church and maybe push it to where you want  
13 it to go. That's something you might want  
14 to let him know before we leave tonight if  
15 you want to get that lease started for  
16 planning, maybe get it in at the next  
17 meeting.

18 We should probably pass a motion to  
19 rescind and cancel the East Grace Street as  
20 bid since you can't separate the storm and  
21 sewer anymore. Otherwise, that's it.

22 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any  
23 questions for Bill? Thanks, Bill. Mare?

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. First thing  
25 is the application for the staff for the

1 summer camp will be out on May 1st.

2 We're going to be hiring a temp for  
3 the DPW because we are short handed right  
4 now. We're working on trying to find  
5 someone.

6 Bill talked about Pagnotti.

7 We already talked about the meeting  
8 on Kohler Avenue.

9 We did order the new DPW truck that  
10 we talked about that was part of the budget.

11 The new recycling truck that we have  
12 the grant for is estimated to be delivered  
13 on June 1st.

14 The new vehicle for the police chief  
15 is expected in about two weeks.

16 You have all of my financial  
17 reports. Did anyone have questions on any  
18 of the financials?

19 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any  
20 questions for Marylynn?

21 MR. NOTARI: Marylynn, our annual  
22 cleanup date, are we doing that again?

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: The annual cleanup  
24 is going to be April 28th, a week from  
25 Saturday. The mayor is taking charge of it.

1 I'm sure he needs any help that he can get  
2 with it. It's basically working hand in  
3 hand with our representative, Sid Michaels,  
4 and his staff and Moosic and Taylor.  
5 Everybody will be working together on the  
6 same day.

7 MR. NOTARI: Will there be a start  
8 time?

9 MAYOR LEGG: Mike Schuback is going  
10 to get the football team. I talked to the  
11 superintendent. He's going to get the Leo  
12 Club and some of the kids from the school.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: The standard time  
14 is 9:00 to 12:00. I'm going to say same  
15 time again this year.

16 MR. FEBBO: Couple comments on that.  
17 Milwaukee Avenue, Preate's hill, it's a  
18 disaster. Also from Keyser up to Sibley,  
19 that's a mess, too.

20 Also, they're going to have a tire  
21 pickup, too. Paul, where do we take the  
22 tires, Taylor?

23 MR. PAPI: We take them to Taylor.

24 MR. FEBBO: Drop them at the DPW  
25 garage?

1 MR. PAPI: We never did that before.  
2 We pick up tires that are on the side of the  
3 road during the cleanup and bring them to  
4 Taylor.

5 MR. FEBBO: What about residents who  
6 have tires?

7 MR. PAPI: We don't do residents.

8 MR. NOTARI: Typically the county  
9 does one in September.

10 MR. NOTARI: The University of  
11 Scranton, on Saturday, is having an  
12 electronics recycling event, 9:00 to 1:00, I  
13 believe. It's pretty much any kind of  
14 electronics you have. They're not having a  
15 municipal event but they're having a  
16 resident event. If anybody has electronics  
17 they want to recycle it's at the corner of  
18 Monroe and Linden.

19 Marylynn, has the park staff started  
20 yet?

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes, about three  
22 weeks ago.

23 MR. NOTARI: Should the bathrooms be  
24 open? Or no? Miles Street, Sunday, the  
25 bathrooms were closed.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: We've been locking  
2 them. They're open during the day as the  
3 staff is there. They've been locking them  
4 because of --

5 MR. NOTARI: So they won't be open  
6 on the weekend, then.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Eventually they  
8 will. The port-a-lavs are being delivered  
9 this week as well. We use those as  
10 secondary.

11 MR. NOTARI: I'm only asking because  
12 there was little legal softball, eight and  
13 nine year olds there and there were people.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: They need to get me  
15 a schedule. I have no schedule.

16 MR. SEMENZA: That's been noted to  
17 the rec board numerous times to get Marylynn  
18 the schedule. It hasn't happened yet.

19 MR. FEBBO: Are we making any  
20 headway with the security cameras?

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: We are, yeah.

22 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody else have  
23 anything for Marylynn?

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The chief's  
25 new vehicle, SUV?

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: His current  
3 vehicle, are we going to recycle it in or  
4 use it for anything?

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Where is it  
7 going to go?

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: We haven't decided  
9 yet.

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Go to one of  
11 the other departments or stay in the police  
12 department?

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: No, it's not  
14 staying with the police. I'll take it from  
15 them. What I'm thinking of is pushing  
16 everything down a little bit, possibly have  
17 that one go to zoning and code enforcement,  
18 have the vehicle that Steve uses for zoning  
19 and code enforcement be pushed down to the  
20 park.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Is that the  
22 Durango?

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: That's the one  
25 you're using, Steve?

1 MR. BIERYLA: Yes.

2 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: And you  
3 already have the pick up. Correct?

4 MR. PAPI: Yes.

5 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody else have  
6 anything for Marylynn? Thanks, Marylynn.  
7 At this time we'll go to public comment. I  
8 don't think there is any.

9 MAYOR LEGG: Two things. My  
10 four-month odyssey trying to get a hold of  
11 the company that made the bricks for the  
12 monument came to a successful conclusion  
13 last week. I finally got a hold -- it's a  
14 company called Gift Bricks out of Wisconsin.  
15 They still have the same bricks that are out  
16 there. There's 60 left. I got the prices  
17 and the information. I stopped in to see  
18 Marylynn, and I'm going to take out an ad in  
19 the Triboro, anyone is interested in  
20 purchasing one. It's not going to be a  
21 project that the borough has to pay. It's  
22 going to be if somebody wants a brick it's  
23 \$35. Louis Mancuso said he would install  
24 the bricks.

25 MR. SEMENZA: What do the bricks

1 cost apiece?

2 MAYOR LEGG: Thirty-five dollars.  
3 I'm going to round it off to \$35 to help  
4 with the shipping and handling.

5 MR. SEMENZA: How many available  
6 spots do we have?

7 MAYOR LEGG: I'm not sure.

8 MR. SEMENZA: If there's 60  
9 available spots --

10 MAYOR LEGG: There's not 60 spots.  
11 It's going to be on a first come, first  
12 served basis. I'll put it in for, like,  
13 maybe two issues. There's going to be a  
14 beginning and an ending time. Maybe May  
15 15th. At the end of that time it's going to  
16 be closed and we go from there.

17 MR. SEMENZA: Ask Marylynn to put it  
18 on the website.

19 MAYOR LEGG: The second thing is why  
20 these gentlemen are here. About two months  
21 ago I was approached by some people that  
22 were interested in the Hometown Heros thing.  
23 So I did some checking, and when I found out  
24 the price of the flags and I relayed that  
25 information they kind of got turned off.

1                    Couple weeks ago John Haluska called  
2                    me, and him and a whole mess of his  
3                    friends -- this is part of them -- they are  
4                    interested in it. John did a lot of  
5                    research from Dunmore, Olyphant. It's  
6                    something that's not going to cost the  
7                    borough any money. I ran it by Marylynn and  
8                    I went out with Paul to the poles. Some of  
9                    the poles have outlets for Christmas  
10                    decorations and they have things for the  
11                    flags for Memorial Day, Labor Day, what have  
12                    you. We're not going to touch those.  
13                    There's a lot of poles that don't have  
14                    anything on them.

15                    So this is a project that if anyone  
16                    wants one of these flags they purchase it.  
17                    Jaworski, I think, was one of the companies.  
18                    He's got a lot of information for you. They  
19                    will be installed by the group. It's not  
20                    going to cost the borough any money or any  
21                    manpower. But John wanted to expound a  
22                    little bit. He had a handout for everyone.

23                    MR. HALUSKA: This is Muhlenburg  
24                    Township. Thank you for the opportunity to  
25                    present this to council. Thank you for the

1 veterans who came here tonight. Old Forge  
2 Borough, we're a little late in this  
3 program, but that doesn't mean we can't do  
4 it, with council's approval.

5 I traveled across the area. I  
6 noticed every community around us has this  
7 going on, and the American Legion in some  
8 instances took it to the forefront. I took  
9 it, along with Rich Melucci. We got some  
10 veterans here, and we want council to help  
11 us to get this program into Old Forge so we  
12 can honor our veterans. It's about \$180 to  
13 \$200 for the actual banners. They can put  
14 one picture on both sides of the veteran.

15 There are stipulations. We'll have  
16 to get our committee together. You can put  
17 up to four pictures, you can split them.  
18 Naturally they're small. The veteran has to  
19 be in uniform, honorably discharged. That's  
20 what we would want as a veterans  
21 organization.

22 Council could help us with maybe  
23 spreading the word out there that you're  
24 behind us, and I just want to put Old Forge  
25 on the map now to get veterans recognition.

1           This is active veterans, former veterans,  
2           deceased veterans. Jaworski will supply the  
3           hardware for the poles.

4                   As far as the businesses in town,  
5           we'll solicit the businesses to see what  
6           they can help us with maybe to defray the  
7           costs.

8                   I also saw one community, there was  
9           no veteran available -- they couldn't find  
10          the picture they wanted to honor a  
11          grandfather maybe from World War II. You  
12          can put the logo of the Marine Corps, US  
13          Army, Coast Guard, Navy, whatever they  
14          served in, to honor that individual with a  
15          name underneath if there's not a photo. But  
16          we would prefer photos because it takes  
17          those bricks, which I happened to have my  
18          name on that years ago, to put our images  
19          out there and to let the youth see what the  
20          veterans are all about.

21                   I'll keep it short. I just want to  
22          thank the veterans that are here tonight.

23                   MR. SEMENZA: What can we do for you  
24          to help you guys? Spread the word? What  
25          else do you need? What kind of funding do

1                   you need to get this off the ground?

2                   MR. HALUSKA: It's going to cost --  
3                   each individual will have to pay for the  
4                   banner itself. So the borough can help us  
5                   if we can have the actual money sent to the  
6                   borough, some type of a committee. If you  
7                   look at the individual -- the monies are  
8                   sent to the borough.

9                   MR. SEMENZA: So basically a  
10                  borough-run project with -- how would we go  
11                  about doing this?

12                 MAYOR LEGG: What I'm doing with the  
13                 bricks -- Marylynn and I talked about it.  
14                 They're going to come and I'm going to give  
15                 them a three by five card, they're going to  
16                 make the check out to the Old Forge Borough,  
17                 and I'm going to hold on to them until the  
18                 deadline comes. I'm going to tally it up,  
19                 I'm going to call the lady in Wisconsin,  
20                 find out what the total is including  
21                 shipping and handling. She's going to put  
22                 that in a general fund and then just write a  
23                 check. There's no borough money involved.

24                 MR. SEMENZA: Can we do the same  
25                 thing with this, Marylynn?