

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

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

WORK SESSION

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

7:00 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
 LOU FEBBO, COUNCIL MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:

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

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

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Welcome to Old Forge Borough Council work session, May 7, 2019. The purpose of tonight's meeting, set the agenda for our regular meeting, which was moved to May 14th, next Tuesday.

We'll hear from the department heads, see if they have anything for the agenda. Go around the table to see if council has anything to address. There's a public sign-in sheet, if anybody wants to address council.

At this time, I'm going to go to our department heads. Paul Papi, anything for the agenda?

MR. PAPI: Only thing I have is I met with the lady on Keyser Avenue, and she has a water problem along side of her property. Been ongoing. She's been here a couple years ago.

I called PennDOT and they're going to change the cross pipe. After PennDOT changes the pipe, we can address her problem. So they said they wouldn't get there until the end of the summer. Other than that, everything else is good.

CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any

1 questions for Paul?

2 MR. NOTARI: No questions for Paul,
3 Thanks for putting up the golf cages with the help of
4 Marylynn and the rest of the DPW department and the
5 parks department. They look nice. And I'm working on
6 a date where we could have a dedication.

7 I'll let everybody know when we're going
8 to do that.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Looking at the 17th.

10 MR. NOTARI: Looking like the 17th, yeah.

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

13 MR. BIERLYLA: No.

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

16 MR. NOTARI: Could you take a look at 501
17 Oak Street, corner of Oak and Church? Seems like
18 there's some windows upstairs that are all busted up.
19 It doesn't look like there's anybody living there. But
20 it looks like it can be a hazard.

21 Just take a look. Church, it starts with
22 the alley off of Oak, not the one on the right, the
23 house on the left.

24 I mean, it's not really overgrown or
25 anything. Looks like the shrubs --

1 MR. BIERYLA: That's the one where the
2 shed is in the back over the fence, when you go through
3 the hedge right there?

4 MR. NOTARI: May be. Yeah, yeah. Just
5 because I don't want it to be a hazard for anything.
6 It looks like the windows upstairs were busted. I
7 don't know if anybody is living there or. Turn on
8 Church off of Oak.

9 MR. BIERYLA: White building.

10 MR. NOTARI: Building on the left on the
11 corner.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else?

13 MR. NOTARI: Thank you.

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: One question, Mr.
15 Chairman. Steve, a few of the residents, the corner of
16 Henderson and Main, behind the old tarot card place,
17 the tarot reader. Am I saying that word correct, tarot
18 card reader?

19 There's a -- Harrison. I'm sorry. Not
20 Henderson. Harrison. There's about two or three
21 trailers.

22 MR. BIERYLA: And it's owned by somebody
23 now. I have yet to track that down. We did have
24 somebody who was taking control of it from -- I can't
25 think of his name.

1 But then they sent -- no one had it, so
2 I'm trying to -- I see the trailers, the trash.

3 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Camper. There's
4 two campers, right?

5 MR. BIERYLA: Two cars, three campers.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Three campers.

7 MR. BIERYLA: Three campers. Yeah. The
8 grass is starting to get overgrown.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I just had some
10 residents contact me about that... I told them I would
11 address it tonight with you. So, if you have it on the
12 list already, that's good.

13 MR. BIERYLA: Probably 14 different
14 properties in town that need to be addressed.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay. That's all I
16 have. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Steve, question for
18 you. Hypothetically, encroaching branches from one
19 property to another, whose responsibility is it?

20 MR. BIERYLA: It's not in the zoning law.
21 In March of 2011, I have the official, from the state
22 law, they're trespassers.

23 So, if you have from the bottom of your
24 property to the skyline, whether it be underneath the
25 fence or over top of the fence, they're trespassers on

1 branches.

2 You have the right to cut them. However,
3 if you damage the tree, you're responsible for it. So
4 that's why they say get a professional tree cutter,
5 have them trim them down on your property line. And
6 it's taken care of.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: If somebody is not
8 taking care of their property and some is encroaching
9 on to your property, is there a violation there of any
10 sort?

11 MR. BIERYLA: Only on their property.
12 The violation that goes to the other property --

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: That's what I mean.

14 MR. BIERYLA: -- is trespassing.

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I had a call about
16 branches encroaching on a property. And sooner or
17 later, going to get to the power lines. The power
18 lines come in to the house, they're already starting to
19 get to that point.

20 MR. BIERYLA: That's a safety hazard.
21 Can call PPL and they'll take care of it.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: PPL says it's not
23 their responsibility. I'll talk to you after the
24 meeting about it. Give you the address and go down.
25 Anybody else?

1 MR. FERRETT: One thing. Bill, from a
2 legal standpoint of view, what he just said that they
3 would be trespassing and you would be able to cut it
4 down, I thought in the past we had to notify those
5 people that, if they wouldn't do anything, then you
6 would have the right to go and do it. You just can't
7 go to work and do anything on your own.

8 ATTORNEY RINALDI: That's if they're in
9 our right-of-way. But if you have two neighbors and
10 one neighbor's branches are going over the other
11 neighbor's, the neighbor who has got the encroachment
12 of branches an file a trespassing claim against the
13 other neighbor.

14 MR. FERRETT: Right. You just got
15 through saying, you got to file a complaint against the
16 neighbor and everything. You just can't go to work and
17 cut it and take it upon yourself.

18 ATTORNEY RINALDI: ell, that's up for
19 them to decide how they want to handle it. They can
20 cut it down.

21 MR. FERRETT: I thought --

22 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Let me finish. If
23 somebody's trees are growing on your property, they're
24 trespassing. You, at your own risk, you trim those
25 branch.

1 If anything happens and it kills the tree
2 on the other guy's property, you're liable. That's why
3 Steve said, call a professional to come in and do it.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything else, Joe?

5 MR. FERRETT: No, no. I just wanted
6 clarification.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else? Thanks,
8 Steve. Dave, anything for the agenda?

9 MR. LOPATKA: I don't have anything for
10 the agenda. I did meet joe briefly today. He gave me
11 the list of streets. We'll start taking a look at
12 those.

13 Also, at the last meeting, you wanted me
14 to contact again Pride with regard to that swale. So I
15 did send another email to Reilly. Joe did get back to
16 me and said going to talk with the owner. I haven't
17 heard back from them yet. I'll just follow up again
18 with them to be find out what was discussed.

19 I don't have anything for the agenda.
20 You guys want to talk about the community center, that
21 number we got?

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Okay. Anybody have
23 any questions for Dave?

24 MR. NOTARI: Do we have any updates on
25 the ambulance building remodel for the police

1 department?

2 MR. LOPATKA: We met last week. the
3 architect -- I think they measured it. Actually
4 putting together some schematics.

5 I guess the chief gave them some of his
6 ideas. They're going to put together a couple ideas,
7 as to how they can go about doing that. So, it's kind
8 of in the process.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: They're meeting again
10 on the 17th. Jason will be able to come and sit on the
11 meeting as well. So, if we want --

12 MR. LOPATKA: Have something for him to
13 look at to a yea or nay.

14 MR. NOTARI: Okay.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: I do have some updates
16 on this building.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else? I'll
18 wait for the police report. Bill, the solicitor's
19 report. Anything for the agenda, Bill?

20 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Probably not, because
21 we have to advertise it. Do have the ordinance for the
22 renaming of the streets.

23 I just want to make sure I verify it, I
24 think, with PennDOT. That's who the Chief talked to.
25 So, it's going to be North Keyser Avenue, traveling

1 north from the intersection of Keyser Avenue and Oak to
2 the border of Old Forge and Taylor Boroughs.

3 South Keyser Avenue is going to be
4 traveling south from the intersection of Keyser Avenue
5 and Oak Street to Franklin Street in Old Forge.

6 Milwaukee Avenue will be traveling south
7 from the intersection of Keyser Avenue and Franklin
8 Street to Seaman's Lane, Connell Street in the Borough
9 of Old Forge. That's per the Chief.

10 Now, I think, really, the only issue is
11 signage on the South Keyser Avenue, but we're going to
12 make sure all of them are clear with the ordinance, so
13 whoever needs to know it, will know it. But it has to
14 be advertised because it's -- we don't have enough time
15 to get that done.

16 And the other thing I have is limited
17 access and release agreement. Anyone remembers, back
18 in 2010, you did an agreement with the Lackawanna River
19 Corridor Association so that they could use the
20 property to conduct testing and install water testing
21 equipment.

22 They're asking for us to renew that
23 agreement. So, what I'll do is, go over that for the
24 meeting and get a copy to everybody.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What is that for,

1 Bill?

2 ATTORNEY RINALDI: That is for --
3 there's 6,400 square feet located along Connell Street,
4 which is our property.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yeah. We talked about
6 this a couple weeks ago?

7 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I might have mentioned
8 it. So, we got to approve that at the meeting. We had
9 an agreement with them in July 2010. This is actually
10 an identical agreement.

11 They just needed to update their access
12 so they can do that bore hole and riverbank testing.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Okay.

14 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I'll put that on the
15 agenda and get everybody copies so they can read it.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything else?

17 ATTORNEY RINALDI: That's it.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any
19 questions for Bill?

20 MR. NOTARI: Bill, you said Milwaukee
21 will run from Franklin to Connell Street.

22 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Franklin to Seaman's
23 Lane and Connell Street.

24 MR. NOTARI: Then it picks up at Drake
25 and runs to Main, correct?

1 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Which is labeled around
2 already, so I didn't even bother.

3 MR. NOTARI: Still on for Thursday at
4 Judge Munley's chambers at 11?

5 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Yeah. I'm trying to
6 find out exactly what it is. Now it's going to be a
7 contempt hearing, according to the Judge yesterday.
8 And today, there's another question that Attorney
9 Scacchitti sent the Judge. But I haven't heard a reply
10 from the Judge.

11 MR. PAPI: What time is that?

12 ATTORNEY RINALDI: 11 on Thursday.

13 MR. NOTARI: Thanks, Bill.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody else? Thanks,
15 Bill. Marylynn, Borough manager's report, anything for
16 the agenda?

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: I don't have anything
18 for the agenda. But I just wanted to remind everyone
19 that May 14th is our rescheduled meeting, that we're
20 moving from the 21st.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yeah.

22 MS. BARTOLETTI: May 14th. Joe is
23 reminding me about Little League opening day, Saturday.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Saturday.

25 MS. BARTOLETTI: This Saturday.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: At 11.

2 MR. NOTARI: 11:45 to 12:15 is what Tony
3 told me. I sent it to everybody.

4 MS. BARTOLETTI: Right.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything else,
6 Marylynn?

7 MS. BARTOLETTI: No.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anybody have any
9 questions for Marylynn?

10 MR. NOTARI: I have one question. And
11 Mary, is there a possible way we can put steps in to
12 the hill at the Marian Street Park from Railroad
13 Street?

14 It's really pitched high. So, if
15 somebody parks there and wants to use the tennis courts
16 or the trail, I know we're probably not promoting
17 anybody parking on the side of the street.

18 You know, if we can build, like, they
19 don't even have to be solid. I mean, they can be like
20 stone or wood even, you know, like railroad ties and
21 just use the land there. But just two or three steps
22 up.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Paul, something like
24 that.

25 MR. PAPI: I don't know if something like

1 that would have to meet code because, if somebody gets
2 hurt.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Touchy situation
4 there.

5 MR. HOOVER: Liability.

6 MR. PAPI: Building liability.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I'm not against the
8 idea. If you want Dave to go down there, if you're
9 down there, Dave, if you can take a look.

10 MR. LOPATKA: Where?

11 MR. NOTARI: Marian Street Park on and
12 the school, Railroad Street side. There's a walkway
13 that goes around.

14 If somebody wanted to park on Railroad
15 Street and use the park, you got to walk up kind of a
16 steep little, I don't know, 3 foot, 4 foot hill.

17 MR. LOPATKA: He can take a look. I'm
18 wondering.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Get in to a lot of
20 money and engineering and everything like that. If you
21 can just, I'll take a look.

22 MR. LOPATKA Let me know. I was up that
23 way today. I could have looked at it earlier.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Do that one on the
25 house.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thanks, Dave.

2 MR. LOPATKA: Gotcha.

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

5 At this time, go to -- Marylynn, anything
6 else?

7 MR. HOOVER: I mentioned it to her the
8 other day, maybe Dave can look at it. Down the park
9 across the treat where my cousin lives, Tony. In nine
10 years, he's had his car hit seven times with people
11 backing up. It happened like two weeks ago somebody
12 backed out.

13 They park close to the fence, between the
14 gate and the pole. If we can put something there where
15 people can't park, because he parks his car in front of
16 his house, when they back up --

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I don't think it was
18 ever intended for parking, was it?

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Drive on the grass.

20 MR. HOOVER: By the basketball courts.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: You mean on the other
22 side?

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: By Tony's.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Park in the grass
25 in to the fence.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: When we would discuss
2 it, I was thinking about putting boulders in there.

3 MR. HOOVER: Three big rocks so they
4 can't --

5 MS. BARTOLETTI: I don't think it should
6 be parking. It's kind of dangerous. What if somebody
7 pulled through and smashed through the fence? I'd be
8 blocking that off is a good idea.

9 MR. HOOVER: When they back up, it's a
10 little incline. And they hit the gas and come back end
11 up --

12 MR. LOPATKA: That road is not wide.

13 MR. HOOVER: The road is not wide either.
14 Ask if we can do something. He's tired and the
15 insurance company is tired.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Fancy jersey barriers,
17 stone cut out on it. You know what I'm saying?

18 MR. PAPI: We got building stones up at
19 the Borough park. We can get them again. We got them
20 from the landfill.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: I don't see why not.

22 MR. PAPI: For free.

23 MR. LOPATKA: Free.

24 MR. PAPI: Same size as the ones that are
25 the one on the soccer field.

1 MR. FEBBO: Digging up my yard. I mean,
2 come up with the truck, I'll load it with the Bobcat.

3 MR. PAPI: Couple thousand pounds.

4 MR. FEBBO: Half the size of the table.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Go to Febbo's house.

6 MR. PAPI: Go up and see them.

7 MR. FEBBO: Donate them to the Borough.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I don't think that was
9 ever intended for parking right there.

10 MR. NOTARI: Probably hasn't. But been
11 parking there fore 35 years.

12 MR. HOOVER: Kind of tight because
13 there's a guide wire for the fence.

14 MR. NOTARI: I know somebody that hit
15 that.

16 MR. HOOVER: Get 3 or 4 in there.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Some unhappy people.
18 A lot of people use that for parking. But, you know.
19 I'm sure residents there will be happy. Anything else?

20 MR. HOOVER: That's it. I'm done.

21 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: At this time, go to
22 public comment. Could somebody get me the sheet?

23 MR. NOTARI: What about the Mayor?

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Go up to the table.

25 Gloria.

1 MS. PELLEGRINI: Gloria Pellegrini. My
2 property is at 836 South Main Street. My concern is
3 the property at 835 South Main Street.

4 It's owned by Steve and Barry Miller.
5 This is the address for their taxes. They do not live
6 there. They haven't been there for two years.

7 The place looks like a junkyard. They
8 live in Jersey. I've addressed this with Steve maybe
9 last year.

10 And he did post something on their
11 property about it. And they were fining him a hundred
12 dollars a day or more.

13 I spoke to our detectives at the
14 Lackawanna County Courthouse. And they would be able
15 to find the address on these people that live in
16 Jersey. But the Old Forge Police have to ask them.
17 They can call Joe Jordan up and they can get the
18 address.

19 I would think that they can send a
20 certified letter or a court order, signed by a judge,
21 to clean up this property.

22 He's got three trailers, two cars. I
23 have them on my phone, I just took pictures before I
24 got here, that don't run. There's mice and rats there.

25 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Excuse me. I don't

1 mean to interrupt you. Is that the property I just
2 brought up to them?

3 MS. PELLEGRINI: It's the card reader.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yeah. That's the
5 one I just brought up to them.

6 MS. PELLEGRINI: First of all, the sign
7 should come down. There was no tarot cards ever read
8 there. It was a front for something. I don't know
9 what. It wasn't drugs, because I had that checked out.
10 They haven't been there for almost three
11 years. The place, everybody else keeps their property
12 and we have to look at that.

13 So, that's who they are. I know they
14 live in Jersey, because when there was an accident, the
15 restitution check went to Jersey. But we can't find
16 that now.

17 But the detectives will find them, where
18 they live. But Chief Dubernas has to call Joe Jordan
19 and he will JNet or however they get it.

20 Steve, I've never met you but --

21 MR. BIERLYLA: From what I remember,
22 tracing them down, I think it was a relative that lives
23 in Old Forge.

24 MS. PELLEGRINI: Somebody picks up the
25 mail.

1 MR. BIERYLA: Somebody was supposed to
2 take care of the property, because the man who lived
3 there --

4 MS. PELLEGRINI: He did or I don't know
5 where he is.

6 MR. BIERYLA: He's in Michigan. He has
7 some --

8 MS. PELLEGRINI: And the old lady died.

9 MR. BIERYLA: Mother passed away. And it
10 didn't get cleaned up because there was a property
11 maintenance company that I did get ahold of last year.
12 Remember when they cleaned up?

13 MS. PELLEGRINI: We have garbage cans in
14 the front, two in the back.

15 MR. BIERYLA: They were supposed to come
16 and take the trailers out.

17 MS. PELLEGRINI: And they didn't.

18 MR. BIERYLA: They were supposed to come
19 and take the cars out, the trailers out. And then what
20 happened was, they were no longer the proprietors to
21 clean up the property. And then --

22 MS. PELLEGRINI: . They are. Right here.
23 I did this today. This is the only address too.

24 MR. BIERYLA: Right. But this was a
25 maintenance company, like a bank owned it. Not only

1 they have it, but I'm saying the bank has it.

2 MS. PELLEGRINI: Okay. Well, whoever has
3 it. The bank doesn't have it. Because, as of today,
4 at the recorder of deeds, that was printed off today,
5 they are still the owners. And they do not live there.
6 They live in Jersey. He's a young kid. I've seen him
7 there.

8 He doesn't come around any more. But, I
9 mean, let's get a court order, have a Judge sign it and
10 send it. Let's first get their address and then see --
11 a bank does not own it. They are not the owners of it.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Bill, what are the
13 steps with this?

14 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Take them to the
15 Magistrate, as long as you have the address.

16 MS. PELLEGRINI: Taxes are paid by them.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Taxes are paid by the
18 two gentlemen?

19 MS. PELLEGRINI: Yes.

20 MR. BIERLYA: The problem is, nobody is
21 going to show up. I can cite everybody but nobody is
22 going to show up.

23 MS. PELLEGRINI: Somebody picked up --
24 wrote a letter last year, when you posted all that,
25 they came and they got it, right? And were supposed to

1 be charged a hundred dollars a day or whatever it was
2 because I went over and I read it.

3 Were they ever charged? Did anybody ever
4 collect?

5 MR. BIERYLA: Somebody came and cleaned
6 up, correct?

7 MS. PELLEGRINI: Yes, but that sat there
8 for two months before they came and cleaned it up.

9 MR. BIERYLA: Because I had to get ahold
10 of somebody first. And somehow I got ahold of --
11 somebody did call me.

12 And then somebody did come down and they
13 did what they did. But it wasn't a person. It was --
14 I'd have to look at my records. It was a bank owned --

15 MS. PELLEGRINI: I did my homework. I
16 mean, if you want these people's address, all you have
17 to do is ask Dubernas to call the detectives and they
18 will get on it. And then you can send them a
19 certified letter, a court order.

20 MR. BIERYLA: Actually, I did tell the
21 Chief. And he called whoever you told him to call and
22 it went dead-ended.

23 MS. PELLEGRINI: No, because they never
24 pursued it. I know what they do. Anyway, if they want
25 me to do it, I'll call Jordan tomorrow and I can do it.

1 THE MAYOR: I got it.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I'll take care of it.

3 MS. PELLEGRINI: There's rats and mice
4 over there. Why do we have to look at it? Why do
5 people -- if it was somebody else, you get on to them.

6 These people, they don't live there.

7 They haven't lived there for two years.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: They can care less. I
9 get it. Look into it.

10 THE MAYOR: I'll call the Chief.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thank you.

12 MS. PELLEGRINI: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Bill.

14 MR., GILCHRIST: Bill Gilchrist. I got a
15 little problem with the property that is formerly the
16 Menichello property.

17 On Sibley at the end, where it ends at
18 the Gilchrist property, where it ends on the Gilchrist
19 property, Stocki is in the middle there.

20 He has a lot of water runoff coming on to
21 my property, which we cleaned up twice already at
22 \$30,000.00 a pop, because it's oil.

23 Now, the DEP is telling me, it's my
24 property. I'm responsible. How come if I'm
25 responsible, it's coming from their property, you can

1 see where it's running right here.

2 They said that's not our problem. It's
3 yours.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Can't divert water
5 from one property to the other.

6 MR. GILCHRIST: So I'm here tonight to
7 ask you people, what can we do? And the other end of
8 the property is the Borough's problem, because years
9 ago, when you put the ballpark up there, you ran a
10 trough down the end of the property to catch the runoff
11 water and bring it back to the creek.

12 Down lower, well, when you did that, you
13 ruined about three to four acres of land and made it a
14 swamp, all the trees died and became wetlands.

15 I can't go in there and do anything,
16 because DEP will be on my ass for that. I talked to
17 you a couple years and said you were talking to the
18 DEP, am I correct?

19 MR. FEBBO: Yeah, I remember we talked
20 about that.

21 MR. GILCHRIST: You said --

22 MR. FEBBO: I think that was involved
23 with the mining and the -- what was the name?

24 MR. GILCHRIST: I got home. Both ends of
25 my property I got problems with. And now, I told the

1 guys from DEP, I said, I have my hands in Stocki's
2 truck trying to get him out, couldn't get him. I said,
3 what am I suppose to do, shoot him?

4 I mean, somewhere along the line, I just
5 can't keep having his water come over here. And they
6 keep telling me it's my responsibility.

7 MR. FEBBO: Let me interject here. I had
8 the same problem with mine, run off on Tuchi's
9 property. Any way we can resolve that is to take them
10 to court. That's a civil issue.

11 MR. GILCHRIST: I had him in court. In
12 fact, lawyers gave him an extension I don't know how
13 many times.

14 This is going on with the court as long
15 as you are. You know that. You were in the court one
16 day when the Judge said you go to jail.

17 He just keeps procrastinating,
18 procrastinating. You know, we're just hoping, when
19 Thursday comes, he does go to jail.

20 If not, then we have the case after
21 yours. I think Judge Gibbons will put him in jail.

22 MR. FEBBO: Your situation is separate
23 from ours. We're there for other reasons.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Steve, correct me if
25 I'm wrong, you can't divert water from one property to

1 another, correct, Bill?

2 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Right. Trespass.

3 MR. BIERLYLA: Trespass.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: So he's breaking a
5 Borough code there.

6 MR. BIERLYLA: He's trespassing. In other
7 words, it would be the suit between the two neighbors.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Suit between the two
9 neighbors.

10 MR. BIERLYLA: Um-hum. Get in line.

11 MR. GILCHRIST: I had a good line, but
12 couldn't get my hands around him.

13 MR. NOTARI: Who cites him for
14 trespassing, the police?

15 MR. BIERLYLA: No. It's a civil trespass.

16 MR. FEBBO: Have to go to court.

17 ATTORNEY RINALDI: For water runoff.

18 MR. GILCHRIST: Already in court. Got
19 him for bull dozer, steel, got him for a whole bunch of
20 shit.

21 MR. FEBBO: Add this to the list.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Talk about nine lives,
23 right?

24 MR. GILCHRIST: Well, I guess part of the
25 reason I really want you to know, I want you to people

1 to know, we're trying our best to do what we can with
2 that property. And, you know, it's not us.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I know that.

4 MR. GILCHRIST: Our property is clean.
5 Nothing wrong.

6 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Been there long enough
7 to prove that.

8 MR. GILCHRIST: Put it this way, if
9 something should come about that and you hear somebody
10 got hurt or something. Thanks, Bill.

11 MR. HOOVER: Off the record.

12 COURT REPORTER: Too late. That's how it
13 is.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: My name is Mike
15 Adoniak. I live at 70 Connell Street, Old Forge.
16 A-d-o-n-i-a-k.

17 Rumor has it that this council is
18 contemplating selling Borough land, project 70, which I
19 feel would be a huge mistake.

20 Land that was given to the Borough and
21 the people and the kids of this town to be used for
22 recreation only.

23 Now, I've lived on that street 45 years.
24 This land borders my property. There's trees. There's
25 animals. It's a green site. There's trees give off

1 oxygen. There's also a historic cemetery on this
2 property, taken care of by The Boy Scouts.

3 I feel this land should be used for
4 ballfields, walking trails, maybe a pond, where little
5 kids can go fish, ice skate in the winter, not to be
6 torn down and have buildings put on it.

7 Now, if -- I've seen surveyors down
8 there, so I know this is being discussed.
9 And I would like to know if you are going to contact
10 the federal government to see if you can sell it.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Catch up to speed. We
12 did speak, me and you, before this. We were
13 approached, the Borough was approached by a gentleman
14 that was interested in buying it.

15 Came to us. And that's pretty much as
16 far as it went. There was no numbers, no nothing.
17 Nothing said further from that.

18 There was -- I don't know if that's
19 surveyors. What were they that was sent down to the
20 property?

21 MR. LOPATKA: Surveyors.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I know there was
23 people out there.

24 MR. LOPATKA: Surveyors.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Surveyors, they were.

1 Just to get an idea where the property was, the lines
2 and everything like.

3 MR. LOPATKA: Doing a boundary survey.

4 MR. ADONIAK: Contemplating selling it.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: It did come across the
6 table.

7 MR. ADONIAK: Land that was given to the
8 people and kids for recreation only. I don't think it
9 should be sold. Everybody I talked to thinks it
10 shouldn't be sold.

11 MR. NOTARI: I don't think any decisions
12 were made. I think, as Councilman Semenza said, the
13 developer came to us and asked about it.

14 I think we're doing our due diligence in
15 going through the process of seeing what the boundaries
16 are and I think getting the appraisal.

17 And then I think it needs to be discussed
18 amongst council but also amongst the public. I don't
19 believe, at least from my point of view, we weren't
20 going to do anything without contacting the public and
21 getting your views.

22 I'm happy you're here. I want to hear
23 from everybody that borders that property. And I think
24 that's how my decision is going to be made.

25 MR. ADONIAK: If this continues, I will

1 get petitions of everyone who thinks it's not a good
2 idea and like-minded like I am.

3 And I'm sure the people I've talked to
4 already are like-minded like I am. So, if you are
5 going to contact the federal government, I would like
6 to know what agency and I would like to see a copy of
7 the letter, if I can.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Bill, who do we
9 contact for permission to sell it?

10 ATTORNEY RINALDI: It would be the State
11 of Pennsylvania. Actually, the Senate, House, and
12 Governor have to sign.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: They would have to
14 approve it.

15 MR.. ADONIAK: Is it possible to get a
16 letter to see who contacts?

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yes, I'll definitely
18 keep you up to speed.

19 MR. ADONIAK: I would appreciate it. I
20 don't think it is a good idea. It's land given to the
21 people and children for recreation only.

22 I know you tried building a Borough
23 garage there. You couldn't do it. I know you wanted
24 to trade land for a parking lot, you couldn't do it.

25 I feel you're not going to be able to

1 sell it. I bought my property down there with the
2 knowledge that I would have nobody in the back of me.
3 It would be private.

4 Now you're telling me there's going to be
5 all kind of buildings back there. That's not why I
6 bought my property there 45 years ago. Been paying
7 taxes for 45 years.

8 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Quick question,
9 what would you like to see back there?

10 MR. ADONIAK: Walking trails, pond.

11 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Baseball field or
12 something?

13 MR. ADONIAK: Baseball fields are
14 beautiful.

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'm just curious.

16 MR. ADONIAK: Soccer fields. The land
17 should be used for what it was intended to be used for,
18 recreation.

19 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Okay.

20 MR. ADONIAK: Thank you.

21 MR. FERRETT: Mr. Hairman, I think when
22 you listen to it, Mr. Adoniak is saying, maybe there
23 might be some misunderstanding, because a lot of times
24 you see a lot of rumors flying around.

25 I think they have to understand one

1 thing, that before council, whatever, makes any attempt
2 to make any decision, always -- the public always has
3 to have something to be said about this.

4 You just can't go to work and say, we're
5 going to make a decision and got to work and sell the
6 land.

7 As he said before, it's there for
8 recreation purposes. But the idea behind all this is
9 the fact that you have to advertise it. You have to
10 have people come in.

11 If they object to all this, then you have
12 to make a decision what you want to do. Now you got
13 people objecting whether it's legitimate, whether it
14 isn't, what direction do you really want to go in.

15 Because I don't want to be part of
16 something and then find out we didn't hear what the
17 people had to say.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Right.

19 MR. ADONIAK: One other thing, there's
20 not that much land left in Old Forge. Land is a value
21 commodity. I think the Borough should keep it.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Very valuable.

23 MR. ADONIAK: One more thing, I recently
24 saw in the paper that the casinos gave grants out.
25 Moosic got 130,000 to fix the Borough building. Taylor

1 got money. Scranton got money. Forest City got money.
2 How come Old Forge didn't apply?

3 MR. NOTARI: We did.

4 MR. ADONIAK: Just didn't get it?
5 Kidding me.

6 MR. NOTARI: Nope.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Helps us with that
8 grant every year.

9 MR. ADONIAK: That's amazing.

10 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: This year, we didn't
11 get it. Marylynn puts a lot of time and effort into
12 that grant, writing that grant. And, you know, it's a
13 shame we didn't get any money from it this year.

14 MR. ADONIAK: That's amazing. Shameful.

15 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Shameful. Are you
16 finished?

17 MR. ADONIAK: I'm fine. Unless you want
18 me to say something.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: At this time, nobody
20 else.

21 MR. BIERLYA: They need to sign in.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Take the podium and
23 state your name and address for the record.

24 MS. HARDING: Rachel Harding.

25 MS. CENTRELLA: Angela Centrella.

1 MS. HARDING: Hi everybody. I'm just
2 here kind of on the request of Steve, again, with the
3 issue of the feral cats in Old Forge.

4 I spoke to him. He informed me that
5 there were several houses, residences complaining the
6 cats are, you know, pooping in the mulch, sitting on
7 their patio furniture, all that.

8 I've been to a couple residences where
9 people had complained and asked me to come take a look
10 at the cat situation, where their neighbors are feeding
11 feral cats and the cats are in their yard and such and
12 such.

13 Okay. So, what I wanted to do, in order
14 to try and help the situation, is maybe renting out the
15 senior center for a day to have a community educational
16 thing about feral cats and the TNR process.

17 I think there's a lot of people that are
18 thinking they're doing a good thing, feeding these cats
19 that all over the neighborhood. But they're not getting
20 fixed and the problem is multiplying, you know.

21 That and I do have a paper here from a
22 new place that just opened down in Plains. I'll give
23 that to you guys. It's called No Nonsense Neutering.
24 They do \$15.00 vouchers for spaying and neutering of
25 feral cat.

1 They also vaccinate them against rabies,
2 distemper, things like that. I'm just looking kind of
3 for the Borough's support in trying to start some kind
4 of TNR program to get the public involved, educated,
5 first of all, because that's the most important thing
6 and then to help Steve with the issues that are going
7 on.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Basically, what you're
9 looking to do is educate the public with the use of the
10 Borough building.

11 I don't know. Could we give her use of
12 the senior center, Marylynn? Bill? I mean, wouldn't
13 have to rent. I think every councilman would feel,
14 we're not going to rent it to you if you're going to
15 educate the public.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: We can.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: We can do it.

18 MS. HARDING: Also, the woman who runs
19 this, No Nonsense, they're in several states. But she
20 wanted me to ask if you would agree to have her do a
21 presentation at the next council meeting so she can
22 explain more what we do and how we go about it.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yeah. If she'd like
24 to come, definitely, you know, let her speak and give
25 us a presentation.

1 Our next meeting is next week, if that's
2 too soon for her. Our following --

3 MS. HARDING: She said June. She has a
4 lot of bookings.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: June 4th and June 18th
6 are our council meetings. So, if you want to set
7 something that you, would like to, you can contact the
8 Borough office and speak with Marylynn or one of the
9 secretaries.

10 MS. HARDING: Maybe put a little article
11 in the Tri-Boro paper saying that we would hold, you
12 know, a meeting for anybody who was interested in
13 learning, you know, about the TNR process or anybody
14 that has cat issues that want to come to see what they
15 can do to prevent the cats from pooping in the mulch.

16 A lot of red pepper flakes in there,
17 they won't go in it. There's things you can to. But
18 kind of educate the people, so.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: That does work?
20 Somebody told me cayenne around.

21 MS. HARDING: They don't like hot pepper.
22 Orange peels. And that's the whole point of the TNR.

23 MS. CENTRELLA: Familiar with TNR? Spay,
24 neuter and return. Nobody wants to pay for it. We do
25 and there's a lot of people in Old Forge that do it on

1 their own time. We can't do it for the whole
2 community.

3 What they do is, trap the cats, get them
4 fixed. And we bring them right back to where they came
5 from.

6 And the point of it is, the population
7 decreases because they're not breeding any more. And
8 they do it in Scranton. They just passed it in
9 Wilkes-Barre. They do it in Jenkins. They do it in
10 Dalton.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What are you looking
12 for us to pass, what kind of -- what do they have, what
13 kind of resolutions?

14 MS. HARDING: What they have is they have
15 a program in place where -- I don't know what the other
16 townships or anything are paying towards it.

17 That paper there that I gave you, they do
18 a \$15.00 per cat spay, neuter, you know, and the rabies
19 vaccination.

20 You can get vouchers and they're good.
21 You can get five at a time. I mean, the people here,
22 if I can educate them on this, they may be able to do
23 it on their own if they have the means.

24 But for those who don't, maybe we can
25 help them out a little bit. Also, the people who feed

1 cats should not leave the food out at night because
2 that attracts every other animal, you know, to come.

3 So, there are some rules and some ways to
4 do it so that, you know, you can get along with your
5 neighbor and still be taking care of these cats.

6 Once you release them, you're kind of
7 taking care of them. They need to be taken to a vet,
8 take them to a vet, you know.

9 MS. CENTRELLA: We did go to the home of
10 the gentleman on Sibley Avenue, complaining about cats
11 all over, poop all over the yard and sidewalks.

12 We walked around the yard with him, and
13 we found possum poop, raccoon poop, no cats. No cat
14 poop.

15 MS. HARDING: The neighbors are leaving
16 food out.

17 MS. CENTRELLA: Neighbors leave the food
18 out and animals come at night. He assumed that the cat
19 was doing this because he doesn't see the animals at
20 night. Cats won't go on the sidewalk.

21 MS. HARDING: They'll go in mulch,
22 something they can cover up.

23 MS. CENTRELLA: They need to be educated
24 people.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yeah, definitely

1 wouldn't be opposed to --

2 MS. CENTRELLA: We would like council's
3 blessing for what we do. You know, it would really
4 help, even if there's no financial assistance, just
5 your support that we support the caretakers who do it
6 on their own time.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Maybe draft some kind
8 of letter up to -- I mean, I don't even know really
9 where you want to go.

10 Bill, have you seen anything like this
11 ever --

12 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I haven't, no.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: -- in municipalities.

14 MR. BIERYLA: What I asked them to come
15 in for, because of the trouble and we have about eight
16 different places in town that are overrun with cats and
17 people constantly complain.

18 And there are rules, once again, it's
19 only a nuisance that we have to cite them with. But
20 education with them, and I spoke with Marylynn about
21 it, there might be, like, you donate so much to Griffin
22 Pond. You set so much aside to assist them.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I was just thinking
24 that.

25 MR. BIERYLA: We might be able to get

1 something going where everybody in town would
2 understand the way the system would work because Rachel
3 did tell me, when you TNR a cat, the longevity of the
4 house cat is maybe 14, 15 years.

5 The longevity of an outside cat is
6 extremely lower. And then once that cat dies off, you
7 know you're not getting the reproduction that you
8 normally would for another cat to take its spot.

9 That's why they take and release the cat
10 back in the area that they took it, because, if they
11 don't, another cat will take this cat's spot.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Looking at half the
13 age that --

14 MS. CENTRELLA: Four years is the usual
15 life span of an outdoor cat. So, if you stop the
16 breeding, eventually the population will come down.

17 You can't not not feed them, that doesn't
18 solve anything.

19 MR. FEBBO: If we're going to have the
20 speaker come in, why don't we wait until she comes in
21 and let her layout what it is and then see what
22 direction they want us to go in.

23 We're willing to help out, especially if
24 Steve helps. Something you can come up with and help
25 with, we'll be happy to.

1 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: If you are going to do
2 a class or whatever, you know, council will give us
3 their blessing on your letter, whatever, send out, you
4 know, I have nothing against that. I mean, you know.
5 It's only good.

6 MS. HARDING: I will run it by you guys
7 before I put it in the paper. Make sure it sounds okay
8 for you guys. Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Sounds good. Thank
10 you very much.

11 MS. CENTRELLA: Can you tell me when your
12 next meeting was? I'm old. I forget.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Don't make me laugh.
14 Our next meeting is next Tuesday. And then the first
15 and third Tuesday of every month, primarily.

16 MS. CENTRELLA: First and third?

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Next week had to get
18 moved because Election Day is the third Tuesday this
19 year.

20 Chris, I see you walked in late. Do you
21 want to speak?

22 MR. GOETZ: Chris Goetz, G-o-e-t-z. I
23 just want to say thank you to all the Borough
24 officials, everybody, the Mayor, Council, Marylynn,
25 Bill, Steve, Paul, that came out last week to help and

1 support the cause and make the town better.

2 Obviously, it's not over. So I am hoping
3 that we still have everybody's support. And I'll see a
4 few of you, I'm sure, on Thursday. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Thanks. At this time,
6 Chair is going to go down the table. Mayor, ask you
7 for the police report, if you got anything.

8 THE MAYOR: I'll have it for next week,
9 next week's meeting. She didn't get it to me. She has
10 it done. I just didn't get it.

11 The only thing I have is I wanted to let
12 you know that the clean-up went very well. Mrs.
13 Rinaldi, from the school, brought her math and science
14 club down.

15 She must have brought 50 kids. Coach
16 Shuback brought the football team. We had the
17 cross-country team. We had the Boy Scouts. Principal
18 Gatto, he was very instrumental in getting his people.

19 I'd like to thank Councilman Febbo for
20 showing up. We must have had a hundred people and went
21 very well. Great job. And, Paul, I'm sorry, that's a
22 given.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Counsel Febbo.

24 MR. FEBBO: Yes. I have a personal
25 issue, I guess. I live up on Angela drive, and there's

1 a pipe that comes down along Angela Drive from
2 Iacovazzi Drive, drainage ditch, across Angela through
3 my yard. And that pipe is blocked.

4 We had a Ford up there and big stone in
5 there and can't be moved. What happen is everything is
6 being washed out there.

7 I had Paul take a look at it. We need to
8 put a catch basin in there and dig the road and put a
9 new pipe across.

10 Also like to see that road on the paving
11 list, the intersèction, because it's all cracked and it
12 needs attention.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Is that road still
14 owned by Stuccio?

15 MR. FEBBO: We collect fuel tax on it.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: We do pay fuel tax?

17 MR. FEBBO: And where it was paved, we
18 paid for it. The Borough did not pay for it. We
19 chipped in years ago.

20 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I'd like to get it
21 turned over to the Borough.

22 MR. FEBBO: That would be great and get
23 something done.

24 MR. GILCHRIST: Could I ask a question?
25 If someone owns a private road and the Borough is

1 getting fuel tax and you're going to pave it, how about
2 paving my driveway?

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: That's why I said I
4 wanted it ordained to the Borough before we pave
5 anything.

6 MR. GILCHRIST: That would be something
7 new. I pay a lot of road tax.

8 MR. FEBBO: Screwed up on that, because
9 he was going with the petition to get the land and all
10 that, that should have been incorporated because that's
11 one of the roads that's of that property.

12 Angela Drive where he put the fence up.
13 We messed up on that one.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Bill, can we look into
15 getting that road turned over to the Borough?

16 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Find out if we get
17 liquid fuels on it or not. Marylynn is going to check
18 that out.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Okay. That was never
20 ordained to the Borough.

21 ATTORNEY RINALDI: No. I know it shows
22 up on the --

23 MR. FERRETT: Open a can of worms.

24 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Actually, parts of it
25 showed up on the -- when we had it surveyed, that it

1 still belonged to Iacovazzi at the time.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Iacovazzi or Stuccio.

3 ATTORNEY RINALDI: I mean Stuccio then
4 bought it. We hadn't bought it. It was still listed
5 on Iacovazzi's deed, I guess.

6 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything else?

7 MR. FEBBO: No.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Councilman Notari.

9 MR. NOTARI: Couple things. You have my
10 reports from our two committees that met -- the school
11 committee met on April 23rd.

12 And, primarily, we discussed the police
13 officer in the building. Just not going to read -- I'm
14 not going to read line for line.

15 Just to give you the short version is
16 that since Chief Dubernas has been out, we're having a
17 problem with having an officer at the school.

18 The officers are reluctant to go over
19 because we're having communications problems between
20 officers in the school and outside the school and also
21 both in the school. I guess there's some dead zones.

22 I did speak with Dave Hahn, who is the
23 director of the County 911. He's willing to come down
24 at any time to walk through the building with a radio
25 to see where the problems are, to see how they can help

1 fix these problems.

2 I'm just waiting on a time from Mr.
3 Rinaldi over at the school that we can get in there and
4 do the walk-through. So, once we get that, we'll get
5 that done. That was basically the school committee
6 meeting. You can look it over. And if you have any
7 questions, ask now or ask later.

8 Also the sewer committee meeting and,
9 basically, Marylynn, we discussed the new building
10 system.

11 She's actually going to try to do some
12 research and see if we have what it takes to do that or
13 if we need something else.

14 She's requested that we set up office
15 hours that are more friendly to the public. So we can
16 -- why don't we think about it for at least a week, and
17 we can talk about that on Tuesday to see what we want
18 to do there.

19 Marylynn says a couple days from 10 to 2,
20 give the public an opportunity to get in and pay the
21 sewer bill or if they have any questions.

22 That's all I have on the committee
23 reports. Just one question, Mary, Lakeland High School
24 is using Pagnotti Park at the baseball field.

25 Are we charging them anything for that?

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: We haven't charged
2 anything, no. Really the first year that anyone has
3 asked. There's been two games on the field from, you
4 know, from other schools.

5 What I requested from them is their proof
6 of insurance, certificate of insurance. But I think,
7 going forward, it's something that, you know, I would
8 like to talk to everybody about and see what the plan
9 is for something like this.

10 MR. NOTARI: Have the Borough employees
11 been fixing the field for them?

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: No. Part of the deal it
13 has to come at no inconvenience of our staff. So, if
14 the school prepares it for them, you know, because they
15 work together or whatever, that's fine. But no
16 inconvenience to our staff at all.

17 MR. HOOVER: Why are they using it?

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Because a lot of schools
19 fields right now are not in playable condition.

20 MR. NOTARI: It was funny and I didn't
21 realize it and I had a friend of mine call and ask for
22 directions to Pagnotti Park to see a game.

23 I was like, we're not ever playing there.
24 I knew we were away. Lakeland and Riverside played
25 there.

1 MS. BARTOLETTI: Even Lakeland will be
2 playing, but Lakeland will be the home team.

3 MR. NOTARI: I think they got an inning
4 or two in today. That's all.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Councilman Ferrett.

6 MR. FERRETT: I'm next.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: You're next, buddy.

8 MR. FERRETT: All right. The paving
9 program, Jim and I met. And Councilman Rinaldi
10 couldn't make it that day.

11 We looked at all the roads and
12 everything. And we haven't made any decisions. Gave
13 it to our engineer to come up with a price and see
14 where we stand.

15 The roads may have to be taken off and we
16 have to see exactly where we're at and everything
17 whatsoever.

18 Also, Jim and I, we talked about doing
19 some crack sealing. The fact that when we're going
20 around, we see some of the roads that are in terrible
21 condition.

22 We thought maybe do some crack sealing
23 would be a great help to us. I spoke with Marylynn.
24 Marylynn says that, in the budget, we have money
25 budgeted for that purpose.

1 So, tonight, going to go to work and put
2 it on the agenda for the next meeting. I mean, do
3 crack sealing, come up with some kind of a number and
4 everything. What we have to do is try and find a way
5 how we can measure every street just what it is.

6 So when we put it out to bid, we know
7 what we're going to be looking for. So, that's where
8 we stand in that.

9 Now, the other thing that I want to bring
10 up is, it was brought to my attention that, on Lawrence
11 Street, they had some problems there with the --

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No problems there.
13 This has been cameraed before. And what, Paul,
14 findings on the camera on the Lawrence Street?

15 MR. PAPI: Front of the church.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Yes.

17 MR. PAPI: No problems.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Clean as a whistle,
19 Joe. The problem lies in the resident's house. I
20 believe Mike Ford says that. The resident is trying to
21 push it off on the Borough. I don't believe it is.

22 MR. FERRETT: How is that that the
23 residents are responsible?

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: It's in the resident's
25 lateral, Joe.

1 MR. FERRETT: But the idea, from what I
2 understand, from what I understand, the main line that
3 controls everything, if the main line is partially
4 blocked or something.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Who says it's
6 partially blocked?

7 MR. FERRETT: I'm only --

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: You can -- I was there
9 and Councilman Rinaldi was there with me. And we
10 witnessed the video. And I think we even have it on
11 CD, don't we?

12 MR. PAPI: I believe so.

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: If you want to look at
14 it, Joe, there's no blockage. You can tell by the
15 videos, there was not a blockage in that line.

16 MR. FERRETT: In other words, in other
17 words, I would have to understand that the lateral is
18 not properly installed, that --

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: No. A blockage is in
20 the lateral. The unblocking the lateral and then it's
21 fine.

22 MR. PAPI: Could have a sag in it, could
23 be partially --

24 MR. HOOVER: Whose sewer?

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: What's the address

1 there? What's the address?

2 MR. PAPI: What's the address?

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: I'll look it up.

4 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Second house in on
5 the left, right?

6 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I believe that Mike
7 Ford and Mike Ford's knowledge, his professional
8 opinion on that, and I take his opinion on it, that
9 there's no way possible, that that line, that our line
10 was blocked. Correct by saying that, Paul?

11 MR. PAPI: Yes. We popped the lid and
12 the water is flowing like it's --

13 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: He doesn't feel
14 there's any way possible that the line was blocked.
15 Watched the dye and everything.

16 So, I just think that there's an issue
17 with either their lateral or whatever it may be.

18 MR. FERRETT: The only reason I'm saying
19 that is basically because of the fact that by what
20 you're saying is, if the lateral is blocked, why always
21 keep getting backup if the main line is --

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I don't know, Joe.

23 MR. FERRETT: I'm only going by what I
24 hear. But I'm going to look in to this matter a little
25 more because it doesn't seem to make sense to me

1 because, yeah, I probably will look at the film to get
2 a better idea.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Look at it and give
4 Mike Ford a call. Give you his number. Give you a
5 better understanding.

6 MR. FERRETT: I'll do that. I just
7 wanted to make sure. Because, I thought if there's a
8 way that the problem could be rectified, it's just
9 something that maybe we should look at and everything
10 of this nature. If there isn't, that's fine. If the
11 --

12 MR. PAPI: Take you over there and talk
13 to Liz and you can look at the line.

14 MR. FERRETT: Look at the film and get a
15 better idea.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Joe, if there's a
17 blockage in your lateral, you keep flushing your toilet
18 and this, that and the other thing, it's obviously
19 going to back up in to your house.

20 MR. FERRETT: What causes the lateral to
21 get blocked?

22 MR. PAPI: A hundred times a year.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Could be dumping
24 grease down there for months. Your lateral could turn
25 into this big, Joe.

1 MR. FERRETT: All right. Just inquiring.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I know. I know. I
3 know. But I got the phone call too.

4 MR. FERRETT: Okay.

5 MR. NOTARI: Mr. Ferrett, on the paving
6 list, how many streets, approximately, did you give to
7 Dave?

8 MR. FERRETT: I think about 13.

9 MR. NOTARI: 13?

10 MR. FERRETT: Yeah.

11 MR. NOTARI: Could I see that list?
12 Could I have a copy?

13 MR. FERRETT: Why don't you just wait
14 until we find out what the engineer tells us? He might
15 tell us that we have to take three streets off.

16 MR. NOTARI: Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. FERRETT: Once we get the official
18 notice how many streets we can pave, we'll give every
19 Councilman a sheet of what the streets are going to be
20 paved.

21 MR. NOTARI: Okay. Big secret.

22 MR. HOOVER: 13 streets. I may be able
23 to do a couple of them so the Borough doesn't have to
24 do them so we can narrow the streets down.

25 MR. NOTARI: Is the water company doing

1 all the way to Main Street, Bridge Street all the way
2 to Main?

3 MR. HOOVER: That's not me. Gas company.
4 Should been doing that whole loop.

5 MR.. NOTARI: I knew you were doing
6 Bridge, right?

7 MR. HOOVER: No, that's not me. That's
8 the gas company doing Broadhead. That loop up the top
9 of the hill off of Bridge, that's the gas company.

10 MR. PAPI: Broadhead and Stewart.

11 MR. NOTARI: I thought there was a
12 problem in the winter --

13 MR. HOOVER: On Bridge Street with the
14 sewer, yeah. I'm waiting for the State permit. 500
15 feet we have to do. That's the one you gave me.

16 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything else,
17 Councilman Ferrett?

18 MR. FERRETT: No, that's it.

19 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Councilman Hoover.

20 MR. HOOVER: Moosic Road is about two
21 weeks away from finishing it. Then we have to dig it
22 back up for permanent restoration.

23 So we have about ten more days of actual
24 pipe work to do. And then we have to put two blocks of
25 BCBC in 12 inches. And the last block, from First

1 Street up, we have to put concrete in and then BCBC.
2 So that's what the State wants us to do, so.

3 MR. GILCHRIST: Sidewalks.

4 MR. HOOVER: Leeward is going to be doing
5 the sidewalks.

6 MR. FEBBO: Both sides?

7 MR. HOOVER: All concrete curbs, all
8 concrete. Just on the side that I did.

9 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Legitimate curbs,
10 right?

11 MR. HOOVER: Yeah. Legitimate curbs. On
12 the other side of the street is the gas company. They
13 put the gas main on that side.

14 VOICE: Except the other ones.

15 MR. HOOVER: Yeah, except the ones they
16 didn't dig up. The miller is going to Corcoran Street
17 tomorrow, Rick.

18 I know I told you the first week of May.
19 But --

20 MR. NOTARI: I told her it's coming by
21 the end of the summer.

22 MR. HOOVER: With the rain, American
23 Asphalt got behind, so they'll be up there this week.
24 That's all.

25 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Councilman Rinaldi.

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: The one I had was
2 with Mr. Bieryla in the beginning and that's all I
3 have.

4 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I was handed a letter
5 by the chairman of our Planning Commission, Robert
6 Petoskey, requesting the Borough appoint alternates to
7 the Planning Commission.

8 They run into some issues for quorums and
9 stuff. I know we had them on the Zoning Commission at
10 one point in time. I don't believe we have one on
11 Zoning Commission anymore.

12 I think we should appoint alternates for
13 both. Bill, if you want to draft something up to put
14 in the paper for both, actually, planning and zoning,
15 get alternates for both?

16 ATTORNEY RINALDI: You want an ad for
17 application?

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Everybody agree on an
19 ad?

20 MR. FEBBO: Yeah.

21 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I told Chairman
23 Petoskey that I would step in if they needed somebody
24 for quorum, if that's possible. Bill, could you look
25 into that?

1 ATTORNEY RINALDI: Yeah.

2 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I'll let you know the
3 finding on it. If you guys run into a jam and need a
4 quorum. Nothing worst than coming to a meeting and
5 say, can't have a meeting.

6 MR. NOTARI: Once we put the ad in, can
7 we appoint you as an alternate?

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: I don't want to be an
9 alternate, but I will.

10 MR. NOTARI: If you have to.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: If he needs a quorum.
12 One thing maybe, Jim might know this answer. I was
13 contacted by Officer Buggy about the railroad tracks on
14 Moosic Road. There was a subsidence there. Bad?

15 MR. GILCHRIST: No. They repaired them
16 yesterday or today.

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Totally done?

18 MR. GILCHRIST: Yeah.

19 MR. PAPI: Milled it out and filled it.

20 MR. GILCHRIST: Won't last long but done.

21 MR. HOOVER: I was in a meeting in Moosic
22 two weeks ago. And PennDOT was there. And in regards
23 to relationship, what's going on in Main Street,
24 Moosic, Moosic Road and also Oak street?

25 All the work that they're doing. If

1 anybody doesn't know, they're paving Oak Street from
2 Keyser Avenue to Main Avenue. Paving Moosic Road from
3 Moosic Road to Main Street, Moosic, over the bridge to
4 Main Street, Moosic.

5 They're paving Main Street, Moosic from
6 actually Lonesome Road, where they just finished, all
7 the way up to the light on Birney Avenue.

8 So, PennDot is paving all that. I had to
9 ask the question. I said, what's going with the
10 railroad tracks?

11 I'm hearing that they're going to be
12 closed. He said yes. Going to come a time that
13 they're going to close Moosic Road railroad tracks.
14 The plan is to close it for five days, like they did
15 the one in Moosic.

16 I told them, the one in Moosic was
17 supposed to be for five days too. It ended up being
18 about 16. He said, well, we're hoping that this isn't
19 going to happen.'

20 But taking the tracks out and redoing the
21 whole thing, five days to do it. Before you do that,
22 you need to come to Council and discuss what your plans
23 are for traffic.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Going to cause major

25 --

1 MR. HOOVER: Cause a major issue with
2 tractor trailers.

3 MR. NOTARI: Supposed to replace that
4 bridge also.

5 MR. HOOVER: I don't think the bridge is
6 going to be replaced yet. That costs way too much
7 money right now.

8 MR. NOTARI: Well, the --

9 MR. HOOVER: That's their plan.

10 MR. NOTARI: If that's the case, Verastro
11 on the other side but we should consider doing
12 something then to try to keep them off Taroli Street,
13 because those trucks are going to use Taroli Street.

14 MR. HOOVER: They're going to use all
15 these streets back here like they were before. They
16 weren't supposed to.

17 MR. NOTARI: And Taroli was destroyed
18 when the detour was in on Lonesome Road. People were
19 going around and using Moosic Road to go around.

20 MR. HOOVER: Supposed to have another
21 meeting in the beginning of June. I'll let you know at
22 time and see what the plans are. But that's what the
23 plan is.

24 MR. PAPI: Mariotti trucks.

25 MR. GOETZ: There will be a specific

1 truck detour.

2 MR. NOTARY: Make sure it's not Taroli
3 Street.

4 MR. GOETZ: It won't be. But the
5 problem is, once the detour is put in place, what they
6 do on their own is the issue. So that will be up to you
7 guys to police and to maybe put something temporarily.

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Even a turn on to
9 Moosic Road off of Main Street, it's a nightmare for
10 tractor-trailers.

11 MR. GOETZ: Absolutely.

12 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Other day, one was
13 stuck there for about 15 minutes, couldn't make the
14 turn.

15 MR. GILCHRIST: Tell you something. If
16 you can get that road marked and put a sign up there,
17 all traffic stop here and put a cop there start handing
18 tickets out, when the truck comes around there, there
19 would be no problem.

20 When you have people pull right up to the
21 intersection, you can't make a turn.

22 MR. GOETZ: The markings are gone. That
23 can change as soon as the road is done.

24 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Not really. People
25 still pull up. You know that.

1 MR. GOETZ: There would be a stop bar.
2 Right now, there's nothing. At that point, they can be
3 cited. Right now, you can't cite them. So, but the
4 truck detour will be put in place.

5 And, I mean, I'm not the person that does
6 it. I can tell you that it will be none of your roads.
7 It would be --

8 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: All State roads.

9 MR. GOETZ: Down to Lonesome Road or
10 maybe even further than that. It will be further up
11 the north, whether that's Davis Street or whatever.

12 It's going to be an inconvenience. And,
13 you know, I can't speak for it. But along with what
14 Jimmy said, prepare yourselves for a longer than
15 five-day closure because the railroad has more power
16 than anybody. They do what they want. So just put
17 that in the back of your mind and be prepared.

18 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Nothing about it.

19 MR. GILCHRIST: I would suggest, wait and
20 talk to the Taylor and the State, use Union Street.
21 Open Union Street up for the trucks for the time-being,
22 you know.

23 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Union Street a state
24 road?

25 MR. GOETZ: Got a 10-ton weight limit.

1 VOICE: Unless you pay a permit.

2 MR. GILCHRIST: You got to put up a bond.

3 MR. GOETZ: Got to ask for a five to ten
4 days or whatever.

5 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Would the State do
6 that?

7 MR. GOETZ: That's -- you'd have to just
8 take it to the permit unit. They might. There's
9 somebody going to look at it for a truck detour only.
10 Cars is not an issue. You know what I mean.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: The problem is, Chris,
12 the person that's looking at the truck detour don't
13 give a shit about Old Forge.

14 MR. GILCHRIST: Sure they do because
15 they're going to come here and ride it. Put a
16 turn-around up at the airport.

17 MR. GOETZ: That came from Harrisburg.
18 So, that's not --

19 MR. NOTARI: Maybe we should send a
20 letter to Verastro's and Mariotti's and ask them to
21 remind their drivers about --

22 MR. GOETZ: Going to have a voice at the
23 meeting.

24 MR. HOOVER: Let's see what happens at
25 the June meeting. Play it by ear. If we have to call

1 people in and put something in the paper about Moosic
2 Road, then we will. Let's see what happens.

3 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Anything come across
4 you guys with this? Hearing anything with that?

5 MR. LOPATKA: No. I haven't seen
6 anything.

7 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: All right. I don't
8 have anything else. Do you have anything else,
9 Councilman Hoover, Ferrett?

10 MR. HOOVER: I'm good.

11 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: At this time, the
12 Chair going to entertain a motion to adjourn.

13 MR. FEBBO: Make the motion.

14 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman
15 Febbo. All in favor.

16 (Chorus of Ayes.)

17 CHAIRMAN SEMENZA: Ayes have it. We're
18 adjourned.

19 (Whereupon, at 8:10 p.m, the meeting was
20 concluded.)

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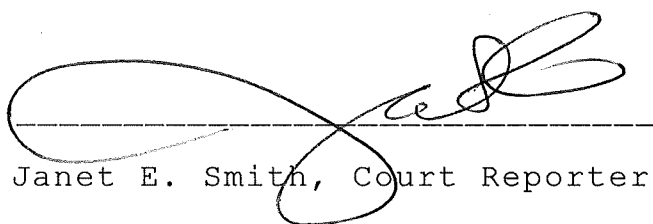
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