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19	COUNCIL MEMBERS:
20	ROBERT SEMENZA, PRESIDENT
21	LOUIS FEBBO RICK NOTARI
22	WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER
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Nicholas and Winter. We have a sewer line there. We've got a water leak there for months. They found a depression and we filled it in with dirt. Then they fixed the water leak but the water's still blazing in. It's coming from around the sewer pipe into the manhole and it sagged. I had to have Mike Ford come down and flush it out and put a camera in it. As soon as the camera goes in the pipe it goes under water. That means the line has a big sag in it. That means all this water, it's subsiding her front yard, her driveway, and it's subsiding our sewer line.

MR. SEMENZA: We talked about it and you said that the water company possibly could shut the water off to her house or somewhere in the line --

MR. PAPI: The water company told me that if we have to fix it, we go ahead and fix it and send them a bill. If we get paid, we get paid. If we don't, we don't.

MR. SEMENZA: Bill, how does that happen?

ATTY. RINALDI: What are you fixing,

their water line?

MR. PAPI: No. Their water line is leaking. Now, here's what he said. He said he doesn't know if it's leaking on their side of the shut off or the --

MR. SEMENZA: Regardless, it's not our responsibility. It's compromising the sewer line.

MR. PAPI: You'd have to go after their insurance company.

MR. LOPATKA: What's going to happen is it will keep eroding and it will just keep sinking.

MR. PAPI: So how about I call the water company, get somebody down there to shut off the valve. If the valve is shut off and the water's still --

ATTY. RINALDI: They know they have a leak and they're not worried about it?

MR. SEMENZA: It's been going on for a month, maybe longer.

MR. PAPI: At least.

MR. LOPATKA: If it's on the homeowner's side of the shut off it's their responsibility.

MR. FEBBO: We don't know where it's
at.
MR. PAPI: That's why it's subsiding
under their front yard and their driveway's
going down.
MR. SEMENZA: If it is their
responsibility can we force them to fix it?
ATTY. RINALDI: How is it getting
out to our sewer?
MR. SEMENZA: It's coming down under
the pipe and coming into the chamber.
ATTY. RINALDI: So it's spraying
from into the street area?
MR. SEMENZA: Yes.
MR. PAPI: It's squeezing itself
around the pipe and squirting into the
manhole, and then it's going into the
MR. LOPATKA: It's the lateral
coming into the manhole.
MR. PAPI: We'll have the water
company do a test.
MR. SEMENZA: It's coming in through
the line, around the outside of the main
line.
MR. PAPI: It's coming around the

main line. No lateral. The main line is right at the bottom of the sewer. The water's squirting in around the sides of the pipe.

MR. SEMENZA: As clear as could be.

ATTY. RINALDI: The water is squirting from the water line?

MR. PAPI: Into the sewer from somewhere. We don't know where.

ATTY. RINALDI: So that's got to be a right-of-way. It can't be squirting 20 feet from the guy's yard.

MR. SEMENZA: It's like a fire hose coming out.

ATTY. RINALDI: It's got to be their problem.

MR. PAPI: The water company or the person. The person has the insurance from the water company that everything will be taken care of if they have a problem. So the way I look at it the water company's responsible either way.

ATTY. RINALDI: Tell the resident he's paying a water bill that he's not getting water for.

I'd like

Dave?

the map and then we can talk about it.

MR. FEBBO: Corcoran Street. Mare, you said the end of the month?

MR. PAPI: They started.

MR. LOPATKA: It's almost done.

MR. PAPI: They ran into some problems.

MR. NOTARI: What kind of problems?

MR. PAPI: They chopped the gas
line, they chopped the water line. The
laterals aren't marked. Nobody knows where
the laterals are.

MR. FEBBO: What about Kohler?

MR. LOPATKA: Kohler is, well, county. It's still with the county, I guess -- no, Kohler is CDBG. It was bid, it was awarded. There were some changes they wanted to make, we made those changes. Now Brenda came back and said those changes are excessive. They wanted curbs and some other stuff on one side of the road, so we sent her a cost estimate and we're waiting to hear back.

So the project itself is bid. He wasn't supposed to start it until June

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anyway.

MR. NOTARI: Because at that point we were waiting on the contractor before we made the changes.

MR. LOPATKA: He couldn't start until June, so now it's June and they need to give them the go ahead, whether it's what we had designed originally or whether they're going to add changes to it. So the way we were told it was going to work was they were going to go with the original contract, then submit a change order after they started. So at this point I don't know if they're going to sign the change order or --

MR. NOTARI: We're waiting on county approval, is what you're saying, of our changes?

> MR. LOPATKA: Ultimately.

MR. FEBBO: Bill, DPW easements, you said we need one for Calis and Diakiw.

ATTY. RINALDI: They're done. just have to get signed.

MR. LOPATKA: Signed and notarized.

MR. FEBBO: Are we going across

MR. LOPATKA: The county wants to bid it on their own.

MR. NOTARI: So all those hoops we had to jump through --

MR. LOPATKA: The one reason we were going to do it is we were going to try to get it done at the end of last year. Now it's the next year.

MR. FEBBO: How about submitting your bill and Bill's bill to them.

MR. SEMENZA: Can we do anything about that? There was a lot of time put into this with Dave and yourself. I mean, this is ridiculous.

MR. LOPATKA: I heard that from Tony Grizzanti from KBA.

MR. SEMENZA: Nice they let us know.

MR. LOPATKA: I'll put a final change order together. I was putting a change order together to removing the five streets. We were going to add those. Now I'll put a change order together to remove those streets and then the paving project from last year can get closed out.

MR. SEMENZA: What's going on with

the road to Pagnotti Park? Can we do something like that going up there? That needs to be paved.

MR. NOTARI: I agree.

ATTY. RINALDI: There's Connell

Street to a point. Are they paved up after

Connell Street?

MR. SEMENZA: Yes.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: From the end of the last house and then the gates are right at the intersection.

ATTY. RINALDI: That's where it turns into the private road.

MR. FEBBO: That road goes all the way down to Duryea.

MR. NOTARI: Mare, did you receive the e-mail I sent about the land conservation? Can we call them and see if there's -- before we start going and spending money?

MS. BARTOLETTI: Definitely it's on my list.

MR. NOTARI: And I know whenever
Commissioner Cummings decides to talk to me
during the day she always brings that up, so

Ransom. I think the road is Old Forge.

MR. SEMENZA: Half the parking lot, I think, is Ransom.

MR. NOTARI: I was always told the fence line was Ransom. I don't have

anything else for Dave.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: It's all Old Forge.

MS. BARTOLETTI: I just want you to know we did get a phone call from a person who lives on the opposite side when you're heading down Connell Street and make the right to go up to Pagnotti, if you continue to go straight. Someone lives in there and they complained that cars come down the hill too fast and don't stop. They continue out. It's dangerous for him if he's walking his dog.

MR. FEBBO: This guy has to be a hermit.

MS. BARTOLETTI: I tried to drive in there because I was very curious after this phone call, and I drove and drove and then I thought I have no idea what's back here, so I tried to turn around and get back out but I had to back out.

No, you don't pay for it until it comes in.

MR. SEMENZA: So you have to have --CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's part of the

deal. Everybody's certified.

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

MR. NOTARI: First off, thanks to you and all your officers for taking care of traffic last night and today and patrolling the neighborhood. It was very appreciative by the family.

I got a few complaints about truck traffic on West Mary and Alicia that tractor-trailers are being given, through their GPS, to come up. They come Lonesome Road to Main Street to get back to, I guess, King Coil. Trucks are turning down West Mary and then trying to navigate Fallon or turn down Alicia Street to go that way.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: The biggest complaint we've been getting now is Hoover to Susquehanna. They're turning on Hoover and then turning on Susquehanna and coming that way.

MR. PAPI: There's signs there

saying no trucks.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: Some guy called us three times last week.

MR. NOTARI: Can we put a sign up on Main and West Mary and a sign on Main and Alicia, no truck traffic? They're going all the way down to Hayes.

MR. PAPI: If they're coming up Hoover, then what's a sign going to do?

MR. NOTARI: Jason said he's getting complaints on Hoover.

Lastly, have we looked at the alley behind ABC Kiddie Campus, the traffic?

MR. FEBBO: Aulisio's house.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: That's on Henderson Street. There's no way you can make that a do not enter from Main Street or come out as a one way. I was on Foster Street on a complaint the other day and they park side by side on Foster. Foster Street is almost like an alley, so that comes out to the alley and goes up to Lanape Street.

The other situation is you're going to push all the cars into Ace's parking lot.

That's a safety hazard.

MR. NOTARI: I drove through that alley a couple times. It's tight. I can't understand how people could be speeding up that alley.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: It's real narrow.

MR. SEMENZA: They should look into some kind of crossing guard or something.

MR. NOTARI: It was people with their yards on the alley that were upset.

Not Aulisio, Resio.

maybe try to alleviate some traffic there, instead of having all those families park there they drop the child off and get back in the car and go. They congregate there. Especially at the 3:15, 3:30 mark. We had five or six accidents there.

MR. NOTARI: Thanks, Chief. I don't have anything else.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: The bikes will be out now.

MR. SEMENZA: Bill, solicitor's report?

ATTY. RINALDI: Pagnotti Park, they're still waiting for the appraiser to

come back. 1 Saint Lawrence I haven't heard 2 3 anything from. Fred Street, do we have to do 4 anything with that anymore? We have to do 5 it eventually, but is anybody pushing it? 6 MR. PAPI: 7 No. ATTY. RINALDI: Anything on 8 9 floodplain maps? They finalized yet? MR. LOPATKA: They're not finalized, 10 from what I gather. 11 If somebody wants to build there 12 we're going to have to finish off the road. 13 ATTY. RINALDI: That's all I have. 14 15 MR. FEBBO: Bill, Stocki's hearing? ATTY. RINALDI: Continued to either 16 17 the 16th or the 19th -- it's the 16th. a Monday. I think 1:30. 18 19 MR. SEMENZA: Any questions for 20 Bill? CHIEF DUBERNAS: Bill, did you know 21 he has two different names for his company 22 now? 23 MR. FEBBO: Yes. 24 25 CHIEF DUBERNAS: United Exports

and -- I have to go pull his citation. We whacked two of his trucks again last week.

ATTY. RINALDI: He signed in care of Scrap, Inc. Walter Stocki. It's only the landowner we're after. It's still in his name.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: He's using the 105 South Keyser Avenue address.

ATTY. RINALDI: It's still the landowner.

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

CHIEF DUBERNAS: He did have a permit for that one.

MS. BARTOLETTI: I just want to mention to everyone the park will be starting on July 2nd. I have the list of the people who applied. Most of them worked before. I didn't get a ton so we're probably going to hire every person on there. Anybody wants to see the list you can see it. I think there's 23. That's it.

MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any questions for Marylynn? Thank you, Marylynn. Going down the table, Mayor?

MAYOR LEGG: I want to thank

Marylynn and Paul for all their help. We
got 50 flags hung, 25 tomorrow, taking 25

up, so it's at 100 right now. It's not
stopping. Going like wildfire.

By Thursday I'm going to order ten tiles, then that will be taken care of.

That closes the five and a half month odyssey. Other than that, that's it.

MR. SEMENZA: That will be it for the Wall of Honor. Let me ask you, looking forward to the future, you know there's been other -- what do we do, build another Wall of Honor?

MAYOR LEGG: I think I got ten or 12 orders for tiles. You can probably put another 30. I'm going to keep the information on where to get them. I think she had 60 of the same color, so I'm going to grab ten or 12 and still have them.

MR. SEMENZA: May be 20 years down the line.

MAYOR LEGG: You can still fit 20 more.

MR. SEMENZA: Councilman Febbo?

MR. FEBBO: I have nothing.

MR. NOTARI: I'd like to schedule a school-borough committee meeting. When are you available?

MR. SEMENZA: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are very good for me -- and Sundays.

MR. NOTARI: Can we set one up for June 25th? That will give the school ample time to come up with a representative.

Monday, June 25th, 6 p.m. I'd like to invite any representative from the school that would like to come. Let's invite the board president. If they want their committee to come they may. If they want the superintendent to come he may or whoever wants to represent them. I think at least, even if they don't want to come, we need to meet and decide how we're going to go about keeping a police officer in the school. I want it here.

Basically it's that day, so if they can't make it, then it's on them.

MR. SEMENZA: Bill, is a committee meeting open to the public?

ATTY. RINALDI: It's up to the chairman.

MR. SEMENZA: So it's up to you if you want it open to the public. If it's open to the public, us three are on the committee, three other councilmen show up, what does that do?

ATTY. RINALDI: Just don't let them sit at the table. They can't come in. It's either open to the public or not.

MR. SEMENZA: We're having the committee meeting here. We're inviting the school board, their committee. More school directors come and they're going to break the sunshine law and they do, is that going to cause any issues with the borough?

ATTY. RINALDI: It's not going to cause the borough issues.

MR. SEMENZA: We don't have to tell them, they do what they want to do.

ATTY. RINALDI: They have to worry.

You're just a committee.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Because the last time we attempted to do this it became a problem because the school said they

couldn't attend because any meetings that they're going to attend have to be advertised. So if we're having the meeting here is that going to be an issue for them to say they're not going to come because they have to advertise the meeting they're going to be involved in?

ATTY. RINALDI: Are they having a meeting?

MR. NOTARI: They're not having a meeting, we're having a meeting. Right now it's very political. They're just saying whatever they need to say.

MR. SEMENZA: When I spoke with Joe Mariotti he was pretty unsure -- he was asking me how is our policy, do we have to advertise the meeting. No, we set up a committee meeting, we have three members of council. You can't vote.

ATTY. RINALDI: They're not voting, just listening.

MR. SEMENZA: I think he was a little unsure about that.

MS. BARTOLETTI: I think Rick is correct.

MR. NOTARI: If we're just having a discussion neither side is going to make an official decision because our committee is going to take it back to council. I would think their committee would take it back to their board.

MR. SEMENZA: There's a very big power show going on over there.

MR. NOTARI: And they try to put us in the middle. I would have no problem inviting the entire school board, but then it's on them.

ATTY. RINALDI: They're still looking for a police officer?

MR. NOTARI: That's my guess.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: They need a security monitor.

ATTY. RINALDI: They call the police, they go right to the school.

MR. SEMENZA: I don't think anybody's going to be shooting up domestic relations.

ATTY. RINALDI: You'd be surprised. They're there for a reason.

MR. NOTARI: We're the committee.

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Brian here.

CHIEF DUBERNAS: We're done at the school for two weeks now.

MR. NOTARI: Keep me posted. We're going to have a meeting no matter what.

That way we can discuss what our options are going to be. When they finally want to come to the table the week before school starts we'll have a plan.

I'd also like to set up a sewer committee meeting, but I'll text you and Russell.

MR. SEMENZA: Jimmy Hoover.

MR. NOTARI: That's all I have.

MR. SEMENZA: I have nothing myself.

The chair would enter a motion to adjourn.

MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

MR. SEMENZA: Motion by Councilman

Notari. All in favor?

(Unanimous. Meeting adjourned.)

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