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3 SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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7 HELD:

8 Thursday, May 18, 2006

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10 LOCATION:

11 Council Chambers

12 Scranton City Hall

13 340 North Washington Avenue

14 Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

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4 MS. JUDY GATELLI, PRESIDENT

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MS. JANET E. EVANS

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7 MS. SHERRY FANUCCI

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MR. ROBERT MCTIERNAN

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10 MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT

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MS. KAY GARVEY, CITY CLERK

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13 MR. COOLICAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

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MR. AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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1 MS. GATELLI: Please stand for the

2 Pledge of Allegiance.

3 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

4 MS. GATELLI: Please remain standing

5 for a moment of reflection for our service

6 men and women who are fighting for our

7 freedom and also for the sick and the

8 suffering.)

9 (Moment of silence observed.)

10 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Roll call?

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans?

12 MS. EVANS: Here.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci?

14 MS. FANUCCI: Here.

15 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan?

16 MR. MCTIERNAN: Here.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright?

18 MR COURTRIGHT: Here.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli?

20 MS. GATELLI: Here. Dispense with

21 the reading of the minutes.

22 MS. GARVEY: Third order, 3-A,

23 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE ZONING HEARING

24 BOARD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006.

25 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

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1 If not, received and filed.

2 MS. GARVEY: 3-B, PETITION FOR A

3 STREETLIGHT IN 700-BLOCK OF EAST ELM STREET.

4 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

5 If not, received and filed.

6 MS. GARVEY: 3-C, AGENDA FROM THE

7 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD

8 ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006.

9 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

10 I'd like to make a comment. That's for the

11 meeting that was last night and the meeting

12 was not held because there was not a quorum

13 and there are seven people on the planning

14 commission, but if you watch it frequently  
15 many times several of them are absent, more  
16 often than not there are several absent all  
17 the time. I think that it would behoove us  
18 to send a letter to the mayor to put  
19 alternates as we have on the zoning board so  
20 that when there is someone absent an  
21 alternate can be called to fill in for that  
22 position. There were approximately eight to  
23 ten cases last night with developers and  
24 neighbors and they all had to go home  
25 because the people didn't show up and they  
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1 didn't notify Angela so she didn't even know  
2 that they weren't coming. So if we can do  
3 that maybe, Kay, send the mayor a letter if  
4 they could put some alternates on. That's  
5 the only comment. Anyone else? If not,  
6 received and filed.

7 MS. GARVEY: 3-D, MINUTES OF THE  
8 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
9 APRIL 26, 2006.

10 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

11 If not, received and filed.

12 MS. GARVEY: I have no clerk's notes

13 this week.

14 MS. GATELLI: I have just a few

15 items. First of all, I'd like to welcome

16 back Mrs. Fanucci, she had some medical

17 problems and we are glad to see that she is

18 all right and back with us. Saturday there

19 is a Veteran's parade in downtown Scranton,

20 I hope everyone is able to attend. It's at

21 11:00. Last week I met with Ann Marie

22 Stulgis and Lisa Moran regarding the

23 veterans' pay and we are still awaiting some

24 further information and I will keep you

25 posted on the conclusion of the decision in

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1 that case. I also met with Mr. Rinaldi

2 concerning the project in the 500 block of

3 Lackawanna Avenue. The application for the

4 state has been completed and we should be

5 able to have him in the next several weeks

6 come and address council in a caucus

7 concerning the project, but it is still on

8 the board as previously planned and they're  
9 continuing ahead with the project.  
10 The illegal business in the Albright  
11 Avenue section on Kossuth Avenue that's been  
12 resolved, Magistrate Gallagher voted against  
13 the business, it has to move from the  
14 property. The only report I have from  
15 Tripps Park is 1509 Euclid Avenue the  
16 sidewalks were repaired. I have not  
17 received any other notice that any of the  
18 other punch list items have been resolved.  
19 The bus schedules have been prepared for  
20 Mr. Rohas who was here at the last meeting.  
21 We have a request to pave Rolland Avenue,  
22 I'm not sure if we have that on or paving  
23 list, Mrs. Garvey, if you could please add  
24 that to our current list.

25 I wanted to apologize to the police

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1 officers and the police chief that I was not  
2 able to attend the opening of the police  
3 headquarters. I was not able to get out of  
4 work and that is the reason I missed so I

5 hope that they weren't offended and if they  
6 were I apologize, I could not make it, and I  
7 know some of them were asking why I was not  
8 present.

9 The 2900 Of Cedar Avenue has been  
10 cleaned up. An inlet at South Main and  
11 Eynon.

12 I have got a report that one of our  
13 junior council members, Katrina, has been  
14 selected to go to Colorado this summer to  
15 work with the needy and the poor people so I  
16 wanted to congratulate her and tell her we  
17 are all very proud of her.

18 There is potholes on the 1100 of  
19 Watson and Smith Place. That has been put  
20 on the paving list, but they would like the  
21 potholes repaired on those streets. There  
22 is a request for a stop sign at Amelia and  
23 Depot. They have stop signs on Amelia but  
24 they want them on Depot, too, because is a  
25 lot of truck traffic on that particular

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1 street. The stop sign at Merrifield and

2 Price Street has been denied. The  
3 streetlight in the 300 of Phelps Street has  
4 been approved. A streetlight in the 1100  
5 block of Locust Street has been approved and  
6 there are numerous potholes and I'm not  
7 going to bore you with them all but they are  
8 here if anyone would care to see them.  
9 There is too many to read.  
10 And I just have one more item to  
11 read from Katherine Simmons who couldn't be  
12 here tonight. "I'm sorry that I cannot  
13 deliver these words myself this evening, but  
14 I am in Wilkes-Barre honoring one of  
15 Scranton police officers, Lieutenant Leonard  
16 Newmecca for his excellence community  
17 service this past year then I must hurry  
18 back to Brennan Hall on the campus of the  
19 University of Scranton to attend a town  
20 meeting on crime. I bring all of this up at  
21 this time to say that the summer season is  
22 fast upon us and the brothers and sisters  
23 who will be watching over our homes, streets  
24 and businesses need better equipment,  
25 automobiles, computers and etcetera. I know

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1 you are aware and speaking with the Scranton  
2 Police Department. We need to support these  
3 men and woman as best we can for we are  
4 asking them to serve us with their very  
5 lives. It is so important that the best  
6 equipment be setup and placed for when a  
7 crime of such severity as murder, arson and  
8 anything involving a child occurs our people  
9 need to have the ability to investigate  
10 thoroughly. Families need to know they are  
11 supported by their community and the victim  
12 needs to know that all is being done to  
13 assure it will never happen again. You as  
14 council members have the talent and ability  
15 to go to Mayor Doherty and ask that  
16 financial support be given to the Scranton  
17 Police Department and the Scranton Fire  
18 Department. All modern and progressive  
19 equipment be purchased and our streets  
20 become as heaven's golden road. I pray that  
21 all will be supportive of Scranton's finest  
22 and thank them every now and then for the

23 bravery, courage and fortitude. Reverend

24 Katherine Simmons."

25 I am very disappointed that this

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1 council cannot go to that crime meeting

2 tonight. We all would love to be there as

3 we are all very concerned about the crime in

4 the city and it is unfortunate that they are

5 having it on a night that we can't be there.

6 Does anyone else have anything?

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes, Mrs. Gatelli, I

8 normally wait until motions, but I was

9 supposed to read this last week and we

10 weren't here. May 20, which is this

11 weekend, from four to seven, in the downtown

12 senior center they are having a spaghetti

13 dinner and they wanted to hopefully that you

14 would call in advance for the tickets, they

15 are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

16 It's at 305 Penn Avenue and the number is

17 347-3970, 347-3970 so if you could support

18 them it goes for a good cause, their heating

19 bills and things of that nature. And there

20 was just one other item a very good friend  
21 of mine is sick and not doing very well,  
22 Mr. Bob Davies, so if we all remember Bob in  
23 our prayers I would appreciate it. Thank  
24 you.

25 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Anyone

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1 else?

2 MS. EVANS: Yes. On Saturday, May 20  
3 from 12 to a 5 a spaghetti dinner will be  
4 conducted at the Marine Corp League,  
5 northeast detachment police mounity, bring  
6 the family for a real Italian treat and on  
7 Sunday, May 28, Lackawanna county SAAD Task  
8 Force presents the battle of the bands from  
9 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Sports  
10 Dome in Jessup, Pa. And, lastly, I would  
11 like to congratulate a little friend of mine  
12 who is Jasmine Naylor, and she is a first  
13 grader and she won the reading competition  
14 at her school this week, so, Jasmine, way to  
15 go.

16 MS. FANUCCI: I want to thank

17 everybody for all of the phone calls and  
18 cards and everything I am doing great and I  
19 just want to say it's really good to be  
20 back. I want to answer some questions I  
21 heard while watching all of you while I was  
22 home. OECD that it was looking for they are  
23 two open audits going on right at this  
24 moment, and until they are finished we are  
25 will get not the complete report, but they  
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1 are in open audit right now, so as soon as  
2 that's done we are going to get the full  
3 report. Mr. Palmeton that should be done  
4 probably rapping up within the next month.  
5 Also, I want to talk to you about  
6 this Southern Union building which I know is  
7 a question while I was gone, Southern Union  
8 has called me, they are in the process right  
9 now of trying to locate two tenants that  
10 they really think that they are secured,  
11 they will not respond on who these tenants  
12 are, but they believe there is a good reason  
13 that they can't do it until they secure the

14 loan and whatever else they have to do, they  
15 just want to say that they are in touch with  
16 me and they will call me as soon as this  
17 comes to fruition, hopefully, I'm hoping  
18 within the next two weeks we will know. The  
19 last time I spoke to the gentleman he was  
20 gone on business, so hopefully they have  
21 wrapped that up and maybe we can get some  
22 tenants in there shortly and that's all I  
23 have right now.

24 MS. GATELLI: Anyone else?

25 Mr. McTiernan, you are the only one you have

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1 to say something? How was the prom last  
2 night?

3 MR. MCTIERNAN: The prom was a good  
4 time, Scranton High didn't let us down as  
5 usual.

6 MS. GATELLI: It's always a good  
7 thing when no one gets hurt.

8 MR. MCTIERNAN: Absolutely.

9 MS. GATELLI: Kay?

10 MS. GARVEY: Fourth order, citizens

11 participation.

12 MS. GATELLI: Andy Sbagalia.

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,

14 citizen of Scranton, fellow Scrantonian.

15 I'm going to read from an article I took out

16 of the Times/Tribune, "City of Dunmore

17 hoping to solve a \$6.6 million fee," and in

18 it it says, "Scranton is on the hook for

19 \$5,515,073 Dunmore for \$1,113,134," and then

20 there is a little quote from Mayor Doherty.

21 If Scranton and Dunmore's fall through on

22 the leasing line taxpayers can expect a rate

23 increase. Money always has to come from

24 somebody Mr. Doherty says."

25 So here we are with the flip flop

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1 artist again. First of all, there was no

2 reason for us actually when the arbitration

3 went through that was the time we should

4 have formed up to get the money, we should

5 have borrowed it then. This deal is just

6 back to our raising the taxes so he doesn't

7 have to say he borrowed more money. This

8 came through before, maybe two years ago.  
9 Well, you probably do remember when they  
10 tried to do the same thing again. A little  
11 thing about the sewer company, okay? All of  
12 the lines in the city run to the sewer  
13 whether it's water or sewage, they all run  
14 to the sewage treatment plant so, hence, he  
15 wants to borrow all of this money from them  
16 like as if they are a bank and if you notice  
17 he went through them before for the DPW site  
18 where he sold it to them for three times.  
19 To me, I don't know of anybody that can get  
20 away with that but this mayor, how many  
21 times? This sewer authority is becoming the  
22 piggy bank for this mayor's inaccuracies is  
23 the best way to put it. He is definitely  
24 not fiscally responsible. All these fiscal  
25 things he has done a first year law student

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1 could have told them that it had no chance  
2 overturning that agreement with American  
3 Water. It was very specific, either you  
4 went with the whole thing or you had to pay

5 a penalty. Maybe if he went to the  
6 arbitrator I would see it, but that was the  
7 lineup, the penalty, but when you go further  
8 than that you cost the city money, \$200,000  
9 in interest plus lawyer's fees. So we have  
10 to ask was this man trying to save his money  
11 or give more money to the lawyers because  
12 that is exactly what he did.

13 So I think, it didn't come before  
14 you yet in any kind of legislation, but it's  
15 going to come because there is no way in  
16 heck he can come up with that money other  
17 than taking it out of the treasury. What he  
18 should have done was either borrow it and be  
19 done with it when that came through.

20 Okay, then we have a little on this  
21 KOZ, there was a nice article on it, I think  
22 it was with -- let's see who this people  
23 are, it has to do with I believe the guy --  
24 what the heck was the name? Well, anyway,  
25 they were down there in the incubator and we

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1 gave them a loan last time we were here for

2 them to move out of the incubator saying  
3 they were on the tax rolls, I don't know, is  
4 it Precision, something to do with that.  
5 Well, anyway, the main thing was now they  
6 are coming from the incubator and they want  
7 to move into a KOZ so why are we giving them  
8 loans to go from an incubator to a KOZ, and  
9 I don't think we can force them if they  
10 don't want to pay, there is no way in heck  
11 you can force them once they are a KOZ, you  
12 can ask your lawyer if there is anyway you  
13 can force somebody in a KOZ to pay taxes  
14 like mercantile and so forth unless they  
15 want to and there is no way in heck you are  
16 going to force these people, so this is  
17 another cloak and dagger mystery and these  
18 things are happening all over of the city.

19 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Sbaraglia, I'll  
20 verify that, the mayor had told me that they  
21 were going to pay taxes, they were not going  
22 to be a KOZ.

23 MR. SBARAGLIA: When they move into  
24 the KOZ ask your lawyer if they can force  
25 them unless they want to. There is no way

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1 you can force somebody to pay taxes if they  
2 have been exempt from them, you know that  
3 and I know that, so I have to see if  
4 they're-- look at the -- all of these  
5 nonprofits, are you able to force them to  
6 pay money? This is going to be no  
7 different.

8 Okay, let's go to 7-G, I'm sorry, I  
9 didn't read on this, but it calls for  
10 guarantee energy saving project for city  
11 offices, is this the new machine system?  
12 This is the whole works, right? It's not  
13 just for, you know, a few --

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: No, before they came  
15 for just the controls this time it's the  
16 whole thing.

17 MR. SBARAGLIA: The whole works  
18 because I attended the control one. Okay.  
19 Thank you.

20 MS. GATELLI: Before we go to the  
21 next speaker, mea culpa, I forgot about the  
22 junior council, how could I ever do such a

23 thing? Does the junior council have

24 anything to address council?

25 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council,

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1 Doug Miller. I would like to take this time

2 tonight to thank all of those who made the

3 junior city council planting and clean-up

4 project a huge success and thank the

5 businesses for their very appreciated

6 donations and you see here we have a sign

7 that was donated to us by Jaworski sign

8 company with a list of all of the businesses

9 that made a donation, so I'd like to read

10 that off. Scooters Hawt Dog Hut, Angenello

11 Pizza, Brunetti's pizza, CVS Pharmacy,

12 Jaworski sign company, Lowe's, Mulberry

13 Bush, Pioneer Distributor, Garden Path,

14 Burke's Pharmacy, Curiosity Shop, Family

15 Hair Salon, Germaine Dentistry, Giant Food

16 Market, Joyce, Jackman and Bell Insurance,

17 Kane, MGM Salon, Sunoco gas station and Tim

18 Wagner Sporting Goods.

19 I'd also like to thank West Scranton

20 High School and the Scranton High School for  
21 donating those great looking benches. We  
22 really appreciate it. Thank you again. I'd  
23 also like to thank my fellow council  
24 members, you all worked hard that day and  
25 did a tremendous job.

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1 Finally, I'd like to thank Mayor  
2 Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. Gatelli,  
3 Mr. Scopelliti, Mrs. Nancy Kay Holmes, Mr.  
4 Tony Plishka, Mr. and Mrs. Pentak, Keystone  
5 Community Resources and the Parks and  
6 Recreation staff, Bill Ritter and Mike  
7 Rinchak. Thank you very much for your  
8 support.

9 Finally, tonight I would like to  
10 take the time to let Mrs. Evans and  
11 Mr. Courtright know that I commend both of  
12 you for running great campaigns. You may  
13 not have gotten the results that you wanted,  
14 but you have nothing to be ashamed of, so I  
15 congratulate both of you. And I'd also like  
16 to congratulate Mr. Ken Smith for his

17 victory over Mr. Fred Belardi and I wish him  
18 the best of luck. Thank you. And if any  
19 other members would like to address council  
20 please do so at this time.

21 MS. ORGAN: Good evening, council.

22 Doug gave you some names from the planting  
23 project, I'd like to give you some numbers.

24 We had over 30 volunteers. We planted three  
25 beautiful gardens and it took us a little

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1 over four hours. We had three benches  
2 donated from the Scranton High School and  
3 West Scranton, we had 15 hot dogs donated by  
4 Scooters and 12 trays of pizza donated by  
5 various restaurants. Also, when I was  
6 started to work last Saturday, which was the  
7 13th, there was a large group of people near  
8 Robinson park on East Mountain and I stopped  
9 to ask them who they were and what they were  
10 doing and they said that they were just a  
11 bunch of neighbors and they decided to clean  
12 up the area. They were raking, cleaning,  
13 picking up garbage so I just wanted to put

14 the spotlight on them because they came out  
15 and did that.

16 In Bishop Hannon news we had one  
17 girl, Katie Golden, she came in second place  
18 for the girls track and field javelin and it  
19 was actually pretty historical because this  
20 is the first time we have had a track and  
21 field team, we combined with Bishop O'Hara.  
22 Also, boy's tennis and baseball went to  
23 district this week. Thank you.

24 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Anyone  
25 else? Bill Jacowicz.

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1 MR. JACOWICZ: Bill Jacowicz, city  
2 resident and taxpayer. First of all, I'd  
3 like to welcome Mrs. Fanucci back, I hope  
4 she is feeling better. Second of all, we  
5 just had that private caucus on Howe Avenue,  
6 I hope something is going to done, it should  
7 have been done last year, we all know that,  
8 for some reason it wasn't. We need to check  
9 into this because, like I said in private,  
10 and I'll say in a public there is a

11 possibility that a crime had been committed  
12 and we need to find out if one has been  
13 committed and if it hasn't, fine, if it has  
14 then it actually should be taken to the  
15 people that authorized that, it should have  
16 been done a long time ago.

17 Three weeks ago or four weeks, Mrs.  
18 Fanucci, when you are doing 5-A motions you  
19 were giving an answer to a question and I  
20 can't even remember what it was because it's  
21 been so long, but I'm hoping that you can  
22 remember so you can revisit that subject  
23 again because even in your own words you  
24 said you gave a shabby answer and we -- I  
25 did not understand what you were talking  
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1 about and it possibly could have been  
2 something important.

3 MS. FANUCCI: I really can't  
4 recollect exactly what we were talking about  
5 at the and I said I gave a shabby answer?

6 MR. JACOWICZ: Yes, you did.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Good for me for like

8 stepping up.

9 MR. JACOWICZ: Like I said, I didn't

10 understand what you said.

11 MS. FANUCCI: I really believe that

12 when we were discussing information that I

13 had received, is that what we were referring

14 to?

15 MR. JACOWICZ: Yeah, when you were

16 talking about --

17 MS. FANUCCI: Information that I had

18 received that I felt was not accurate at the

19 time? And I believe that's why I said I

20 felt like it was a shabby answer because

21 after at the end of the meeting we had sort

22 of done a direct spin and got someone else,

23 but I believe it was felt that the

24 information I had received was not accurate.

25 MR. JACOWICZ: It was just hard to

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1 understand so I just --

2 MS. FANUCCI: You can check with me,

3 a lot of times I'm, you know, thinking

4 exactly what I'm saying and not saying

5 exactly what I'm thinking so --

6 MR. JACOWICZ: Okay, thank you. And,

7 Mr. McTiernan, did you find out anything

8 about that veteran's money, that 150 by any

9 chance?

10 MR. MCTIERNAN: No, I have not.

11 MS. GATELLI: I did. It's used to

12 decorate cemeteries to various legions for

13 cemetery decorations.

14 MR. JACOWICZ: Okay, thanks and

15 basically that's all I have tonight.

16 Thanks.

17 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. You didn't

18 have a lot for two weeks, Bill, what's going

19 on?

20 MR. JACOWICZ: Really the only reason

21 I'm here is I was on the way to work and my

22 alternator went so my care is in the

23 driveway otherwise I wouldn't be here.

24 MS. GATELLI: Maybe you can make it

25 to the crime meeting and give us a report.

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1 MR. NARSAVAGE: Stan Narsavage,

2 Scranton resident. I, too, am going to go  
3 about four weeks, glad to see you back, Mrs.  
4 Fanucci, I'm glad everything is okay. The  
5 information that you gave, what I  
6 specifically asked for was the audit from  
7 June 20, 2005. I don't think that had  
8 anything to do with the ones they are  
9 working on now.

10 MS. FANUCCI: Then I will get you  
11 that one if that's exactly -- I thought you  
12 wanted the most recent audit, so that was  
13 mistake.

14 MR. NARSAVAGE: I have the notes  
15 here.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Okay, June?

17 MR. NARSAVAGE: June 2005.

18 MS. FANUCCI: I will have that for  
19 you next week.

20 MR. NARSAVAGE: Before you went out  
21 on your sick leave we also spoke about  
22 Austin Burke possibly coming and giving us  
23 some information about industry or where we  
24 are going in this town?

25 MS. FANUCCI: Right. Right, and I

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1 did speak to Austin and he has agreed to  
2 come in. I know that our caucus schedule  
3 has been a little crazy so that is what we  
4 are trying to get, we are trying to get that  
5 in and we have had problems. We have more  
6 caucuses then I think we have meetings, so  
7 that is our scheduling and his scheduling,  
8 but that is definitely something that's  
9 going to happen.

10 MR. NARSAVAGE: You can get that on  
11 the agenda?

12 MS. FANUCCI: Yes, I will. Mr.  
13 Narsavage, can I answer one more question  
14 that you asked? About the audit, a lot of  
15 the problem with an individual audit, they  
16 are included in the city. They are not --  
17 their audit is not separate from the city's  
18 audit, it is almost one line for every  
19 answer, so I'm having trouble finding a  
20 breakdown, so I do want to -- every audit is  
21 in the city budget, so if I can do that I  
22 certainly will.

23 MR. NARSAVAGE: I'd appreciate that.

24 MS. FANUCCI: Sure.

25 MR. NARSAVAGE: I'd like to thank

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1 Mrs. Gatelli for meeting with me this

2 afternoon, unfortunately, it rained and the

3 people didn't get there so I'm hoping we

4 will see them there tomorrow, possibly? It

5 will be on my rounds tomorrow. You might

6 hear from me again. Mr. Courtright, I'd

7 like to run this by you, do you think there

8 is a possibility, now, I'm talking about the

9 playground on Dorothy Street and I know we

10 can't get a police officer because we are in

11 an affluent neighborhood, quote/unquote, is

12 it possible that you think that between the

13 hours of 12 midnight and 3:00 or 4:00 in the

14 morning that a patrol car could go by that

15 playground and just drive around, shine the

16 spotlight and see there is any activity

17 because that's when these things are

18 happening.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: You know, it's been

20 done, I have actually been in the car and  
21 done it with them. They go in and they  
22 light it up, we don't want to spook the  
23 neighbors, but they light it up, they drive  
24 up in the back behind the community center  
25 and light that up when they are not busy. I  
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1 think a lot of problems on Friday and  
2 Saturday night, too, they are really busy on  
3 Friday or Saturday night, but I have asked  
4 them and I repeatedly asked them. I knew we  
5 weren't going to get a "B" person there, I  
6 hoped that we would, but I knew we weren't,  
7 so I asked them and they said every  
8 opportunity that they have they will do  
9 that. I'll ask them to light it up if the  
10 neighbors don't get mad because they light  
11 it up and shine it on them.  
12 MR. NARSAVAGE: Well, my contention  
13 is if it's done a couple of times maybe the  
14 people who are doing this won't know when to  
15 expect a car to come around and do it.  
16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, Lieutenant

17 Mackey is trying to do it on a regular

18 basis. He is in charge of that shift.

19 MS. NARSAVAGE: Well, Mrs. Gatelli

20 can attest to what we saw up there today so

21 it's an ongoing thing and -- -

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: As soon as they fix

23 it they do it again.

24 MR. NARSAVAGE: Exactly. Exactly.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: In all honesty I'm

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1 hoping if and when we get those cameras that

2 we can position one there.

3 MR. NARSAVAGE: I hope so, too, that

4 will probably help.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: If we arrest one

6 person maybe that will be a deterrent.

7 MR. NARSAVAGE: That's what I'm

8 thinking, too.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: But I'll ask them

10 again. I know Lieutenant Mackey has been

11 doing it.

12 MR. NARSAVAGE: School isn't out and

13 it isn't really warm yet, but when school

14 gets out idle time it's going to get worse.

15 MS. GATELLI: And there are lights on

16 the playground, those three spotlights.

17 MR. NARSAVAGE: Two lights in the

18 back. They are on all night.

19 MS. GATELLI: They are on all night,

20 but it doesn't seem to prevent them from

21 being there.

22 MR. NARSAVAGE: Thank you.

23 MS. GATELLI: You know what, Mrs.

24 Narsavage, another idea maybe is what we

25 have done in our neighborhood on several

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1 occasions, maybe drop a flyer and put it in

2 those neighbors that live there saying, you

3 know, there is a graffiti at the playground,

4 if there is a problem and you see kids out

5 there late at night please call the police.

6 You know, it might encourage the neighbors

7 to get a little more active there.

8 MR. NARSAVAGE: If you get the fires

9 out without disturbing them I know most of

10 the people around there, but what I figure

11 also, are those homes that are on the court  
12 there they are going to be the next to get  
13 spray painted.

14 MS. GATELLI: Well, that's why they  
15 need to notify the police when there is  
16 teenagers there at night. They don't belong  
17 there.

18 MR. NARSAVAGE: Okay. Thank you.

19 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Bolus.

20 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, council.

21 Bob Bolus, Scranton. I'd like to commend  
22 both Janet and Bill for a great job you did  
23 in representing Scranton. All of the  
24 candidates that did run other than you two  
25 never came here before this council or the  
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1 people in the city to tell us really what  
2 was on their minds and you two with a  
3 campaign going on never once wavered and you  
4 should be applauded for what you did  
5 representing us.

6 The kids here, this junior council,  
7 is to be commended. No other -- Mr.

8 Courtright or Mrs. Evans knew it, but some  
9 of the kids are wearing both your pins and  
10 handing out your flyers equally and I think  
11 they should be applauded for doing that and  
12 the respect they gave to this council. I  
13 know you probably weren't aware of it but  
14 they were so they were ought their doing  
15 their job.

16 It's interesting enough that, you  
17 know, I have been away, I have missed a  
18 couple of the meetings, but I saw what these  
19 kids have been doing and I think we should  
20 all take it personal to the attacks they are  
21 getting from adults here chastising these  
22 kids for the jobs they are doing. They went  
23 up and did this planting. People were there  
24 from council, other adults were there but I  
25 can't remember too many of them that I have

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1 seen here up there helping these kids. I  
2 was there, I came in from Indiana, I got in  
3 at 10:30 in the morning and I showed up  
4 there and I was proud to serve the kids and

5 the volunteers there hotdogs. Did I have to  
6 do it? Absolutely not. Do I live in  
7 Greenridge? No way, I'm on East Mountain,  
8 but it was out of respect to these kids to  
9 show them what we think of what they are  
10 doing and those that come here and criticize  
11 them because they challenged a kid who  
12 hasn't shown up here on this council and has  
13 missed over ten meetings and make a comment  
14 that he is not going to plant -- he didn't  
15 join this council to plant flowers, well, at  
16 least show up for the meetings, but don't  
17 sit here and have adults take the sides of a  
18 child who doesn't show and teach him the  
19 wrong way that you get credit to do a job  
20 but don't come here. These aren't  
21 politicians. These are young kids who are  
22 going somewhere and we lead by example and  
23 the example some of the adults have shown  
24 are not the examples that I think should be  
25 applauded, in fact, they should be ashamed  
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1 to even come up here and tell some of these

2 kids you should be fired or you should quit  
3 because you missed the meeting. Then they  
4 should be fired if they miss a days work,  
5 too, and we could go on and on and on, so  
6 respect the kids, give them the cooperation  
7 they need and show them the leadership and  
8 the guidance and I think you are going to  
9 have a bunch of better kids than more adults  
10 and I'm getting tired of hearing it and,  
11 Mrs. Gatelli, I think if it comes up  
12 anymore, anybody that comes in here  
13 chastising these kids should be put out of  
14 order because I don't think they have the  
15 right to because they weren't there doing  
16 what they kids did.  
17 And I'm going to take your --  
18 something that Doug didn't bring up because  
19 he is not a self-serving kid, but a Mrs.  
20 Diane Manchak asked Doug a question about  
21 getting a picnic table and an American flag  
22 at Fellow's Park. Doug took it on his own,  
23 he contacted the Home Depot and he was able  
24 to get a picnic table and a flag for  
25 Fellow's park donated free. This is a kid

1 who didn't have to do it, but he went out  
2 and did it and these other kids are doing  
3 the same thing here. Doug didn't bring it  
4 up, but I will because he is to be commended  
5 for what they are doing.

6 The teachers asks Doherty, he  
7 couldn't help, that's Parks and Recreations,  
8 they couldn't help it, but a 16-year-old kid  
9 got it done. It just shows what the kids  
10 could do or anybody else could if you want  
11 to do it.

12 And I'll get onto a little business  
13 here. The KOZ's, we got to get a fee, we've  
14 got to challenge this recovery plan, we've  
15 got to stop the appeal of the arbitration  
16 awards because it's inevitable, it's just  
17 going to cost a lot more money because the  
18 mayor just did something wrong and now we  
19 are going to pay for that mistake, so it's  
20 going to come to a halt.

21 This deal about a guy leasing by  
22 Brikk's renting it, he is not renting it, he

23 is going into a KOZ, he is not going to pay  
24 taxes, I don't know if legally, and that  
25 would be up for the solicitor, can you  
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1 actually go to a KOZ and say, "I'm not going  
2 to pay taxes--" or "I'm going to pay taxes,"  
3 I don't know if he with can legal do that  
4 because it's tax exempt, so it might be an  
5 interesting legal question if you get here  
6 in the city.

7 There are a lot of things that we  
8 need to do here, but what we need to is have  
9 the spirit of cooperation and that's for  
10 everybody, the citizens, the council, the  
11 administration, because the bottom line is  
12 the bus is leaving Scranton -- are leaving  
13 Scranton and taking people away, they are  
14 not coming here in busloads they are  
15 leaving. Thank you.

16 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Mr.  
17 Spindler. Before you start, Mr. Spindler,  
18 we sent a letter for your sidewalks and I  
19 also got an e-mail from a Mr. Turquato, who

20 is your neighbor, and he had the same  
21 complaint so the letter has been sent.  
22 MR. SPINDLER: He lives right across  
23 the street from me. Good evening, Council.

24 Les Spindler. First, Mrs. Gatelli, is there  
25 a possibility if there is a meeting canceled  
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1 again it could be put on the news so we can  
2 know about it?

3 MS. GATELLI: They won't put it on  
4 the news.

5 MR. SPINDLER: Why?

6 MS. GATELLI: I don't know.

7 MR. SPINDLER: Because they said it  
8 was on 61, who watches 61 unless there is a  
9 council meeting? .

10 MS. GATELLI: They won't put it on  
11 the TV; right, Kay?

12 MS. GARVEY: They only do that for  
13 schools.

14 MR. SPINDLER: Because a bunch of us  
15 showed us and we had no idea the meeting was  
16 canceled.

17 MS. GATELLI: I think it would be  
18 wise for some of you to leave your phone  
19 number with Kay because some people were  
20 called whose number that the office had, so  
21 leave your number with Kay, the regular  
22 people that come so that she will be able  
23 to, the three of them in there will be able  
24 to call.

25 MR. SPINDLER: All right, I just

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1 thought it might be a good idea.

2 MS. GATELLI: It is a good idea.

3 MR. SPINDLER: Next thing. The new  
4 company that's going in the building where  
5 Brixx's Restaurant is, they have been  
6 working on the building for over two weeks  
7 now, there is no permit on that building. I  
8 just drove by there this afternoon, there is  
9 still no permit on it and I know someone had  
10 asked the mayor about that last week, the  
11 mayor's response was "Mind your own  
12 business."

13 That's the arrogance of this man.

14 He has other things done like behind  
15 everyone's back. If that was anybody else  
16 that didn't have a permit they would have  
17 inspectors up there right away. The work  
18 has been work going on for two weeks, no  
19 permit on the door.

20 MS. GATELLI: We'll check that.

21 MR. SPINDLER: I ask that you look  
22 into it. And also the company moving in was  
23 this is from the Scranton Times they didn't  
24 sign the lease. Who lets companies move in  
25 without a lease? They could be gone next  
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1 week and that's ridiculous.  
2 Next thing, I wanted to comment on  
3 about this last week, because the mayor went  
4 against council's wishes and is appealing  
5 the police arbitration. Again, he stated  
6 that it violates the recovery plan. That's  
7 one of the biggest examples of hypocrisy I  
8 ever heard. The mayor himself violated the  
9 recovery plan which we have said before.  
10 Giving the DPW contract with raises violates

11 the recovery plan. Giving his friends at  
12 city hall raises violates the recovery plan,  
13 so he has no right to appeal that  
14 arbitration saying it violates the recovery  
15 plan he did it himself.

16 Mr. Courtright, any word on when the  
17 line painting is going to be done, did you  
18 hear anything?

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: I spoke to an  
20 employee of DPW and he gave me a lot of  
21 information. The paint that we use is the  
22 paint that they are using for PennDOT.  
23 They've tried several different paints every  
24 time a new one comes out they try and the  
25 problem is this, what he is telling me is  
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1 that when they are painting the lines on  
2 PennDOT they are down the middle of the road  
3 and they have a much better chance of drying  
4 and they don't get the wear and tear that  
5 ours do that are running back and forth  
6 across them, such as out here, so it's the  
7 same point paint. I believe somebody

8 brought it up in front of Scranton Prep and  
9 I think what was out there was the heat of  
10 it, it's like a tape, they heated it and  
11 melted it down and that works, you know, I  
12 think it's expensive, maybe that's why we  
13 don't use it, so I was going to bring it up  
14 and my suggestion would be this, because I  
15 think it's been pretty bad recently, the  
16 line painting in the city, I think we need  
17 to hire an additional person in that  
18 department and buy another machine and we  
19 are going to have to do it more frequently  
20 because we do have to comply with the  
21 environmental rules for the paint, but it is  
22 the same paint they are using for PennDOT.  
23 MR. SPINDLER: Well, I mentioned two  
24 specific places for like a year now, in  
25 front of Steamtown Mall, the entrance, and  
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1 the corner of Franklin and Spruce.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: It's throughout the  
3 city. There is many, many locations.

4 MR. SPINDLER: They are both three

5 lanes there and people make turns in the  
6 straightaway.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: I believe we only  
8 have two people doing all of the lines for  
9 the entire city.

10 MR. SPINDLER: Next question I have,  
11 North Rebecca Avenue it's one-way going  
12 towards North Scranton, I'm sure you are  
13 familiar with that, Mr. Courtright, I found  
14 this a couple of months ago and I forgot to  
15 bring it up, expect for one block the 500  
16 block of north Rebecca is two ways and going  
17 towards North Scranton you are going uphill  
18 and it's two-way street just on that one  
19 block, can we find out why? Because if you  
20 are going up the hill in the winter and it's  
21 icy you are stuck.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: So the 500 block of  
23 --

24 MR. SPINDLER: The 500 block is two  
25 ways, the rest of the street is one way.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right. We'll

2 check into it.

3 MR. SPINDLER: Next thing, Mrs.

4 Gatelli, you said that stop sign at

5 Merrifield and Price was rejected, was there

6 a reason why?

7 MS. GATELLI: Yes, I'll show it to

8 you later, are you going to be here?

9 MR. SPINDLER: I won't.

10 MS. GATELLI: I'll try to find it

11 and get it to you.

12 MR. SPINDLER: Because I spoke to the

13 person that asked me about this and he said

14 it's really busy now and he is afraid some

15 kid is going to get killed there going to

16 the little league field.

17 MS. GATELLI: I know. I keep getting

18 his e-mails.

19 MR. SPINDLER: I mean, I wonder if

20 whoever takes this into consideration isn't

21 thinking of the children.

22 MS. GATELLI: Here you go.

23 MR. SPINDLER: Can I keep this?

24 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

25 MR. SPINDLER: Thank you.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Mrs. Fay

2 Franas.

3 MS. FRANAS: Mrs? Miss Franas.

4 Great campaign, Bill and Janet. I sort of

5 want to say something about that though, I'm

6 sorry there wasn't much of a turnout in this

7 city. Where I was at the polls there was

8 like some 200 people that voted and there

9 were like 800 and some registered. I just

10 hope these people don't feel they have a

11 right to complain about anything ever

12 considering they couldn't take the time to

13 come and vote. I think it's a shame and bad

14 politicians are elected by people who do not

15 vote. You remember that one.

16 There is something on the agenda

17 tonight about the Railroad Avenue and

18 Broadway I like to ask if you know when it's

19 possibly going to be there, a stop sign, I

20 hope it's going to be a red light?

21 MS. GATELLI: I think it's a light.

22 MS. FRANAS: They go from seven of

23 Lackawanna County all the way to Luzerne  
24 Street without any stopping or anything and  
25 by the time they get by house they're going  
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1 80 miles an hour.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: I think it's  
3 probably a stop sign.

4 MS. FRANAS: What good is a stop  
5 sign?

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm just answering  
7 the question. I'll check and make sure.

8 MS. FRANAS: Is there anyway you  
9 could make that different, make it a red  
10 light? I mean, this is ridiculous. So you  
11 have a stop sign on Broadway, someone is  
12 going to be pulling out and who goes first?

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: If, in fact, it is a  
14 stop sign, I'll check it and make sure, but  
15 I asked the cost of a red light or a traffic  
16 light --

17 MS. FRANAS: You are talking about  
18 the cost, that's your problem.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, I didn't say

20 that, let me finish. I asked what the cost  
21 was of a traffic light and I can't recall  
22 but it's a tremendous amount of money. It  
23 really is, it's a lot of money, and I have  
24 explained this once before and I know it  
25 doesn't sound right, but this is a fact and  
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1 I have been told this by Mr. Parker, when  
2 they install stop signs it's not to slow  
3 traffic down, it's not to prevent accidents,  
4 stop signs are to continue the flow of  
5 traffic, all right? Now, I know that sounds  
6 crazy.

7 MS. FRANAS: It doesn't make any  
8 sense.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, that's what it  
10 is to continue and I could ask Mr. Parker,  
11 if you would like, to explain it to you more  
12 in-depth I don't -- -

13 MS. FRANAS: Where would I get that  
14 answer, pray tell?

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Pardon?

16 MS. FRANAS: When would that I get

17 whole answer?

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, I can have it  
19 for you next week, I'll ask him if he wants  
20 to write it down or maybe there's a code  
21 where it tells him, but that's what has been  
22 told to me on more than one occasion.

23 MS. FRANAS: What does it mean,  
24 continues the flow of traffic? We are  
25 trying to stop the flow of traffic so it  
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1 will stop.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right, and I thought  
3 the same as you until I was corrected and  
4 I'll ask him if he could put it in writing  
5 or if there is section in PennDOT rules, but  
6 that's what I have been told on more than  
7 one occasion.

8 MS. FRANAS: Is this a state road?

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Railroad Avenue?

10 No.

11 MS. FRANAS: So it's a city.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: I believe it's a  
13 city.

14 MS. FRANAS: So what are you talking

15 about PennDOT for?

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, I'm just

17 saying that's where I believe he got his

18 information from, I could be wrong, he used

19 to work for PennDOT for many years.

20 MS. FRANAS: All right, another

21 issue, back to the trucks and that in

22 neighborhood. A couple of months ago, two

23 months ago, a house a block behind me on

24 Fifth Avenue right behind my house the whole

25 basement caved in, okay? This is the second

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1 time. They are going to tear the house down

2 this week or next week soon. Here is my

3 concern, the people next door to the man

4 leases their house, all cracked, okay? They

5 are telling me that this house when it comes

6 down is going to come down in 15 minutes so

7 what's going to happen with this house,

8 okay, they bring it down, what is going to a

9 happen with all of that stuff falls, I mean,

10 is there anyway to make that, take it down

11 easier or what? I mean, I'm going to be  
12 afraid to come home and see what's left. A  
13 truck goes up the street and my windows  
14 shake, the house shakes, not just the  
15 windows, the house shakes.  
16 MS. FANUCCI: Fay, I do know that  
17 they have to evaluate before they do and  
18 they have to make sure that they evaluate  
19 all of the properties around before that  
20 house comes down, so they would have to walk  
21 over to your house to make sure that what is  
22 there will be there the same exact way after  
23 they take the house down. I mean, that's  
24 part of what they he have to do.

25 MS. FRANAS: How are they going to  
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1 guarantee that?  
2 MS. FANUCCI: Well, I don't know if  
3 they guarantee it, but they certainly will  
4 make sure that it is the way that it was  
5 before and then that way you won't you  
6 have-- you will an argument saying, "This is  
7 what you saw before and after."

8 MS. FRANAS: You mean, the outside of  
9 the house?

10 MS. FANUCCI: The outside of the  
11 house, yes. Correct.

12 MS. FRANAS: But how about if the  
13 basement goes in?

14 MS. FANUCCI: Again, I understand  
15 your concern, I don't know if that's -- if  
16 would be something, I don't believe they  
17 come in the house, so it's something you  
18 need to --

19 MS. FRANAS: Yes, but a basement  
20 before they tore the house down I want the  
21 basement there when they leave.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Well, yeah, we all went  
23 to keep our basements. That's the  
24 reasonable request, but maybe we could --

25 MS. FRANAS: But are they going to

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1 come and say, "Oh, your house is worth  
2 \$60,000, so if it caves in we will give you  
3 60, is that what you are going to put a  
4 price on it?"

5 MS. FANUCCI: No, they actually go  
6 around and check for even cracking that's  
7 existing now compared to after.

8 MS. FRANAS: They are going to take  
9 pictures?

10 MS. FANUCCI: I don't know if they  
11 take photos, but I do know it's all  
12 documented so I imagine it would be  
13 photowise. Yeah, and maybe you should do  
14 the same. Take a picture of your basement  
15 before. I can't imagine that they would  
16 just knock down a house and everything is  
17 going to caved in. I think that's it's done  
18 in a way --

19 MS. FRANAS: You got to understand  
20 something, like I said, when a truck goes up  
21 that street the whole house shakes so you  
22 are trying to say if a house gets torn down  
23 behind me nothing is going to happen.

24 MS. FANUCCI: No. I think you should  
25 protect yourself is what I'm saying.

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1 MS. FRANAS: What, leave?

2 MS. FANUCCI: No, to take photos.

3 Nobody wants you to leave, Fay.

4 MS. FRANAS: Want to bet? Okay,

5 thanks.

6 MS. EVANS: Ms. Franas, if you would

7 like to have a copy of the ordinance

8 regarding Broadway and Railroad Avenue it

9 explains slightly more in-depth what's going

10 to be placed there, but I think it might be

11 advantageous for you to keep this.

12 MS. FRANAS: Thank you. Does that

13 stop sign in there, Mrs. Evans?

14 MS. FANUCCI: Three-way.

15 MS. GATELLI: Three-way. There is no

16 parking --

17 MS. EVANS: Necessary signage and

18 signals to make the intersection of Broadway

19 and Railroad Avenue a three-way stop

20 including the delineation corresponding to

21 parking areas.

22 MS. FRANAS: Signals.

23 MS. EVANS: The word signals is in

24 there.

25 MS. FRANAS: That's what I thought

1 signals, I thought that meant light.

2 MS. COURTRIGHT: We'll ask, Fay, to

3 find out for sure.

4 MS. FRANAS: Thank you very much.

5 Thank you, Mrs. Evans.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Kay, can we ask to

7 get that?

8 MS. FRANAS: Railroad Avenue really

9 has to be done. Thank you.

10 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

11 Mr. Newcomb?

12 MR. NEWCOMB: Good evening, council.

13 I also would like to congratulate Mrs. Evans

14 and Mr. Courtright on your recent run for

15 election and I give anybody credit who tries

16 to run for an office, win, lose or draw, and

17 just one thing about -- a little bit about

18 that election is that I believe that the

19 people all over the county, and it looks

20 like all over the country, have really made

21 their decisions known about, you know, they

22 are really disgusted with back door pay

23 raises and we seen it with Mr. Belardi down  
24 there and I think that the people really are  
25 disgusted with these things, so just in this  
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1 upcoming election just so some of the people  
2 know you have to look into the candidates  
3 that are running before you do go to vote  
4 and one of the, you know, candidates that  
5 are running in this election, you know, has  
6 I'd say a multi-million dollars business  
7 which is a KOZ so, you know, if you going to  
8 pay taxpayers of something that's running  
9 for election and they have a KOZ it's  
10 something to really look at.

11 Mr. Gervasi came up here many, many  
12 times and tried to tell everybody that the  
13 mayor was going to cut your -- was going to  
14 cut your public safety and the answer to  
15 that was, no, no, no. Well, this is a quote  
16 from Mayor Doherty himself: "Yes, we would  
17 like to cut staffing because the fire  
18 department has too many employees,"  
19 Mr. Doherty said. "The fire department

20 currently has a staff of 150 firefighters."

21 So, all along his intention was to

22 reduce your public safety. He would also

23 compare us to Bethlehem, North Hampton

24 County which staffs a fire department of 112

25 police officers and about 140 firemen. Both

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1 cities have about 70,000 residents. Well,

2 my questions there would be what's their

3 city hall payroll? Do they have people that

4 got like 1.2 million dollars in raises? Are

5 they distressed? Do they pay their DPW

6 person who doesn't even live in the city

7 \$65,000? Do they pay their mayor \$52,000?

8 These are the questions that have to be

9 asked and what I would like to do is, and a

10 lot of people that are out there listening,

11 citizens, senior citizen, he wants to reduce

12 this compared to these people, well, call

13 the mayor's office and ask him these two

14 questions: Number one is, if you what want

15 to reduce our fire department, and in here

16 it says he can make also some changes in the

17 police department, if you want to reduce our  
18 fire departments which is taken away our  
19 public safety I got two questions to ask  
20 you, number one is it's going to save you  
21 millions dollars a year -- or us millions of  
22 dollar year, the two questions are call him  
23 and ask him, "How much are you going to  
24 reduce my property tax if you do this?"  
25 And the second one is, how much are  
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1 going to take my 3.4 wage tax down because  
2 we are going to be saving money and I  
3 guarantee you when both of those bills come  
4 next year the answer to that is zero.  
5 The only area of the union also with  
6 this arbitration the mayor did get some  
7 management power reduction as the city can  
8 eliminate, you know, one per shift, I think  
9 this arbitrator really favored the city and  
10 helped the city all of the certain things  
11 that they were looking for. The city also  
12 has spent \$508,000 on arbitration in the  
13 past five years and it's still -- it's still

14 growing. They also could take the position  
15 that in the police department the corporal  
16 could also be eliminated as well as a  
17 detective sergeant position. So, again, we  
18 appealed this decision and it looks like the  
19 city has really got a pretty deal with some  
20 management to write clauses and it's going  
21 to cost us more money now, a lot more money  
22 with the appeal.

23 I just had a question, I watched the  
24 replay of the meeting and I really had to  
25 listen to it twice, but this is just food

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1 for thought because it's a national problem,  
2 Mrs. Gatelli the meeting before last a  
3 gentleman came up here and they were talking  
4 about they were looking for to get some bus  
5 schedules and to get drivers licenses and  
6 did you really listen to what he said? Did  
7 you comprehend what he said? Do you  
8 remember if he said that him and a few other  
9 people they were legal or illegal?

10 MS. GATELLI: I don't know that he

11 said that.

12 MR. NEWCOMB: Well, if you watch the

13 meeting you hear the word illegal, no

14 papers, illegal he used, that's no papers.

15 You've got to just stop that end of it right

16 there because the word -- that's what the

17 word illegal means. You can't have a

18 driver's license if you are illegal. So, I

19 mean, you just have to be careful with that

20 part because we cannot help anybody that's

21 illegal because we have enough problems.

22 Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Gatelli, a few

23 months ago we tried to just get an answer to

24 the question, the KOZ's and the nonprofits

25 you were supposed to -- you were trying to

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1 get some money out of them for our tax base,

2 did any of the KOZ's or nonprofits

3 contribute extra money than what the

4 nonprofits were given already?

5 MS. GATELLI: We did get several, I

6 don't recall who they were, the Girl Scouts

7 and the Boys and Girls Club.

8 MR. NEWCOMB: The nonprofits; right?

9 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

10 MR. NEWCOMB: How about the KOZ's,

11 did you go to any of them?

12 MS. GATELLI: No.

13 MR. NEWCOMB: You didn't go to any of

14 the KOZ's? Just as I close, just on the

15 KOZ's, what people have to look at is you

16 have go get a list because you don't have a

17 list of, you know, the KOZ's, things in the

18 area like we have a smoke shop that's a KOZ,

19 we have an entertainment center that's a KOZ

20 so what people have to do is if we are not

21 making any money from the KOZ's and it's

22 costing our taxes to go up just you got to

23 boycott those places that are in KOZ's and

24 go to the people that are paying taxes and

25 trying struggling, buy your cigarettes there

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1 or do your entertaining somewhere else.

2 Thank you.

3 MS. GATELLI: Don't buy any

4 cigarettes because you shouldn't be smoking.

5 MR. NEWCOMB: That's better yet.

6 MS. GATELLI: Lee Morgan. If I could

7 quit anybody could, right, Mr. Morgan?

8 MR. MORGAN: I was making a comment

9 to Mr. Bolus, I really wasn't paying

10 attention, I'm sorry. The first thing I

11 have is, you know, we really do appreciate

12 this junior council, absolutely without a

13 doubt, and you can see what they are trying

14 to do here. The junior council has been a

15 good idea, it was presented to council a

16 long time ago and it's finally come to where

17 you see children and young adults in this

18 community can. The only question is how

19 much will this council, this administration,

20 and government and the people themselves

21 allow these young adults to accomplish

22 through this city, and I hope that they keep

23 an open mind and support this council as

24 much as they support this council.

25 My next comment is has council done

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1 anything at all to ask the mayor to move

2 money from the sale of the golf course to  
3 paying back the University of Scranton, the  
4 money that was given I guess in agreement to  
5 acquire the south side sports complex and  
6 what I would like this council to do is I  
7 would like them to ask the mayor to move  
8 money from the account from the golf course  
9 to pay the University of Scranton back and  
10 make the south side sports complex not be an  
11 issue anymore.

12 MS. EVANS: Mr. Morgan, the proceeds  
13 from that sale, I'm sure you remember this,  
14 are in the First National Community Bank in  
15 CD's and each has a different retirement  
16 date. One has rolled over, I believe, as of  
17 last summer. There could be another one  
18 forthcoming this summer, but to my knowledge  
19 that money has never been moved, it's never  
20 been placed in trust as promised. I don't  
21 know that you could withdraw any of it say  
22 immediately without penalty.

23 MR. MORGAN: Well, no, I do agree  
24 with every word you said even as far as the  
25 penalty part, but the greatest penalty of

1 all is that if this community losses that  
2 asset then all of the residents in this city  
3 are going to suffer, so if we have to lose a  
4 little bit of money on a CD and a penalty  
5 for, you know, redeeming it early we should  
6 do that because --

7 MS. EVANS: Well, I'm sure, I'm sorry  
8 to interrupt, we have lost a great deal of  
9 money in those CD's in comparison to the  
10 money that previously was generated annually  
11 from the Scranton Municipal Golf course so  
12 it's been a great loss already, but I agree  
13 with you, it's certainly worth that loss. I  
14 don't know, however, that the mayor is going  
15 to be convinced to do so because those  
16 requests have been placed before him several  
17 times over the last two and a half years  
18 regarding those CD's. He has never agreed  
19 to touch them.

20 MR. MORGAN: Well, you know, I'd just  
21 like to say that, you know, it's up to the  
22 residents of the city to decide whether the

23 mayor has done a good job or not, but I  
24 think in my own opinion the mayor has made a  
25 lot of poor decisions and hopefully I'd have  
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1 to say that even the appeal with the  
2 policemen that was a very poor decision to  
3 make, that's going to cost the city a lot of  
4 money and I hope that council could  
5 intercede, I mean, you even take a look when  
6 he was finance chair with the sewer deal,  
7 another bad deal. And, you know, a lot of  
8 people fail to realize that as American  
9 Anglican ran the authority they weren't  
10 rotating machines out to rebuild them, they  
11 were just burning them out in place because  
12 they were getting to keep more money, and I  
13 think that if anything should happen this  
14 council should find a way to cut next year's  
15 budget by the amount necessary to fulfill  
16 our obligations to American Anglican and  
17 give them their money back and hold the  
18 mayor's feet to the fire and say, "Look it,  
19 this was your baby, you were the finance

20 chair when Mr. Connors was mayor, you though

21 this was a great idea, well, it's time now

22 for you to find a solution to the problem

23 you helped to create," and I think that

24 that's what every resident should ask this

25 mayor to do and I think that every resident

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1 should ask this council to move that to the

2 mayor and make him do something.

3 And I just have one more question

4 and that question is the playground program

5 for this year a dead issue at this point?

6 MS. FANUCCI: No.

7 MR. MORGAN: Can you say anything on

8 that sometime tonight?

9 MS. GATELLI: Mrs. Fanucci will state

10 it in motions.

11 MR. MORGAN: Thank you.

12 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Is there

13 anyone else that would care to address

14 counsel?

15 MR. HEALEY: Good evening, council

16 members. My name is Gerard Healey, I'm a

17 property owner in the hill section. About  
18 two months ago I addressed you on a topic  
19 that I can't get any satisfaction from  
20 anyone, department, mayor, solicitor, you  
21 know, the DPW or anything. It was in  
22 regards to -- I showed you pictures of  
23 trees, trees behind my house on the city  
24 owned lot and they were all dead, about  
25 approximately a dozen between anywhere from  
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1 a foot to three feet diameter and they all  
2 were down in pieces, but I went up there and  
3 showed you the pictures, do you remember,  
4 bak when you were in south side and up there  
5 on Pittston Avenue? And since then about a  
6 week went by after I talked to you, you said  
7 you were address it and contact us and find  
8 out what the situation was and I waited a  
9 week, called them up probably three times,  
10 the tree cracked, two of them cracked and  
11 they are actually -- I have pictures of  
12 that. They actually are broken, and I'm  
13 talking serious. Look at right here now,

14 this is split section like a - it's actually  
15 like my own, like this it's like this split,  
16 you know, and there is two of them. Now,  
17 the two dead streets are laying on three  
18 other dead trees that are bending facing my  
19 house, facing the neighbor's house. DPW I  
20 called them about a month ago, called them,  
21 you know, a dozen times or so. They sent  
22 people out there, about three weeks ago they  
23 sent them out, they came out, they looked at  
24 them, they looked and they said, "Wow,  
25 that's a real problem."

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1 He said, "We have nothing that can  
2 fix that, you are on your own."  
3 Case closed. Called them several  
4 times after that, "We will send somebody  
5 out," whatever, they called, it's not the  
6 city's property. It is the city's property.  
7 Well, you know, the same thing over and over  
8 again. I'm telling you what, when that  
9 thing falls and I'm sleeping in my bed it's  
10 going to land in my bedroom if the wind

11 blows right, okay, so I'm just talking about  
12 saving my life here from sleeping, not to  
13 mention the kids in the neighborhood playing  
14 back there or whatever, you know what I  
15 mean, and it's been going on for four or  
16 five years. I had attempted to buy that  
17 property. I put the bid and the whole  
18 thing, I spent a \$1,000 to the lawyers and  
19 all of that kind of garbage, my lawyer says,  
20 "Run away from it. The title is so messed  
21 up."

22 You know, somehow or another the  
23 city took the property because of back taxes  
24 from a former own two years after the city,  
25 you know, took the property from him. He  
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1 resold it to another guy and then that other  
2 guy can't find him anywhere, you know, and  
3 the title searches on my property cost me  
4 \$3,000 to a silent title search and it's  
5 still --

6 MS. GATELLI: What's the address of  
7 the property?

8 MR. HEALEY: Rear 1320 Vine Street.  
9 It's in accessible from like the streets,  
10 either side of the streets. Like, my  
11 driveway you can see it, that driveway, it's  
12 approachable only from the alley like in  
13 Winsley Court which is between Vine and  
14 Mulberry and Taylor and you get there. Like  
15 I said, it's a nightmare and a mess and I'll  
16 give you permission, you can walk to go on  
17 my property, if you want to cut a tree, you  
18 know, that's not even on my property so I  
19 can't even fix. I tried to buy it to cut it  
20 down myself and it would cost me like \$5,000  
21 and then, you know, what I'm saying? It's  
22 not worth it, but somebody is going to get  
23 hurt.

24 MS. GATELLI: We usually send these  
25 to Mr. Santolli and he is very prompt, I

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1 don't know.

2 MR. HEALEY: Well, I would say the  
3 first call I made was 1998, okay?

4 MS. EVANS: Well, they're probably

5 basing it on the fact that it's private  
6 property, they are not going to go on  
7 private property, but I do think we do know  
8 that they very often do go on private  
9 property and remove trees, so I think in  
10 this instance it certainly seems that it's  
11 justified.

12 MR. HEALEY: It's surrounded by four  
13 properties, it's a property in the middle of  
14 four properties, one property on the ally,  
15 and another property and mine, that's four  
16 of us, four properties, it was like a big,  
17 big "R" and another one and he said -- and  
18 the guy that owned it after that never paid  
19 a dime of taxes and the city took it from  
20 him in '97 and, you know, it's been a mess  
21 ever since.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: You know, maybe we  
23 can check tomorrow morning and make sure  
24 that it's the city's property.

25 MR. HEALEY: Well, no I had my

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1 lawyer give the information and it's -- I

2 did a title search on it, I actually went  
3 right through the city to purchase it, you  
4 all voted that I could buy it and the mayor  
5 signed off, everybody else, had to get the  
6 appraiser there, it was only appraised at  
7 \$500 the bottom minimum, I wanted to  
8 purchase it, but my lawyer said I can't  
9 purchase it because it's a mess, the title,  
10 I can't get a clean title on the thing if I  
11 wanted. It's not like I get a clean title  
12 and everything else it will devalue my  
13 property.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: That's probably why  
15 the city is not cutting it down because they  
16 don't have a clean title on it.

17 MR. HEALEY: Well, the city has the  
18 title.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: You just told me  
20 that --

21 MR. HEALEY: I attempted to purchase  
22 it, I was going to bid it for it, but I  
23 didn't pay -- I didn't purchase it because  
24 the title search yielded the fact that, you  
25 know, does the city own it? They said they

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1 took it. They wanted -- but, however, the

2 city took it. They guy that took it --

3 MS. GATELLI: If they took it they

4 could sell it to you.

5 MS. FANUCCI: But you are saying the

6 other gentleman had sold it after the city

7 had taken it over?

8 MR. HEALEY: Right.

9 MS. GATELLI: Yeah, there is

10 something wrong. Leave the pictures and

11 leave your name and phone number on the back

12 with Mr. Coolican, okay, and we'll check it

13 out.

14 MS. EVANS: One last question

15 though, would you prefer that the trees are

16 cut down by the city or would you prefer to

17 purchase the property?

18 MR. HEALEY: I don't want to die,

19 okay?

20 MS. EVANS: No, I understand, but I

21 know that you were interested in purchasing

22 it.

23 MR. HEALEY: Well, I was going to.

24 MS. EVANS: Are you still

25 interested?

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1 MR. HEALEY: Well, I was going to go

2 that avenue, you know, but when I found it

3 it's going to cost me thousands and

4 thousands of dollars just to do something

5 with it and then I have to buy it, you know,

6 plus my lawyer advised me there is other --

7 there is going to be a million

8 complications, resales.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: I see Mrs. Krake in

10 the back, she might be able to find out for

11 us. Nancy, it's 1320 --rear of 1320 Vine.

12 If you could check that for us I would

13 appreciate it. She works in the office

14 downstairs and she should be able to find

15 out for us if the city owns it.

16 MR. HEALEY: I mean, I advised you

17 last time they are all dead. Now they are

18 cracked and now they are falling and now

19 they are actually -- if I pushed hard enough

20 I'd probably knock --

21 MS. GATELLI: All right, we'll check

22 into it.

23 MR. HEALEY: -- the tree into my

24 neighbor's house.

25 MS. GATELLI: Leave your name and

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1 number with Mr. Coolican and we'll contact

2 you.

3 MR. HEALEY: Well, I mean, how soon,

4 because, I mean, this is like --

5 MS. GATELLI: Well, you know.

6 MR. HEALEY: I mean, you don't have

7 to sleep with this over your bedroom like

8 why don't you wait a few weeks and see if

9 you can die.

10 MS. FANUCCI: We can send somebody

11 out tomorrow and see if there is something

12 we can do. In the mean time even if they

13 just take the cracked tree down so it

14 doesn't fall on your bedroom.

15 MR. HEALEY: Or my neighbors even.

16 There's another house right there.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Let's consider this a  
18 safety issue for now and try to intervene as  
19 far as that is concerned. We'll call  
20 tomorrow and see if they can get up there as  
21 soon as possible. I mean, you are standing  
22 here telling us -- certainly if your tree  
23 falls down on your bedroom.

24 MR. HEALEY: I mean, I'm sure if you  
25 were to look at them, I can show you the

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1 split in them. In other words, right here,  
2 see this tree here is -- it's broken right  
3 there and this tree is going to fall down on  
4 the house.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Oh.

6 MR. HEALEY: The other one is it's  
7 all striped down.

8 MS. FANUCCI: That's what we will do.  
9 We'll put it there tomorrow and see if we  
10 can get the guys out there and at least try  
11 to help you out.

12 MR. HEALEY: And this is city owned  
13 here, you know.

14 MS. GATELLI: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. HEALEY: Wilbur Walts if you want

16 to talk to him.

17 MS. GATELLI: I know Wilbur Walts

18 very well.

19 MR. HEALEY: You took it from him and

20 he resold it on you. Thank you.

21 MS. GATELLI: Anyone else?

22 Mrs. Krake.

23 MS. KRAKE: Good evening, council.

24 My name is Nancy Krake. I would like to

25 thank Mrs. Evans and Mr. Courtright for

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1 taking time from their lives once again to

2 help serve the citizens better and I'd like

3 to thank them for running, I know it's very,

4 very tough, and we are glad you are here, so

5 I'd like to respond a little bit to the

6 editorial that was in the Scranton paper on

7 May 14.

8 MS. GATELLI: You are not still

9 reading that, are you, Nancy?

10 MS. KRAKE: Actually I just got a

11 phone call which then prompted me to read  
12 it. First off, Mr. Newcomb made some  
13 excellent points which tie right into my  
14 speech. He is absolutely right when he says  
15 that when the administration cuts jobs they  
16 do not give the money back to the citizens  
17 and the taxpayers in any way, shape or form  
18 they simply give it back to themselves in  
19 raises and job creations. That's what they  
20 did with the 30 clerical positions they cut.  
21 They also left you with a \$500,000 minimum  
22 municipal obligation payment for the next  
23 20 years which they called a buyout. It is  
24 not. I did not negotiate that, by the way.  
25 I believe Miss Moran had something to do  
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1 that with that negotiation.  
2 The citizens of Scranton have  
3 watched this administration grant nearly 4  
4 million in pay raises and job creations for  
5 middle management over the past five years.  
6 We have watched our city's finances change  
7 drastically from the surplus to a staggering

8 \$220 million deficit. This deficit means we  
9 have a large annual debt payment each year  
10 that drains the funds from necessary city  
11 services and projects. In reality, we have  
12 been saddled with a too large mortgage  
13 payment we should never have assumed. I'd  
14 like to know when the editorial is on these  
15 two facts or make an editorial on the  
16 consultants and professional services we  
17 have witnessed in the past five years. We  
18 will probably never see these because even  
19 this newspaper can't put enough spin on the  
20 administration's so called recovery plan to  
21 hide these devastating affects it has had on  
22 our city.

23 The editorial also feels the deck is  
24 stacked for workers. The truth is this is  
25 far from the truth. Act 47 and the

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1 Pennsylvania Economy League have allowed  
2 this administration to stack the deck in  
3 their favor. How else would politicians and  
4 their political hires give themselves once

5 again four million in pay raises and jobs  
6 with the State of Pennsylvania's blessing.  
7 The 2.4 million policemen and women were  
8 awarded in lieu of any pay increase over the  
9 past five years pales in comparison to the  
10 millions and millions the administration in  
11 middle management desk jobs have received  
12 without an arbitration.  
13 The administration is appealing this  
14 award to the police officers apparently to  
15 snub the arbitration process. In this  
16 process all of the facts were presented and,  
17 in fact, they are all public knowledge.  
18 Even their own behavior, that is the  
19 administration's behavior, was part of the  
20 evidence that determined this award. I  
21 certainly hope this administration doesn't  
22 expect any special favors in Court. They  
23 are going to be sadly disappointed to think  
24 our judges are not the honorable men and  
25 women that they are.

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1 The administration and the

2 Pennsylvania Economy League seem very  
3 willing to spend away our future and cut  
4 public safety funds and services. The  
5 painful truth is that we have to take  
6 control of our city. We need to take  
7 control away from the state and the  
8 Pennsylvania Economy League and give it back  
9 to the average citizen and what is important  
10 to them. Thank you.

11 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

12 Mr. Sledenzski. Don't forget, class day  
13 tomorrow.

14 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Billy, I want to  
15 thank you for that project on Jackson  
16 Street, and for that help for me, I really  
17 appreciate it, Bill. Thanks, Billy.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: You are welcome,  
19 Chris.

20 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Ancherani.

21 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening.  
22 Nelson Ancherani, I'm a taxpayer, resident,  
23 city employee, financial secretary of the  
24 FOP and I'm here to exercise my opinion  
25 under the First Amendment rights. I would

1 I like to start out this evening saying that I  
2 felt the city did a very noble gesture by  
3 honoring the 13 Scranton police officers who  
4 died in the line of duty. These officers  
5 paid the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens  
6 of this city. The citizens and residents  
7 should be proud. These officers were  
8 honored during the dedication and group  
9 photo of the new police building on May 15,  
10 2006, at approximately 12:30 p.m. I'm proud  
11 to be working in the same profession as  
12 these brave officers. I know that I will  
13 probably be labeled as negative after I say  
14 what else I'm going to say, but I'm sure  
15 there are other officers who feel the same  
16 way. The members of the police department  
17 were asked to participate in the group  
18 photo. I did not participate. I believe  
19 that approximately half of the department  
20 didn't participate and I was told that 76  
21 did participate.  
22 As for myself, one reason I didn't

23 was because for over the past year I have  
24 been saying that the new police building is  
25 too small. As the intent or reason it was  
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1 built was to house the entire department  
2 under one roof another reason was because  
3 the old station was in deplorable condition.  
4 As it is, the juvenile training division are  
5 still located elsewhere. For me to  
6 participate in a group photo would have been  
7 hypocritical on my part. The building was  
8 not built big enough by the city's own  
9 admission because of budget constraints.  
10 Some of the participants in the group photo  
11 replied, "It would be nice for your  
12 grandkids to see where their grandfather was  
13 part of history."  
14 My answer to my grandkids would be,  
15 and, again, I'm sure there are others who  
16 agree, my answer is "We stood up for  
17 ourselves. The city wasn't treating us  
18 nicely or with respect."  
19 How can I participate when the

20 administration is trying to break our unions  
21 and treating us with contempt? I'm a union  
22 person and this administration is not  
23 treating us right. I also have pride and  
24 principal. I couldn't stand and participate  
25 in the group photo with the mayor. People  
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1 who regard unions disrespectfully or for  
2 people who regard unions disrespectfully and  
3 our trying to break them. From what I  
4 understand the mayor said he has nothing but  
5 respect for the police department or their  
6 officers. His brother is a former Scranton  
7 police officer. I have to ask, what  
8 respect? Not all of the facts were put on  
9 the program for the dedication. Important  
10 facts that were left out of the program for  
11 the ceremony are the administration is  
12 trying to break the unions. You are the  
13 waiters and waitresses of the city. The  
14 administration can run the city with 40  
15 police officers, no concern for the police  
16 officers safety if we don't have back up.

17 Trophies from past police history were  
18 thrown in the garbage. The administration  
19 wants the active members of the police  
20 department to pay retiring health care.  
21 They violate the recovery plan and blame the  
22 unions for the deficits. They want to take  
23 away our right to file grievances. They  
24 violated the contracts numerous times  
25 resulting in the filing of numerous and  
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1 numerous grievances. The Scranton Police  
2 Department is one of the lowest paid  
3 departments in the area. They have not had  
4 a raise in four years and since this  
5 administration has appealed the arbitration  
6 award there will be no raises for many, many  
7 more years. The administration gave out  
8 raises in violation of the recovery plan to  
9 the tune of \$5.5 million and hires new  
10 hires, but the union has got nothing. The  
11 unions are not the chosen, but some of the  
12 chosen got \$10,000 raises.  
13 There is many, many more things that

14 could have been on there and now that the  
15 Courts have upheld the 6.6 million  
16 arbitration award to American Anglican 5.5  
17 is the city's share plus interest, close to  
18 6 million dollars, so the rate payers will  
19 probably pay the bill. The mayor is quoted,  
20 "Money always has to come from somebody," so  
21 we are it. That's right, taxpayers, along  
22 with paying this bill don't forget the tax  
23 increase that the mayor admitted is coming.  
24 Our grandchildren while they are looking at  
25 the police picture on the police building

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1 wall can say that mayor who was in the  
2 picture is the one who we are paying this  
3 exorbitant tax for. It is his fault. That  
4 picture will be history. It is his two  
5 point -- it is his 240 million plus we are  
6 paying back history.  
7 One other thing about the Tripps  
8 Park police, I don't know if you are aware,  
9 they did have the police back there at one  
10 time, so I guess they've become affluent

11 now, that area? I know they did have them  
12 and all of a sudden they are affluent, so  
13 maybe somebody could look into that and  
14 probably have more police there. Thank you.

15 MS. GATELLI: Is there anyone else  
16 that would care to speak before council?  
17 Kay?

18 MS. GARVEY: 5-A motions.

19 MS. GATELLI: Mrs. Evans.

20 MS. EVANS: Good evening. First, I  
21 notice that we have held a legislation  
22 concerning a redeveloper's agreement with  
23 the Ice Box and the SRA for the interest  
24 free payments over 20 years. I believe we  
25 are going to have a caucus next week with  
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1 those individuals to discuss this in-depth,  
2 but I also noticed that another piece of  
3 legislation is missing and that would be the  
4 lease agreements with our little leagues,  
5 teener leagues, junior football leagues,  
6 etcetera that was filed of council No.32 of  
7 2006, what is the hold up on this situation?

8 MS. GATELLI: The school district is  
9 talking with school little league to make  
10 some kind of arrangements so West Scranton  
11 can use the teener league.

12 MS. EVANS: I understand that the  
13 Scranton School District conducted a special  
14 meeting on Monday night for the purpose of  
15 voting on a potential purchase of that  
16 property for \$1 from the City of Scranton,  
17 but I don't really see how appropriate that  
18 meeting was when I don't believe the city  
19 has even offered it for sale, and as far as  
20 I know having spoken with the officials of  
21 the little league they are not in discussion  
22 with the school district about this  
23 purchase.

24 MS. GATELLI: Well, then they are  
25 lying to me because I spoke to Mr. Roth this

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1 morning and he said they had a meeting last  
2 night.

3 MS. EVANS: Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't  
4 know about that meeting.

5 MS. GATELLI: They are really trying  
6 to get some kind of agreement and I like the  
7 little league and my husband was a coach for  
8 30 years at Connell Park and I understand  
9 the plight of the little leagues, but being  
10 an employee of West Scranton High School I  
11 also understand their problem with not  
12 having a field to practice on. West  
13 Scranton baseball does not have a field to  
14 practice, so if we don't try to help get  
15 something together there at Sloan the school  
16 district is going to have to buy property  
17 for West Scranton High School to practice on  
18 and if the school district buys property  
19 that's our tax money, too.

20 MS. EVANS: Right, but the school  
21 district was always allowed to use that  
22 property.

23 MS. GATELLI: No, they haven't been.

24 MS. EVANS: But -- no, they haven't  
25 been --

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1 MS. GATELLI: Bishop Hannon is there

2 and prep and West Scranton can only get it

3 when Bishop Hannon and Prep aren't there.

4 MS. EVANS: That was because the

5 school district pulled out of the agreement

6 to use it. They wanted to buy it and when

7 they were refused that purchase they

8 voluntarily pulled their team off the

9 field--

10 MS. GATELLI: No --

11 MS. EVANS: -- which is why Bishop

12 Hannon --

13 MS. GATELLI: There are two sides to

14 every story.

15 MS. EVANS: Well, that was when we

16 were on council so we are aware of what went

17 on at that time, but --

18 MS. GATELLI: There has been a lot of

19 misrepresentations and from what I

20 understand last night from both parties

21 because the school district sent

22 Mrs. Miswiggin and I also heard from the

23 little league and they said it was the best

24 meeting they have had.

25 MS. EVANS: Well, I hope they are

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1 satisfied --

2 MS. GATELLI: Hopefully they will

3 have a solution.

4 MS. EVANS: And I hope they get

5 everything that they want in writing because

6 they --

7 MS. GATELLI: Supposedly there was

8 only one item that they didn't like and she

9 was taking that back to the district, and I

10 hope.

11 MS. EVANS: And I hope they do get it

12 it in writing because like you said--

13 MS. GATELLI: I'd like to see both of

14 them --

15 MS. EVANS: -- these are -- the

16 children that play on these fields right now

17 are the future students at West Scranton

18 High School.

19 MS. GATELLI: Exactly.

20 MS. EVANS: They are currently

21 students in the elementary schools or in

22 West Scranton Intermediate School, so, you

23 know, it's not a matter of I feel the school

24 district is swallowing it up to cheat the

25 younger children just so, you know,

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1 eventually they can benefit, they did have

2 use, they wanted to purchase this for one

3 reason or another and I just want to be sure

4 that the little league is satisfied because

5 they've run this on their own for a long,

6 long time without a penny from this city or

7 the school district. They have had to run

8 their own fund raisers and they have

9 maintained the area, so I just want to make

10 sure they are treated fairly and whatever

11 the agreement it should be committed to

12 writing. I think we should have learned a

13 lesson by now from the South Side Complex.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Can I just jump in I

15 want to say it on the air, this is going

16 back about two years, Mrs. Evans, myself,

17 Brian Jeffers from the school district, we

18 met at St. Ann's lyceum and I had said back

19 then that I would not agree to anything that

20 the little leagues weren't satisfied with.  
21 There is a one person from the little  
22 league, I got a call at school about a week  
23 ago that there is one person saying, "Oh, we  
24 don't know if we can trust them, he is going  
25 to sell it," and I would take that with that  
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1 jump and face-to-face when I see him. They  
2 send somebody election day to the polls to  
3 ask me the question, and I'm going to say it  
4 now for this gentleman, I hope he's  
5 listening, I said it two years ago, I'm  
6 going to say it again now, I will not agree  
7 to anything that they are not satisfied  
8 with. Why he would be saying this I don't  
9 understand. I really hope that they could  
10 come to an agreement so both can play, that  
11 would be best for everybody, but I'll say it  
12 right here and now for the school district  
13 and for the little leagues, if the little  
14 leagues aren't satisfied with the deal I  
15 will not vote in favor of it. So, please  
16 stop spreading these rumors and when this

17 gentleman I will tell him to face-to-face, I  
18 will not say his name on the air.  
19 MS. EVANS: Someone who attended  
20 Monday night meeting reportedly was told by  
21 a representative of the school district that  
22 both you, Mr. Courtright, and I would agree  
23 to such a sale and that is absolutely  
24 untrue. It was two years ago. It was a  
25 month ago when this came up and there were  
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1 all sorts of lies going on at the last  
2 meeting where this was brought up, and I'll  
3 say it again for the record, I will not vote  
4 for this sale unless the little league is  
5 completely satisfied and receives it's  
6 guarantee in writing with the approval of  
7 their attorney. Period.

8 MS. GATELLI: Is there any other  
9 discussion?

10 MS. EVANS: Okay. Now I'll move  
11 along to the requests and many of these were  
12 received on the campaign trail. 103 Hope  
13 Way of Meridian Avenue there is a small

14 development with no streetlights or street  
15 signs but the street is ordained. Dickson  
16 Avenue and Electric Streets, Darren  
17 Northeast has taken approximately one to two  
18 feet of the road which extends out from the  
19 curb like a half-moon. There are no  
20 barricades to warn drivers of this unusual  
21 setup and the residents are very concerned  
22 that drivers are going to hit the pole.  
23 On may 8, 2006, a water main break  
24 at one end of Beaumont Avenue which is  
25 located between Laurel Street and Warren  
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1 Street occurred and this break caused the  
2 street on the other end to actually lift up  
3 and buckle. There are now permanent humps  
4 and depressions in the 1700 block of  
5 Beaumont which was just paved in October of  
6 2005 by PG Energy after many, many years of  
7 waiting and the water company did pump out  
8 the water but they left behind an awful mess  
9 which stayed for three days until the  
10 residents themselves cleared it. So, the

11 residents are now requesting that the water  
12 company restore the road to it's previous  
13 condition which I believe under the law they  
14 must do within a five-year period from the  
15 date that they make these paved cuts.

16 The 1800 block of Ferdinand street,  
17 both sides of the block have six to  
18 eight-inch ruts in the road and they need to  
19 be hot patched and sealed with tar.

20 On Bryn Mawr, the 1300 block, one of  
21 the neighbors wants to know if this  
22 particular lot, and I have the address here,  
23 was sold and if so to whom.

24 Also, the playground at Sloan little  
25 league remove graffiti, glass bottles and  
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1 the hanging ladder needs repair work and  
2 must be reinstalled.

3 Trim trees near the old tennis  
4 courts off Golden Avenue and Westin Park we  
5 have a dead tree there incidentally that's  
6 ready to fall on the roof of the house  
7 adjacent to it.

8 515 Oak Street from this location to  
9 McDonough Avenue there is Japanese bamboo  
10 growing for many years and it has actually  
11 ripped off the gutters on the house next  
12 door.

13 Fig Street near Jadick Motors, first  
14 house on the right, back porch is falling  
15 in, junk vehicles are parked on the  
16 property, cats are overrunning the area and  
17 we need to get an inspector out there. And  
18 that's it.

19 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Mrs.  
20 Fanucci?

21 MS. FANUCCI: Tonight I noticed a lot  
22 of our problems seem to revolve around the  
23 stop signs. I believe that we keep sending  
24 these requests on behalf of the citizens out  
25 here looking for some type of safety check.

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1 Now, I know myself, I live up near Nay Aug  
2 park it is a major problem where I live that  
3 we do not have a four-way stop sign. Park  
4 season is coming I am really in constant

5 fear about the kids out there and watching  
6 how many more children are up around this  
7 area now and we have nothing in check. Now,  
8 here is what I was told, they said that the  
9 stop sign is not to replace, and you are  
10 correct, not to replace anything except for  
11 -- you cannot get a light unless you are in  
12 a high, high traffic area. Well, I don't  
13 know want a light, I want the stop sign, so  
14 why is this a problem? I think as far as we  
15 are concerned if five requests come in for  
16 one area for a stop sign it shouldn't be a  
17 big problem to put a stop sign out. I'm  
18 going to send a letter to George and say,  
19 "Listen, I think is a great, I know we have  
20 our rules and everything," but the people in  
21 the neighborhoods know, they are not going  
22 to try to make people stop if it's like a  
23 big problem, I don't see why this has to be  
24 such a big issue, why we have to waste 25  
25 letters to go to a department to say, "We  
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1 want a stop sign."

2 I think it's a little absurd. I'm  
3 going to request it again in the form of a  
4 motion that if we get more than two requests  
5 or four requests per block for one stop sign  
6 that the stop sign is placed where it's  
7 needed and I'd like to make that in the form  
8 of a motion.

9 MS. GATELLI: I'll second that. On  
10 the question?

11 MS. EVANS: I'm not exactly sure what  
12 the procedure is. I think they do traffic  
13 studies--

14 MS. FANUCCI: They do.

15 MS. EVANS: And that may determine  
16 also the number of signage in the area and  
17 some things are approved and other things  
18 are not and I have not very often agreed  
19 with the wisdom of the decisions so I'm  
20 going to agree with you.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Thank you. I would  
22 like to say that a four-way stop sign is  
23 becoming extinct in Pennsylvania. They did  
24 not like having them, it was a problem, they  
25 decided that any time you wanted a four-stop

1 that a light should go in, this was the old  
2 way of thinking, and I understand that where  
3 we were, that's where I was when we were on  
4 the planning commission, was on the planning  
5 commission, but, now, I mean, it seems to me  
6 to be a little bit ludicrous to be worried  
7 about -- these are our kids and these are  
8 people, I have watched so many near  
9 accidents in the past few weeks, summer is  
10 coming, the kids are out, it's a lot of fun,  
11 but I can't sit there sick to my stomach  
12 everyday worrying about the fact are they  
13 going to put a stop sign up, so wherever we  
14 get requests let's just do it, so that my  
15 little tangent for today, but I do have  
16 more.

17 MS. GATELLI: All in favor? Aye.

18 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

20 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

21 MS. EVANS: Aye.

22 MS. GATELLI: Opposed? The ayes have

23 it and so moved.

24 MS. FANUCCI: Another thing, another

25 problem I have, summer is here and we had

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1 done lots of paving so far, the cuts in the

2 road that the people are making if there is

3 more than two cuts, how about me with my

4 motions tonight, aren't we excited? If

5 there are more than two cuts in the road

6 that are made by the electric company or

7 whoever else and we have our guy that comes

8 out and decides whether the patchwork was

9 done correctly or not, if there are more

10 than two cuts in the road I believe that

11 that company should have to repave that

12 whole block because what happens is these

13 patches are what creates the problems and

14 then we to here about the potholes. It's a

15 constant, constant cycle of what we are

16 doing, so I'm making in the form of the

17 motion, again, that when our inspectors go

18 out after the paving if it is not properly

19 patched and they do not feel with more than

20 two cuts on the road that they have to pave  
21 the whole entire street and not us, the  
22 people who have created the problems which  
23 are the electric companies --

24 MS. GATELLI: I'm not sure we can do  
25 that.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: They said -- I did  
2 talk, I did ask and they said that we can  
3 because they have to comply with what was  
4 done, what they have left. They have to  
5 leave what they started. So, if they leave  
6 with a freshly paved road --

7 MS. EVANS: And that's --

8 MS. FANUCCI: They can cut up three  
9 different sections of the road?

10 MS. EVANS: That's already an  
11 ordinance they have a five years from the  
12 date of the pave cut to restore the road to  
13 it's original condition and they are  
14 supposed to be doing that.

15 MS. FANUCCI: The problem is it's  
16 falling through. It is falling through the

17 cracks and --

18 MS. EVANS: Well, it's a pave cut,

19 the pave cut inspector has to get out there

20 and cite. Look, I mean, take a look at

21 North Washington Avenue from Electric Street

22 all the way up to Fairfield Avenue now,

23 every block of it has huge pave cuts.

24 MS. FANUCCI: Right.

25 MS. EVANS: That are simply being

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1 filled in, I believe, by Linde Construction

2 and already the depressions are occurring,

3 but, you know, I think it's a matter of

4 enforcement right now that the city has to--

5 MS. FANUCCI: Like ten cuts on one

6 road ends up to be a full paved job as far

7 as I am concerned because --

8 MS. EVANS: Oh, no, I agree, but

9 another problem that I maybe piggybacks onto

10 what you are saying if you were to throw

11 this in there.

12 MS. FANUCCI: I'll throw whatever in

13 you want.

14 MS. EVANS: When the DPW goes out --

15 MS. FANUCCI: Only tonight.

16 MS. EVANS: When we potholes or ruts

17 in the street, and this is the happened

18 countless times, that they will go out and

19 fill maybe two or three potholes in a street

20 ignore the eight that are farther down the

21 street and then they leave.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Like if we see them do

23 them, that type of the thing?

24 MS. EVANS: Yes.

25 MS. FANUCCI: It's on site.

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1 MS. EVANS: Yes, if you are going

2 let's say to the 1700 block of Wyoming

3 Avenue to fill one or two potholes why don't

4 you do all ten of them in the 1700 block

5 that you see.

6 MS. FANUCCI: Okay, I'm going to go

7 with that as my motion. Listen, DPW, I love

8 you guys. Do not get all freaked out

9 because I'm making these motions, the

10 problem is --

11 MS. GATELLI: I have to interrupt

12 you, although I don't like to do that, the

13 utilities pay to pave that street.

14 MS. FANUCCI: Right.

15 MS. GATELLI: If they do so much of a

16 percentage of the street, so it's not the

17 DPW it's the utility company, so I suggest

18 that before we do this we get a copy of that

19 ordinance that we have with the utility

20 companies and maybe meet with Parker and

21 check it out because I can't see making the

22 utility companies pave a whole street for

23 two pave cuts, they will flip out.

24 MS. FANUCCI: They will flip out.

25 MS. GATELLI: And then our utility

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1 bills will go up.

2 MS. FANUCCI: My problem is if it's a

3 newly paved road and we just spent all that

4 money --

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Like Luzerne Street.

6 They had another one on Luzerne Street.

7 MS. FANUCCI: And why should we --

8 and that's a problem. I mean, listen,  
9 20 years if it wasn't paved it wasn't paved,  
10 but I have trouble spending all of this  
11 money on paving these roads and in five  
12 years everybody is going to be freaked out  
13 because we didn't do what we were supposed  
14 to do, so it's something we need to look at.  
15 MS. EVANS: Well, here tonight is the  
16 example, I'm Beaumont Avenue it was paved in  
17 October of 2005 and now it's destroyed  
18 because the water literally, the water main  
19 break at one end caused the water to shoot  
20 through the road and crack it open and shoot  
21 up on the other end of the road and so far  
22 nothing has been done about it. It's --  
23 MS. FANUCCI: So let's look into it.  
24 MS. GATELLI: Yeah, let's get a copy  
25 of the ordinance.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Sit down and talk  
2 with John Azeriak, he is the guy that does  
3 that.  
4 MS. FANUCCI: They are, but it wasn't

5 that, it was a pothole that remark I was  
6 worried about that they are going to be mad  
7 about not saying that they are not filling  
8 the potholes and you are doing a wonderful  
9 job and we love all of you, but just the  
10 people that I'm worried about are not, you  
11 know, we spend so much money and we live in  
12 a place where there is like a potholes the  
13 rest of our entire lives, but when he spend  
14 a fortune on paving and then it's all ripped  
15 part it bother me. It's a problem. See,  
16 you guys were missing me for two weeks,  
17 didn't you?

18 MS. GATELLI: It is a problem.

19 MS. FANUCCI: One more thing, where  
20 is Lee? Did he leave, Mr. Moran? He could  
21 not even wait. Lee, when you are watching  
22 at home, the parks and recreation program  
23 that we are putting together we finally got  
24 to getting a director. Danielle Joyce has  
25 agreed that she would participate and help

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1 us out there. She helped run a children's

2 museum, so I think she is a great person for  
3 this. What they decided was, I don't think  
4 feel that this is going to be a whole summer  
5 long project, I don't see us having five or  
6 six weeks, my theory is that we might get  
7 two, two full weeks out of it, but, you  
8 know, times of day and everything that stuff  
9 has not been worked out yet, but the parks  
10 program is starting, it will not be in a  
11 park in the city, this is the first year, we  
12 are trying to piggyback onto some things  
13 that are happening at the museum and I know  
14 that there was some problems with employees,  
15 the boys and girls club that that was a  
16 problem, people were worried about competing  
17 with them with this program. This is a  
18 whole different type of program and I do  
19 believe that this actually would help them.  
20 They can come here maybe after and that's  
21 what I'm trying to do. I'm trying to  
22 coordinate when their program is over maybe  
23 ours will start, that way it will keep  
24 everyone happy. So, that is still in works  
25 and we are working hard on it and hopefully

1 I will have more on that maybe in the next  
2 two weeks.

3 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Fanucci, before you  
4 end I think we have to vote on your motion  
5 or you have to withdrawn the motion.

6 MS. FANUCCI: Let's vote on it, what  
7 the heck? I'm not even sure what it was at  
8 this point.

9 MS. GATELLI: I don't know that it  
10 had a second.

11 MS. FANUCCI: Nobody seconded that.  
12 Let's withdraw that motion and look into it  
13 and see, I just was furious because I  
14 actually was driving down here tonight and  
15 watching them just like, you know, go at  
16 another road and I'm thinking here we go  
17 again and it's going to be our fault next  
18 year, we didn't do any paving. So, all  
19 right. We'll look into it.

20 MS. GATELLI: Mr. McTiernan?

21 MR. MCTIERNAN: Thank you, Mrs.

22 Gatelli. First of all, I'm looking at some

23 letters that were regarding the railroad  
24 crossing on Luzerne Street and we did speak  
25 about those at our last meeting, but I think  
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1 we would be remiss in not thanking Mr.  
2 Pocius, former councilman, for his efforts  
3 regarding the placement of those railroad  
4 crossings.  
5 Secondly, I'd like to recognize  
6 Mr. Tim McHale from Scranton High School and  
7 th wood shop classes at Scranton High School  
8 for generously donating their time and their  
9 efforts towards the building of the benches  
10 for the Greenridge Junior City Council  
11 project.  
12 Third of all, just a brief comment  
13 regarding last week we had a meeting  
14 scheduled with the law department and public  
15 safety director, Mr. Hayes, and our hope was  
16 to assess the impact of the police and fire  
17 arbitrations and as Mrs. Gatelli points out,  
18 and I had some conversations along the same  
19 line, that we were hoping to have those

20 caucus meetings rescheduled so we can  
21 determine specific costs and my hope is that  
22 we look at the costs of the arbitration  
23 awards and we compare them with the costs of  
24 losing the arbitration award and the  
25 implementation of those grants and I'm  
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1 hoping that the business administrator's  
2 office can give us some specific examples on  
3 both sides of the coin so that we can make a  
4 more informed decision so that caucus is  
5 forthcoming.  
6 Mrs. Garvey, would you do me a  
7 favor, some speakers today mentioned concern  
8 over the American Anglican award and what it  
9 would cost, could you contact the Sewer  
10 Authority, the board of the Sewer Authority,  
11 and ask them specifically what the plan is  
12 to pay that award and if they could give us  
13 an approximate cost during that time frame  
14 per rate payer, I think we acknowledge that  
15 there will be a cost to pay for that and it  
16 will be derived from the monthly sewer bills

17 that each rate payer pays and it would be  
18 nice if folks had an idea of what the  
19 projected cost per rate payer might be.  
20 MS. EVANS: I think though wasn't it  
21 our understanding that the sewer authority  
22 owns nothing, it's owed by the municipality  
23 of Scranton and the Borough of Dunmore and I  
24 believe the plan that's currently in  
25 discussion phases anyway is that the city  
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1 would lease the storm water system to the  
2 sewer authority and in so doing the sewer  
3 authority then will increase the rates for  
4 the rate payers of both Scranton and  
5 Dunmore, so though we may not see let's say  
6 a tax increase as a result or additional  
7 borrowing, you are going to see an increase  
8 in the rates that you pay to the sewer  
9 authority so actually you are paying for it  
10 one way or the another.

11 MR. MCTIERNAN: That's why I'm  
12 asking, I am aware of that plan, and my hope  
13 is so that the public understands that the

14 -- as I understand it the plan is that this  
15 award is going to be stretched out through  
16 borrowing over a number of years and it may  
17 make it more palatable, although, not  
18 acceptable that we will have a specific  
19 dollar figure attached to those bills over  
20 the next number of years and I think the  
21 taxpayers, i.e., the rate payers as well  
22 would at least like to know what that plan  
23 is and I have heard a lot of numbers thrown  
24 around but I think that's important that  
25 they know what that cost, so if we could

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1 just get that rough assessment after the  
2 deal is done, after the borrowing, the  
3 proposed borrowing or at least that program  
4 is completed what it's estimated each rate  
5 payer might see over time.  
6 MS. EVANS: And if you could add to  
7 that because I remember at the time the  
8 renewal of the contract was being discussed  
9 the Sewer Authority wanted counsel's  
10 permission to conduct an inventory and part

11 of that inventory would have been an  
12 assessment of the storm water system and  
13 it's worth, but yet I don't believe we have  
14 ever been notified of a dollar figure in  
15 terms of the worth of that system, so I  
16 would like to know exactly what they had  
17 determined, if anything, at this point.

18 MR. MCTIERNAN: And two other things,  
19 first of all, some information about the  
20 Sloan little league situation, I'm trying to  
21 keep abreast of that as best I can, I have  
22 had some conversations with some folks and  
23 I'd like to clarify a few issues. First of  
24 all, I did obtain a copy of the Scranton  
25 school district's resolution and there were  
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1 a few areas that I would just like to point  
2 out for the record, although this is a  
3 public record with the school district, I'd  
4 like to further enter it into the record  
5 where the school district is recognizing in  
6 their resolution that this proposed  
7 acquisition of this property if, indeed, it

8 goes through would be subject to the Project  
9 70 Act that we have all discussed and talked  
10 about. The district's resolution also talks  
11 about other entities including the Sloan  
12 little league having an interest and  
13 continuing to utilize the field for their  
14 purposes and it's not the intention of the  
15 district to preclude the Sloan little league  
16 association with the use of it's premises,  
17 etcetera. Some other things that I want to  
18 at least bring to light as I understand  
19 these are the facts that have been related  
20 to me or comments that have been relayed to  
21 me so I can only give you the information as  
22 best as I can recall it, but I did speak  
23 with some members of the Sloan little league  
24 community and they appear to be -- they  
25 appear to basically be satisfied with a few

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1 little additions or additional conversations  
2 with the meeting that was held last night  
3 with school director Catherine McWiggin and  
4 there were just a few things that I would

5 like to point out as I spoke with the school  
6 district CEO Mr. Sheridan and some of the  
7 Sloan little league folks. It's important  
8 for everyone to understand that the school  
9 district physically doesn't have a use for  
10 the little league field, the farm field and  
11 the missy field as I understand it. Again,  
12 I'm representing conversations that I've had  
13 with other people. There are certain  
14 measurements that are required for PIAA,  
15 high school baseball. A little league  
16 field, a farm league field do not make those  
17 minimum dimensions, so it would not be  
18 feasible or useable for the school district  
19 to enter into disrupting those fields  
20 because they are not large enough by any  
21 stretch of the imagination so that's  
22 important for folks to understand.  
23 I did take an opportunity to visit  
24 the Sloan little league field and it is in  
25 marginal condition at best. It might even  
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1 be considered dangerous in some areas, so I

2 would say that the repair of that field if  
3 it were to be acquired by the school  
4 district would be a benefit to the entire  
5 complex plus there is certainly an element  
6 of at least potential liability because we  
7 have a field that has been neglected,  
8 sovereign immunity certainly protects us in  
9 certain avenues as our solicitor would point  
10 out, but negligence may not be something we  
11 are protected by, so I think it's a win-win  
12 situation as I understand it the district is  
13 committing to a substantial improvement in  
14 that complex and I think it would be hard to  
15 believe that the district would put several  
16 hundred thousands dollars into the teener  
17 league field and then have the rest of the  
18 complex in disrepair as the district would  
19 not want to have a property that did not  
20 represent itself well, so I think the little  
21 league might benefit in the long run. I  
22 think you can imagine that if the school  
23 district were to enter into agreements to  
24 purchase bleachers I would imagine that some  
25 of these bleachers would end up near the

1 little league, the farm league and the missy  
2 league. It's in the school district's best  
3 interest that it develop proper toileting  
4 facilities which would benefit the little  
5 league in general because, again, if the  
6 district is going to be in possession of  
7 that field they need to provide facilities  
8 for the spectators that come to those  
9 fields, so I think there are collateral or  
10 ancillary benefits that the Sloan little  
11 league would enjoy if the school district  
12 were to own that.

13 And I probably need to point out  
14 that I don't necessarily have a stake in it,  
15 I'm just pointing out some conversations  
16 that I had with CEO, so I think the benefits  
17 to the entire complex are significant. I'd  
18 also like to add this is different from the  
19 south side complex because this sale is not  
20 to a private entity it's to a public entity,  
21 the school district and the citizens, the  
22 taxpayers would still have an opportunity

23 for regress of their grievances at school

24 board meetings and the public, the taxpayers

25 still have an opportunity to vote for or

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1 against school board members regarding this

2 purchase. So this is not like the south

3 side sale in that regard that it is to a

4 private institution.

5 And, second of all, I think we all

6 realize, not second of all, but continuing

7 on, the little leagues are dwindling. I

8 think -- my son plays little league and I

9 think I can speak with some accuracy that

10 almost every little league in the area has

11 had to consolidate. They have reduced the

12 number of teams because of lack of

13 participation. I am under the understanding

14 from all of the folks that I talked with at

15 Sloan that they are doing some interleague

16 play in order to bolster the schedule, so my

17 point there is the school district's

18 injection of money into that facility is

19 probably a good thing I would agree with

20 someone who said earlier, I think  
21 Mrs. Gatelli, that we would be paying for  
22 this property twice if the school district  
23 does intend to acquire a field somewhere, so  
24 I think that -- and then, finally, there is  
25 some private institutions I guess that are  
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1 looking to use sites. As a further part of  
2 this discussion I think we can say at that  
3 there are other teener leagues in the city  
4 that could use the injection of cash, for  
5 example, the Lackawanna County teener  
6 league, I can't speak for them, of course, I  
7 haven't spoken with them directly, but if  
8 one of the local private entities that is  
9 interested in the Sloan field there are  
10 certainly other teener league fields that we  
11 can spread that around and geographically I  
12 don't think it matters whether you are in  
13 the St. Ann's area or on the Keyser Valley  
14 area, it's relatively close when you come  
15 from across town, so they are just some  
16 details regarding the Sloan little league

17 acquisition by the school district of that  
18 property that they are facts as I understand  
19 them and I think they are worth clearing up.  
20 And, finally, a little long winded  
21 tonight, permit parking, there were some  
22 representatives here from North Washington  
23 Avenue, and I' mm sure Mrs. Evans can  
24 probably give me the location specifically,  
25 but they were represented by Mrs. Cecci and  
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1 we have asked unilaterally that as council  
2 as a body that permit parking signs went out  
3 there and I'm wondering if, Kay, you could  
4 find out whether or not the proper  
5 departments are going to respond to that and  
6 place those permit parking signs at  
7 council's request.

8 MS. GARVEY: Okay.

9 MR. MCTIERNAN: That was passed  
10 unanimously by motion and --

11 MS. EVANS: Yes.

12 MR. MCTIERNAN: And we are  
13 essentially circumventing the process by

14 having a motion asking for them, but I don't  
15 know whether they are going to honor it. If  
16 not, then we should find a way to expedite  
17 the study of that complaint by those  
18 citizens, and that's all I have. Thank you.

19 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

20 MS. EVANS: Just one thing I wanted  
21 to add to that, I believe in the most recent  
22 CDBG locations Sloan little league received  
23 a large sum of money from the City of  
24 Scranton to maintain and renovate their  
25 fields, so in actuality I don't believe that

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1 they need the assistance of the school  
2 district to come in so much and do that for  
3 them. There has been two years worth of  
4 allocations there, but more importantly, I  
5 also remember, and this is a fact, that two  
6 years ago I attended a meeting of both --  
7 well, of the Sloan Little League Association  
8 and some representatives of the Scranton  
9 School District who stated to the officials  
10 and members of Sloan Little League, hey, we

11 came here to do you a favor by taking your  
12 fields, and the people who were present did  
13 not feel that that was a favor because they  
14 didn't even know that their fields were  
15 being eyed up for a takeover. And, in  
16 addition to that, I was just at Sloan Little  
17 League last weekend and I would say there  
18 was a tremendous turnout in terms of  
19 children and parents, you know, maybe it has  
20 been a merger, but I'll tell you what, there  
21 were great numbers of children there ready  
22 to begin the season on that Saturday  
23 afternoon, so I don't think they are lacking  
24 participation.

25 MR. MCTIERNAN: The only thing I

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1 would like to say about that is I am not  
2 trying to characterize this in a way that  
3 this is a negative proposal for the Sloan  
4 Little League or for the Scranton School  
5 District. I am presenting the facts and I  
6 am hopeful, as most of us who have children  
7 who have gone through the little league

8 system and it's a great system for our kids  
9 to be a part of, I think that the die is  
10 cast, the representatives from the school  
11 district and Sloan Little League will be  
12 able to take care of that and I think those  
13 are the folks that should be talking. We,  
14 of course, have some standing here, but I  
15 think it's a misrepresentation that they are  
16 trying to be some overtaking and I hope that  
17 there is productive discussions between  
18 Sloan Little League and between Scranton  
19 School District and our body the City of  
20 Scranton and help those folks come to a  
21 satisfactory resolution to this issue.

22 MS. EVANS: Well, I think we do have  
23 standing in this in that we represent not  
24 the school district, we are employees of the  
25 school district, but the school district has

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1 a school board that represents it. We as  
2 city council are here to represent the  
3 citizens of Scranton and we must approve of  
4 such a sale, so it is quite pertinent to

5 this body, but I think in addition to that  
6 as Mr. McTiernan noted earlier this is  
7 Project 70 land and I don't know if anyone  
8 has the right to be conducting such a sale  
9 and I think this will require some type of  
10 state legislation to provide for such a sale  
11 and to conduct a sale without that type of  
12 state agreement is very fool hearty because  
13 it can cause penalties to be inflicted on  
14 both parties, so I really don't like this  
15 rush to judgment putting the cart before the  
16 horse. I do hope both sides come to an  
17 agreement, but I'm not budging on this until  
18 I hear that people that I represent, I am an  
19 employee of the Scranton School District, I  
20 realize that, and I realize I'm sticking my  
21 neck out here, but I also realize that in  
22 this position on this evening I represent  
23 these people and I'm here to protect their  
24 interests in it.

25 MS. GATELLI: Is there anything

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1 else? Mr. Courtright?

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes. Kay, I know  
3 last week we sent a letter to Mr. Lynardy  
4 about where the police cars were that we  
5 were we supposed to get, I don't believe you  
6 got an answer back, have you?

7 MS. GARVEY: No.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Could we send him  
9 another letter also to David Elliott and see  
10 if he can update on this, it has been quite  
11 sometime since these cars have been ordered  
12 or they are supposedly ordered. Could we  
13 find out have they been ordered, when they  
14 will get here and I would like to know that  
15 as soon as possible.

16 And just one more thing, Kay, at the  
17 corner of Dale Avenue and Luzerne Street  
18 they have a lot of trouble on Dale Avenue  
19 over the years and I have brought it up many  
20 times, but now at the corner of Dale and  
21 Luzerne the road is broken up so much that  
22 there is at least 50 chunks of blacktop just  
23 laying there in the road so if we could get  
24 the DPW we can call in the morning and see  
25 if they can up there and clean it up and

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1 patch it, I think it needs immediate  
2 attention, and that's all I have. Thank  
3 you.

4 MS. GATELLI: I'm sure that many of  
5 you in the audience and the people at home  
6 received the same thing in their PG Energy  
7 bill as I did, "Notice of proposed rate  
8 changes." PG energy is filing a request  
9 with the Pennsylvania Utility Commission to  
10 increase your gas rates by 8.64 percent."

11 On the back it says, "You can file a  
12 formal complaint. If you want to a hearing  
13 before a judge you must file a formal  
14 complaint. By filing a formal complaint you  
15 assure yourself the opportunity to take part  
16 in hearings about the rate increase  
17 request."

18 I am going to make a motion that  
19 this council send a letter to the PUC that  
20 we are formally objecting to any rate  
21 increase and that we be notified of the  
22 hearings.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'll second it.

24 MS. GATELLI: On the question? I'd

25 just like to say that through the years in

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1 the neighborhood associations there was a

2 man from Tripps Park named Gene Melino, and

3 if any of you know Gene represented us at

4 all of the PUC hearings. Since Gene's death

5 no one has taken up the slack,

6 unfortunately, and the hearings are no

7 longer conducted in Scranton. I have been

8 looking in the paper for various hearings

9 and they are always in Wilkes-Barre, so I'd

10 also like to put in, I guess I'll amend the

11 motion, that we have hearings, start to have

12 hearings in Scranton also into that motion.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

14 MS. GATELLI: All in favor? Aye.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

16 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye.

17 MS. EVANS: Aye.

18 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

19 MS. GATELLI: Opposed? The ayes have

20 it and so moved and we will be witnesses at  
21 the hearing. I thought that was very, very  
22 important.

23 The second thing is I'd like to ask  
24 Mr. Krushefski for only the amortization  
25 page from all of the outstanding bond issues

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1 for the City of Scranton. I'd also like to  
2 thank by name since Mr. McTiernan did it I  
3 mustn't let West Scranton be left in the  
4 dust and I'd like to thank Mr. Pat Krake for  
5 making our bench that we donated to the  
6 audience it was really beautiful and I'm  
7 surprised it made it over there and not to  
8 709 Connell Street because I really wanted  
9 it.

10 MR. MCTIERNAN: I think one of the  
11 Krakes was recently nominated for teacher of  
12 the year award.

13 MS. GATELLI: Walmart teacher of th  
14 year, his twin brother, Mike Krake, so  
15 congratulations to him, top. I'd just like  
16 to make one other motion that I know there

17 is some UDAC money left over because we  
18 hadn't spent it all and I'd like to make a  
19 motion to transfer \$20,000 to the Shade Tree  
20 Commission. Mr. Santolli does a wonderful  
21 job and as you see every week there is  
22 people talking about trees that are a  
23 problem and a big problem is that we don't  
24 have any money in the Shade Tree Commission  
25 so I'd like to make a motion to have Mayor

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1 Doherty draw up the proper legislation to  
2 present to this council to transfer \$20,000  
3 to the Shade Tree Commission.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

5 MS. GATELLI: On the question? All  
6 in favor?

7 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

8 MS. EVANS: Yes.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

10 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye.

11 MS. GATELLI: Opposed? The ayes have  
12 it and so moved. Now, I just have to get my  
13 two cents in about the Sloan Little League

14 again since we are going back and forth  
15 here. I don't think it's anyone's benefit  
16 up here to go against the little league, no  
17 one up here is going to say that they don't  
18 want the little league there. The point is  
19 that there is also children who live in West  
20 Scranton who are also taxpayers that don't  
21 have a place to play and if there is room  
22 there then I can't see why adults cannot  
23 agree to both use the field. They are  
24 students, too, their parents are taxpayers,  
25 too, if we have to go buy a field we are all  
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1 going to pay for it when there is one up  
2 there for free, so, you know, I'm just  
3 hoping that they can all agree and that no  
4 one gets hurt and I don't believe anyone up  
5 here is going to vote for the little league  
6 to be put out of there, and I said that  
7 publically, also, so there is three votes  
8 already so it ain't going to happen. The  
9 Sloan Little League is not going to be put  
10 out and I will not vote and two other people

11 up here stated that they will not vote for  
12 that, so we will look at the resolution and  
13 we will make sure that the little league is  
14 taken care of, but, please, I'm begging you  
15 to consider the students at West Scranton  
16 High School. Their parents are taxpayers,  
17 those kids probably played on their little  
18 league so let's all try to get along, let's  
19 try all try to work together and see if we  
20 can't get a resolution.

21 MS. EVANS: I agree with that. In  
22 fact, within some families you have children  
23 who are playing little league and who have  
24 older brothers and sisters who are students  
25 at the high school, and there was a point in  
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1 time when both entities used those fields  
2 and that didn't stop until the school  
3 district suddenly out of the blue said to  
4 that little league, "Hey, I'm going to do  
5 you a favor and take those fields from you."

6 MS. GATELLI: Well, let's forget  
7 that.

8 MS. EVANS: Oh, I can't forget it

9 because I was there.

10 MS. GATELLI: Well, it's over now.

11 MS. EVANS: So that's what the fear

12 is, they already went through this once.

13 MS. GATELLI: Well, it's in writing

14 now. It wasn't in writing then.

15 MS. EVANS: Well, I'm sorry, but I'm

16 going to have to see it all and read it all

17 just like doubting Thomas because --

18 MS. GATELLI: You'll see it and

19 you'll read it or we won't pass it.

20 MS. EVANS: I have seen enough of

21 what went on in the past and these people

22 have very good reason to face this with fear

23 and trepidation.

24 MS. GATELLI: Kay?

25 MS. GARVEY: 5-B FOR INTRODUCTION -

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1 AN ORDINANCE - APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A

2 RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE NAME OF

3 LITTLE DICK'S, INC. T/A 7TH AVE WEST, CITY

4 OF CARBONDALE, R-17472 PRESENTLY HELD IN

5 SAFE KEEPING BY THE PLCB TO G-FORCE  
6 ENTERPRISES, INC., T/Z BLUES STREET FOR USE  
7 AT 222 WYOMING AVENUE, THE RITZ BUILDING,  
8 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18503 AS REQUIRED BY  
9 THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

10 MS. GATELLI: At this time I will  
11 entertain a motion that 5-B be introduced.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

13 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

14 MS. GATELLI: On the question?

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: On the question I  
16 make a motion that we schedule a public  
17 hearing on this piece of legislation next  
18 week, May 25, 2006, at 6:15 an authorize the  
19 city clerk to place the necessary items in  
20 the Scranton Times.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

22 MS. GATELLI: All those in favor?

23 Aye.

24 MS. EVANS: Aye.

25 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

2 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye.

3 MS. GATELLI: The ayes have it and

4 so moved.

5 MS. GARVEY: 5-C FOR INTRODUCTION AN

6 ORDINANCE - VACATING A PORTION OF FIELD

7 COURT/STREET BEGINNING AT THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

8 LINE OF 400 BLOCK OF NORTH CAMERON AVENUE AN

9 EXTENDING ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET IN A

10 SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION WITH A WIDTH OF

11 20 FEET.

12 MS. GATELLI: At this time I will

13 entertain a motion that 5-C be introduced.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

16 MS. GATELLI: On the question.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: We have to send this

18 ordinance to the city planning commission

19 and the Lackawanna County Regional Planning

20 Commission for their review prior to

21 conducting a public hearing, so I'll make a

22 motion that we are send this ordinance to

23 them and ask that the city clerk make the

24 necessary arrangements for the public

25 hearing and any advertisement that may be

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1 needed.

2 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

3 MS. GATELLI: All in favor? Aye.

4 MS. EVANS: Aye.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

7 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye.

8 MS. GATELLI: The ayes have it and

9 so moved.

10 MS. GARVEY: 5-D FOR INTRODUCTION -

11 AN ORDINANCE - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT

12 PROPERTY AT -- do you want to say anything

13 prior to reading this?

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Prior to reading 5-D

15 on the agenda I'd like to make a motion to

16 change the name of the street from Bulcher

17 Street to Blucher Avenue in the heading as

18 well as the body of this ordinance.

19 MS. GARVEY: FOR INTRODUCTION - AN

20 ORDINANCE - AS AMENDED - SALE OF TAX

21 DELINQUENT PROPERTY AT 814 BLUCHER AVENUE,

22 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO THE IRISH

23 CULTURAL SOCIETY, BOX 3242, SCRANTON,  
24 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR THE SUM OF \$800.00.

25 MS. GATELLI: At this time I'll

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1 entertain a motion that 5-D be introduced.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

3 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

4 MS. GATELLI: On the question? All

5 those in favor? Aye.

6 MS. EVANS: Aye.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

9 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye.

10 MS. GATELLI: The ayes have it and

11 so moved.

12 MS. GARVEY: 5-E - FOR INTRODUCTION -

13 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND

14 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE

15 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN

16 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN FROM THE FROM

17 SCRANTON REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM, PROJECT NO.

18 06-234 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 TO

19 BRIDGET M. FOLEY D/B/A/ SALON BRIGINE, TO

20 ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

21 MS. GATELLI: At this time I'll

22 entertain a motion that 5-E be introduced.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

24 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

25 MS. GATELLI: On the question? All

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1 those in favor? Aye.

2 MS. EVANS: Aye.

3 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

5 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye.

6 MS. GATELLI: The ayes have it and

7 so moved.

8 MS. GARVEY: SIXTH ORDER - NO

9 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME. SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A

10 - FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON

11 FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.

12 33, 2006 - AN ORDINANCE - SALE OF TAX

13 DELINQUENT PROPERTY AT 1028 BUNKER HILL

14 ROAD, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO JOSEPH AND

15 CONSTANCE GENTILE, 116 SAND STREET, DUNMORE,

16 PENNSYLVANIA, 18512, FOR THE SUM OF \$2,000.

17 MS. GATELLI: What is the  
18 recommendation of the chairperson on  
19 finance?

20 MR. MCTIERNAN: Recommend final  
21 passage of item 7-A.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

23 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll  
24 call?

25 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans?

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1 MRS. EVANS: Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci?

3 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan?

5 MR. MCTIERNAN: Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright?

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli?

9 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

10 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

11 MS. GARVEY: 7-B - FOR CONSIDERATION

12 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -

13 FILED OF COUNCIL NO. 34, 2006 - AN ORDINANCE

14 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY AT 305-307  
15 SPRING STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA TO  
16 JANE STRENKOSKI, 2119 WAYNE AVENUE,  
17 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18508 FOR THE SUM OF  
18 \$1,100.00.

19 MS. GATELLI: What is the  
20 recommendation of the chairperson on  
21 finance?

22 MR. MCTIERNAN: Recommend final  
23 passage of Item 7-B.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

25 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll

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1 call.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans?

3 MRS. EVANS: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci?

5 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan?

7 MR. MCTIERNAN: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright?

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli?

11 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

12 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

13 MS. GARVEY: 7-C - FOR CONSIDERATION

14 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR

15 ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 35, 2006 - AN

16 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF

17 TRAFFIC CONTROLS AND THE CORRESPONDING

18 REGULATORY SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF

19 BROADWAY AND RAILROAD AVENUE.

20 MS. GATELLI: What is the

21 recommendation of the chairperson on public

22 works.

23 MS. EVANS: As chair for the

24 committee on public works I'd recommend

25 final passage of Item 7-C.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

2 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll

3 call.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans?

5 MRS. EVANS: Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci?

7 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan?

9 MR. MCTIERNAN: Yes.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright?

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli?

13 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

14 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

15 MS. GARVEY: 7-D - FOR CONSIDERATION

16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -

17 RESOLUTION NO. 52, 2006 - APPOINTMENT OF

18 FATHER MICHAEL HARRIS, 1500 PENN AVENUE,

19 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A MEMBER

20 OF THE SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

21 EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2006. FATHER HARRIS WILL

22 BE REPLACING MSGR. MCGOWAN, WHO NO LONGER

23 RESIDES IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON. FATHER

24 HARRIS' TERM WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31,

25 2007.

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1 MS. GATELLI: As chairperson for the

2 committee on rules I recommend final passage

3 of 7-D.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

5 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll

6 call?

7 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans?

8 MRS. EVANS: Yes.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci?

10 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan?

12 MR. MCTIERNAN: Yes.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright?

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

15 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli?

16 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

17 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. GARVEY: 7-E - FOR CONSIDERATION

19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -

20 RESOLUTION NO. 53, 2006 - APPOINTMENT OF

21 RICHARD LEONORI, 714 TAYLOR AVENUE,

22 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, TO THE HUMAN

23 RELATIONS COMMISSION EFFECTIVE APR8IL 25,

24 2006. MR. LEONORI WILL BE REPLACING DR.

25 MICHAEL ILLUZZI, WHO IS UNABLE TO FULFILL

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1 HIS TERM DUE TO HIS EMPLOYMENT

2 RESPONSIBILITIES. MRS. LEONORI'S TERM WILL

3 EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

4 MS. GATELLI: As chairperson for the

5 Committee on Rules I recommend final passage

6 of 7-E.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

8 MR. MCTIERNAN: Second.

9 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll

10 call?

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans?

12 MRS. EVANS: Yes.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci?

14 MS. FANNUCI: Yes.

15 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan?

16 MR. MCTIERNAN: Yes.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright?

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli?

20 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

21 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

22 MS. GARVEY: 7-F - FOR CONSIDERATION

23 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -

24 RESOLUTION NO. 54, 2006, RE-APPOINTMENT OF

25 JOSEPH O'CONNOR, 643 BROMLEY AVENUE,

1 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A MEMBER  
2 OF THE SCRANTON RECREATION AUTHORITY. MR.  
3 O'CONNOR'S TERM EXPIRED ON MARCH 1, 2006 AND  
4 HIS NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON MARCH 1, 2011.

5 MS. GATELLI: As chairperson for the  
6 Committee on Rules I recommend passage of  
7 7-F.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

9 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll  
10 call?

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans?

12 MRS. EVANS: Yes.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci?

14 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

15 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan?

16 MR. MCTIERNAN: Yes.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright?

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli?

20 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

21 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

22 MS. GARVEY:7-G - FOR CONSIDERATION

23 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
24 RESOLUTION NO. 55, 2006 - AUTHORIZING THE  
25 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS

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1 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR  
2 SERVICES WITH SIEMENS BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES,  
3 INC., SPECIFICALLY FOR PERFORMANCE  
4 CONTRACTING AGREEMENT ACCORDING TO AN ACT 77  
5 GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT FOR CITY  
6 HALL.

7 MS. GATELLI: As the chairperson for  
8 committee on rules I recommend passage of  
9 7-G.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

11 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll  
12 call?

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans?

14 MRS. EVANS: Yes.

15 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci?

16 MS. FANNUCI: Yes.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan?

18 MR. MCTIERNAN: Yes.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright?

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

21 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli?

22 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

23 7-G legally and lawfully adopted. Do I have

24 a motion to adjourn?

25 UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER: Excuse me,

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1 before you adjourn I'm sorry that I was

2 late, may I please speak?

3 MS. GATELLI: No, you are not allowed

4 to speak, only at public participation, I'm

5 sorry. You can talk to us after the

6 meeting.

7 UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER: That will

8 be fine.

9 MS. GATELLI: Do I have a second?

10 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

11 MS. GATELLI: All in favor? Meeting

12 adjourned.

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3 I hereby certify that the proceedings and

4 evidence are contained fully and accurately in the

5 notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the

6 above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true

7 and correct transcript of the same to the best of my

8 ability.

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CATHENE S. NARDOZZI

12 OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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