

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Old Forge Borough Building
314 South Main Street
Old Forge, Pennsylvania

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: ROBERT SEMENZA, CHAIRMAN
 JOSEPH FERRETT, COUNCIL MEMBER
 JAMES HOOVER, COUNCIL MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:

MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI - BOROUGH MANAGER
WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQ.-SOLICITOR
MAYOR ROBERT LEGG

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2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I'd like to start the
3 meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

4 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Good evening, ladies
6 and gentlemen. Welcome to the Old Forge Council work
7 session, February 5th, 2019.

8 For purposes of tonight's meeting, set
9 the agenda for our February 19th meeting. Go to our
10 department heads to see if they have anything for the
11 agenda.

12 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Roll call.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I am going to do roll
14 call right now, roll call.

15 THE MAYOR: Good .save, Bob.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo.
17 Absent. Councilman Notari is absent. Councilman
18 Letteri is absent. Councilman Hoover.

19 MR. HOOVER: Here.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett.

21 MR. FERRETT: Here.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi is
23 absent. Councilman Semenza.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Here. Go to the
25 department heads to see if they have anything for the

1 agenda. Look at the sign-in sheet, see if anyone wants
2 to address council. Go down the table to see if
3 anybody has any -- Russell is not here.

4 Go down the table to see if any council
5 member or the Mayor has anything for the agenda. At
6 this time, go to the department heads. Paul Papi.

7 MR. PAPI: I don't have anything for next
8 month.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Any questions for
10 Paul? Steve Bieryla, zoning code enforcement.

11 MR. BIERYLA: Only thing to inform
12 council, finally, we have a Perrone hearing date for
13 the end of February, the 26th.

14 MR. HOOVER: Perrone.

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: February 26th.

16 MR. BIERYLA: Yes. That's all, unless
17 something comes up at the Planning meeting.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Any questions for
19 Steve? Steve, actually, I ran into Nadia the other
20 day. And she spoke to you lately?

21 MR. BIERYLA: No.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: She said they still
23 didn't do anything down there.

24 MR. BIERYLA: Here's the deal with Nadia
25 and why the Borough stepped in. She had a hazardous

1 situation as far as transversing her sidewalk. And the
2 structure and the hazard was removed.

3 And then the party next door, I believe,
4 they got divorced. And then money that was ever there
5 isn't there. So, on the Borough's end, the hazard is
6 removed.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: So not our problem.

8 MR. BIERYLA: So, the only thing I could
9 say is, the water running on his property now on to
10 hers is creating ice, that I can't answer, because this
11 is the first time hearing of it.

12 So, if it is, then that becomes another
13 hazardous situation and then I can address it with
14 them. Other than that, her hazardous, as far as the
15 wall falling or transversing the sidewalk is gone.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I'm not sure what the
17 situation is because -- does she want to go too fast
18 and you know. Could you do me a favor and take a peek
19 to see if there's any erosion or anything?

20 MR. BIERYLA: I will. The contractor who
21 did the job said, when the wall was removed, a slight
22 grading and that probably should have taken care of,
23 you know, the situation.

24 But, unfortunately, like I said, that
25 resident went through a divorce. And the hazard was

1 removed and that's all he knew and he had problems.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else have any
3 questions for Steve?

4 MR. BIERYLA: Other thing, I met with
5 Pride Mobility, actually, Champion Builders, who is in
6 charge of Pride Mobility.

7 Mr. Cerino had a question about the water
8 transversing off of their property, which is pitched
9 towards the road, which the road is pitched towards his
10 property.

11 If they would entertain the idea of maybe
12 digging a ditch to try to catch some of that water that
13 comes off of their property on to the Borough road on
14 to his property by his driveway and he said he would
15 definitely ask Pride if they would look into it and see
16 what Pride says. Ultimately, their property.

17 I know the ditch that catches all the
18 water from their property is designed solely for all
19 the runoff of their property, as of right now, with the
20 project.

21 It did not include that extra hundred or
22 150 feet of, you know, woodline that's there. And
23 that's it.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Dave. Engineer's
25 report. Anybody for the agenda?

1 MR. LOPATKA: Nothing for the agenda.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any
3 questions for Dave?

4 MR. LOPATKA: Just to let you know, Dunn
5 Avenue is being bid by PennDOT, starting on Thursday.
6 And that will be sometime in the Spring probably do
7 that work.

8 MR. FERRETT: Dave, these prints that you
9 gave us, was there any dimensions on them?

10 MR. LOPATKA: I can get you -- we just
11 drew it up. But it's to scale. I mean, it's put
12 together to scale. So, I just didn't get a chance to
13 do dimensions on the plan. I can get -- I can send one
14 to Marylynn and she can distribute.

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Copy me on that,
16 please. Anything else, Joe?

17 MR. FERRETT: No.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else?
19 Thanks, Dave. Chief.

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Nothing. I spoke to
21 Attorney Rinaldi about that hearing. Talk to you guys.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Okay. Anybody have
23 any questions for Chief Dubernas? Thanks, Chief.
24 Bill, solicitor's report, please.

25 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Go down my list. DPW,

1 I have the Diaklow easement. If we're going to go
2 forward with that, just need to get Callas.

3 MR. PAPI: Chester Callas.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I'm sorry to
5 interrupt. Do we have to get Chester to get an
6 agreement at ex-amount of years that we will -- you
7 know what I mean? Do you want --

8 ATTORNEY RINALDI: No, it was just an
9 easement.

10 MR. PAPI: Wanted a bigger pipe.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I thought he wanted
12 some agreement that we would take care of any situation
13 that would happen.

14 ATTORNEY RINALDI: That was the Diaklow.
15 D-i-a-k-l-o-w.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: We're going to go
17 forward with the bigger pipe for Chester?

18 MR. PAPI: Change from 8 to a 10. Yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Whatever.

20 ATTORNEY RINALDI: So, I got to make sure
21 you have the right deed for Chester. I sent another
22 one that would be corrected.

23 MR. PAPI: Sent him a second deed.

24 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Send it to Marylynn to
25 get to you. Track it down.

1 MR. PAPI: I'll hand it to him, look it
2 over and sign it and get it back.

3 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Get it notarized and
4 back to us and I'll record them both. Okay. Air B and
5 Bs.

6 There's a case right now in front of the
7 Supreme Court on a zoning, Air B and Bs up in the
8 Poconos. Let's see what the result is.

9 They'll give us hints on what kind of
10 language we can use or not use.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What are they arguing
12 the fact?

13 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Same thing you want
14 here. Single family residence, renting it out to
15 people on weekends in the Poconos.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Paying no hotel tax,
17 things like that.

18 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Right.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Find out the findings.
20 That's going on right now.

21 ATTORNEY RINALDI: It was appealed in
22 December. So, it hasn't been heard yet. All right. I
23 have the old decision from Commonwealth Court.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What was the old
25 decision?

1 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Basically said it's
2 allowed.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: So they appealed it.
4 Who's fighting this, Bill, the township or whatever it
5 is?

6 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Yeah. It's Hamilton
7 Township versus Slice of Life LLC. So somebody that
8 owns the property, didn't live in it. So that's kind
9 of one of the issues. Never lived there. Is it still
10 a single family residence? Okay. Let's see what the
11 judges decide on that. And then we'll be able to craft
12 an ordinance from that decision.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Something should be
14 done. Safety of our patrol officers, everybody. You
15 don't know who is in there week to week. Could be
16 anybody.

17 ATTORNEY RINALDI: So that's that.
18 Housing Authority, also have a copy of that letter, I'm
19 assuming.

20 I'm going to, I guess, reach out to their
21 solicitor and see what's going on.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: With that, they had
23 called and set up a meeting with me yesterday and then
24 they called yesterday morning and canceled the meeting
25 because we got the letter in the mail yesterday

1 afternoon.

2 MR. HOOVER: Do we pick up the garbage
3 down the other one? No. Why all of a sudden?

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: I believe an inclusion
5 in a tax. Our old people take the stickers. Isn't
6 included in any tax.

7 MR. FERRETT: Wait a while. The policy
8 that we had with those people all the time is they
9 would buy ex-number of stickers and give it to their
10 people. That was what we would be getting. We never
11 picked up garbage just free.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Still not gonna, Joe.

13 MR. FERRETT: According to this --

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: They want us to,
15 right.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Joe, they never came to
17 me or here to buy stickers. They've been doing their
18 own thing with the garbage. Even with the Mascaro
19 contract, I don't think we ever had them included as
20 part of our units, you know, that when we negotiate
21 with Mascaro to pick up.

22 As long as I've been here, no one from
23 Lackawanna County Housing has ever come here to buy any
24 kind of stickers in bulk or anything.

25 MR. FERRETT: Didn't we pick up the

1 garbage before?

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Never.

3 MR. FERRETT: Never.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Maybe that was something
5 once before they were trying to do, but they never came
6 here to get bulk stickers or any of that kind of stuff.

7 MR. FERRETT: I got to look into this. I
8 know they have stickers. I'll find out.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: From us? They bought
10 stickers from us?

11 MR. FERRETT: I know they have stickers.
12 I know that. I don't know if it was before Marylynn
13 got here.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What year did the
15 stickers start?

16 MR. FERRETT: I don't know. This is what
17 I'm trying to find out. She says she's been here,
18 there has been no stickers. I don't know if it's
19 before her.

20 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Before you?

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

22 MR. PAPI: Prior to 2002. I used to put
23 stickers on when I was working construction.

24 MR. BIERLYA: I burned a whole bunch of
25 old stickers that said 2004, so.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Were they 50 cents?

2 MR. BIERYLA: 50 cents, 75 cents. They
3 were pink. We found them downstairs.

4 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I got a grievance from
5 the Mayor, which I'll address. And I'll tell you how
6 to respond. Okay.

7 Saint Lawrence Church, I spoke to Ed
8 Carlet. Ed Carlet says the attorney for the diocese
9 was making some changes and was going to get back to
10 me. I have two calls in, one last week and one
11 yesterday and one today. I haven't heard back yet to
12 see what the changes are that they want.

13 Ambulance building. They're getting a
14 court order tomorrow morning so that we can get the
15 deed. There was a question on whether or not they were
16 supposed to pay transfer tax. And that's what the
17 holdup is.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: There's going to be no
19 issue?

20 ATTORNEY RINALDI: No. It's actually how
21 much money they get back is the issue. Walter Stocki
22 hearing moved to February 15th at 9:30.
23 And that's it.

24 MR. FERRETT: Bill, one question.
25 Correct me if I'm wrong, my understanding is, at the

1 last meeting, when you made a report and everything
2 about the rectory, we still don't have the deed for
3 that and haven't been signed and nothing is official.

4 So, technically speaking, we still didn't
5 buy that building and we don't have that building;
6 correct?

7 ATTORNEY RINALDI: That's correct.

8 MR. FERRETT: That's all I want to know.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: It's on my mind. I'm
10 going to forget. It's for you. Do you have any
11 complaints for the Chief today of somebody going around
12 door to door, some kind of gas company?

13 MR. BIERYLA: Not gas. There is a girl
14 we gave for solar energy.

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: So she is clear?

16 MR. BIERYLA: She's going to be for three
17 weeks.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I had a couple people
19 ask me. That's all.

20 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Paperwork and
21 everything, only Monday through Friday, not on
22 weekends.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Text each Councilman
24 and let them know. I'm sure people get these calls
25 and, you know, this company was cleared, if you get any

1 calls.

2 MR. BIERYLA: Sure.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Go ahead. I'm sorry.
4 Anything else? Any questions for Bill? Thanks, Bill.
5 Marylynn, anything for the agenda?

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: No. I have so many
7 things. Nothing for the agenda. Just, you know, we
8 were discussing some of the stuff with the grant, the
9 possibility of applying for some of these grants and
10 stuff like that for different things with parks
11 recreation.

12 Do you think you'd want to have maybe a
13 recreation committee meeting to discuss any of that?

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Okay, will do.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Just so we can get a
16 plan going. You see how long these things take to
17 actually --

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: How about next
19 Tuesday? I don't think I'm free.

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Take a look at the
21 calendar when we're done tonight. Also, the grants
22 that we're waiting for this building and for Main
23 Street, they're supposed to be decided last week.

24 And the Commonwealth Financing Authority
25 put it off again until March, put it off again for

1 another month and a half. Hopefully find out soon.

2 Other thing I wanted to talk about was I
3 wanted to have a farmer's market for a couple years. I
4 have some vendors lined up for this year. Just a
5 matter of coming up with where we can put it.
6 Hopefully, at that point, our building will be under
7 construction.

8 We don't want to have anything on this
9 property. We did talk about having it at Miles Street
10 or something like that. So, input would be nice.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I think Marion Street
12 Park, that's my opinion. That's our property. Where
13 are we going to put it on Miles, in the park?

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

15 MR. HOOVER: Enough room for people to
16 park the cars. Marion. I think that's a better idea.

17 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Centrally located in
18 town.

19 MR. HOOVER: Parking is the biggest
20 issue.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: It will bring some
22 people to that park also.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Just not a lot of
24 restrooms there for the guys who are actually --

25 MR. PAPI: Have to get a Port-O-Potty.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Miles Street, we have
2 the building and stuff like that, running water. Think
3 about it. Something to think about. Looks like we
4 would be able to get it done this year, especially
5 without having the grocery store in town.
6 Hearing a lot of complaints about that.

7 Dave was here today and the architects
8 going over the plans for this building.

9 MR. FERRETT: For this building?

10 MR. LOPATKA: Yes.

11 MR. FERRETT: We didn't decide anything,
12 have we, what plan? I remember there was supposed to
13 be six or seven plans.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Everybody looked at
15 them. From that, I took a lot of the input and that's
16 what I gave to the architects. And that's what they're
17 using to come up with the plan.

18 Today, Dave and the architects were here.
19 And we went over some of the stuff and made some
20 changes again. Added the whole garage part of the
21 building on to the plan. And that's it. So, probably
22 in a couple weeks, getting together.

23 MR. FERRETT: That's what I meant.
24 There's no final decision made.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No.

1 MR. FERRETT: Ask me. I don't know.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Our last walk-through,
3 when you were there, you, me, Jimmy, Lou, that we had a
4 basic idea. That's what she's filtering everything off
5 of.

6 MR. FERRETT: That's not a problem. What
7 I'm asking is, somebody asked. I don't know. There's
8 numerous we're looking at and everything, but.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: It includes -- it does
10 include the elevator in the back of the building,
11 accessible in the front of the building, changed around
12 all the parking.

13 This room would be quite a bit bigger.
14 You guys will have a meeting room across the hall so
15 that if you go to executive, you will have a place to
16 sit or write down or discuss.

17 The mailboxes will be in there. And this
18 part of the building, this wing will be all the offices
19 and all that stuff.

20 MR. LOPATKA: From the hallway over.

21 THE MAYOR: When do you think that's
22 going to start? How long is it going to take?

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Hopefully the Spring.

24 MR. LOPATKA: Well, I mean, once you have
25 a final plan, it needs to be engineered with all your

1 amenities and structures and all that other stuff.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What kind of time
3 frame is that?

4 MR. LOPATKA: I mean --

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Couple days.

6 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. That's what
7 everybody says. That's what everybody says.

8 THE MAYOR: A year?

9 MR. LOPATKA: No. It will be at least a
10 month, once you make a final decision.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: We can start early
12 summer.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: That's what we're
14 hoping. Keep it on track.

15 MR. LOPATKA: I mean, the plan, the way
16 it's set up, it's a plan. Using the main entrance,
17 putting a hallway straight through the back, the
18 elevator will be straight back.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Looking at that year
20 from start to finish?

21 MR. LOPATKA: Quite a bit of work. I
22 think it will take some time. Six months to eight
23 months.

24 But, now, you can -- you know, we had a
25 discussion on how, you know, how it can be phased.

1 Maybe, you know, move everybody over to that old
2 section, over there first. And then just let the whole
3 building --

4 MR. HOOVER: Do we know when they're
5 going to leave over there?

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: That's what we're
7 working on. A lot of things that have to fall into
8 place.

9 MR. HOOVER: Before we kick them out.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. They're full
11 speed ahead too. Working on all of their stuff. The
12 good thing is they don't have a lot of things here.
13 It's not like throwing people out on a sidewalk or
14 anything.

15 THE MAYOR: Definitely going. There's no
16 chance that they could --

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: They have a signed
18 agreement.

19 MR. LOPATKA: I know their engineer is
20 working on a plan.

21 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I think they're trying
22 to get a budget together.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything else?

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: No, I think that's it.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Any questions for

1 Marylynn? Thank you.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: We did talk about the
3 cleaning of the building. I'd like to put out an RFP
4 for a cleaning company to start cleaning our building.
5 Get away from the people we have doing it right now.

6 I think we need to have someone come in
7 and actually really clean the building. We pay 500 a
8 month right now for a company.

9 MR. FERRETT: 500 a month?

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

11 MR. FERRETT: It's available?

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: I don't feel we're
13 getting that much out of it. I'd like to try to get
14 some quotations to have a company, not just an
15 individual coming in, but a company that will come in
16 and clean.

17 MR. FERRETT: I'm willing to put a bid
18 in.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: You have to resign.

20 MR. FERRETT: That's all right. I'd make
21 more money the other way.

22 MR. HOOVER: All about money with you.

23 MR. FERRETT: Listen, got the wrong
24 people at the table. If I had the right people, there
25 would be a pension over here.

1 MR. HOOVER: Still waiting for a raise.
2 Bobby is still waiting for a raise.

3 MR. FERRETT: Bill Rinaldi, depending if
4 you're running. Looked at the books.

5 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Got to do it by the
6 next meeting.

7 MR. FERRETT: People don't get it.
8 People are running. Got to wait the year after. You
9 better read that. I read it too.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything else, Mary?

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: No, that's it.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any
13 questions for Marylynn? Thanks, Marylynn.

14 Grab me the sheet, please. Chris Goetz,
15 206 Amity Avenue. I just want to start by thanking
16 everybody for standing behind us over there in Amity
17 Avenue and the surrounding neighborhood with the Stocki
18 problem.

19 As you know, it is continuing to go on.
20 So, I'm just hoping that you will continue with that
21 steadfast support.

22 I do have a question for Attorney
23 Rinaldi. Hopefully he can answer me. The -- I forget
24 what you call it, the order, I guess, the court order
25 that was agreed upon by all parties, is that public

1 record? Is that something I can see, get a copy of?

2 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Yeah. It's filed in
3 the courthouse. Marylynn has a copy of it somewhere.

4 MR. GOETZ: It would be something if I
5 went in to the court documents --

6 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Yeah, look up the
7 case. It is filed.

8 MR. GOETZ: I just want to see what it
9 said. I know you're -- we going to be -- the Borough
10 is going to be going and of course I try to get to
11 every one of those hearings.

12 And this one, I think, is going to be an
13 important one since I believe the six months is up.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: This is the last one.

15 MR. GOETZ: Today, you know, I came home
16 today and it was -- I could hear multiple torches
17 going. I saw multiple smoke plumes. I'm not sure
18 what's in the order.

19 I'm not sure what he's supposed to be
20 doing or not doing. I know what the judge is going to
21 ask him. I ask that we stick to the plan to get rid of
22 him and be done, because Super Bowl Sunday was probably
23 the first day in 3 or 4 weeks I went outside to use the
24 grill. And you forget, but a little bit of temperature
25 and wham. I could smell grease and oil and whatever it

1 is in the ground and on those machines, so.

2 And, today, you're hearing the machines
3 and the noise. So, you know, before we know it, May
4 1st will be here, trying to go outside. Won't be able
5 to use our patios again and so on and so forth.

6 So, I'm just asking that we stay the
7 course and we have been. So, I appreciate that. And I
8 thank you.

9 MR. HOOVER: Joe asked the question
10 before, if you can put a fence between him and your
11 property. I told him, you'd have to be 50 feet high on
12 some of those spots. Am I correct?

13 MR. GOETZ: Not only that, I mean, how
14 are you going to keep the sound? It's not just the
15 sight. It's the sound. The operation is, according to
16 the zoning, is illegal.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Illegal.

18 MR. GOETZ: We should not be hearing
19 machines running or digging. I mean, the only thing
20 that could be done is they can be parked there like a
21 used car lot. You wouldn't hear them.

22 Just like prior to him moving in, the
23 only thing that was there were I guess Gilchrist
24 trailers or Nittany Lines is what it was called.

25 And, you know, they could hook up to a

1 trailer and drive away and that was it.

2 THE MAYOR: When did he start bringing
3 that stuff in?

4 MR. GOETZ: 2013.

5 THE MAYOR: Oh my God.

6 MR. GOETZ: Anyway, just appreciate it.
7 I just ask, stay the course.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I want to say before
9 that.

10 MR. GOETZ: It was 2013. I think.
11 Right, Steve? We kind of went through that.

12 MR. BIERYLA: That's when he got the
13 Order.

14 MR. GOETZ: When he came before the
15 zoning board.

16 MR. RUSSICK: If you have oil and residue
17 on the ground, is DEP aware of that?

18 MR. GOETZ: Been cited by DEP more than
19 once.

20 MR. RUSSICK: They got to continually do
21 it. Fines are usually by the day, \$500 a day.

22 MR. GOETZ: Last fine was 92,000.

23 ATTORNEY RINALDI: He's appealing it.

24 MR. GOETZ; I just want to thank you.
25 Like I said, I was looking for the answer from Attorney

1 Rinaldi on that order. I appreciate your time and
2 thanks again.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thank you. Joe
4 Russick.

5 MR. RUSSICK: Joe Russick. We have great
6 restaurants in town, probably the best in the area. We
7 have several drug stores. We have two banks.

8 What I'm driving at, we don't have a
9 supermarket. Think about it. You know, you need
10 something, maybe a loaf of bread or quart of milk. We
11 have a building sitting up here.

12 If council would approach some of these
13 supermarket chains, preferably something local and
14 probably offer them an incentive like a relief or
15 something. Make it a part where they want to come into
16 town.

17 You know, because, to run to Duryea or to
18 Moosic up in Taylor, it's really out of the way. Old
19 Forge has never -- and I lived in Old Forge since 1970,
20 without a supermarket or a good grocery store.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Some kind of market.

22 MR. RUSSICK: Yeah. Jimmy's and Wimpies
23 and Insalaco's and came in. You always had a quality
24 type of environment for food.

25 So, I say the building sits there. It's

1 been used for many, many years as a food supermarket.
2 Again, I suggest that council reach out to one of the
3 local grocery chains and see if we can get them there.
4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thank you.

6 MR. FERRETT: Joe, you know what.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What, Joe?

8 MR. FERRETT: No. I was going to say, I
9 think that one of the biggest problem is a lot people,
10 because of the price of the building, if I'm not
11 mistaken, was in the paper for 1.4 million. And could
12 that be the answer.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: That's what Ray Petty
14 purchased it for.

15 MR. FERRETT: Council got nothing to do
16 with that.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: A little more.

18 MR. FERRETT: No doubt about it. We'd
19 like to do everything we can to have a market. We
20 always did have a market. You know what? It's a
21 nuisance when you have to go out of town to go get
22 something.

23 MR. RUSSICK: Tax incentives, something
24 to bring them in here. I think the price went down on
25 that the last time I seen it.

1 MR. FERRETT: Joe, I think if someone
2 really had interest and if they think that the building
3 was worth 1.4 million, there's no question or doubt, I
4 think council could sit down and discuss this matter
5 and everything.

6 But discussing the matter with taxes and
7 giving somebody a break, if they feel they don't want
8 to buy it because the price is too high, it doesn't
9 mean anything.

10 MR. RUSSICK: If council would reach out
11 to somebody in that business and to see what the
12 stumbling block is. We don't want to assume what it
13 is.

14 We want to know what the block is. Maybe
15 we can address it. That's my point. If we don't ask,
16 we'll never know. You know, you know what assume
17 means. Don't you?

18 MR. FERRETT: Make a motion to adjourn.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Ferrett's market.

20 MR. FERRETT: Where were you 20 years ago?

21 THE MAYOR: Price Chopper Corporation,
22 how would you contact somebody? I was approached by
23 half dozen people and we need a store here.

24 I was thinking about, you know, I don't
25 know if Gerrity's would be interested. Something like

1 a Price Chopper. Who do you contact? How do you go
2 about getting in touch with them?

3 MR. RUSSICK: I would go to the store
4 manager and they would tell you who they report to in
5 as far as the district manager is concerned. It's not
6 hard to find out. You know?

7 Price Chopper, if you go up to Watertown,
8 New York, and to Alexandria Bay, I was up there two
9 months ago, they have a small Price Chopper. Price
10 Chopper, you know where that area is. It's a desolate
11 area.

12 The thing of it is, they do the service
13 and they do due diligence. They come in the area.
14 They know if they can make it.

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: A lot of places,
16 Gerrity's isn't going to put a place so close to the
17 other store.

18 MR. RUSSICK: Meadow Avenue. They have
19 one on North Main Avenue.

20 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: They keep putting them
21 real close. Hurt each other's business.

22 MR. RUSSICK: That's where they do a
23 study.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: From my understanding,
25 the guy that owns Bill's up in Moscow up there, was

1 seriously inquiring about buying it and he backed out.

2 MR. RUSSICK: What was the stumbling
3 block?

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I don't know. Was
5 trying to find out.

6 MR. RUSSICK: You can find that out, work
7 around it. Because we need a grocery store.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: He's buying the
9 K-Mart, I heard.

10 MR. BIERYLA: In Moosic.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yep.

12 CHIEF DUBERNAS: True value and a
13 supermarket.

14 MR. RUSSICK: Who is that, Bill's?

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yep.

16 MR. RUSSICK: He has several places in
17 Mount Pocono.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything else?

19 THE MAYOR: I don't know if I need
20 council's permission, I'll stop in Price Chopper and
21 see if I can talk to the manager and see what I can do,
22 with your permission.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What are you going to
24 ask them?

25 THE MAYOR: We have a place up here. Is

1 there anybody I could talk to, see if they would be
2 interested, you know, we'd be interested in working
3 with them, in some way, shape or form.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Don't give them too
5 much about taxes.

6 THE MAYOR: No. We'll work with you,
7 some way, shape or form, if that's okay with you and
8 council.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Fine with me, Mayor.

10 MR. RUSSICK: Talk to Weis and Gerrity's.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yep. Anything else?

12 THE MAYOR: No.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Councilman Ferrett,
14 anything?

15 MR. FERRETT: No, nothing.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Councilman Hoover?

17 MR. HOOVER: Another good snowstorm with
18 DPW. That's all.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Steve, this is going
20 to be your question or Paul. Going down Drakes Lane,
21 coming toward Main Street and Drakes Lane, as soon as
22 you pass on Milwaukee Avenue, there is an alleyway that
23 goes between Harrison and Drakes Lane, do you know
24 where that is? Chief, do you know where it is?

25 CHIEF DUBERNAS: What direction is that?

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: If you're coming
2 around the bend.

3 MR. PAPI: Which way, is it parallel?

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Coming around the bend
5 on Drakes Lane going towards Main Street.

6 MR. PAPI: At the light.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No, no, no. Going
8 towards that way. House or two and there's an --

9 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Right next to Miller's
10 house.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Right next to Miller's
12 house.

13 MR. BIERYLA: Come down on --

14 CHIEF DUBERNAS: As soon as you come
15 around the hard bend and instead of making a right on
16 South Milwaukee, go down one house.

17 MR. PAPI: Right across from Heart
18 Street. That is owned by our old engineer.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Not Borough owned.

20 MR. PAPI: No.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I had a question from
22 one of the residents.

23 MR. PAPI: She's told us, and she's come
24 to council.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Who is that?

1 MR. PAPI: Whoever our old engineer was
2 from the '60s. Remember anybody? Joe, who was our old
3 engineer from years ago? She says she still has all
4 the sewer plans at his house. Lives on Drakes Lane.

5 THE MAYOR: Galassi.

6 MR. PAPI: She's been here a bunch of
7 times.

8 CHIEF DUBERNAS: It goes in and comes
9 out. Domino's parking lot. I used to cut by Frank
10 Alamenti's garage.

11 MR. PAPI: Bobby, we had a blocked sewer
12 there a couple week ago.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Do we have an easement
14 to go through there?

15 MR. PAPI: Couldn't get in with Mikes
16 truck because he would have sunk down to the axles. We
17 drove down his driveway in the front and sent the hose
18 in, just the hose and worked it that way and he got it,
19 you know.

20 MR. BIERYLA: Building double wide garage
21 down the hill.

22 MR. PAPI: Galassi. She's been here a
23 couple times that she wanted everybody to know that's
24 her property and that's not a Borough alley.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: It goes down and bends

1 and goes back out.

2 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Comes out by Miller's.
3 Used to come out by Frank Alamenti's driveway, now it's
4 Ben Domiano's.

5 MR. PAPI: That's her property, been here
6 a million times.

7 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Off the record.

8 (Off the record.)

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: 1.199. I think that's
10 all I had.

11 MR. FERRETT: You're going to have
12 trouble because most of those places --

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Does that have a
14 street name on it, that alley?

15 MR. PAPI: No.

16 MR. FERRETT: It's gonna be tough.
17 You're gonna have to get a small --

18 MR. PAPI: Earthworks went in there to
19 cut some trees down. They had made a big mess and she
20 was pissed off.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: It's a mess. A girl I
22 know she lives on Milwaukee and access from the back of
23 her house, asked me the other night if it was Borough
24 owned, if we could pave it. I said, I never even saw
25 the alley before. I never knew about it.

1 MR. PAPI: Sewage goes from Milwaukee
2 from Drakes Lane right down her driveway. She got a
3 manhole in the center of her driveway, goes underneath
4 her garage. And on the other side of her garage is
5 another manhole and turns and goes down, so.

6 MR. RUSSICK: Sounds like the Mexican
7 line.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Nobody has anything
9 else?

10 MR. FERRETT: Make a motion we adjourn.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Motion on the floor by
12 Councilman Ferrett. All in favor.

13 (Chorus of ayes.)

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Ayes have it.

15 (Whereupon, at 7:40 p.m, the meeting was
16 concluded.)

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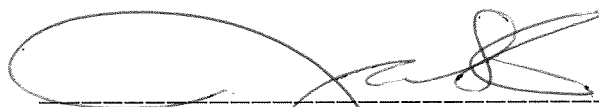
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