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1 MR. SEMENZA: Good evening, ladies
2 and gentlemen. Welcome to the March 6, 2018
3 work session for Old Forge Borough Council.
4 The purpose of tonight's meeting is to set
5 the agenda for our March 20th regular
6 meeting. Roll call, please, Marylynn.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

8 MR. FEBBO: Here.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

10 MR. NOTARI: Present.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'm here.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett?

14 MR. FERRETT: Here.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

16 MR. HOOVER: Here.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
18 Lenceski?

19 MR. LENCESKI: Here.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza?

21 MR. SEMENZA: Here. Ladies and
22 gentlemen, before we get started tonight
23 with the meeting I'd like to take a few
24 minutes to address the recent assignment of
25 a police officer in our school.

1 A few weeks ago, after the tragic
2 events that occurred in Florida, I started
3 to do some research, I attended some
4 meetings with the school district and some
5 fellow council members. We had a lot of
6 excellent ideas and discussions, some great
7 points were made, but at the end it still
8 seemed like there was some confusion of who
9 was responsible for the safety of the
10 school. Quite frankly, money was the
11 biggest concern.

12 Everybody sat and they watched
13 fingers being pointed in Florida of what
14 could have been done and what should have
15 been done, but it's not going to take back
16 the 17 lives that died.

17 That night, we put a police officer
18 in the school on a full time basis. I felt
19 it was an emergency situation and we needed
20 to take action that night. I'd like to
21 thank the mayor, the chief of police, who is
22 not here, some fellow council members that
23 supported doing this.

24 You know, school shootings are
25 nothing new. In 1999 we lost 13 people in

1 Columbine, and it's almost twenty years
2 later. Guess what? We still haven't had a
3 police officer in school until recently.
4 You know what? There's a lot more
5 shootings, a lot more deaths since then.

6 If any council member has any idea
7 bring it to the table. If they have any
8 issue about the decision that was made of
9 putting cops in the school that night give
10 me ideas, bring them to the table. We'll
11 discuss them.

12 But in the meantime, while we're
13 discussing these issues and going over
14 whatever, there's cops there and our
15 children are safe until that point. You
16 know, you can't put a price tag on a child's
17 life or anybody's life, for that matter. I
18 know that money's always an issue with
19 everything, and until we come to a decision
20 I'm going to ask the mayor to keep a cop
21 there as long as possible. I see school
22 board members here, Brian, the business
23 manager. Do you have anything you want to
24 say?

25 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: I do. This is

1 the proper time.

2 MR. NOTARI: Mr. Rinaldi, before you
3 speak I just have a couple questions. We
4 did agree that night to keep an officer
5 there for the remainder of the school year.
6 Right?

7 MR. SEMENZA: Right. Well, I just
8 want to make sure it's going to happen.

9 MR. NOTARI: As a council member,
10 that night I agreed to it and I have no
11 problem with it a week later.

12 MR. SEMENZA: The only reason I'm
13 saying that is because if we can't come to
14 an agreement with any kind of funding, I'm
15 asking the borough to fund it until that
16 point in time.

17 MR. NOTARI: All right. I thought
18 that was our agreement going forward until
19 we --

20 MAYOR LEGG: We were having a
21 problem with one officer being permanent.
22 It's a permanent shift. It's a union thing.
23 So we're checking into that. For now, Kim,
24 Dave and the chief are rotating until we get
25 that straightened out. There will be

1 someone there, but it's not going to be one
2 person permanent because of the union issue.

3 MR. SEMENZA: I do know of the
4 issues.

5 ATTY. RINALDI: It's more a
6 scheduling issue with the chief and the
7 mayor.

8 MR. SEMENZA: Correct.

9 MR. NOTARI: Do we still have three
10 in the morning and three in the afternoon
11 and then one all day? That's what we talked
12 about last week. Is that still happening?

13 MR. SEMENZA: I believe one in the
14 high school, one in the elementary, and then
15 one all day long. Correct me if I'm wrong,
16 Brian.

17 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: There has been
18 at least three officers most of the day or
19 throughout the day. Again, they have other
20 things to do. So there has been at least
21 one police officer in that school from the
22 time students begin to arrive until the
23 students leave at the end of the day.

24 MR. NOTARI: Leaving that meeting
25 last week, that was my understanding of what

1 was going to happen. There was going to be
2 one in the high school in the morning and
3 when they left, there was going to be one in
4 the elementary in the morning and when they
5 left, and then there was going to be a third
6 that was there from the morning until -- the
7 open and close of school.

8 MR. SEMENZA: Correct.

9 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: We've had plenty
10 of police officers at the school. I'm here
11 on behalf of the school district. We have a
12 few school board members here. There's a
13 couple other things going on at the school.

14 But first and foremost, a big thank
15 you to the mayor, council, Marylynn, the
16 borough manager, the chief of police and the
17 entire police department for your support of
18 the school district issues. It's very
19 important to the district and the town, and
20 you've made a lot of people -- I don't want
21 to use the word happy because that's
22 probably not the right word. A little bit
23 more comfortable. It's hard to put a price
24 tag on that. So, first of all, thank you
25 very much.

1 Secondly, I would like to keep and
2 I'm asking that the relationship remain and
3 the support from the borough council remain.
4 But most importantly, the communication
5 between the council and the school board
6 continues regularly so that we can find a
7 permanent solution that works for both the
8 council, the police department and school
9 district where there is no gray areas,
10 there's no union issues because we don't
11 want that. The district doesn't want that
12 and, of course, the council doesn't want
13 that. Let's work together to come up with a
14 permanent solution that fits all the needs
15 and cause no grief for anybody and continues
16 to provide the kind of support that this
17 council and this police department has
18 provided to the school district.

19 That's all I'm here to say. I'd be
20 happy to answer any questions. There is
21 police presence in that school every day.
22 There's at least three officers, sometimes
23 three police cars. They're in different
24 places. We had a walk through last week
25 with the Taylor, Moosic and Old Forge Police

1 departments that probably shook up a few
2 people because there's probably 12 or 14
3 police officers walking through the school.
4 Some are SWAT team members. They had a lot
5 of great input on things that we need to do
6 immediately, things we can do long term. I
7 actually provided fobs for entrance into the
8 school district to all three police
9 departments so they can come and go as they
10 please. Nobody has to buzz them in. They
11 have full access to the building, every part
12 of the building. I've provided keys to the
13 police department for every exterior door
14 and interior door and elevator keys so that
15 they are unrestricted. That's kind of what
16 we need, I believe.

17 It's been great. I'm hearing the
18 chatter. I'm not a Facebook guy, but I'm
19 hearing the chatter. A lot of parents are
20 very, very pleased. But let's not make it
21 the illusion of security because what tends
22 to happen is okay, there's a cop there.
23 Nothing else we have to do. The district
24 has a lot of work to do to secure that
25 building.

1 One piece of that is what this
2 council is doing and the relationship that's
3 being established, which is a long time
4 coming. But it needs to continue. That's
5 what I'm really here to ask, that the
6 communication continues and we work together
7 to find a permanent solution that doesn't
8 hamper anybody's efforts but continues to
9 provide the same kind of service and support
10 that we've recently been receiving from
11 council, which we thank you very much for.

12 If you have any questions I'd be
13 happy to answer.

14 MR. NOTARI: I have questions.

15 MR. SEMENZA: Brian, what I'd like
16 to do is set up a meeting with you and
17 Marylynn and whoever on the school board and
18 our finance committee and talk amongst each
19 other. First, I'd like to set up a finance
20 committee meeting with us.

21 Secondly --

22 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: There's no
23 trouble getting Marylyn and I together. We
24 can do that at any time.

25 MR. SEMENZA: Secondly, Frank, you

1 bring it back to whoever you want to. We do
2 have a committee of school, borough
3 committee, and I would like to set up a
4 meeting. I don't know who would be on that.
5 I would like to have maybe a monthly meeting
6 with you guys or something like that. Who
7 is our chair?

8 MR. NOTARI: I am.

9 MR. SEMENZA: We'll try to have a
10 monthly meeting, something like that, and
11 keep it in close.

12 MR. NOTARI: I spoke to Janice
13 Shotwell. She was interested in coming to
14 our meeting. I had a meeting last year with
15 Superintendent Rushefski. It was mostly
16 park stuff and athletics and stuff of that
17 nature. But I think it would be a good idea
18 if the committees meet. I think it would be
19 a lot less hectic than last week's meeting
20 kind of was if we meet as committees, Bob,
21 like you said, and bring back everything.

22 I also think maybe we should have a
23 public safety meeting either right after we
24 have that school/borough meeting or maybe in
25 conjunction with it, since that's the hot

1 topic of what we're discussing. So maybe we
2 can have them not at the same time, but
3 maybe we have one at 7:00 and the next one
4 at 7:30.

5 MR. SEMENZA: We can do something
6 like that.

7 MR. NOTARI: Or a joint meeting. I
8 don't know.

9 MR. SEMENZA: We can do that, but
10 what I would like to do is try to come up
11 more or less with the school district, an
12 arrangement with the school district with a
13 contract or something to --

14 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: A permanent
15 solution that would alleviate all of the
16 issues.

17 MR. SEMENZA: Right. Like I said,
18 we can talk all we want, but the bottom line
19 is what comes up every time is who's going
20 to pay for it, where is it going to come
21 from.

22 MR. NOTARI: As a school district,
23 can we reach out to Representative Kavulich
24 or Senator Blake, maybe future Senator Scavo
25 to see if there's anything in terms of

1 grants, maybe that they could push forward?
2 I know you said we've had trouble getting
3 grants for whatever reason.

4 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: It doesn't stop
5 us from applying. We still try. I have a
6 feeling that there's going to be some
7 funding available. I think we're starting
8 to see that. As the house and senate talk
9 more about how to make schools safer it's
10 only natural that how to fund that
11 becomes -- because unfunded mandates aren't
12 going to work very well in any school
13 district. We're not the only ones that
14 struggle financially.

15 MR. NOTARI: I looked quickly last
16 week. After the meeting I went home and
17 went to safeschoolspa, whatever the website
18 is, if they get grants, and I noticed Mid
19 Valley gets a grant every other year.

20 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: You can only get
21 a salary for a salary position. You can
22 only get it every other year. There's
23 another part that is an equipment grant
24 which is somewhat smaller. That salary's
25 about \$25,000, I think is what it averages.

1 MR. NOTARI: I think the one year
2 Mid Valley looked like they got \$60,000.

3 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: That money is
4 spread out pretty even, thinly. But we do
5 apply for those on a regular basis? But I
6 think there's going to be other
7 opportunities that we don't see now, and I
8 think that districts are going to have to
9 rethink some of the things they do to
10 include these safety concerns in a regular
11 budget, where it wasn't that big of a
12 concern before. It was always a concern,
13 but now it seems to be moving in the right
14 direction.

15 MR. NOTARI: I know I was one of the
16 persons that brought up who's going to pay
17 for it just out of curiosity. We have to
18 work within our budget as well. But I had
19 mentioned to Marylynn if there was a way
20 that the school district ends up not being
21 able to pay for it -- obviously we also want
22 to do it, but maybe there's some in-kind
23 services that the school could pass back to
24 us.

25 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: That's part of

1 the discussion.

2 MR. NOTARI: That's something the
3 committees could talk about, too. I have a
4 few ideas. Nothing major.

5 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: We're probably
6 thinking about a few of the same things.

7 MAYOR LEGG: I saw the
8 superintendent at the meeting last week and
9 I offered to take him to see Mike Kavulich.
10 There's money out there that you don't even
11 hear about. I'm waiting for him to contact
12 the school board president and yourself. So
13 as soon as we do, we'll go up and ask him.
14 The worst he can say is no.

15 Scranton School District eliminated
16 seventh and eighth grade sports, with all
17 the budget problems. Blake or somebody came
18 up with \$50,000. Now they're going to have
19 a sports program next school year. So there
20 is money out there you just don't hear
21 about. So if you're interested in that,
22 along with the superintendent and the school
23 board president, I'm going to make that
24 appointment.

25 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: I will take you

1 up on that offer.

2 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any other
3 questions for Mr. Rinaldi?

4 MR. LENCESKI: Are you guys trying
5 to put the security in your budget for this
6 upcoming year?

7 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: Yes. Our budget
8 is June 30th. It's a big part of the
9 discussion. We'll have an information
10 meeting next Tuesday, a week tonight, and
11 that will be part of that discussion, how do
12 we do that. I have some ideas of some
13 things we can do, but we want to work with
14 you. We're not looking to burden you.

15 MR. SEMENZA: Thank you, Brian.

16 MR. SCAVO: The perception that we
17 had a meeting and the next day that there
18 was an armed police officer in the district
19 speaks bundles of success for Old Forge. I
20 mean, it's just the comments I get
21 everywhere, wow, you guys care, you're
22 concerned, you're taking action. And we
23 have to. We'll work together with you guys
24 and put something in the budge, if need be,
25 after you guys give us direction.

1 But the next level that we're going
2 to at the district, we're doing lock rooms,
3 we're looking at doors, windows. Everything
4 everybody brought up that night. But one of
5 the soonest things that we need to do -- and
6 this is in consideration of the police
7 officers -- responding to someone with a
8 long rifle or an AR-15 with a side arm is
9 probably not the best policy or action to
10 take.

11 So what we're going to do -- I just
12 spoke to Mr. Bruce Fahey of Building Systems
13 Integrators. An AR locker for the
14 superintendent's office or another office
15 that we choose is relatively inexpensive.
16 It can be biometric, it can be key operated.
17 But that's what I want to have in the
18 district, on site so, God forbid, that day
19 ever comes that we can respond in kind and
20 not put an officer's life in jeopardy with a
21 side arm against a long arm. So that's what
22 we're looking at.

23 Let's keep this ball rolling, let's
24 be successful. You know what? It's the
25 kids that are at stake. My son is over

1 there. He's in eleventh grade. But it's
2 for everybody. Faculty, administration,
3 whatever it is. We don't know when it's
4 coming. God pray it never comes, but if
5 we're right there and we have everything in
6 place we could abort it, minimize it.
7 Police presence is great on the district,
8 and also it could have a secondary factor of
9 no opoid usage, no marijuana usage because
10 the kids see the cop in the school, I don't
11 want to mess around.

12 What you gentlemen have done is
13 nothing short of fantastic. I want to
14 congratulate you for it. It's playing well
15 out there with the public because to have a
16 meeting Monday a.m. and Tuesday a.m. we have
17 an officer in the district, three of them,
18 we couldn't have done better, from the
19 bottom of my heart.

20 MR. SEMENZA: Frank, thank you guys,
21 too, because it's been tried, it's been done
22 before. Without the help of the school it
23 wouldn't have happened either. I applaud
24 you guys also.

25 MR. SCAVO: We'll work with you

1 guys. Ricky's right. I asked Mr.
2 Rushefski, these school grants, where are
3 they? We missed them for the last four
4 years. It's \$100,000, \$25,000 a year.
5 Where are they? We have applied, haven't
6 received. That could go a long way with
7 what we now have to do. Thank you.

8 MR. NOTARI: It just popped in my
9 head. I don't know if it's a suggestion
10 or -- I read that the state police were
11 going to visit each school in the state at
12 some point. Have we reached out to our
13 local community that our state troopers -- I
14 can think of four of them off the top of my
15 head -- just to drive by at the end of a
16 shift or the beginning of their shift on
17 their way to work. Maybe not even get out
18 of the car, just drive through the circle
19 just to give us a presence. We have a big
20 state police officer presence in town, so
21 that might be something --

22 MR. BRIAN RINALDI: It would be
23 worth a mention.

24 MR. NOTARI: Maybe at some point you
25 introduce them to all the new safety

1 features at the school that come about, or
2 if we do put a locker for guns in the
3 school, to let them know as well because
4 they can be off duty in town. The four that
5 I can think of, I'm pretty sure they would
6 be there in a heartbeat to help our kids.

7 MR. RUSSICK: Just a suggestion.
8 Recently I was listening to one of the talk
9 shows, and one the suggestions -- this was
10 national -- using a K-9 in the school,
11 because if you can distract that individual
12 the officer has a better chance of doing
13 what he has to do to subdue that individual.
14 So the K-9 is not fearful. I've seen
15 demonstrations here when we had the Taylor
16 K-9 here and our Old Forge down at the
17 scouts. It's impressive. That dog has no
18 fear. He doesn't take a defensive posture.
19 So that's something to take into
20 consideration, too. It can be used in town,
21 too. Not only at the school, but that dog
22 there can serve many, many purposes.

23 MR. SEMENZA: I think a K-9 is one
24 of the biggest assets to a police
25 department, Joe.

1 MR. RUSSICK: It doesn't take a
2 vacation, it doesn't have to worry about the
3 union. It's a win-win situation.

4 MR. NOTARI: Chief was our K-9
5 officer.

6 MR. SEMENZA: I've actually been
7 asking the chief for the past couple years
8 why can't we get a K-9 back, and he
9 explained it's not an easy job.

10 MR. RUSSICK: It's a big commitment,
11 but it's a valuable asset.

12 MR. SEMENZA: In my opinion, I do
13 believe that we have a few officers in our
14 department that will be well committed to
15 doing the job, after speaking with a few.
16 That's something I would like to see in the
17 near future, is a K-9 in our department.

18 MR. RUSSICK: I travel to many, many
19 schools during the course of my work, and I
20 see various ways that they use for security
21 at entrances, and some of them are
22 questionable. Very lax. What really
23 impressed me was Lakeland School District.
24 You walk in, you're cornered. You don't go
25 anywhere. First you have to be admitted.

1 Once you're in the office you can't go into
2 the building. They take your license. They
3 run it through a scanner, they make up an ID
4 tag. The person you're going to see comes
5 to the office through that locked door and
6 escorts you to where you're going.

7 Then education of students is
8 critical. Some schools you go to they see
9 you at the door, they open the door for you.

10 MR. SEMENZA: These are all very
11 good points. Last week at that meeting they
12 had a gentleman come in, an Old Forge guy,
13 graduate of Old Forge, he runs a company,
14 Building Systems Integrators, and he
15 explained almost the exact same points.
16 License scanners and ID tags.

17 Okay. At this time I'm going to go
18 to department heads. Paul?

19 MR. PAPI: I don't have anything.
20 We're all set for tomorrow's snow.

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

23 MR. NOTARI: Paul, would you please
24 ask your plow guys, whoever does Tioga Court
25 or Tioga Circle, to not plow the snow in

1 front of the mailboxes, please.

2 MR. PAPI: Well, it's tough to plow
3 the street and not get some in front of a
4 mailbox.

5 MR. NOTARI: Not the whole pile.

6 MR. SEMENZA: Do we know it was the
7 borough for sure?

8 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

9 MR. SEMENZA: I do see some private
10 contractors doing plowing.

11 MR. PAPI: Circles are almost
12 impossible to plow. Where do you put all
13 the snow.

14 MR. SEMENZA: One thing I have seen
15 is on a few corners -- and the reason why I
16 notice is one of my corners. Steve knows
17 about it. I've asked the chief of police to
18 ask the gentleman not to put the snow on the
19 street anymore. He's making a berm on the
20 street. I'm going to ask him to go again
21 tomorrow or the next day to do it. But all
22 over town sometimes you see these snow piles
23 on the corners. Cars can't get in or out.

24 MR. PAPI: That's not the DPW.

25 MR. SEMENZA: No, it's people taking

1 them from their sidewalks and putting it on
2 street and making piles in the street. I
3 understand they have nowhere to put snow,
4 but on an intersection it just can't be
5 done. You can't make turns.

6 So even tell your guys give you a
7 call if they see something or refer it to
8 Steve or the chief of police.

9 MR. PAPI: Will do.

10 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have anything
11 else for Paul? Thanks, Paul. Steve,
12 anything for the agenda?

13 MR. BIERLYLA: The only thing that
14 planning may have for the agenda is Bobby
15 Giglio came in and did a lot line
16 adjustment, and if Lackawanna County gives
17 their approval, that would be the okay for
18 council to sign off on the plans. But I'm
19 not sure when Lackawanna County meets.

20 MR. SEMENZA: That could possibly be
21 this month.

22 MR. BIERLYLA: If they give the okay.

23 MR. NOTARI: Is the lot on Fallon?

24 MR. BIERLYLA: Fallon.

25 MR. SEMENZA: Perrone, I know I've

1 asked you about this last meeting. Anything
2 on that?

3 MR. BIERYLA: I didn't get to that
4 but I will. I had some other stuff that we
5 were addressing in town with landlords and
6 putting out some fires.

7 MR. SEMENZA: It's like an open pit.

8 MR. BIERYLA: We're at the point, I
9 believe, of just going to the magistrate.

10 MR. SEMENZA: Well, if that's what
11 has to be done, then, unfortunately, it has
12 to be done.

13 MR. BIERYLA: We had the one meeting
14 and he didn't show up. We sent him a
15 letter, then I addressed the open door
16 issue, broken windows, and then nothing was
17 really done at that point.

18 MR. SEMENZA: At this time we've
19 given him every chance possible.
20 Extensions, this, that and the other thing.
21 If somebody doesn't want us to help them I
22 don't know what else to do.

23 MR. BIERYLA: I remember telling
24 council specifically when we had the TV pick
25 up, he brought some TVs up, and he said that

1 they had the trusses for the roof.

2 MR. SEMENZA: He did start moving
3 forward and it seems like it stopped again.
4 I just don't want it to fall by the wayside.
5 Anybody have any questions for Steve?
6 Thanks, Steve.

7 Dave, engineer's report? Anything
8 for the agenda?

9 MR. LOPATKA: I will have the plan
10 finalized for the DPW storm water project.
11 I'll leave a copy here. It's pretty simple.
12 There's not a lot going on there.

13 Then we are doing some research on
14 what you had talked about at the last
15 meeting in regards to the community center.
16 We'll hopefully have a couple sketches
17 together and get some cost estimates.

18 MR. SEMENZA: Anything else?

19 MR. LOPATKA: No.

20 MR. SEMENZA: Since we're talking
21 about that, I would like to have council
22 meet -- I think the best day is going to be
23 on Tuesday -- at the church. Could
24 everybody be available at some point in time
25 on Tuesday?

1 MR. NOTARI: I can be there by 5:00.

2 MR. SEMENZA: Would you be able to
3 meet us down there at 5:00?

4 MR. LOPATKA: Sure.

5 MR. SEMENZA: Just for some
6 measurements. Everybody can be there and
7 look at what we're talking about before a
8 decision is made on what we're going to do
9 with this.

10 MR. HOOVER: I won't be around.

11 MR. LENCESKI: I can make
12 arrangements.

13 MR. SEMENZA: Unless we try to go
14 Saturday afternoon at some point.

15 MR. HOOVER: I'm good.

16 MR. NOTARI: I should be able to
17 make it.

18 MR. SEMENZA: Noon on Saturday.
19 Anybody have any questions for Dave?

20 MR. LENCESKI: Dave, I went to the
21 planning meeting on Thursday. You guys
22 didn't have any representation there.

23 MR. LOPATKA: I called Steve. I
24 actually had to go to another meeting. I
25 didn't get anything so I didn't even think

1 there was a meeting until I talked to Steve.

2 MR. BIERLYA: Plans for the lot
3 line, they never submitted anything.

4 MR. LOPATKA: I didn't have any
5 plans. I didn't think there was a meeting.
6 I called him and he told me there was people
7 coming in. The only thing I looked at was
8 the Giglio plan, but I looked at that like a
9 month ago. There wasn't really any issues
10 with it. They were just shifting the lot
11 line over. I'm usually there or I'll call
12 Steve and find out if there's a meeting. I
13 did call him, but there was -- at the time I
14 had scheduled a meeting because I never got
15 anything for me to review. I do keep in
16 touch with Steve with regards to that. If I
17 can't make it I'll make sure I have somebody
18 attending meetings.

19 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody else? Thanks,
20 Dave. Bill?

21 ATTY. RINALDI: Nothing so far for
22 the agenda. I'd like to ask for a quick
23 executive session for a personnel and real
24 estate matter after the meeting.

25 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any

1 questions for Bill?

2 MR. NOTARI: I don't know if this is
3 for Bill or not. Bill, I think it was
4 Monday -- and I might have mentioned it to
5 Marylynn in an e-mail. There was a legal ad
6 for something about the Old Forge bore hole
7 in regards to a project that's going to
8 happen. It didn't say whether the project
9 was in Duryea or Old Forge or not. I think
10 earlier that the plan was to put this plant
11 that was going to use the energy from the
12 bore hole, but the plant was going to be in
13 Duryea. But I didn't see anything --

14 ATTY. RINALDI: It wasn't an ad that
15 I put in.

16 MR. NOTARI: I'm not saying it was.
17 I'm just wondering is that anything we need
18 to research or find out about?

19 ATTY. RINALDI: Was it for a
20 meeting?

21 MR. SEMENZA: Who posted the ad, do
22 you know?

23 MR. NOTARI: It was a legal ad that
24 was a company -- I'll find it. It was the
25 state because they said if there were any

1 problems to send any questions or anything,
2 and there was an e-mail address and an
3 address. I'll find it after the meeting.

4 I had a question on it, and my
5 question is, is there anything we need to be
6 concerned about in terms of our jurisdiction
7 or anything of that nature?

8 MR. SEMENZA: Bill, could you find
9 out what --

10 ATTY. RINALDI: If you can tell me
11 what day you saw it.

12 MR. NOTARI: I think it was Monday.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Let me see on my
14 phone now. I'll show it to Bill.

15 MR. SEMENZA: Any other questions
16 for Bill?

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: In regards to
18 the police officer in the school, when Mayor
19 Legg said about it being a union issue, what
20 do we have to do from council's standpoint
21 to make sure we don't run into any hassle so
22 we can keep that officer in there?

23 ATTY. RINALDI: That was one of the
24 personnel issues I was going to talk about
25 in executive session.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll wait,
2 then.

3 MR. SEMENZA: Anything else?

4 Thanks, Bill.

5 Marylynn, anything for the agenda?

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Really, the only
7 thing I need is in executive tonight as
8 well.

9 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any
10 questions for Marylynn?

11 MR. NOTARI: Marylynn, can we order
12 the signs for Pero Park?

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: They're ordered.
14 They're done. We were planning on doing it
15 for the meeting in two weeks, having the
16 Pero family come to the meeting in two weeks
17 so we can present them with a small plaque,
18 as we have done in the past.

19 MR. NOTARI: I just thought we could
20 do it at the field when the weather allowed.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: That's fine.

22 MR. NOTARI: Whatever is easier for
23 them.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: They're all ready
25 to go.

1 MR. SEMENZA: When that was done for
2 my father's, Rick, a committee was set up to
3 do that. That wasn't really run as a
4 borough thing so much. What they did was
5 council presented it to my father in
6 chambers, and then we went ahead and --
7 well, you were involved, weren't you?

8 MR. NOTARI: Yeah, but I just
9 thought it was --

10 MR. SEMENZA: No, it wasn't a
11 borough thing.

12 MR. NOTARI: The borough paid for
13 the sign, though. Right? I think we should
14 make it a borough thing. I think it would
15 be nice to have the family there at the park
16 and cut the ribbon and dedicate it.

17 MR. LENCESKI: I think that's a good
18 idea also.

19 MR. NOTARI: We do have a spring
20 soccer, so maybe we can do it on the day --

21 MR. HOOVER: Why don't we do both,
22 come to the meeting, present them with a
23 small plaque, then set something up and go
24 down the park.

25 MR. SEMENZA: Do you want to maybe

1 set up a committee and --

2 MR. NOTARI: I think the rec board
3 or committee should do that in terms of
4 scheduling it, or we can just have Marylynn
5 schedule it. Invite the rec board as well.
6 I have no problem bringing them in to
7 council. I just thought it would be nice if
8 we went down the field and dedicated the
9 field to Mr. Pero. That's all I have for
10 Marylynn.

11 MR. SEMENZA: Anybody have any other
12 questions for Marylynn? Thanks, Marylynn.
13 At this time we'll go down the table.
14 Mayor?

15 MAYOR LEGG: The chief's gone away,
16 so I didn't meet with him the last two days.
17 Last week he and I met with two gentlemen in
18 reference to starting up the neighborhood
19 watch again. I know there's been problems
20 in the past and they tried to get started
21 again. This time I'm half bent on getting
22 something going. I think it's a good idea.
23 I'll keep you posted.

24 MR. FEBBO: Nothing.

25 MR. NOTARI: Just a question either

1 for the mayor or Officer Bernardi. I was at
2 the 911 center last week for a press
3 conference, and the 911 center rolled out a
4 new CAD system where they could see every
5 emergency service vehicle, where they're at,
6 how to get them to places and dispatched. I
7 was told that when every department -- if
8 every department logs on or gets into this
9 program that they can also see who is where
10 and who is what.

11 I know we just put computers in the
12 cars in the past year or so. Right? Are we
13 on that system or are we on a different
14 system?

15 OFFICER BERNARDI: We have GPS in
16 the cars that we can track where the cars
17 are.

18 MR. NOTARI: Our cars are or where
19 everybody in the county is?

20 OFFICER BERNARDI: Just our own. I
21 have not heard anything from the chief about
22 if we are -- I know that's how they dispatch
23 ambulances so they can see who is closest to
24 the call. I am not aware of us being part
25 of that. I have to wait until the chief

1 gets back.

2 MR. NOTARI: I think they said so
3 far Scranton is going to tap into it, and I
4 think Dickson City is already in. It's like
5 a hockey puck they put in the car.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: The chief already
7 told me about it, that he wants to get the
8 borough hooked up with it. The GPS that we
9 have now is something within the borough I
10 can access, the chief can access, and we're
11 able to tell where any of the vehicles are
12 at any time.

13 But the one that you are talking
14 about is slightly different, but it can be
15 hooked on to the system that they're using
16 right now. I believe he's planning on doing
17 that.

18 MR. NOTARI: The other thing is, I'd
19 like to put on the agenda for our regular
20 meeting to post a position for a part-time
21 administrative position in the sewer
22 department at \$12 an hour for 20 hours a
23 week. I believe that's what we have
24 budgeted. We have approximately \$12,000
25 budgeted, and I think that would be a way to

1 start so we can start getting some more
2 organization within the sewer department.

3 MR. SEMENZA: Has the sewer
4 committee met and talked about that?

5 MR. NOTARI: The sewer committee has
6 met. We were in agreement. Are we still in
7 agreement to hire a part-time person?
8 Councilman Rinaldi from the finance
9 committee reported to me that there is a
10 \$12,000 line item for a part-time person.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'm still okay
12 with it.

13 MR. HOOVER: I think this is a start
14 to computerize that department, which is
15 what we want to do.

16 MR. NOTARI: If we pass that motion
17 in two weeks I'll have Lucille get together
18 with attorney Rinaldi to draw up a legal ad.
19 That's all I have.

20 MR. SEMENZA: Councilman Rinaldi?

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: No items.

22 MR. FERRETT: Nothing.

23 MR. HOOVER: No.

24 MR. LENCESKI: Nothing.

25 MR. SEMENZA: Myself, nothing

1 council related. I do want to let everybody
2 know that the tournament that we have for my
3 father, the bocci tournament, will be at
4 Arcaro & Genell's April 21st this year. We
5 will soon be having a T-shirt designed and
6 you can enter a team into the tournament. I
7 am one of the defending champions.

8 That's pretty much all I have.
9 There's a public sign-in sheet. I don't
10 know if anybody signed in to speak.

11 MR. PAPI: No.

12 MR. SEMENZA: At this time the chair
13 would entertain a motion to adjourn.


14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll make that
15 motion.

16 MR. SEMENZA: Motion by Councilman
17 Rinaldi. All in favor?

18 (Unanimous. Meeting adjourned.)
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