

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

7:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: ROBERT SEMENZA, CHAIRMAN
 JOSEPH FERRETT, COUNCIL MEMBER
 JAMES HOOVER, COUNCIL MEMBER
 RUSSELL RINALDI, COUNCIL MEMBER
 MICHAEL LETTIERI, COUNCIL MEMBER
 RICK NOTARI, COUNCIL MEMBER

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

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2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Good evening, ladies
3 and gentlemen. I'd like to start the meeting with the
4 pledge of allegiance.

5 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

6 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Welcome to the May
7 14th Old Forge Borough Council meeting. Roll call.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo is
9 absent. Councilman Ferrett.

10 MR. FERRETT: Here.

11 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

12 MR. HOOVER: Here.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri.

14 MR. LETTIERI: Here.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

16 MR. NOTARI: Present.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Here.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza.

20 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Here. First, the
21 Chair is going to go into housekeeping items. Chair is
22 going to entertain a motion to approve the minutes that
23 are in the packet.

24 MR. HOOVER: Make that motion.

25 MR. LETTIERI: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Motion on the floor by
2 Councilman Hoover. Seconded by Councilman Lettieri on
3 the question. Public input. Roll call.

4 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Ferrett.

5 MR. FERRETT: Here.

6 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Hoover.

7 MR. HOOVER: Here.

8 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Lettieri.

9 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

10 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Notari.

11 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

12 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Rinaldi.

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

14 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Chairman Semenza.

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yes. Motion to
16 approve treasury reports. Note, this does not include
17 sewer accounts.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Make that motion,
19 Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Motion on the floor by
21 Councilman Rinaldi. May I have a second?

22 MR. LETTIERI: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
24 Lettieri on the question. Public input. Roll call,
25 please.

1 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Ferrett.

2 MR. FERRETT: Yes.

3 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Hoover.

4 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

5 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Lettieri.

6 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

7 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Notari.

8 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

9 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Rinaldi.

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

11 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Mr. Semenza.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yes. The next motion
13 is a motion to approve invoices for payment. Note,
14 this does not include sewer account.

15 MR. NOTARI: Make that motion.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Motion on the floor by
17 Councilman Notari.

18 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
20 Rinaldi on the question. Public input. Roll call,
21 please.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett.

23 MR. FERRETT: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

25 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri.

2 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

4 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yes. The next motion
9 is a motion to approve sewer department financial
10 reports.

11 MR. NOTARI: Make that motion.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Motion on the floor by
13 Councilman Notari.

14 MR. HOOVER: Seconded.

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Second by Councilman
16 Hoover on the question.

17 MR. NOTARI: I have a question.
18 Marylynn, on this report from Lucille regarding the
19 bills for May 2019 balances at the amount of our
20 savings and checking, Can we move about 50 percent of
21 that checking to the savings or --

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: It's already in the
23 works. I have the -- there were no accounts set up for
24 the sewer agency so then I set them up. Now they
25 needed some update.

1 And my name had never been associated, so
2 it's been in the works. They're supposed to have
3 everything set up for me by tomorrow.

4 And then what I was planning on doing is
5 putting 85 percent or so percent of what's in the
6 savings account because the interest rates are so great
7 right now.

8 MR. NOTARI: So you're going to take 85
9 percent of the savings account and put it in a PLGIT?

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

11 MR. NOTARI: How about the checking
12 account, keep that or --

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: I'm going to move a
14 bunch of that over to the savings.

15 MR. NOTARI: That's the only question I
16 had. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thank you. Public
18 input. Roll call, please.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett.

20 MR. FERRETT. Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

22 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

24 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yes. Next motion is a
4 motion to approve sewer department invoices for
5 payment.

6 MR. NOTARI: Make that motion.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Motion on the floor by
8 Councilman Notari.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll second.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
11 Rinaldi on the question. Public input. Roll call,
12 please.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett.

14 MR. FERRETT: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

16 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri.

18 MR. LETTIERI: 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 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yes. At this time,

25 the Chair is going to go to our department heads. Paul

1 Papi is not with us tonight. Everybody does have
2 Paul's report in their packet, I believe. Anybody have
3 any questions on his report you want to bring to the
4 table?

5 MR. NOTARI: Only question I have, Mr.
6 Chairman, is with 132 Apache Drive, the subsidence
7 there. The DPW continues to fill with modified.

8 Do we think, at what point -- at what
9 point do we call the Department of Mining to see if
10 there is a problem there, a major problem?

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I want to say that --
12 could I say they were called at one point in time?
13 Been happening for some time.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: They've been filling it.
15 I did talk to Paul having them check it. He felt
16 confident that it was nothing more than a subsidence.
17 But we were talking to him about thinking that maybe we
18 should get another opinion, being it's happening so
19 often.

20 MR.. NOTARI: I talked to the homeowner a
21 couple days ago, Sunday I guess it was. He did say,
22 since they were there the last time, it really hasn't
23 moved much. But I know there's a substantial amount of
24 modified that was put there over the past several
25 months, at least, I think.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Had a couple like that.
2 Scary.

3 MR. NOTARI: I think it would be a good
4 idea, especially this homeowner, they're brand new. I
5 don't think they're in the house more than six months,
6 so they're a little concerned. That was my only
7 question.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else? I'll
9 move on to zoning code enforcement. Steve. Everybody
10 has Steve's report in the packets. Steve, do you have
11 anything to add?

12 MR. BIERLYA: Only thing I have to add
13 is, Attorney Rinaldi had given me a form that he had
14 for a zoning violation. Okay. And since then, we have
15 modified it.

16 And I have sent a couple of them out,
17 just in case they turn into court cases for the right
18 to appeal. And one of them to go through Mr. Dole for
19 his compliance.

20 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any
21 questions for Steve.

22 MR. NOTARI: I have a couple questions.
23 Steve, your initial bullet there about getting calls
24 from realtors, it seems like that happens a lot.

25 Can we put our zoning map on to our

1 website just so it makes it easier for people to go
2 there?

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes. Steve just sent
4 it to me to be able to put it on.

5 MR. NOTARI: Two for two.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: The website is a little
7 tough. It's kind of hard to figure these things out.
8 But it will get put up. We're doing it on our own
9 right now.

10 MR. BIERYLA: Usually, what I do is, if
11 you have a cell phone, I will take a picture of our map
12 on the wall and forward it to you. This way, you have
13 it. If you have it available, print it out. Basically
14 cut a couple calls out.

15 MR. NOTARI: Okay. Also, the court
16 hearing for Scrap Enterprises, judge Munley gave Mr.
17 Stocki another hundred days.

18 Are we visiting that site every day to
19 make sure?

20 MR. BIERYLA: Not with the rain. I just
21 -- not the site. Basically, I drive by there.

22 MR. NOTARI: Drive by.

23 MR. BIERYLA: Drove by twice. And what
24 I was looking for was any kind of machinery that was
25 going to be going in because the Judge wants everything

1 coming out.

2 And I talked with the police and I said,
3 if you guys are out cruising and see anything coming
4 in, give me a call, because the Judge wants everything
5 going out.

6 MR. NOTARI: Okay. That's it. Mayor,
7 can we make sure that happens, at least the patrols to
8 keep an eye on that?

9 THE MAYOR: Yep.

10 MR. NOTARI: Even the DPW, when they are
11 in the area, the more eyes we have on that site, you
12 know, I think the happier all of us will be that this
13 starts moving along.

14 And, lastly, Steve, someone appealed the
15 zoning hearing for the old sub-beverage, old medicine
16 shop.

17 MR. BIERYLA: Yes.

18 MR. NOTARI: Who appealed?

19 MR. BIERYLA: Mr. Dunbar.

20 MR. NOTARI: I have one more question.

21 Going through the permit, two demolition permits.
22 Bernie Capatano, 211 North Main Street. Is that a
23 building there at his site? No, that wouldn't be 211,
24 right?

25 MR. BIERYLA: 211. Yeah. He bought that

1 property up the road. Just demolished it. And the
2 demolition we did on Oak Street where Skota had his
3 heating and plumbing.

4 MR. NOTARI: Okay. And Mike Shuback,
5 tearing down one of his buildings.

6 MR. BIERYLA: He did the old diner. The
7 one that was standing and couldn't see, that's been
8 done.

9 MR. NOTARI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 Thanks, Steve.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else? Thanks,
12 Steve. Dave.

13 MR. LOPATKA: I do not have anything.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any
15 questions for Dave?

16 MR. NOTARI: How is the Borough building
17 sign coming?

18 MR. LOPATKA: Meeting on Friday.

19 MR. NOTARI: Meeting on Friday?

20 MR. LOPATKA: Friday meeting will be some
21 sketch plans for the police station. Is Jason going to
22 be here?

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

24 MR. LOPATKA Jason will be here and a yea
25 or nay to what's laid out. Once we have that design,

1 we can move forward with all the MEPs and everything.

2 MR. NOTARI: What time is that?

3 MR. LOPATKA: 2:30, 3:30.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Your meeting will take
5 place, so I was going to try to make this earlier.

6 MR. NOTARI: Okay.

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: I was going to see if
8 any Council members wanted to come follow our meeting
9 just so, you know, hear it right from the architects
10 and what the plans are.

11 MR. LOPATKA: It's at 3?

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: 3.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Any idea of the time
14 frame when we'll be able to get started on this
15 project?

16 MR. LOPATKA: The police station kind of
17 all gets coordinated together. Has to go out at once.
18 The work that they want to do, they want to start
19 phasing-wise on that side of the building in to where
20 the fire department used to be.

21 It's kind of a phasing. So we need to
22 have the police station as part of it.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Any idea, Mary, of the
24 fire department, their status?

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah. They're running a

1 tiny bit behind as well on their plans and kind of puts
2 us at a disadvantage because, until they're able to get
3 their stuff out, it makes it hard for us to start our
4 project as well.

5 It's usually like by -- if we do start
6 our work here by early September, that we were talking
7 about, that everything will be done smoothly.

8 So, I think that's really not too
9 unrealistic, by the time we put it out to bid.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thinking possibly
11 somewhere around September timeframe getting started?

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Dave, from the start,
14 how long of a process is this going to be?

15 MR. LOPATKA I think we have scheduled in
16 there like 6 to 8 months.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Six to eight months.

18 MR. LOPATKA: Because we have to phase
19 it, kind of have to do that half of the building first.

20 MR. LETTIERI: How many phases?

21 MR. LOPATKA: Two.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Spring of '20, we
23 should be finished.

24 MR. LOPATKA: That's the idea, yep.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Okay. Anybody have

1 any more questions for Dave? Dave, Pride, have you
2 talked to them?

3 MR. LOPATKA: I sent another e-mail.
4 I'll call them.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No response?

6 MR. LOPATKA: No. The email they sent me
7 two weeks ago said he was going to talk to them. Sent
8 an e-mail after our meeting, so I'll call him tomorrow.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Who are you talking
10 to, the engineer?

11 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. Joe Durkin is the
12 engineer with Reilly.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: How about the
14 contractor, if we can get in touch with him, see if we
15 can make headway with Joe.

16 MR. LOPATKA: I could. Who's the
17 contractor? Champion Builders.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I forget. I have his
19 card.

20 MR. LOPATKA: Joe something. I'll call
21 Joe. If I don't get him, I'll follow up with Champion.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: All right.

23 MR. HOOVER: I saw Joe and I told him you
24 would be calling him. Does some work for us too. I
25 told him there was an issue up there. He said, what

1 is it? I said, Dave will be calling.

2 MR. LOPATKA: Responded to my email.

3 MR. HOOVER: I think he's away this week
4 a couple days.

5 MR. LOPATKA: I emailed him. I kind of
6 put together what the request was. Fix that ditch and,
7 you know. Can you talk to the owners about, you know,
8 maybe the borough and them kind of going in together
9 and fixing it.

10 And he told me he'd get back to me. That
11 was his response. Haven't gotten anything back since.
12 I'll follow up. If you talk to him, Jimmy.

13 MR. HOOVER: I don't know if I'll see him
14 this week. If I do --

15 MR. LOPATKA: I'll call tomorrow and see
16 if he's in. I'll leave him a message.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else? Thanks,
18 Dave. Bill, solicitor's report.

19 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I have both executed
20 easements for the DPW drainage. So, if somebody wants
21 to -- did you do that notice, Dave, DPW?

22 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah, I could.

23 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I got the easement.

24 MR. HOOVER: Who is doing that?

25 MR. LOPATKA: It wasn't bid. We were

1 waiting to get the final sign-off.

2 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Okay. So, not that
3 big of a job.

4 MR. LOPATKA: We can put it out.

5 ATTORNEY RINALDI: That's done. I asked
6 Bernie McGurl to come here to talk about the Lackawanna
7 River Conservation Association. They want to renew
8 their agreement and changed their name and just bring
9 you up to date on the project, if anybody has any
10 questions.

11 The Keyser/Milwaukee Avenue, I had a work
12 session. Didn't have enough time to advertise. I
13 wanted to make sure they're okay with PennDOT, that
14 Jason had approved them.

15 And I'll be closing on the rectory on
16 Thursday. That's all I have to report. I'll get you a
17 little more information on the B and B case. Probably
18 -- I thought I'd have it done for tonight, but I don't.

19 MR. LOPATKA: Would it be -- get the
20 plans out to get pricing on that before that? I mean,
21 if it comes in under your 19,5, then you don't have to
22 bid, just get quotes on it. Want to at least get a
23 couple numbers first.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Get a cost estimate on
25 it.

1 MR. LOPATKA: I can get one. We may have
2 one. I don't remember if we did one. It's been
3 awhile. But I can look and see where we're at.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What do you think? Do
5 you think it's going to come in under?

6 MR. LOPATKA: It will probably be close.
7 I mean, instead of going through the whole bidding
8 process, let me get a cost estimate together. And I'll
9 send it to Marylynn.

10 And if the number is close, I think we
11 can get -- you get quotes instead of putting it out.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: All right. Sounds
13 good. Anybody have any questions for Bill?

14 MR. NOTARI: We heard from the County
15 Housing Authority at all? Those reports, as I'm
16 waiting, would be to begin in Spring.

17 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I actually --

18 MR. NOTARI: Despite the rain, prepping
19 is almost over.

20 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I heard from Jimmy
21 that they're supposed to start in two weeks.

22 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, told me two weeks.
23 Oh, I'll find out tomorrow. I'm meeting with him on
24 Friday and I'll ask him about something else. But I'll
25 ask him about this too.

1 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Bernie is here too, if
2 you want to talk to him now or after the reports are
3 done.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: After the reports are
5 done. Actually, I spoke to Jim and I know the
6 contractors are done. Looking for somebody to get rid
7 of the building. I talked to Marylynn.

8 MR. NOTARI: Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: So, they are onboard
10 to get started. I don't know the start date, but.
11 Anybody have any questions for Bill? Thanks, Bill.
12 Marylynn, Borough manager's report.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay. The first thing
14 I want to tell you is the applications for the request
15 for applications for Planning Commission alternate and
16 Zoning Hearing Board alternate were put in the paper.

17 And we put in a deadline of two weeks
18 that we would accept letters of interest. So, for our
19 June meeting, we'll have those back, able to act on
20 them.

21 The other thing I wanted to talk about
22 are the financial reports. What I'd like to do is talk
23 a little bit at this time. And I would ask if anyone
24 has any questions.

25 Bill, if you want to pull out the balance

1 sheets so we can discuss those. First one that says
2 Old Forge Borough balance sheet. I just want it to be
3 part of the record that we're going to go over the bank
4 account information.

5 So, if you look at the first, it's the
6 general account. And this is general. General account
7 shows \$358,771. Payroll account has 10,194.
8 Sanitation savings is very small. Sanitation has
9 58,670.

10 Senior Center has \$11,127.63. Escrow
11 account, \$7,681.00. School project is going to be
12 transferred to the general fund because that's
13 finished, 39,179.

14 And the main is one the A.S.L. agreement
15 account, \$2,013,717.00. Then if you look a little
16 further downward, accounts receivables, \$31,011.00,
17 that's money that's owed to the general fund right now.

18 Usually, it's to garbage stickers or
19 anything that's outstanding right now for GeoScience
20 fees, that type of thing. That's pretty much all that
21 I wanted to discuss on this one.

22 So, if you go to the next one, the liquid
23 fuels rotating balance sheet. First line, \$249,469.51.
24 Liquid fuels savings \$61,964.00. And liquid fuels
25 savings account is \$566,390.00. Liquid fuels tax

1 checking account 2,226.77. And 2016 paving loan
2 account, 91,347.

3 And then if you look down a little bit,
4 under the liability, under number 8100, it's a PA
5 infrastructure sewer loan, that's what we have
6 outstanding on the loan with PennDOT, \$781,693.00.

7 Above it, accounts payable, that tells
8 you what we have outstanding right now in accounts
9 payable that you just approved a little bit ago, 2,157.

10 Okay. Now, does anybody have any
11 questions about any of those reports?

12 MR. NOTARI: Marylynn, on the balance
13 sheet, 1031 ASL agreement, are there current funds from
14 2019 in that amount? Or how do we do those payments?

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Quarterly. So we have
16 three more to go. And then if you look at the profit
17 and loss, profit and loss, I just want to point out to
18 you that under real estate taxes current 301.10.
19 That's only showing that we have received 24.5 percent
20 of our taxes so far.

21 So, that's what is referenced right now
22 in our general account.

23 MR. NOTARI: Is that a normal number at
24 this time of the year compared to past years?

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes. One new report

1 that I did give you today is the custom transaction
2 detail report that is specific to liquid fuels and road
3 paving.

4 And that shows you some invoices that I
5 did reference under the balance sheet. And they are
6 for Pennsy Supply. That is supplies for patching
7 roads and that type of work. That's really all that's
8 unpaid right now in liquid fuel.

9 Last thing I was going to talk about, but
10 we pretty much discussed it already with Rick, was the
11 balance and the sewer agency.

12 For next month, what you will see is
13 going to look very different. There will be a new
14 account, which is the PLGIT savings account where we
15 will move most of the money that we still have now into
16 the PLGIT account, where the interest rates are much
17 different than what we would get at a regular bank.
18 That's all I have for you.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any
20 questions for Marylynn? Thank you, Marylynn.

21 Mayor, police report, report from the
22 police. I know there's a report in our packet. I was
23 wondering if you have anything to update on it.

24 THE MAYOR: Kim was supposed to get the
25 mileage and usually puts that in the report. And I

1 don't know why it's not here. But I will check
2 tomorrow.

3 Going to the doctor on Thursday. So,
4 hopefully, get that, meeting with the surgeon and we
5 will have some idea when he's coming back.

6 Kim Buggy, Dave and they've done a very
7 good job in his absence. That's all I have, Mr.
8 Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any
10 questions for the Mayor on police?

11 MR. NOTARI: I don't know if I have a
12 question so much as a comment. I'm just curious, we
13 read the paper and see all of the other schools and
14 boroughs getting safety grants from the State.

15 And we seem to be getting shut out. And
16 I was just wondering, the general statement that I seem
17 to be getting from the people at the school and even
18 Jason, when I talked to him, is that there's not enough
19 crime in Old Forge, not enough police, you know, calls
20 at the school.

21 So, my question is, and I find that hard
22 to believe. I believe we live in a good community.
23 But do you think we are -- maybe it's not the police
24 department, maybe it's the school. Do you think we're
25 properly reporting all the calls that -- when the cops

1 are called to the school or called to neighborhoods
2 around the school?

3 THE MAYOR: I'm sure we do.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I think every call
5 that goes over is registered.

6 MR. NOTARI: I'm just trying to find an
7 answer as to why we keep getting shut out from these
8 monies.

9 And, you know, maybe it's something on
10 the school end. And we'll talk about them in our
11 committee meeting with them that maybe they need to be,
12 I don't know, documenting more.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Rick, I may be able to
14 help with that. There are two different types of
15 grants for what you're discussing.

16 The portion that the school would look
17 for and the portion that the Borough would look for.
18 So the part that the Borough would look for, Jason and
19 I did a grant for that --

20 MR. NOTARI: Right.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: -- grant application.

22 And it was turned down. And they sent us a reason for
23 it. And they said that, for the municipal side of it,
24 they're looking for places that the police are
25 constantly called, that they're constantly in an act of

1 status at a school district. And that's why we were
2 turned down because the reasoning that the police were
3 at the school were so minor compared to what they have
4 in bigger school districts and things like that.

5 So, in that portion, it's legitimate that
6 they said it. They didn't use those exact words. But
7 it's basically what they said.

8 Although I think that from the school's
9 portion, they're looking at grants that cover different
10 things.

11 MR. NOTARI: Which they did receive a
12 small grant.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes, yes. So maybe in
14 the future, you know, maybe that's something that
15 they'll be able to get more of.

16 But it seems like, from our standpoint,
17 seems like what they're asking us for and what we
18 provide them.

19 MR. NOTARI: I'm not questioning anybody
20 doing their job.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: No. I know that.

22 MR. NOTARI: I find it hard to believe
23 that these schools, Riverside, schools surrounding us,
24 and there's that much more incidents at that school
25 than there is at our school.

1 And I mean, I think they just got a
2 \$150,000.00 grant. And you wonder where that money is
3 for us.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Right. I'd like to see
5 what type of grant it was that they received. You
6 know, was it the one that the municipal side was able
7 to get, was it the one that the school was able to get?

8 MR. NOTARI: Yeah.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Because we were
10 actually surprised ourselves when we got the reporting
11 from Old Forge Police Department, plus we went through
12 the 911 Com. Center to get any type of reporting that
13 may have been related to the school or anything else so
14 small compared to, you know, what they were actually
15 looking for.

16 MR. NOTARI: I guess that's a good thing.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: It's a good thing. I'm
18 certainly not complaining about that. Kind of took us
19 out of the running for any type of funding.

20 MR. NOTARI: I guess we can be considered
21 safe then. We are always in search of money, so.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Exactly.

23 MR. NOTARI: Thank you.

24 MR. HOOVER: What's our current police
25 presence at the school?

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Zero.

2 THE MAYOR: With Jason being out, they go
3 over first thing in the morning. They're there at the
4 end of the day. And, periodically, they stop in.

5 MR. HOOVER: Throughout the day.

6 THE MAYOR: I think 18 more days of
7 school, so.

8 MR. NOTARI: Mr. Hoover, part of the
9 problem, we were told, there's a communication issue at
10 some points in the school.

11 And now that the Chief is out, they
12 didn't want to be separated for safety reasons. I've
13 contacted the 911 director, Dave Hawn. He's actually
14 coming to the school tomorrow at 11:30 to walk through
15 with a radio.

16 And, hopefully, one of the officers will
17 be with us to show us the exact spots where they seem
18 to be having some problems. So that will be, as of
19 right now, tomorrow at 11:30. So hopefully get some
20 answers and be able to figure something out.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Are we gonna be able
22 to have an officer there?

23 THE MAYOR: Miss Kim will be there.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: She will be?

25 THE MAYOR: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything else? Thank
2 you. Bernie, do you want to take the podium?

3 MR. MCGURL: Bernard McGurl, M-c-G-u-r-l.
4 And I'm executive director of the Lackawanna River
5 Conservation Association.

6 And thanks for the opportunity to come
7 down and speak with you. It's been awhile since I've
8 addressed Council in Old Forge.

9 And we actually have a number of projects
10 underway and potential in the community. But I'm here
11 first at the suggestion of Attorney Rinaldi to discuss
12 our work at the Old Forge bore hole down off of Union
13 Street.

14 We had been doing some studies at the
15 bore hole in 2010 throughout 2013, with the Susquehanna
16 River Basin Commission and the Eastern Pennsylvania
17 Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation.

18 And, at that time, we were going in and
19 out of there. And there's a lot along there that the
20 Borough owns. I think it's Connell Street. You
21 acquired it sometime in the last 15 or 20 years.

22 And there was a home there that was
23 getting flooded regularly. So it was demolished as
24 part of mitigation.

25 So, we actually need to cross that lot to

1 get down to the bore hole area to do our samplings. We
2 installed some scientific equipment in the bore hole in
3 2010 and '11.

4 And it's still there, still operational.
5 We actually took it out and put new batteries in it a
6 couple years ago.

7 So we go and download information from
8 that instrument. We have an old 55-gallon barrel
9 that's embedded in concrete on the river bank there.

10 And it's a big barrel, but just got a
11 little wire for our computer laptop to hook up to
12 download the information from the instrument.

13 We have a pressure transducer, and it's
14 in the channel of the bore hole. So we measure changes
15 in water pressure. And we've established a coefficient
16 curve to translate that information in to the flow of
17 gallons per minute of water coming out of the bore hole
18 so we can basically keep an eye on how much water is
19 coming out, about 60 million gallons a day.

20 And we're going to be getting back in and
21 out of there, because we're starting to work on a new
22 study there in partnership with Susquehanna Mining
23 Solutions, which is a private-sector company.

24 And you may recall, they received several
25 grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to acquire

1 the Popil Collier site. And they're -- hopefully,
2 we're going to be building a mine water treatment plant
3 down there. That's the goal.

4 Right now, we're looking at getting back
5 in and out of the bore hole to augment the data that
6 we're collecting there for a new study that's related
7 to getting the site qualified so we can access federal
8 mine reclamation funding.

9 There's a program called Qualified
10 Hydrogeologic Unit Plan or Q-Hut, that the Bureaucrats
11 have developed.

12 And we have to get that Q-Hut status
13 approved so that we can get match money from the mine
14 reclamation trust fund to match private-invested money
15 to get the treatment plant built.

16 Looking at having to find an investment
17 of about 40 million dollars to build the treatment
18 plant. But we're looking at several different avenues
19 of funding for that.

20 In the meantime, we had originally had a
21 right-of-entry letter that we developed with the
22 Borough about ten years ago.

23 And I just checked my records earlier
24 this year, and it had expired. And we've since changed
25 our name. We were, for many years, Lackawanna River

1 Corridor Association. And we changed the corridor and
2 substituted the word conservation because that's what
3 we do.

4 Since we had changed our official name
5 and the original agreement had expired, I just updated
6 it and forwarded it on to Attorney Rinaldi for his
7 review and your consent.

8 So, that's pretty much it. We want to
9 get in and out of there on a regular basis. And this
10 agreement allows us to indemnify the Borough and got
11 liability insurance in cases of workmen's comp. or
12 something like that.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any
14 questions? My one question, isn't that Ripple Street
15 that we're talking about up there?

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: There is one on Connell
17 as well. The main is on Ripple. But right along the
18 Ripple is Connell and that was 13 years ago.

19 MR. FERRETT: I got a question. You said
20 that, down the road, you're going to build a plant for
21 40 million dollars or whatever the case may be.

22 What part is Old Forge Borough going to
23 play into this?

24 MR. MCGURL: Well, it's in Old Forge.
25 So, part of it -- but I think the actual plant will be

1 on the Duryea side of the line.

2 MR. FERRETT: What will they be -- what's
3 the purpose of the plant?

4 MR. MCGURL: To clean the iron out of the
5 water, to basically filter the water.

6 MR. FERRETT: In other words, they will
7 be using, as they process that, they will be using all
8 that material for useful purposes?

9 MR. MCGURL: Yeah. We're hoping to
10 produce clean water on one hand. Some of it will be
11 discharged in the river. But then some of it will be
12 available for a variety of industrial purposes.

13 We're looking for large users of water.
14 Or it could be something where like, if there's like,
15 Nestle's or something like that wanted to build a water
16 plant where they'd be taking water out of the
17 Susquehanna River basin somewhere else, they can
18 actually fund us by acquiring some of the clean water
19 that we're producing here.

20 And it just goes back in to the river.
21 But it balances the water budget in the river through
22 the Susquehanna Basin permit process.

23 But then the actual product that
24 Susquehanna Mining Solutions wants to produce is an
25 iron oxide.

1 Basically, there's about 7,000 pounds of
2 iron that comes out of the bore hole every day,
3 dissolved in 60 million gallons of water.

4 So, they have a patented process that
5 Chris Gillis, who we're working with, had developed a
6 half a dozen years ago or more.

7 And it's going to produce a powdered --
8 just basically an orange rusty powder. But when it
9 precipitates out the solution in the river water with
10 just exposure to the atmosphere so the plant is just
11 going to be a bunch -- like a big parking garage with a
12 whole bunch of canted decks and the water will be
13 pumped to the top and just flows over.

14 And there will be just a whole bunch of
15 surfaces with rips, like sort of cardboard, probably
16 made out of polypropylene plastic.

17 And the iron, instead of precipitating
18 out and coating the bottom of the river, will coat the
19 surfaces. And it will be cellular so certain cells,
20 once the depth of material accumulates on the surface,
21 the water will be turned off and it will be scraped off
22 and then concentrated, dried and packaged.

23 And it comes out in a nanotech range. So
24 The average particle size of the precipitant is 90
25 nanometers inside, which is really, really tiny.

1 But it could have potential for
2 powder-coating and other nanotech applications. So,
3 it's one of the products, the potential products that
4 they're looking at there.

5 So, we're also looking at the potential
6 to have like aqua culture, hydronic, hydroponic, get
7 vegetables growing and things like this. So, there
8 could be other related uses on that site.

9 And we're trying to expand it also to
10 include the whole area going down in to Duryea towards
11 Coxtan potentially to reconfigure the Duryea swamps and
12 some of the upland areas there for other related
13 purposes that could be -- we'll call it an
14 eco-industrial park. So it would use the natural
15 processes and the potential for all the water that we
16 have there because it's discharging at 60 million
17 gallons a day and coming out of the mines underneath
18 Old Forge and runs up to Scranton and Archbald and
19 Carbondale.

20 We're sitting on top of three volumes of
21 Lake Wallenpaupack. When Lake Wallenpaupack is filled
22 to the top of the dam at Ledgesdale, it's 70 billion
23 gallons of water. There's three times that much in the
24 mines under Scranton, between Scranton and Carbondale.

25 So, it's an incredibly large water

1 resource. So, we're looking at other potential large
2 water users. And we haven't identified anybody yet,
3 but we're working on it. So, in addition to the water
4 treatment plant for the mine water and the associated
5 potential for aqua culture operation, we're looking at
6 other potential processes down there.

7 MR. FERRETT: Bernie, if I can recall
8 very distinctly, you're talking about ten years ago, I
9 believe the Borough of Old Forge was supposed to come
10 in contact with a percentage, from a financial
11 standpoint of view. Would I be correct in saying
12 something like this or was it something that was
13 misunderstood at that time?

14 It's like stock and everything you would
15 get. That's the reason why I ask, where does Old Forge
16 stand in this?

17 I understand that Duryea is going to have
18 the plant there and they're going to benefit far
19 greater than Old Forge.

20 But the source of that thing is going to
21 come out of the Borough of Old Forge. So,
22 consequently, it's like everything else that, when
23 something is coming off your property, off your thing,
24 you're entitled to something somewhere.

25 Because everybody is going to be making

1 money all the way out, all the way down, all those
2 products that are going to be coming out of that.
3 That's the purpose of that plant.

4 So, the question is, being that the bore
5 hole is in Old Forge.

6 MR. MCGURL: It's economic development,
7 Joe. It's like, I mean, the Borough will benefit by
8 taxes and employment and, you know, just like any other
9 business coming in to the Borough.

10 MR. FERRETT: Are you saying if it's a
11 billion-dollar profit making that, that the only part
12 that the Borough would be getting is whatever taxes
13 that we put on the --

14 MR. MCGURL: Yeah. I mean, what -- I
15 mean, I don't see a process otherwise for any other
16 business that would be coming here.

17 If they were mining coal, would they be
18 paying a fee to the Borough?

19 MR. FERRETT: First of all, I'm one of
20 the oldest persons sitting on this council. And I'm
21 well aware of the fact that when we first started
22 things -- what was that guy's name?

23 MR. MCGURL: Gillis.

24 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Wanted us to borrow
25 money to build the plant.

1 MR. MCGURL: He was looking at -- he did
2 not have the partnership that he has now. He was
3 looking for Old Forge to become a business partner with
4 them.

5 And he did -- he was making the same
6 proposal to Duryea, I believe, at the time.
7 And I didn't agree with that. I thought it was a
8 little --

9 MR. FERRETT: At the same time, the
10 products that will be coming out of that bore hole,
11 which will give everyone who has stock in the place
12 whatsoever, they're going to get something out of the
13 profits that are being made. Where is Old Forge then?

14 MR. MCGURL: What are you investing in
15 it?

16 MR. FERRETT: Suppose we don't allow
17 anyone to come on our property, how are you going to --

18 MR. MCGURL: To get on to the bore hole,
19 well, the adjoining property is part of the bore hole
20 site itself. It's just that it's much easier to access
21 for us walking to get to the bore hole.

22 The property was part of the Keyhole
23 Berge Coal Company and it was transferred to the
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1962.

25 And the immediate lot right when you come

1 off the bridge, the Union Street bridge, people park
2 their cars there. It's a gravel area and then some
3 trees. That, I believe, is part of the land that was
4 conveyed to the Commonwealth in 1962.

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: That's private
6 property to the left off that bridge.

7 MR. MCGURL: Is it?

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: It's the parking
9 lot to the old cafe.

10 MR. NOTARI: Other side.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Oh, the other side.
12 Is there houses on the other side?

13 MR. NOTARI: No, not right at the edge.

14 MR. HOOVER: Not right at the edge of the
15 bridge.

16 MR. FERRETT: The developer was -- I'm not
17 talking about when they were supposed to be apartments
18 --

19 ATTORNEY RINALDI: He's trying to get us
20 to put up 20 million and Duryea to put up 20 million.
21 We didn't have 20 million.

22 MR. MCGURL: We're not asking you guys
23 for money. We're just --

24 MR. FERRETT: The gas company today, if
25 they're drilling on your property, you're getting money

1 off of it because the gas is on your property. It's
2 the same thing with the bore hole being in Old Forge.
3 Okay. Whatever you want.

4 ATTORNEY RINALDI: The bore hole is owned
5 by the state. We have a piece of land adjacent to it
6 that gives easier access. If you want to pass a
7 motion to charge them an access fee, I guess they can
8 go somewhere else to cross it.

9 MR. MCGURL: Yeah. I mean, we're
10 not-for-profit organization. We are working with a
11 profit company. Our interest is in getting the river
12 cleaned up.

13 That's the largest point source of
14 abandoned mine drainage on the entire continent of
15 North America. It's polluting the Lackawanna and
16 Susquehanna River with about 7,000 pounds of iron every
17 day.

18 And we want to stop it and clean up the
19 water. And we're working with a private company to
20 help us do that.

21 So, our motivation isn't to make money,
22 our motivation is to get the river cleaned up and
23 create platforms down there that can employ people and
24 provide opportunity for private-sector investment.

25 So, it's going to benefit everybody all

1 across the board, across the whole region to get that
2 cleaned up.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: But, Bernie, if the
4 plant is going to cost 40 million dollars to do all
5 this, someone has to be making money. Who is going to
6 spend 40 million dollars to build a plant that's not
7 going to profit?

8 MR. MCGURL: It's going to make money.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So the end result
10 is a profit from the business.

11 MR. MCGURL: Yeah. Sure.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Among those other
13 things you said with cleaning up the river and
14 everything.

15 But all I was saying, the end result is
16 for, obviously, someone to make profit.

17 MR. MCGURL: Yeah. But maybe a lot of
18 people, you know. We're basically trying to create a
19 business opportunity down there with, you know, the
20 site.

21 The Popil Collier site is 140 acres. The
22 mine water treatment plant will occupy most of it.
23 And looking for other industries that could use water
24 to be able to locate there.

25 So, and then there's the potential to

1 open up the other land down there in Duryea. There's
2 several large tracts of land that are just dumping
3 grounds right now.

4 We're looking to try to remove that
5 blight and create opportunities for restoring the land.
6 And we're also looking at creating a right-of-way for
7 the Heritage Trail to come down here too.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I understand what
9 Councilman Ferrett is saying. I'm not sure I
10 understand how it works, if you're coming through a
11 property and accessing a property, you mentioned about
12 gas companies and stuff, I know it varies.

13 But I understand where he's asking the
14 question, like, how -- why aren't we profiting
15 anything? You know what I mean?

16 But you did explain it a little bit. But
17 I don't understand it fully. But I do understand it a
18 little bit.

19 I do feel too that the Borough should
20 profit something from allowing you to access, easier
21 access to our property, whether it be through a fee or
22 through one payment. I would feel that way.

23 MR. NOTARI: I don't know if -- I don't
24 know if I agree or disagree with you at this point.
25 But I don't --

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I don't understand
2 it fully yet either.

3 MR. NOTARI: I don't think Bernie and his
4 organization, the group that's going to --

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: No.

6 MR. NOTARI: If we went that way --

7 MR. MCGURL: I got to rub nickles
8 together.

9 MR. NOTARI: Whoever builds the plant.

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Talking about the
11 person who spends 40 million to put the plant up.
12 Obviously, that's not you.

13 MR. MCGURL: Trying to find half of it
14 from the federal government.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I guess we'll talk
16 to the person who is going to be putting the 20 million
17 part of it up. Yeah, I wasn't saying you.

18 MR. MCGURL: But in the meantime, we're
19 needing to continue doing research and nothing. You
20 know, I mean, this whole thing can go south tomorrow.
21 And, you know, I think --

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'm saying, I
23 understand where Councilman Ferrett is coming from. I
24 also understand where you're coming from as well.

25 MR. MCGURL: The bore hole has been a

1 detriment to the river and to the entire region since
2 1962.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Decades.

4 MR. MCGURL: We're trying to find a way
5 to clean it up. And we really don't need, you know,
6 additional encumbrances on having to do the heavy
7 lifting to get that job done.

8 And the Borough of Old Forge will, I
9 think, benefit tremendously, the whole region will, by
10 being able to have this cleaned up and create other
11 related industrial opportunities down there.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: For the record, I
13 would rather see it cleaned up before profit.

14 MR. MCGURL: Yeah. Well, none of them
15 are a sure thing. But if we can clean it up, then,
16 you know, it's not going to be polluting the river
17 anymore.

18 You're going to be removing a situation
19 of blight, which is to everybody's benefit. If
20 somebody can help us do that and they can make a little
21 bit of money while they're doing that, then I think
22 there's a good degree of altruism there.

23 And they deserve to be, you know,
24 complimented and compensated for it, you know.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Going to make a little

1 more than a little.

2 MR. MCGURL: I don't know. I don't know.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Purist iron.

4 MR. MCGURL: I don't know that the market
5 for this iron is all that.

6 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Correct me if I'm
7 wrong, that's the purist iron coming out of the bore
8 hole found, 99 percent pure, from what I understand.

9 MR. MCGURL: It's pretty good.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Find anything more
11 pure than that?

12 MR. MCGURL: No.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Very valuable.

14 MR. MCGURL: Each bore hole is different.
15 There could be -- depending on what you get, you're
16 going to have to have quality control on the material.
17 You know, you're producing -- and depending on what end
18 product you're going to be producing.

19 I mean, the initial product is the raw
20 material product. So, it's got to be further refined,
21 depending on what kind of use it is going to have.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: So, there's numerous
23 uses for it, from what I understand. Numerous uses for
24 it.

25 MR. MCGURL: Yeah, yes. There could be.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Paint, powder coating,
2 cosmetics, pharmaceuticals.

3 MR. MCGURL: Dietary. You know, I don't
4 know all of the potential for some of the other
5 applications. But there's probably at least eight to
6 ten applications for it.

7 And it would depend on how much product
8 be produced to what the consistency of its quality is
9 and what kind of marketing efforts can be made to
10 market it and find uses for it.

11 I mean, maybe we get lucky and find a
12 cosmetics company that would buy, you know, 2000 pounds
13 a day. And that would be great, if the price is right,
14 so.

15 But I don't think that harvesting the
16 iron is going to pay for the whole operation. It's
17 going to be maybe some benefit to subsidize some of the
18 costs of cleaning the water.

19 Going to be an annual operation of, you
20 know, upwards of \$800,000.00 a year to operate whatever
21 plant gets built.

22 So, I don't know if 800,000 dollars worth
23 of iron products can be produced on an annual basis.
24 We haven't done those kind of studies or analysis yet.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Are these guys ready

1 to pull the trigger on doing this, putting this up, the
2 building and everything?

3 MR. MCGURL: We're ready. I believe the
4 NPDES permits for the sites have been obtained. So,
5 they're ready to start doing the initial grading and
6 the storm water management system for the site.

7 But there's not -- we don't have the
8 capital available to build it, the treatment plant yet.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Where are you going to
10 get the funding to run the place?

11 MR. MCGURL: The treatment works?

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yeah.

13 MR. MCGURL: Probably from selling some
14 of the products, both the iron oxide and the water, and
15 bringing other industries in it that would use the
16 water.

17 Maybe building a pipeline down the old
18 railroad bed or building a siting up from the rail yard
19 to ship water up river for using for gas fracking. I
20 don't know. There's, you know, a half a dozen
21 different potential uses for the water that are being
22 considered. But there's no -- you know, no solid
23 contracts for any of that yet.

24 MR. FERRETT: Bernie, would you think
25 that someone would go to work and invest 40 million

1 dollars in something without having knowledge before
2 this, that any studies were made or have any idea what
3 would be coming back or whether an investment would be
4 worth it or not?

5 This has been going on for over 20 years
6 that I'm well aware of.

7 MR. MCGURL: It hasn't happened yet.

8 MR. FERRETT: Because they couldn't get
9 the money. That's what the problem was. Now, all of a
10 sudden, got together with Medco and that's where the
11 big push is in politics down in Washington, get the
12 money up here.

13 MR. MCGURL: Yeah, yeah. We're trying to
14 get it funded.

15 MR. FERRETT: No one would go to work and
16 put up 20 million dollars and not have some idea by
17 some study being made what do we get back. Everything
18 is being silent right now.

19 Remember all the little products that was
20 also bringing up, what could be derived from all this
21 water and all this?

22 MR. MCGURL: I do, yeah.

23 MR. FERRETT: Okay. All right.

24 MR. MCGURL: I do. And I don't have -- I
25 don't have the broad brush in Chris's -- he and I have

1 had some differences of opinion on that.

2 My interest is getting the water cleaned
3 up that flows in to the river. And if we can find uses
4 for products and develop products out of cleaning it
5 up, both on the mineral side and on the water side, I'm
6 trying to encourage that.

7 MR. FERRETT: I would like to see Old
8 Forge profit in some way, even if it's only 2 percent.

9 MR. MCGURL: I'm sure Old Forge will
10 benefit from it.

11 MR. FERRETT: I hope you're right.

12 MR. MCGURL: I think different -- you
13 know, we have to see what kind of process this is and
14 what kind of business interests are going to come here
15 to utilize the resources that we have.

16 So, you know, if there's a potential for
17 some of those businesses to be located in Old Forge,
18 then certainly profit from increases from the tax base,
19 increases in employment opportunities to your
20 population and, you know, desirability for people to
21 live here, so.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Let me ask you a
23 question on the subject of the bore hole. CSO, what do
24 we do to take of those? CSO, what do we do to take
25 care of those?

1 MR. MCGURL: I'm not sure of the exact
2 status of what Lower Lackawanna is doing now. I know
3 --

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Not worried about up
5 river. I know Lower Lackawanna --

6 MR. MCGURL: They've done a few things.
7 They built that one chamber over on where Keyser --

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: That's LLVSA, that's
9 Lower Lackawanna. I'm saying Scranton.

10 MR. MCGURL: Scranton is -- the water
11 company basically took over the sewer operation up
12 there. And they're continuing the long-term control
13 plan that's been approved under the federal court
14 consent decree.

15 And they've got about 20 years of
16 projects coming up.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: How many active CSOs,
18 do you know?

19 MR. MCGURL: Scranton has 78 on their
20 system in Scranton and Dunmore.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: 78.

22 MR. MCGURL: And they're being
23 eliminated, consolidated and put into storage systems.
24 Basically, the federal court decree and the EPA part of
25 it is going to reduce the incidence of the pollution

1 statistically by 92 percent with about 150 million of
2 construction projects of different types on the
3 Scranton/Dunmore system.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What kind of time
5 frame?

6 MR. MCGURL: Over 25 years, because they
7 had to be affordable to the ratepayers up there. I
8 live in Scranton. I'm paying for it.

9 Although my accountant says I need a
10 psychiatrist rather than accountant, because I was
11 living in Dickson City and I got homesick and I moved
12 back to Scranton.

13 I said, Tommy, I'm moving back to
14 Scranton. He said, Bernie, you don't need an
15 accountant. You need a psychiatrist. I'm paying for
16 it, along with all the other Scrantonians and
17 Dunmarians.

18 But they're building big storage tanks
19 underground. Taking the regular sewer line down near
20 the river in a lot of neighborhoods and changing it
21 from a 36-inch concrete or terracotta line to an 8 or
22 12 foot big PVC chamber, hundreds of feet of chambers.

23 They put one in over by the lakes works
24 and still fighting about some right-of-ways. There's a
25 big one down in back where the old Martz station used

1 to be, underneath the Linden Street Bridge. Looks like
2 a foundation for a highrise.

3 It's a 1.1 million gallon storage tank.
4 So all the sanitary overflows from all the downtown,
5 from the university, the courthouse, the mall, city
6 hall, it all flows -- used to flow in to the river down
7 under the Linden Street Bridge, Lackawanna Avenue
8 Bridge. It all goes in that tank. That tank holds it.
9 At the end of the storm event, it goes back in to the
10 system for treatment.

11 There's another one being built up by
12 Jacobs Sacat, above the university, along the railroad
13 corridor.

14 And that's where the university had the
15 tennis court. They dug the tennis court out and going
16 down about 25 feet, building a big concrete tank. And
17 there will be new tennis courts on top of the tank.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Do these systems,
19 these tanks have the capacity to discharge at any point
20 in time if the flow does get high enough?

21 MR. MCGURL: If we get like a hurricane,
22 it will blow some of them out. They're designed pretty
23 much to take a 40 to 50 year storm event.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Getting every year
25 now. But the Lower Lackawanna what, about 6 or 7 CSO's

1 left, maybe 5?

2 MR. MCGURL: No. They're still --
3 they're not all tied into the new treatment, the
4 storage tanks yet. As I said, it's going to take --

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I'm saying, Lower
6 Lackawanna, what do they have left?

7 MR. MCGURL: I'm not sure. They
8 originally had 45.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No, no, no.

10 MR. MCGURL: Yeah, yeah, they did.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Lower Lack.

12 MR. MCGURL: Lower Lackawanna had 45.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No. I worked for
14 them. They didn't. No way. We had 20 of them, 22.

15 MR. MCGURL: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: When I left, we were
17 down to nine. And I know they kept on going, reducing
18 them by the fact and I want to say 7 or 5. I don't
19 know.

20 MR. MCGURL: LRVSA.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: River basin, I don't
22 know. I don't know what they have. Now, are they
23 reducing too? Do they have a plan in motion to reduce
24 also?

25 MR. MCGURL: Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Okay.

2 MR. MCGURL: Yeah, they eliminated.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: DEP is mandating all
4 these plants to redo in a timely manner, I guess,
5 right?

6 MR. MCGURL: Yeah. Yes. And Scranton
7 just was a bigger target for the EPA. So they had to
8 go in to federal court.

9 Lower Lackawanna and LRVSA are doing it.
10 They've got the long-term control plans approved and
11 moving ahead.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: All right. Anyone
13 have any questions for Bernie?

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: One last question,
15 I guess. Bern, with the bore hole down there, you said
16 you don't need the Old Forge Borough, any type of
17 approval or anything. You could just -- you could do
18 it, just that we would give you easier access to it.

19 MR. MCGURL: Excuse me.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: You said you don't
21 need us, if you didn't want us. We're just giving you
22 easier access down there, correct?

23 MR. MCGURL: Yeah, um-hum.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So then the Old
25 Forge Borough, at any point in time, if we wanted to,

1 we couldn't stop anything down there?

2 MR. MCGURL: No. It's -- I mean, I think
3 you could but I don't know why you would want to.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Would we be able to
5 stop anything down there if we wanted to? Do you need
6 any type of special approval from us or any type of yes
7 for us for anything? Or could you just bypass us?

8 MR. MCGURL: I think we can climb down
9 the real steep embankment by the bridge. I mean, it's
10 public access there.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So, you could just
12 bypass it if you wanted to.

13 MR. MCGURL: I guess we could. I
14 wouldn't want to. We take school groups down there and
15 education programs.

16 And, you know, it would be -- there's a
17 lot of interest. People come down, stand on the bridge
18 rail and look over.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'm just saying, if
20 you didn't need us or if we were to be opposed to it,
21 it wouldn't stop you.

22 MR. MCGURL: No, no, no. We'd get in
23 there. It's within the waters of the Commonwealth.
24 And, actually, the Commonwealth may have easements
25 across from that property to access it.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: All right. That's
2 all.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else? Thanks,
4 Bernie.

5 MR. MCGURL: I was going to talk about a
6 couple other projects. And, just briefly, I'd like to
7 advise you that we're in the process of working to
8 acquire the Lehigh Electric site down off of Bridge
9 Street.

10 We previously had acquired about ten
11 acres in there with the Misty Ridge Development. And
12 we had worked with Mr. Jambra, the owner of that
13 property, to do reclamation work on it.

14 We were able to bring some federal and
15 state dollars in there back in 2009. Subsequent to him
16 finishing all that work, he was starting to look for
17 financing to develop the subdivision in the Borough.
18 And the school director and the county had approved a
19 tax incremental finance district down there.

20 But subsequent to that, you know, he
21 stopped the development plans and he and his wife moved
22 to North Carolina.

23 He still owns the property. He's been
24 trying to sell it. We're trying to find -- we're
25 working with him and realtors to try to find another

1 developer.

2 And we'd like to see that area get
3 developed for residential purposes. That was his
4 original plan and was the intent of the Borough.

5 So, we're continuing to work on that.
6 But in the meantime, we became aware that the original
7 owners of the Lehigh Electric site, the family
8 abandoned the property and it was claimed for taxes.

9 So, we're in the process of completing an
10 acquisition from the tax claim court. And, so,
11 hopefully we will own that in the next couple weeks.

12 And we have some meetings scheduled with
13 DEP. We would like to look to see if we can open it up
14 to create a river access point there because there's a
15 big gravel bar right across from Lonesome Road. And
16 it's a great place to land canoes and kayaks and
17 fishing access, along with the rest of the property
18 beyond there, to have a right-of-way for the Heritage
19 Trail.

20 And we're also looking at getting
21 right-of-way around the Popil Collier Site from the
22 Susquehanna Mining Solutions Group eventually so we can
23 get the trail down further.

24 So, we're continuing to work on those
25 projects. And I'll keep you guys informed on them.

1 Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thank you, Bernie.

3 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Could you email me the
4 map? It wasn't attached to the agreement.

5 MR. MCGURL: Okay. It's the same map as
6 we had before. I'll look it up. I didn't have it
7 handy. May take a day or two. Appreciate your
8 support.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thank you. If anybody
10 want to sign in, there's a public sign-in sheet.
11 State your name for the record.

12 MS. MARJORIE NARDONE GRUEN: My name is
13 Marjorie Nardone Gruen, G-r-u-e-n. I live on Quarry
14 Road and that's opposite of Mariotti Lumber Company.

15 There's an alley that goes alongside of
16 my property, Matthew McDonald and Greta Pinsis. And
17 Greta and I both access that alley to get to our
18 garages.

19 But at the end of the alley on the street
20 is a stormdrain.. The alley actually now is lower than
21 the street. All of the dirt washed up and went down
22 the stormdrain.

23 Paul Papi did come down and took a look
24 at it. And he was going to send more dirt and gravel.
25 But we realized that that's going to just wash down the

1 stormdrain also.

2 Now, the problem is, we're hitting on the
3 bottom of -- the bottom of our cars are hitting coming
4 in to the alley to access our garages.

5 And there's a ton of potholes. And
6 before it gets worse, I'm so nervous --

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Don't be nervous.
8 Would you like a glass of water?

9 MS. GRUEN: With something in it. But
10 the alley is getting worse. It's 140 feet. And we are
11 asking if you could please come and fix it, pave it.

12 It's a 140 feet. I mean, really, I've
13 lived there for 39 years and I've never come here for
14 anything.

15 And I know that Greta is here all the
16 time. But, you know, I'm asking, if you could please
17 come and pave that alley.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Real quick, come up
19 here. I have the street pulled up. I want to see
20 where you're talking. Moosic Road.

21 MS. GRUEN: Quarry Road, and this is the
22 alley.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Where is your house?

24 MS. GRUEN: My house is here. This is
25 Matthew McDonald's. And over here is Mrs. Pinnis.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Where is the
2 stormdrain?

3 MS. GRUEN: Right there at the end of the
4 alley. The problem is, like, the dirt all washes down
5 the stormdrain. And that's why, you know, he mixed
6 filling it with the dirt and the gravel again.

7 But, and also, that stormdrain used to
8 block a long time ago, and when Mr. Cop, I mean, he's
9 dead 30 some years already, his back yard was a swamp
10 and a pond when it would rain heavy.

11 But they did come and fix that. If it
12 blocks up again, the same thing is going to happen
13 again to poor Mr. McDonald.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: You think the
15 stormdrain itself is sinking?

16 MS. GRUEN: The stormdrain is not sinking.
17 The alley actually sunk below the street.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I see what you're
19 saying.

20 MS. GRUEN: All that dirt washes down the
21 stormdrain.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I see what you're
23 saying.

24 MS. GRUEN: The water comes from the back
25 of the alley because it goes up. There's a cliff. You

1 know, nobody could actually use that. It's all rock
2 and stone.

3 And it comes down, and it goes right in
4 to the stormdrain. But it takes everything with it.
5 It takes all the dirt with it. So we have a lot of
6 potholes now and --

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Can the paving
8 committee -- Joe, Joe.

9 MR. HOOVER: We'll take a look at it.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Ask the paving
11 committee to take a look at it or Dave. All right.

12 MR. FERRETT: All right.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Take care of it. Do
14 our best to rectify the problem.

15 MS. GRUEN: Thank you very much.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thank you. I have
17 nobody else on the public sign-in sheet. Does anybody
18 else want to speak? Joe, you had something to say
19 before?

20 MR. FERRETT: Those people --

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I know. Mike, do you
22 want to take the stand? State your name, please, for
23 the record.

24 MR. PETRO: Mike Petro, P-e-t-r-o. I
25 live on Sunny Drive in Old Forge. And we've been

1 trying to have the gas line run up our street.

2 A couple of the guys from UGI, Bruce
3 Davis, I spoke to him this week. And he's on vacation.
4 He couldn't be here today. And the fellow that came
5 here the last time, I forgot his name.

6 MR. HOOVER: Donny Brominski.

7 MR. PETRO: He's out of town as well.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I don't think we want
9 him to come back, to be honest with you. I hate to
10 intervene for one second.

11 And I spoke to you on the phone a bunch
12 of times. And like I spoke with the Borough manager,
13 Marylynn this afternoon, about this issue also.

14 And like I told them and I told you
15 before that the Borough doesn't want to deny you guys
16 gas.

17 We will work with UGI, if they'll work
18 with us. I mean, they basically came in with demands
19 and stated that, you'll do it our way or no way.

20 And that's it. And we felt like we were
21 -- you know, they were telling us what they were going
22 to do in our borough.

23 I mean, if they'll work with us, I mean,
24 I don't think anybody at this table will deny you guys
25 getting it there. We need to come to a mutual

1 agreement.

2 MR. PETRO: He said he would talk to you
3 guys.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I would love to. I
5 mean, I wish he would call me. You said he's out of
6 town.

7 MR. PETRO: I spoke to Bruce this week.
8 He said he tried to contact you and all he gets is an
9 answering.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Really? I don't know.
11 I'll give him a call then. I absolutely will.

12 MR. PETRO: I mean, the survey, more than
13 half the people showed interest in it. And one guy
14 even got gas. He ran a line over from Vine Street.
15 You know. Number 14, Rich Pettinato.

16 I mean, that's not fair. We pay our
17 taxes. You know, if one person can have it and rest of
18 us can't.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Could I ask you a
20 question, Mr. Chairman? Are you familiar with UGI's
21 proposals or no?

22 MR. PETRO: Yeah. I was at the past
23 Council meeting, the one before.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Are you familiar
25 that they don't want to follow our ordinances?

1 MR. PETRO: What he said about the
2 compaction. When I questioned Bruce about that, he
3 said, you know, going by the state standards.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Are you familiar
5 that they don't want to follow our ordinances? They
6 don't want to pay our inspection fees. They don't want
7 to pay our pave cut fees. They don't want to pave the
8 road after they chew it up, are you familiar, that road
9 that you live on?

10 MR. PETRO: That we paid to have paved.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: That will have
12 patches all over it.

13 MR. PETRO: Maybe if they can shoot a
14 bullet under. It's a dead-end street.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Be all chewed up
16 potentially. I'm just saying, did they familiarize you
17 with all the stuff that could go wrong up there?

18 MR. PETRO: I thought he made a good
19 presentation. I really did.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I would just like
21 you to know, as a resident, as the Chairman said,
22 nobody is trying to deny any resident up there gas.

23 We're trying to not tell a company, but
24 we're trying to let the company know that, in order to
25 do a project, like anyone else who comes in to the

1 Borough, they have to follow our ordinances and our
2 rules.

3 Also, that protects you guys up there as
4 well. It protects your road. It protects -- it
5 protects your quality of your home value, your safety.
6 It protects all that.

7 I mean, that's also what we're doing. I
8 don't think he made that clear to all you guys up
9 there.

10 MR. HOOVER: That road is not going to be
11 paved for 12 years.

12 MRS. PETRO: I'm Debbie Petro. My
13 question is, the prior streets that had gas installed,
14 did they have the same situation and the same argument
15 with you too?

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: There wasn't -- the
17 project wasn't -- they didn't have the Get Gas Program.

18 MRS. PETRO: Why did that make a
19 difference? I'm not familiar. And all the other
20 places got the gas and this wasn't an issue.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Because they didn't
22 have a resolution that we had to pass to go by their
23 rules, basically is what they are telling us.

24 Like, we have a third-party inspection
25 company that comes in. And every contractor, utility

1 company that does underground work that does have a
2 pave cut in the Borough of Old Forge, has to use our
3 third-party inspection company, patch testing.

4 UGI did not want to use our inspection
5 testing. I have a big issue with that. Because every
6 pave cut that UGI does, and Mr. Adomiak, living proof,
7 that the pave cut on Connell Street in front of his
8 son's house is sinking.

9 They did not do the compaction test and
10 I can almost guarantee it. Sinks not long after that.
11 I mean, we've had issues with UGI in the past.

12 MRS. PETRO: No other resident in Old
13 Forge can get gas?

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Not saying that.

15 MRS. PETRO: Because of these issues?

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No. I'm not saying
17 that. I'm saying for this Get Gas Program. I don't
18 know if I have --

19 MR. HOOVER: You can have any individual
20 call up and get gas to their home. They'll go out and
21 dig a hole in the street. They'll run a gas surface to
22 the line then the house. End of story. But this is
23 the whole block. It's the new Get Gas Program that
24 they have. I know you're familiar with that. That's
25 the problem.

1 MR. PETRO: We've been trying to get gas
2 on that street since we lived there, 33 years. And
3 before, they want to run it from Vine Street, they
4 wanted like \$55,000.00. That was in 1985. We couldn't
5 afford that. We just got married at that time. There
6 was no way. So we got propane.

7 You know, and then when this Get Gas
8 Program rolled around, wow, finally got a shot at this.
9 And then now we run into this.

10 MRS. PETRO: So, how would you come to a
11 compromise with the gas company? Who contacts who?
12 Who meets with who? How does this come to --

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: They would have to
14 come -- and I had one back with them. Sent their
15 solicitor, you know, had them change their resolution,
16 not many items, you know. And he sent it to them, and
17 they didn't want to know anything.

18 Basically, what it was -- I'm trying to
19 find it.

20 MR. NOTARI: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: You have it? There's
22 how many. Ten. There's ten things on here that they
23 want. No permit fees. They don't want to pay for the
24 third-party inspections.

25 You know, a lot of things that we have on

1 our ordinances that they don't want. You know what I
2 mean? These ten things, they will not budge on one of
3 them.

4 I mean, I understand and I feel terrible.
5 But you guys are coming to the Borough and saying, you
6 won't give us gas. No. We're not the ones that won't
7 give you gas.

8 UGI won't work with us to help you guys,
9 basically.

10 MRS. PETRO: What we hear from the gas
11 company is you're not working with them and hear from
12 you -- both people pointing fingers.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Ask them what they
14 changed on there for us? Or did they say do this or
15 we're not doing this? That's what they did.

16 MR. HOOVER: They came with a proposal,
17 ten things. They said, here's what we want to do. You
18 have to approve it to get these people gas. And we
19 questioned some of the things, the permit process, the
20 whole bit.

21 And they said, oh, no, we can't do that.
22 Well, let them come and meet us half way.

23 MRS. PETRO: That's the question. Are
24 they coming half way?

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No.

1 MR. NOTARI: No, they're not.

2 MRS. PETRO: Any compromise? Anyone
3 talking?

4 MR. NOTARI: Miss Petro, they have a
5 margin. They have a budget that they follow. They
6 have to make so much money off of these projects.

7 And if they were to go back and forth
8 with us, they would compromise with us, they're going
9 to lose a portion of that budget that they have.

10 And they're not willing to do that. Mr.
11 Brominski was here two or three times with the
12 proposal. We had questioned them. And I'd say almost
13 every Council member questioned them, if they would
14 bend a little on some of the things. And he basically
15 told us no.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: If you do the math,
17 he's going to charge you 44.90 on top your bill each
18 month. And that's going to be for ten years, I
19 believe.

20 So, you do how many homes, 11 homes up
21 there, probably going to do it? 44.90 for 12 homes,
22 times ten years. That's a lot of money. And plus the
23 money they're making on your gas service to begin with.

24 I mean, and he's saying they're not
25 making money. Not in the business to not make money.

1 You know, I mean, like I said, there's not one
2 Councilman at this table that I think will try to deny
3 you guys gas.

4 We will work with UGI if they'll work
5 with us. That's where it stands. They don't want to
6 work us.

7 Bill, when I sent you that change, they
8 didn't want to know nothing of it. I mean.

9 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Basically, they want
10 the Borough to waive all our ordinances so it fits
11 within their budget. They're willing to spend X and
12 not a penny more.

13 They're saying you guys waive your
14 ordinances and don't pave that road for 12 years. Let
15 us cut it up the way we want to cut it up. As soon as
16 we start the work, it could be longer than 12 years,
17 depends on when they get the line in.

18 The Borough is going to be faced with the
19 problem with people coming down here saying, why isn't
20 our road paved? We can't pave it for 12 years.

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: We even asked him
22 -- I asked them or maybe some other members did, but I
23 remember I asked them, we would pay half to pave that
24 road? You pay half. We'll pay half. They said no.

25 We said, we want the road paved correctly

1 for the residents after the project is done. They
2 said, we can't, we won't. There's no profit.

3 According to the Get Gas Program, we can
4 only can spend this much and that much. We said, take
5 it from one of your other -- from another budget of PG
6 Energy or UGI. They said, we don't have any money
7 there.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: The problem is, if we
9 waive all these ordinances for this project, for this
10 company, it's not fair to other contractors, the
11 utility companies that do work in the Borough of Old
12 Forge. You know what I'm saying? I mean.

13 MR. PETRO: No one worried about paving
14 the road before. We had to pay for it ourselves.
15 Yeah. It's torn up now. But no one is complaining
16 about it.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What year was that
18 road ordained?

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: I have no idea.

20 ATTORNEY RINALDI: What development is
21 that?

22 MRS. PETRO: It was ordained after we
23 paved it. That's how the road was going to get
24 ordained is that all the residents had to chip in and
25 pave it and then Old Forge would take over the street.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: So, basically --

2 MR. PETRO: That was when we paid for it.
3 Maybe a pot hole.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: They did what was done
5 in Rosemont Estates. Same thing. The road had to be
6 in good standing before it was ordained to the Borough.

7 MR. PETRO: Actually, twice. The first
8 time, they tarred and chipped it after it was sprayed.
9 And then, as a matter of fact, Rich Pettinatto headed
10 it up. And him and Jim Fordy. And we all chipped in
11 and got it done right.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Right. Should have
13 fell on the developer, to be honest.

14 MR. PETRO: Well, it what it is. Passed
15 away a long time.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Like I said, I'll give
17 Bruce a call tomorrow. I don't want to bother him on
18 vacation. When does he come back?

19 MR. PETRO: Probably next week. I spoke
20 to him, must have been last week.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I'll give him a call
22 Monday morning and see if he'll maybe come to our next
23 meeting or bring him in to an executive session and sit
24 down and hash it out.

25 MR. PETRO: We would appreciate

1 something.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: We don't want to deny
3 you. Nobody here -- I think I could speak for everyone
4 saying nobody is trying to not get you guys gas. You
5 know?

6 We just don't want to let somebody demand
7 the Borough what they're going to do on our roads. You
8 know, with compaction testing and something like that,
9 I don't trust UGI. I don't think they do compaction
10 testing.

11 They definitely don't call a third-party
12 inspection company when they're supposed to. We have
13 to chase them for that.

14 MR. PETRO: Heard them say they do their
15 own. That was, you know, their presentation.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: He might think they
17 do. But they don't.

18 MR. NOTARI: That's the thing, there's
19 one ordinance they're not following. They want to do
20 their own compaction testing. That's not the ordinance
21 in the Borough. So, there's one thing that, you know,
22 that's a simple --

23 MRS. PETRO: We appreciate it if you
24 continue to fight for us.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I will. I'll contact

1 him on Monday and go from there. I'll let you know.
2 Touch base with you.

3 MR. PETRO: Thanks for your time.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: At this time, anybody
5 else want to speak? I'm going to go down the table.
6 Mayor.

7 THE MAYOR: I'm good. Thank you, Mr.
8 Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Councilman Notari.

10 MR. NOTARI: I'll start. Good. We're
11 going to dedicate the golf cages at Marian Street Park
12 on Friday at 3:30.

13 I sent everybody a text. Hope everyone
14 can make it. I would appreciate it if you're there,
15 Mr. Mayor, of course, Marylynn, Steve.

16 Can we invite the DPW and the parks guys
17 too? If they'd like to come.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Okay.

19 MR. NOTARI: I know they helped put it up
20 and took some time. And I'd like to thank Marylynn for
21 help with processing that grant that we received from
22 the county to get those done.

23 So, it would be a nice thing for the
24 community. I think it's a -- I think it's a unique
25 thing in the county, at least. I'm not sure whether

1 there could be golf cages open to the public for free
2 use anywhere else.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Heard she was the
4 brains behind assembling them.

5 MR. NOTARI: Definitely was. May have to
6 make her a DPW caddy. Do we have an update on the
7 paving projects?

8 MR. HOOVER: Joe has it. Update on the
9 paving program, still thinking about it?

10 MR. FERRETT: Yeah.

11 MR. HOOVER: Dave and I have to go
12 through it. A lot of work.

13 MR. FERRETT: Dave is working on the cost
14 and working on -- we have to see if we have to
15 eliminate some fees. We got to wait until Dave comes
16 up with a price on everything.

17 MR. NOTARI: Dave, do we have a deadline
18 or expect that at our work session?

19 MR. LOPATKA: Yeah. I can get it for the
20 work session.

21 MR. HOOVER: At the price of fuel, we are
22 not going to get a lot.

23 MR. NOTARI: So we're not paving roads in
24 September or October.

25 MR. HOOVER: With the price of oil, I

1 think you'll get three streets done out of the list of
2 12 we have.

3 MR. FERRETT: Sometimes you got to
4 understand, we might get a better deal later on,
5 because people that don't have any work, they'll be
6 looking for work.

7 MR. NOTARI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thank you, Councilman
9 Notari. Councilman Ferret.

10 MR. FERRETT: Nothing.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Councilman Hoover.

12 MR. HOOVER: No, I'm done.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Councilman Rinaldi.

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: No items, Mr.
15 Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Okay. Two things,
17 three things maybe. Marylynn, Blake's office, did they
18 have some kind of meeting about rain water or something
19 like that?

20 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yeah.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Were we aware of that?

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Did you go to it?

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: No. It was Friday.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Okay.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Will be sending us other
2 information on it, anything that went on, including us
3 in the next meeting they'll have.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: How is everything at
5 the parks going?

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Good.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No problems, no issues
8 with nothing?

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: The rain has to stop.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Right. New locks for
11 the park, are we going to put them on shortly? Let's
12 get them taken care of.

13 Mascaro Garbage Company. Well, the only
14 reason I'm bringing this up is because I had a little
15 issue with my garbage not getting taken. You know I
16 spoke with you about this.

17 I just wondering how often it happens.
18 I'm sure you get bombarded with calls in your office.
19 I'm wondering if, you know, if leaving garbage behind,
20 it happens more often than not, the people -- the
21 garbage guys don't care. I don't know what it is. We
22 may be --

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: It got bad for a while.
24 I mean, I talked to Sam and a couple other. And they
25 did some work to make it better, plus putting another

1 supervisor on our run.

2 So, there are some misses now and then
3 but it's not near as bad as it was.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: All right. If it gets
5 bad, I guess you'll take care of it again. That's
6 pretty much all I have.

7 At this time, the Chair is going to go
8 into new business. Do I have to make a motion to open
9 them?

10 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Open the bids.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Marylynn is going to
12 open the bids for recycling bins.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Received one.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: One bid for recycling
15 bins.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: The bid we received was
17 from Orbis. And it was for 1,000 of our 22-gallon blue
18 bins. 1,000, 22-gallon green bins and 1,000, 14-gallon
19 red bins. And the total of the bid is \$22,740.64.

20 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: And what cents?

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: 64.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Let me ask you a
23 question on this. What did we spend on bins, this
24 amount of bins in the past? 3,000 bins, we're going to
25 buy 3,000 bins. What did we spend on it?

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Well, the situation is
2 that this is a company that we've purchased them from,
3 every time we've ever purchased them in the past.
4 They're no longer Co-Star members. No other companies
5 that are members of Co-Star carry the same bins.

6 So the other option is put it out for bid
7 to get the same ones that we've had in the past. But
8 it would change the style of our bins.

9 And my concern is that if we change the
10 style of the bins, that everyone going to want the new
11 style. So it's going to be lot more than a thousand in
12 each color and comparable price.

13 MS. BARTOLETTI: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Orbis, O-r-b-i-s?

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Um-hum.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: At this time, the
17 Chair is going to entertain a motion for Orbis's bid
18 for \$22,740.64 for recycling bins. 1,000, 22-gallon
19 blue, 1,000, 22-gallon green and 1,000, 22-gallon red
20 bins.

21 MR. NOTARI: Mr. Chairman, I'll make that
22 motion.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Motion on the floor by
24 Councilman Notari.

25 MR. HOOVER: I'll second.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
2 Hoover, on the question.

3 MR. HOOVER: We need a thousand?

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Oh, yes, yes. Those
5 will last probably a year and a half, two years. Now,
6 let me just remind you one thing. It does sound like a
7 lot of money.

8 But when I do our grant for recycling,
9 the ones that we had purchased in the past, I got us
10 reimbursed from DEP.

11 So now we're starting again. And I'm
12 sure in the future, when I write a grant for us, I'll
13 include it in and, hopefully, get reimbursed again.

14 So, right now, it's costing us. And,
15 hopefully, in the future, it won't cost us anything, as
16 we've done in the past.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: On the question.
18 Public input. Roll call, please.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett.

20 MR. FERRETT: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

22 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri.

24 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

1 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yes. Anybody have
6 anything else for new business?

7 MR. NOTARI: Do we have to grant
8 permission for LRCA to our use our property?

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No.

10 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Why don't I get the
11 map so you can see where it's at.

12 MR. NOTARI: I'd like to make a motion to
13 grant use of the Borough property that has access to
14 the Old Forge bore hole to the Lackawanna River
15 Conservation Authority.

16 MR. LETTIERI: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Says for research,
18 Councilman.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: For research portion.

20 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Just for the research
21 portion.

22 ATTORNEY RINALDI: So the limited access
23 agreement for -- you want to make a change to the --
24 let's see here.

25 MR. NOTARI: Basically setting the

1 agreement we had in place, except permission to grant
2 out --

3 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Testing.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What's that?

5 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Conduct testing.

6 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Research, conduct
7 testing.

8 ATTORNEY RINALDI: And to temporarily or
9 intermittently install testing equipment, apparatus
10 related to the investigation of mine drainage flow.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Want to do it per the
12 agreement, Councilman Notari?

13 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

14 MR. FERRETT: Wouldn't it be a better
15 idea if every Councilman got a copy of this thing to
16 read this thing, to make sure that we know what we're
17 getting involved in before we vote on this? And it
18 seems like there seems to be some misunderstanding.

19 Bill is reading something. Change this,
20 change that.

21 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I thought he said he
22 wanted to limit it. It was in here before.

23 MR. NOTARI: I don't want to limit it.
24 It's in your report, Bill.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: By the Borough of Old

1 Forge Municipality --

2 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I thought the Chairman
3 said it's limited in testing. I'm just reading the
4 paragraph.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What you said --

6 MR. NOTARI: I just want to extend
7 whatever the agreement they had with the Borough to
8 access our property to access the bore hole and
9 continue that agreement.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Bill, do you know, per
11 that agreement was?

12 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Yeah. The same as
13 what we have here, just a different name. Go by
14 Lackawanna River Conservation Association.

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Motion on the floor to
16 extend the agreement. Do I have a second?

17 MR. LETTIERI: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
19 Lettieri, on the question. Public input. Roll call,
20 please.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Ferrett.

22 MR. FERRETT: I'm abstaining.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover.

24 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri.

1 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

2 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari.

3 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi.

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: No.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Semenza.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yes. At this time,
8 the Chair is going to entertain a motion to adjourn.

9 MR. NOTARI: Make that motion.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Motion on the floor by
11 Councilman Notari. All in favor.

12 (Chorus of Ayes.)

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Ayes have it.

14 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.)
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